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Our efforts surpass any previous record in the selection of novelties and staple goods from all over the world for Christmas trade.

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KISH ware, Vases and Jardiniers.

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

Our store will be open evenings commencing Mon. Dec. 12, until Xmas.

Buries His Party.

The editor of the Mendon, Michigan Leader writes of the recent defeat. He was a strong and sturdy democrat and an honest mourner.

After a long and painful illness of almost a year, Mrs. Democracy of St. Joseph county has yielded up the ghost, peacefully passing away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, despite the care and watchful tenderness of the most prominent democratic practitioners, despite the fact that vast sums of money were expended for her relief, despite frequent operations for the removal of parasites, she has succumbed to the inevitable.

Upwards to a year ago the first signs of failing health were observed and the symptoms have gradually grown worse, culminating with a stroke of paralysis on receipt of sad news from St. Louis about three months ago, and final disintegration, November 8, 1904.

The deceased leaves one daughter, Miss Populism, and a few friends to mourn, but the death of the parent being such a shock to the poor child it is thought she cannot long survive.

The funeral occurred Wednesday, mortification having speedily set in, rendering immediate burial necessary.

The deceased was from "Missouri" and had to be shown.

Leaves have their time to fall

And flowers to wither at the north

wind's breath,

And stars to set, but all—

Thou hast all seasons for thine own.

O Death.

New Cloths



I have just received a full line of new cloths for the fall and winter trade. The Goods are right and the price is right. Call and see them.

JOHN HERSHENOW,
Merchant Tailor.

Calendar pads for fancy Christmas gifts for sale at the Record office.

\$1.00 to \$5.00
OWATA Vases, \$1.50 to 10.00 each
TEPLITZ ware \$1.50 to \$12.00.
AMPHORA ware \$4.50 to \$15.00.
ROYAL VIENNA Vases, \$1.00 to \$15.
AUSTRIAN, DUTCH, FRENCH Vases 19c to 6.00 each.

ZUID ware, 1.00 to 8.50.
TERRA COTTA, made in America, new bronze finish 1.00 to 12.50.
GLAZED Jardiniers, 8-inch to 10-inch, way under price, 50c, 75c, 1.00

DOLLS—We offer the best proportioned and best made dolls that skill can produce, our prices are no higher than you pay for inferior makes elsewhere. Our trade in dolls is phenomenal; we have all sizes and kinds, 10c to 1.00 each.

DRESS GOODS.

South Aisle

Carin g Sale of Wool Dress Goods

We offer 50 pieces of black and colored wool Dress Goods, worth \$1 to \$2 yard, at 75c.

We offer 25 pieces colored wool Dress Goods worth 75c to \$1 yard, at 50c yard.

Both lots are exceptionally good values, the best we ever offered.

A Letter From Florida

Jacksonville, Florida,

Dec. 17, 1904.

EDITOR RECORD,

"Well!" here we are down among the roses and poses, where we don't have to blow our noses, because we don't freeze our toeses, and by the laws of Moses everything goes to make Jacksonville quite a city of about 40,000 and nearly 1/2 of them colored.

The white people are generally the merchants and shop keepers. The colored people do the labor. They are the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. Jacksonville is a very large distributing point being the largest town in the state. Sending her goods all over Florida and supplying Southern Georgia and some the border states north. It is situated on the St. Johns river about 18 miles from the Atlantic ocean, the river makes a most excellent harbor and can float any of the ocean steamers, the Clyde line from here to New York about semi-weekly, brings in a vast amount of freight and passengers, and lays down the goods here, very cheap to say nothing about the railroads of which I know but very little as yet.

I am rooming with F. R. Harding. He takes his meals with Mable Johnson, his granddaughter who has a first rate, up-to-date millinery store here and I take my meals at a first class restaurant. Harding is very companionable and I tell you Mr. RECORD it is very pleasant to sojourn with a party or parties that you can trust with your pocket-book. We went out the other day to the ostrich farm, 3 miles by street car, and saw 200 nice birds. Good many of them stand about as high as my head, and it seems as if they can stretch their necks nearly up to the moon. We saw a whole lot of foreign birds. Golden pheasants from California, big white ducks from China, black swans from Africa, sealions, alligators, deer and moose, badger, rabbits, monkeys, etc. The ostrich eggs are about 4 1/2 inches by 6 diameter, and are \$1.00 each. If I had been right sure of getting one home without breaking it, I think I should have bought one.

Now while Jacksonville is quite a winter resort, and there are hundreds of tourists here from the north, yet it is not quite warm enough for me. I find quite a cold vein running through the atmosphere. So I think now that I shall go farther south and west, and shall go to St. Petersburg, a little town just across the bay from Tampa on the west coast, in the near future.

L. P. Fox.

State Items

The loss of life on the Great Lakes last season makes the lowest record for 25 years. In all there were 49 victims and of this number Lake Erie claims nineteen. Not a passenger was lost or even reported as being hurt on any of the lakes, although millions were carried.

Insurance Commissioner Barry desires to warn the insuring public of Michigan against the "Phoenix Underwriters" of New York, and the "Hartford Insurance Co.", of Indian Territory. Both of these concerns, he says, are worthless wildcat companies, with no financial standing and no authority to contract business in Michigan.

Emboldened by the closing of the hunting season, a fine, large deer strayed into the resident portion of Lake Linden the day after the season was up. The animal walked leisurely down the main street with apparently little fear of danger.

Walled lake must be on the border land of "that bright abode," as it has a hotel named "Angel Inn." And it does not lack for angelic guests. Frank Angel and wife are proprietors and recently their son Rex married and now there is another Angel in.

Chas. A. McGurrian, official stenographer for the Kalamazoo circuit court, broke the world's record for speed at typewriting in a recent contest of stenographers from all over the country in Madison Square garden, New York city Mr McGurrian wrote 15,000 words in two consecutive hours, maintaining an average of 125 words a minute.

The editor of the Lake Odessa Times recently called at "the home of the bride's parents" the day after the wedding. He was desirous of telling his readers all about the event, and wished to give the young couple a good send-off as well. "Good morning Mrs. Jones," said the editor. "I've called to get some of the details of the wedding." "Good ness," replied Mrs. Jones in dismay, "they're all gone. You ought to have come last night. They ate every scrap."

Another "meanest man on earth" has been found. He lives in Bay City, and some time ago he put an advertisement in the papers, stating that the undersigned wanted to buy a number of cats and signed a friend's name. All the next day and for many days thereafter, the friend was besieged with people carrying cats and many of the people when their cats, were refused, would say: "I don't want the darn thing anyway; here take it." and the poor fellow has a carload of cats in his barn now.

John Locker, a Pere Marquette fireman, fell under the wheels at Water-vliet Thursday and the entire train passed over him. He was dead when picked up.

T. W. Hawkins, of Benton Harbor was warned by Ald. W. H. Seltz recently that he was violating the city ordinance for the display of goods. It is said he attempted to bribe the official to secure the privilege, and Seltz demanded an apology, which was forthcoming. Hawkins asserts that he is being persecuted in a business way.

Driven to Desperation Living at an out of the way place remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at any drug store.

The M. C. R. R. will sell round trip tickets at reduced rate to certain points on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31st and January 1 and 2 1905 limited to return not later than Jan. 4th, account of Holidays. M. L. Jenks.

SCHOOL NOTES

HIGH SCHOOL

We shall have our Xmas vacation next week.

We are glad to welcome to Buchanan our graduates who have been attending higher institutions of learning, Leah Ray, Fred Knight and Fred Douglass are home to spend a two weeks vacation.

Fred Knight was a visitor at the high school Tuesday morning. He showed us some drawings and wood-work which showed a good deal of mechanical skill. From all reports the boys are spending a most profitable year at the Agricultural college.

EIGHT GRADE

Eight graders are planning to frame a pen and ink sketch by Mary Glidden.

Fred Ravin averaged 98 per cent last month in Arithmetic.

SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh grade has just finished reading a very interesting book entitled "A Man Without a Country."

Sixth and Seventh grades have arranged a short program for Christmas. The exercises will be held in seventh room.

Alice Lumley and Mattie Royer handed in the best original stories about Christmas.

SIXTH GRADE

The A class has started the review in Physiology.

The B class began lineal measurement Monday.

The grade worked on holly book covers during the drawing periods last week.

THIRD GRADE

Mable Scofield and Flossie Baker have reentered school after an absence of several weeks.

The pupils are writing letters in the language classes this week.

The following pupils received the highest marks in spelling last month: Elmo Phillips, Jennie Lentz, Gladys Gage, Sarah Eisele, Lena Lieter, Doris Riley, George Bird, Earn Grafford.

Strange Bird Killed.

Roman Eichstaedt is engaged in mounting a rare bird. It was killed a few days ago by Henry Bader. When he saw the bird flying, young Bader thought it was a wild goose. It is a large bird of grayish color and its wings measure sixty-four inches from tip to tip. It has a pointed beak about five inches long and the long neck contains a sort of tube about two inches in diameter and several inches in length that was evidently intended for carrying a supply of food. The wings are attached to the body immediately above the legs instead of being nearer the center of the body. The feet are webbed and very broad. Mr. Eichstaedt has mounted thousands of birds, but is entirely at a loss to determine the name or species of this one. Many others have seen it, but no one seems to know what it is. It resembles more closely than anything else a sula, a genus of seabird allied to the pelican.—Michigan City Dispatch

MAIL BOX POST.

How an Old Wheel May Be Utilized to Advantage of the Carrier and Farmers.

I am very much interested in the devices in your paper and I now send you a sketch of a mail-box post device used by myself. In many instances it is necessary for two or three neighbors to have boxes at the same crossing. By fixing the post as I have described it will make same very convenient for the carrier. Take an old wheel of any kind and set it on the post, as shown in the illustration. Several boxes can be attached to the spokes and rim of this wheel. It is quite handy for the carrier, as the wheel can be revolved and he can get at all the boxes at one stopping. The rim of the wheel extends out so that it will be impossible for him to run against the post and break it down. Try it and see how handy and convenient it will be for you and your carrier.—Meritte S. Atkins, in Agricultural Epitomist.

Always.

The woman who looks for the price mark on her Christmas present always gets angry if she finds it.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Men's Bath Robes for Christmas

OUR fine collection offers excellent possibilities for the seekers of a gift for an intimate man friend. There are a great many different kinds of blanket bath robes. Those made for ordinary holiday trade are often "without form and void." We have our blanket robes made especially for us, from blankets woven over special patterns. They're carefully cut, and while ample in all their proportions, still fit a man as an ordinary bathrobe does not. In addition to these points of betterness, prices will be found to be much lower than you are asked elsewhere for robes made of blankets of equal quality.

Robes with fancy trimmings, \$4 to \$10.
Imported Jacquard figured Robes, at \$5 to \$10.
Satin bound robes at \$10.

MEN'S CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR

Our neckwear counters are busy centers of the store and will continue to be such until Christmas eve. We have a superb variety of all sorts of neckwear in every shape, size and coloring both imported and American made. We put them up in neat gift boxes, when that is the purpose for which intended. New Four-in-hand Scarfs, at 50c, \$1 and \$1.50.
Folded Squares, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Men's Christmas Suspenders for Holiday Gifts.

We present fine selections either to the man who desires to buy a nice pair of suspenders for his own use, or to his friends who wish to select useful and attractive holiday gifts. Each pair is put up in a neat holiday box and there is a fine assortment at each of the three principle prices—50c, \$1 and \$1.50 a pair.

The One-Price SPIRO'S The Big Store
Clothiers. 119-121 S. Mich. St South Bend, Ind.

QUIT BURNING STRAW.

A More Economical Way of Disposing of This Waste on the Farm.

The old wasteful habit of burning all the straw on the farm is still followed on those farms that do not have a good deal of stock. Even where it is possible to utilize the straw by hauling it to the barnyard it is still burned, because the owner does not figure out that the fertility in the straw is worth hauling the straw to the barnyard for. He says that anyway the ash is left and there is some fertility in that. Taking all in all he is under the impression that he is getting about as much out of his straw by burning it as in any other way, unless he can sell it or feed it to stock.

But all investigations go to show that humus plays a much larger part in the matter of soil value than we thought. Every pound of straw should be brought back onto the land in some form. A number of cattle will trample up a good deal of it if it is thrown into the barnyard from time to time. This would be especially the case with some barnyards we have seen and it would at the same time greatly improve the condition of the barnyards.

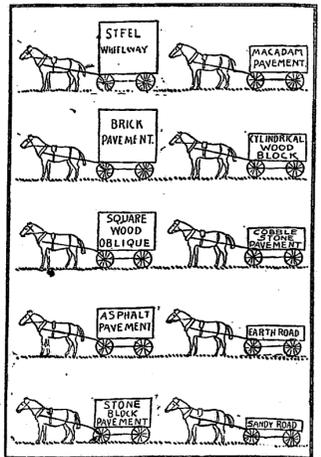
Get the straw and the manure mixed together in the shortest possible time. When the straw is mixed with the manure it is surprising how quickly it will go to pieces, says the Farmers' Review. One farmer has a barnyard that does not cover more than half an acre, yet into that every year he puts the cornstalks from 40 acres of land. The stalks become quickly pulverized under the feet of the farm animals and in the course of months one fails to recognize in the manure any cornstalks.

Of course this means work, but it means also the keeping up of the producing capacity of the land. It also means the keeping up of the ability of the land to resist drouth. Get the straw into the manure and then get the manure into the field as quickly as possible after it is fit to go there.

THE LOAD AND THE ROAD.

Graphic Illustration of the Relation of the One to the Other as Displayed at World's Fair.

The accompanying picture, made from a world's fair exhibit illustrating the importance of good roads and streets,



ROADS AND LOADS.

shows the comparative loads that can be drawn by one horse on different roadways.

Election of Officers.

At the annual election of Wm. Perrott Post No. 22 G. A. R. held at their Post room Dec. 17, 1904, the following officers were elected:

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| Post Com. | H. D. Eastman. |
| Sen. Vice, | Chas. Snyder. |
| Jun. Vice, | John O. Dick. |
| Q. M. | John Graham. |
| O. Day | Theo. W. Thomas. |
| Chaplin, | F. P. Goodenough. |
| Surgeon, | John Peck. |
| Adj't., | Chas. E. Sabin. |
| Officer Grand, | W. P. Wood. |
| Del. to state encampment, | John C. Dick. |
| Alternate, | F. P. Goodenough. |

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EXCURSIONS

VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE

Reduced rate tickets on sale first and third Tuesdays of each month until April, 1905. See agents for Routes and Rates.

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Thurs., Dec. 22

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5c TABLE
Decorated Water Glasses, Looking Glasses, Japanese Oat Meal Bowls, Candles, Plates, Tin Cups and Saucers, Decorated Tin Plates, Glassware, Blocks, Balls, etc.

10c TABLE
Vases, Picture Frames, Figures and Plates, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Ash Trays, Candle Sticks, Cream pitchers, Dolls, Carts, etc.

Assortment
Kid Body dolls, 12c, 25c and up to \$1.25; 25c Jardiniere for 10c; Shells, 10c to 25c; Books, Games, Water Sets, 65c up to \$2.50.

Fancy China
Beautiful China Plates, Cups and Saucers, Salad Dishes, Salad Sets, Spoons, Trays, Beautiful gold traced Cups and Saucers worth 25c, this week for 10c.

Grocery Department
Candies, Oranges, Bananas and Nuts all FIT FOR A KING, BREAD, 4c. Pies, Cakes, Cookies, etc.
Happy Hooligan and Sambo will ride on our merry-go-round all week.
Candy Sale every day until Christmas.

BUCHANAN, - - MICHIGAN.

Xmas Goods

W. N. Brodrick's

Toilet Sets
Cuff and Collar Boxes
Manicure Sets
Smoking Sets
Fancy Box Paper
Military Hair Brushes
Fancy Ink Stands
Mirrors
Cloth and Hair Brushes
Albums
Vases

Bulk and Bottle Perfume

Ladies' and Gents' Purses
Dolls and Children's Books

W. N. Brodrick Buchanan.

Bobbie's General

By Jane Crawford.

IT WAS the day before Christmas, and Bobbie stood looking out the window, watching the big snowflakes fall and cover all the ugly places in the road. People were hurrying along the streets, carrying bundles, big bundles, little bundles, smooth bundles, bulky bundles, many bundles. "I wonder if there really is a Santa Claus," mused Bobbie, "or if it's papas and mammas that give us the things. I just do wonder!" It was a question that had puzzled Bobbie for some time. For weeks he had heard mamma and Aunt Nan talking about the things they were going to give to people. "Anyway, to-night I bet I'll stay awake and watch, just to see if it's really Santa Claus, or if it's mamma," the youngster decided.

At the usual time that night he toddled off to bed and in his own room he found a nail in the mantel that papa had fixed, and there he hung up one long black stocking. "Go to sleep quick, darling, because Santa Claus is very busy to-night and there are lots of places for him to go," and mamma tucked him in bed and kissed him good night.

"Say, mamma," called Bobbie, as she was leaving the room. "Yes, dear; what is it?" "Well—nothin'."

He would stay awake and see for himself, so he lay there very still, with his big blue eyes wide open, staring at the fireplace. But the Sand-man, who is a very particular friend of Santa Claus, came very early that night. It was just at the peep of day that Bobbie awoke. He sat up in bed and blinked toward the fireplace. There, scattered over the floor, were a lot of things. He scrambled out of bed and ran to look. The stocking, that last night hung limp, was now all over humps. There, saddled and bridled, stood a beautiful white rocking horse, whose long white tail seemed to be waving like a flag. "Oh, goody," said Bobbie right out loud, "here's the sleigh."

Bobbie grabbed the stocking and, squatting Turk fashion on the new red sled, began pulling out tin soldiers, whistles, and—

"For goodness' sake, take me out of here!" exclaimed a deep voice down in the toe of the stocking.

Bobbie almost jumped out of his night gown. "Don't be afraid, but take me out, I'm most smothered in here." Then Bobbie bravely poked in one chubby hand and brought out another tin soldier—a gay one, in a bright red and yellow uniform and a helmet and a sword, a regular general.

"Whew!" panted the general, shaking himself so that his sword rattled. With arms folded across his tin chest, he stood looking sternly at the white clad figure on the sled.

"Well, such a trip as I've had!" he exclaimed. "I've come way from the Santa Claus country in his big sleigh, packed in boxes and bags, and drawn over the snow with the swiftest reindeer! I've been hopped and banged about like a rag doll, and I'm just worn out!"

He glared at Bobbie, while the little boy gazed back in admiring awe. "Please, sir, is there really and truly a Santa Claus?"

"Is there really and truly a Santa Claus?" mimicked the general. "Now look here, young fellow!"

"Young fellow!" Bobbie's chest began to swell and he straightened up. Eight years of baby, sweetheart and kid were instantly forgotten. Here was a play fellow that was worth while, to call him by such grown-up names.

"Young fellow," continued the general, "you don't want to begin to wonder if there is a Santa Claus?"

"But," interrupted Bobbie, "I don't want to be a—ignoramous; I want to know about things."

"Well, it isn't a good thing for a young fellow to know too much. Perhaps you have never heard that in Santa Claus' workshop, where he makes all the toys, he keeps some books, and he has written down the name of every child in the world. Just as soon as he learns that a boy wants to find out his secrets, he scratches that boy's name off one book and puts it into another, and after his name he writes, 'caps, mittens, coats, shoes—'"

Bobbie shivered and put his arms tight round the neck of the new rocking horse.

"How does Santa Claus find out?"

"He sends fellows like me to find out

what fellows like you say," giving Bobbie a look that made him wriggle and his teeth begin to chatter.

"You're cold; get into bed," commanded the general, as if he was talking to one of his own soldiers. "And as I am not in the habit of sleeping with horses and common soldiers, I'll go to bed with you."

They both got into bed and the general's bright red uniform snuggled down to the white night gown and the two were soon fast asleep.

It was broad daylight when Bobbie woke next time, and the sun was shining brightly through the frosty window panes. He sat up and rubbed his eyes and at first thought it was all a dream; but, no, there on the hearth were the rocking horse, the tin soldiers, the Noah's ark, and there on the pillow beside him, in all his brilliant splendor of red and yellow uniform and sword, was the general. He was just as beautiful as ever, with his arms folded across his breast, but he was stiff and cold and still.

Bobbie looked at him and then at the toys and the sled.

"Maybe he's better like that," he murmured, "for dead generals can't tell what they hear."

THE "BLUE CHRISTMAS."

A Little Incident That Occurred in the Childhood of Miss Frances Willard.

Among the beautiful and tender memories of the happy childhood which Frances Willard always counted, one of the richest possessions of her life was that of the "blue Christmas." Times had been hard that year, and although actual want had not visited the prairie home, there was no money for gifts; and to the father, ill with plague, things looked dark and gloomy. But the children were not sick and they did not know discouragement; Christmas had always brought its gifts before, why should it fail now? So the two girls hung up their stockings, and the brother put his book-strap on the front door-knob.

Of course the gifts came. When in all their lives had their mother ever failed them? The next morning the book-strap held Pollok's "Course of Time," and each stocking contained a few little sea shells long treasured by the mother, an artificial flower and a false curl, relics of a fashion of Mrs. Willard's younger days.

Poor, pathetic gifts they sound to us, but to the happy, healthy-hearted little trio they were all that could be desired, says the Youth's Companion. As for entertainment, what could be more full of winter delight than going to the woods and dragging home great branches for the Christmas tree? To Frances Willard the woman, looking back through the years, those kindling flames still shone with their old radiance.

"We thought it was great fun," she wrote, "but father called it his blue Christmas."

There are always, and always must be, those who dwell upon the shadow side of the Christmas joy; not only the very poor—to them more and more each year warm hearts and eager hands are sending the gladness—but the men and women of narrow means whose hard toil wins them no margin for luxuries, or pleasures. One's heart must always be tender for the women who have nothing to give at Christmas time.

Does not Miss Willard's memory of her happy Christmas bring a message of hope to those whose purses are empty? Children are the happy possessors of two magic powers which those of older years too often lose—freshness of imagination and a keen zest for life. A tiny home-made present and a holiday atmosphere, if it be created by nothing more than a Christmas pie, will make the day a shining one in the child's memory.

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. Newton, 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 all druggists.

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023 E. J. Long.

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"The Niagara Falls Route."

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Detroit Night Express, No. 8..... 12:42 A. M.
News Express, No. 46..... 1:31 A. M.
Mail, No. 2..... 9:40 A. M.
Grand Rapids Special, No. 43..... 3:15 P. M.
Train No. 14..... 5:19 P. M.
Chicago & Kalamazoo Accom., No. 21 6:28 P. M.

TRAINS WEST. LEAVE BUCHANAN.

No. 37 Pacific Express 4:17 a. m. stop only to let passengers
Fast Mail No. 3..... 1:45 A. M.
Chicago & Kalamazoo Accom., No. 15 8:15 A. M.
Mail, No. 5..... 10:48 A. M.
No. 45, Grand Rapids & Chicago Special 2:31 p. m.
No. 47, Chicago & Kalamazoo Express 7:47 P. M.
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Portage Prairie Evangelical Sunday school held their annual election of officers last Sunday. The following officers were elected; Lewis B. Rough, superintendent; Verne Cauffman, secretary; Edith Swartz, ass't; Arthur Eisele, treasurer; Lewis Smith assistant; Clete Beistle, organist; Jesse Smith, assistant; Lizzie Rough, chorister and Edith Hobbitts, librarian.

This is what is said to have happened to a Niles couple who attended the World's fair, stopping at one of the best hotels in St. Louis: About 2 a. m. the husband was seized suddenly with severe stomach cramps and was almost frantic. His wife was very frightened but knew something must be done quickly, so without waiting to put on clothing started down stairs on the jump with naught on but her "nighty." Running into the dining room she saw a mustard crust on the table. Emptying the contents into her handkerchief she started upstairs on the run, and entered the first door she came to. Here she saw a man lying on the bed, who in the dim duskness she mistook for her husband and gently tucking up his lingerie slapped the poultice on his abdomen. The man let up a howl, and sitting up, quickly shouted in angry tones: "Woman, what in hell are you doing?" There was a shriek, a patter of unshod feet on the hall floor, and frightened half to death the poor wife found her room and suffering husband. She told him her troubles and it tickled him so that his cramps took a change of venue.

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The... RACKET

THEIR 25 ANNIVERSARY

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church

CELEBRATED DEC. THIRD

We Publish Papers Read at the Meeting of the Society

A Retrospect

As backward I look o'er the lapse of years, That have come and gone with their hopes and fears, As I hear read over the record made, By the Presbyterian Ladies Aid.

With pride I behold a heroic band, For perseverance an example grand; And should a new bible ever be writ, To grace its pages may their names seem fit.

Tho' none have ever been burned at the stake, Nor inspired been commandments to make; Neither been called the wisest of earth, Nor a model of meekness and patient worth.

But with grants and dragoons they had to cope, Gainst what would seem almost a forlorn hope, They have toiled with their hands and their brains racked, To procure the needful when funds were lacked.

Talk of generals who have a few battles planned, Or, of men who have the sun and moon spanned, What are those things compared to raising cold cash, When things seem entirely gone to smash.

From the standpoint of one who has calmly gazed, And on her oars rested, they've one quite amazed, For inventive genius great they've displayed, When in the balance of ways and means weighed.

But when the said Aid get on a hustle, And bring to their help brains and good muscle, Their united efforts naught can withstand, And the goddess success comes at their command.

Their manifold doings I'll not try to tell, Done for the cause they have loved long and well, Of just a few, only I hereby will speak, For doing them justice my pen is weak.

Their chicken pie dinners are simply immense, To tell their merits I'll make no pretense, Some who have partaken greatly deplore, That they were not able to eat of them more.

Then, they've had socials which they called ice cream, For enjoyment always a perfect dream, Sometimes where they're held the people will say, The very last act was the best part of the play.

For getting up Fair's they've had quite a knack, And wonderfully handsome been their bric-a-brac, Which always goes off I might say, like hot cakes, Whether made to be useful or just keepsakes.

Perfectly lovely their rummage sales, too, Whose bargain counters with joy I review; Opportunities such are golden indeed, When for cheap mixture one has pressing need.

And splendid successes everyone knows, Have been their unique and beautiful shows; Whenever that Aid go behind the foot-lights, The crowd's always there to take in the sights.

And today's entertainment, pray what does it lack, As over the programme you kindly look back; Those who know a good thing will say 'twas nice, And worth altogether more than the price.

But think not dear friends all this they've passed through, And out of the conflict come forth good as new, Ah no! for I see that times weapons rude, Have left many traces of their work crude.

If the plain truth they would freely allow, Sooner a little their feet tire now, When for alms they walk the fair streets of B.

When in want, pinching want, themselves they see, Soft bountiful locks have grown thin and gray, Since this society's glad birthday, Bright eyes have grown dim and passing years fleet, Have left in their corners dreaded crow-feet.

On brows that then were youthful and fair I see plainly written furrows of care; The hard skirmish and toil of years two score.

Have been interwoven with changes more, Some, who ploughed and sowed for the golden grain, Are still in the field and toilers remain; Some have removed to scenes far away, And pleasant greetings send us today;

Some have finished their tasks and from us gone, Not dead but to grander work passed on; When for us life's worry and fret is o'er, May we all meet on the peaceful shore.

S. E. B. S.

PROPHECY

In the year 1925, after an absence of some years from our pleasant village of Buchanan, a turn in the tide of fortune brought me again within its well-beloved precincts.

After a good rest I strolled out to look for familiar landmarks that would remind me of the happy days

spent here in the long ago. As I passed along the streets, some well-remembered friends greeted me, but many strange faces were to be seen. The boom started in 1904, had continued with only light abatement and had made many changes, both in the population and in the appearance of the town.

I soon came to the Presbyterian church, whose familiar walls, though showing some signs of age, gave me a happy home feeling. It was kept in good repair, so a friend informed me, by the ladies of the Aid Society.

As there seemed to be a meeting or some social gathering in the church, I passed up the steps and entered the audience room. Upon glancing about me I saw on all sides many evidences of the persistent and successful efforts of the Ladies Aid Society to improve their dear church home.

A fine new carpet, newly upholstered pulpit furniture and a hymn book in every pew were among the first things that attracted my attention and as my gaze mounted upward, I found that the multitudinous cracks in the ceiling, whose intricate pattern I had so often traced when the sermon had proven a bit dull, in the years gone by, had all disappeared and a fine job of frescoing had taken their place.

I was told that the ladies were having one of their old time chicken pie dinners and was requested to pass on into the church parlors. Somewhat bewildered, I looked in the direction indicated by the attendant and was very much surprised to see some folding doors in the space formerly occupied by the door leading to the choir gallery. My curiosity being aroused, I quickly made my way into the new addition and found myself in a neat, cosy lecture and prayer meeting room, beyond which was a tastily furnished parlor, the whole forming a much needed and greatly appreciated addition to the church proper.

In conversation with some of the elder ladies I was told that the basement was still used for a kitchen and dining room and that the lecture room had proven so convenient and easily warmed, that the prayer meeting had quite outgrown the room and they were obliged to open the parlor nearly every week to accommodate all who came. Their social gatherings and committee meetings were nearly all held at the church, thus making it a center around which they all gathered with a love and loyalty unknown in former years.

I found a number of those that I had known as active members of the Aid Society, gathered in the parlor ready to welcome all who came and occasionally going below stairs with a word of advice or to lend a helping hand for a few minutes to those so busy there. Among the number I saw our former worthy president Mrs. W. S. Wells, now a sedate, white haired matron, whose daughters had taken her place in the active work of the society, leaving her to keep a watchful eye on the little men and maidens, who called her, as well as others in the room, "Grandma". I also saw Mrs. T. H. Merrill, who still had a merry joke and a rhythmic jingle with which to cheer her friends on any and all occasions as in days of yore. Still others were there, but I looked in vain for some of the familiar faces whose owners had passed on to the great beyond, where the troubles of the Aid Society with wornout carpets and unwieldy basements, will never more disturb their peace and comfort.

After partaking of a well served dinner which gave ample proof that the former prestige of the Presbyterian Ladies chicken pie dinners had in no wise diminished. I went on my way glad that I had been permitted to share in the rejoicing of the ladies over the successful results of their efforts, that were so much beyond even the wildest hopes of the past.

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The Christmas Festival

By William Rösser Cobbe.

IT IS not so easy to determine why Christmas should be the greatest festival day of the church and of the people. At first thought one might say that, logically, Easter or Ascension day should have priority. Man's whole being craves immortality, and the only satisfactory answer to Job's earnest query: "If a man die, shall he live again?" is found in the words of the angel at the tomb of Jesus at the early dawn of that first Easter morn: "He is not here! He is risen!" Confirmatory of this was His visible ascension into heaven, as witnessed by Peter and others of the apostles and by a number of His disciples.

Christmas, of itself has to do with the birth of a man-child, only. Yet the herald song of the angels at that birth has come down through the ages, repeated by the glad voices of children and of age. It was the beginning of a life which during its short course exemplified the most virtuous living and that gave forth the most sublime teaching ever seen or heard of by mortal. Perhaps the romance of His birth has something to do with the interest which attaches to the day. The youthful virgin-wife journeying with her carpenter husband through the hill country from the village of Nazareth to the proud and great city of Jerusalem; the crowded inns, which forced them to drag their weary feet four miles away to the little village of Bethlehem, where they could find shelter in the stable of an inn, among surly camels and loving cattle; the birth of the child Jesus in a manger; the announcement to the shepherds; the song of the heavenly choir; the wonderful star in the east and the visit of the magi bearing gifts for the young child, and the efforts of King Herod to find and kill the child Jesus—all these strange incidents appeal strongly to the young, who hear the story told over and over again, until it is engrained into their very being and never loses its freshness and brightness throughout life.

Then, too, with the lapse of time there came to be engrained in the observance of the day the bestowing of gifts upon the children of the household, in imitation of the gifts brought by the magi to the child Jesus. Subsequently the giving of gifts was extended to the adults of the household, and Christmas grew into a day of home-bringing and home festivities as well as of devotional church service.

There is that peculiarly attractive to motherhood in the child Jesus. Each mother as she thinks of the Christ child grows more tender in her sympathy for Mary and her love for the Child. The mother of the middle ages, as well as the mother of this generation, never wearies of telling her offspring the pathetic story of the birth in the manger at Bethlehem, and the bearing of that story upon human life and human character. That story never has lost its charm and never will lose it, so long as there are mothers in the world.

It would seem to be the practice of nations to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of a hero rather than that of some great deed or deeds of his. Thus it is in this country, as in the case of Washington, Lincoln and Grant. So it is with the advent of Christ into the world. This event is given preeminence as being the beginning of a career which abounded in incident, in miracles, in sublime teaching and which closed in a tragedy so terrible that it caused the sun to darken and the earth to quake and restore its dead to life. The natal day comprehends the entire life of benevolence, of mercy, kindness and intense suffering. It is given place above and before any single event, in that the birth suggests all that He did, all that He endured. The manger at Bethlehem points unerringly to Calvary, to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea and to the ascension. One meditates on the Christmas day and its lessons, and thought follows the babe to youth and manhood. It sees Him on the Mount of Beatitudes, as He utters the grandest sermon ever preached. It follows Him in His journeyings, in which the dead are made alive and the blind are made to see. It sees Him before Pilate, and the scourging, the crown of thorns, the driven nails and the thrust spear follow.

Yet Christmas is a glad day and should be a joyous one. The sufferings of the Christ are ended. He brought glad tidings of great joy to all the people. He introduced a new religion and a new and a higher civilization. He confirmed hope of immortality into sublime faith, and made the world brighter and better and gladder.

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The Profits Which Were Realized from a Small Plot of Ground.

This year our garden was 6x12 rods, or a little less than half an acre. In it we raised strawberries, raspberries, radishes, lettuce, early and late peas, beets, carrots, cabbage, early potatoes, cucumbers, summer squash and tomatoes. There have been five adults in the family all the time and an additional one much of the time. We sold 500 quarts of strawberries for \$24.45, canned 16 quarts and had them two meals a day for four weeks.

We sold only a few bunches of radishes and lettuce. We raised the Early Triumph potatoes and had six rows of six rods long. We sold a few and had enough to use for two months and two bushels for seed. We sold small cucumbers at 20 cents per gallon, large ones for slicing at 10 cents per dozen, ripe ones for 50 cents per bushel. We sold 40 bushels of tomatoes for \$23, receiving one bushel for early ones, and 50 cents per bushel for the green and late ripe ones. We have 20 quarts canned with five bushels or more yet on the vines in good condition October 15. Total sales from garden to that date were \$53.50.

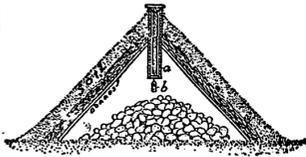
We had on hand then five bushels tomatoes two bushels potatoes, 400 cabbages, 200 to spare at three cents each, five bushels beets with three bushels to sell at 50 cents each, two bushels carrots, with one to sell, which will bring our income from the garden to quite \$60. I have given no account of our sweet corn which was in a field near by. What we sold came to \$13.75. We could have sold twice as many strawberries and I think double the amount of vegetables. We sold to private customers in town on the way to deliver cream.

Next year we shall add parsley, celery, parsnips, onions and cauliflower. We shall try to have earlier tomatoes and earlier cabbage. Our garden proved so successful that we have set out one acre in raspberries and blackberries and a larger strawberry bed. Our bed this year was 3x6 rods and the first year bearing. Vegetables were in sows six rods long and were cultivated with a horse.—N. E. Chapman, in Farm and Home.

STORING SEED POTATOES.

Safe Method of Keeping Them During the Winter So They Will Not Sprout.

Seed potatoes should be firm and sound, from which no sprouts have ever grown. Keep in a cave made especially for the purpose, arranged so as to control the temperature as near the freezing point as possible and not have the potatoes freeze. A cave of any kind will do, even if nothing more than a pit in the ground covered with poles, a few



A SIMPLE POTATO PIT.

corn stalks, little straw and six to eight inches of dirt.

A ventilator, a, four feet long and 7x7 inches inside should extend through the roof near the center, projecting 18 inches below the roof. Make a square plunger of one inch boards, the same length as the ventilator, of dimensions so that it will fit snugly inside. Nail a board on the bottom and a larger one over the top, so that when placed in the ventilator it will not slip through into the cave. Fill the plunger with sawdust and pad the top with cloth of some sort, so that when placed in the ventilator the hole will be completely stopped and frost-proof. Hang a good thermometer, b, at the bottom of the plunger, so that at any time by drawing out the plunger the temperature can be read without having to open the pit.

After the ground has frozen hard, throw snow around and over the cave and cover it with straw or old hay, says Farm and Home. The snow will keep the cave warm in winter and cold late in the spring. If it is too warm, leave the ventilator open cold nights. If it goes below 34 degrees hang a lighted lantern on the plunger and this will warm up the cave in a little while.

GRIST.

Farming is poor business when the farming is poor.

The richest part of any manure is that which water will wash out.

Much labor and expense may be saved by planning ahead of time.

By using the drill for sowing the depth of covering is uniform and there is no loss of seed.

Never let the farm work or stock stand still or retrograde, but keep both progressing steadily.

The value of wood ashes in the orchard and of coal ashes on heavy wet clay can hardly be overestimated.

According to the experts' report on crop valuation for the year the total value of all crops will exceed \$5,335,100,000.

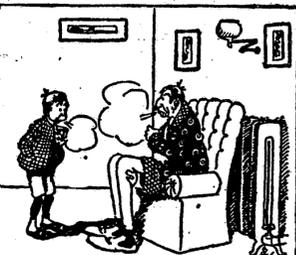
Turning Fence Posts.

Now comes the time for getting out fence posts, which will soon rot at or in the ground. To double, and more than double, the life of the post, get it 18 inches or more longer than hole is deep and fence it high. Then when the post rots off turn it upside down and get another life from it.

The Question of the Farm Power.

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BITTER SARCASM.



Little John—Pa, don't you suppose Santa will get burned up in our chimney?

John's Pa—What! In the smoke stack of this flat? Not much. He'll be lucky if he isn't frozen to death.—Chicago Daily News.

Took In the Situation.

"John, here are your slippers."

"Thank you."

"And your smoking jacket."

"How good you are!"

"And your pipe and tobacco."

"That's kind!"

"And now sit down and let me rub your head—for I know you're tired—poor fellow!"

And then he looked inquiringly at her and said:

"Mollie, let's be perfectly candid with each other. What kind of a Christmas present do you want?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Giving and Receiving.

It may indeed be more blessed to give than to receive, but when the former luxury is not within one's honest reach, it is blessed, too, to receive from those, one thoroughly loves.—George S. Merriam.

Good for the Sheep.

Dry lime and ashes should be kept where the sheep resort. Slacked lime, if scattered freely, will set the sheep to sneezing, and many grubs will be thrown out. This should be done in the morning, as the grubs are then lower down in the nostrils than at other times.—Midland Farmer.

Free exercise for hogs develops muscle and frame and adds to the value of the pork.

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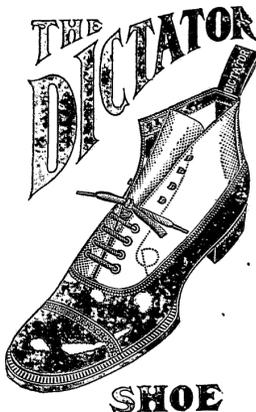
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MILLINERY SALE.

During the entire month I will close out a lot of goods for a Chicago Millinery House. They are bargains and will go at cost. Come early and get your choice. All pattern hats black, brown and all the leading colors. A lot of plumes, ponpones, caps and ribbons to be also sold. The sale will last one month only.

Mrs. E. Parkinson

LOCAL NOTES

Old gold and silver.

W. W. Wood.

Big sale on jewelry at Elson's. Opposite hotel.

Old papers for sale at the Record office, 5 cents per bunch.

Preaching in the U. B. church Sunday evening. Come to the Service.

Buy shoes at Carmer & Carmer's and get a pair of souvenir shoes free.

Special sale every day from now until Christmas, on candies. W. H. Keller's.

Subscriptions solicited to all papers and magazines.

BINNS MAGNET STORE.

I will be at Lee Bros. Bank, Wednesday and Saturdays for the collection of taxes. W. J. Miller Twp. Treas.

A large fine line of new jewelry at Elson's see them. We save you money and give you good goods every piece guaranteed. Opposite hotel

The quarantine was lifted from Howard Smith's residence this morning and we are informed that Miss Cora Smith is getting along nicely.

Batt's "That ready-to-wear Store" in South Bend, sells 72 inch long Angora fur boas for \$1.48, other furs from 48 cents to \$15.00. 116 West Washington St., Batt's. T. d 20

Mrs. Frank Dunbar, a sister of Mrs. H. F. Kingery died at her home in Cassopolis, Sunday after an extended illness, the cause of her death being heart trouble. The funeral will be held in Cassopolis tomorrow afternoon.

The Three Oaks Acorn strikes the nail square on the head when it says: It is cruelty to animals to drive a horse until it is warm and then leave it on the streets unblanketed for even a short time, while the owner goes inside and hugs the merchant's hot stove. No man can afford to leave his horse in a storm for any considerable length of time when for ten cents the faithful beast will be given the comfort of a barn shelter

PERSONAL.

Miss Coral Ayers, of Berrien Springs, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. S. C. Cook started for Phoenix, Ariz., today, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Murphy, of Niles, spent Sunday in Buchanan.

Mrs. C. H. Baker, of New Carlisle, Ind. was a Buchanan caller Saturday.

Miss Rose Hindleman, of Berrien Springs, was a Buchanan visitor, Friday.

Mrs. Z. L. Baldwin, of Niles was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. O. Curtis, Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Bishop and daughter, Miss Blanche Peck spent Saturday in South Bend.

The Misses Grace Mutchler and Zulu McFallon were South Bend visitors Saturday.

Mrs. C. M. Hawley returned to Buchanan Saturday from Chicago, after a month's visit.

The Misses Minnie Shafer and Florence Redden were South Bend visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad started today for Los Angeles, Cal., for a six weeks' visit with their son Eli.

Mrs. C. H. Fuller and Mrs. C. D. Kent visited with Mrs. Clyde Valentine, in South Bend, over Sunday.

Mrs. Francis Mercer and Mrs. Lucy McComsey, of Vicksburg, Mich., are visiting at the home of W. L. Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blake, of Niles were guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Blake Sunday.

Col. and Mrs. A. F. Frost, of Springfield, Ill., and daughter of St. Mary's, will spend Christmas with friends in Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ransome, of San Francisco, Cal., Albert Hanson, of Benton Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Noe and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Swartz and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Canfield Sunday.

Fresh corn meal at W. H. Keller's

Oil per gallon 11c at Jordan's Grocery.

Big reduction in watches for next 10 days. M. B. Fitch, the Jeweler. d. 20

Doll cabs at W. H. Keller's,

Clocks called for and delivered. W. W. Wood.

Rocking horses at W. H. Keller's.

Wait for the big candy sale at the Buchanan Cash Grocery, Saturday Dec. 24.

A pair of souvenir shoes free at Carmer & Carmer's, by purchasing shoes at their store.

All piano tuning in the city after this date, will be \$1.50 and satisfaction guaranteed. D. L. Mudgett.

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

Rev. F. C. Berger of Grand Rapids will give his lecture on Palestine, at the Portage Prairie Evangelical church, on Wednesday, Dec. 28. No admission will be charged, but a silver collection will be taken. All are cordially invited to attend.

About a dozen of the little friends of Miss Bernice Bird gave her a surprise Saturday, to remind her that it was her seventh birthday. Games were played and refreshments served. She was the recipient of many presents to remind her of the visits.

Oranges 10c per dozen W. H. Keller's.

Berrien county has established a new record for goodness. The circuit court calendar for the December term contains but four criminal cases, the lowest ebb for crime within five years. Another remarkable feature is that there are no charges of murder, robbery, assault or any of the other graver offences. The county jail at this time holds but five prisoners. The calendar shows that there has within a year been a decrease of over 50 per cent in divorce cases.

The livery barn of Kugler & Griffin at Niles, was burned Sunday morning and twelve horses were burned to death. This fire will remind Buchanan people very vividly of the livery barn that burned here, when conducted by Mr. Kugler. This gentleman also burned out at Berrien Springs and Sturgis, each time a number of horses being burned and each time while under full insurance. The circumstances surrounding the fire at Niles are said to be suspicious.

Hand painted china at the Racket.

One ton fresh 10c candy at the Racket.

A line of fancy china at W. H. Keller's.

Only home made bread in town 4c a loaf at Bertha Roe's.

Nice broken mixed candy 10c per pound at W. H. Keller's.

All watches at cost for the next 10 days. M. B. Fitch, the jeweler. d. 20

Best line of 10c counters in Buchanan. W. H. Keller's.

Special orders for Bibles or Albums filled on short notice By Runner.

5 and 10 cents counters are loaded. W. H. Keller's.

A Christmas card free with each box of stationery.

BINNS MAGNET STORE.

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Lo-tus Liver Pills are the great Pills for Ladies, curing constipation and giving a clear, fresh complexion. Large boxes, 50 pellets, for sale by Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son.

The Bethany class held a reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Knight, Friday evening in honor of Fred Knight and Fred Douglass. The evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by all.

The members of the Eastern star to the number of about sixty gave a farwell reception at the Masonic hall Friday evening to Mr. and Mrs. I. L. H. Dodd. A musical program was given and refreshments served. Mr. and Mrs. Dodd were presented with some fine cut glass pieces.

The Benton Harbor Review is no more. The plant has been sold to a company and will be managed by Geo. B. Ricaby, recent editor of the Galien Advocate. The name of the paper has been changed to the Twin City Blade and will be conducted as an independent paper. We wish the new firm unlimited success.

Manager Rough has completed arrangements with Rowland and Clifford for an appearance in this city Thursday evening Dec 22 of their gigantic scenic melodrama, "Over Niagara Falls." Rowland and Clifford are well and favorably known here, and their connection with any production is an absolute guarantee of a pleasing and satisfactory performance.

25c China cup for 10c at W. H. Keller's,

The Christmas Bazaar given by the ladies of the Methodist church last Friday and Saturday was a grand success in every way. The room was decorated very tastily, several booths being arranged at different parts of the room. Fancy work of all descriptions were displayed and on Saturday morning a baked goods sale was held and many were the sweet things disposed of. The ladies are very much pleased over the success of their effort, and the committee who had the work in charge are to be congratulated.

The ladies of the Grand Army, at their last regular meeting elected the following officers: President, Mrs. H. D. Eastman; S. V. P., Mariette Mansfield; J. V. P., Aurelia Sabin; Sec'y., Mariette Hern; Treas., Anna Butler; Chaplin, Blanch Bowers; Conductor, Lizzie Bunker; Ass't Conductor, Louise Anstiss; Guard, Marie Wood; Ass't Guard, Amanda Fisk; Organist, Juliet Baird; Installing Officer, Juliet Baird. The Circle will meet on first and third Saturday afternoons at 2 o'clock. A joint installation of G. A. R. Post and circle will be held on the next regular meeting evening.

A melodrama in beautiful settings will be offered to the patrons of the opera house Thursday evening, "Over Niagara Falls" has been styled by a well known critic in Chicago, "a sane melodrama." There is nothing revoltingly lurid about "Over Niagara Falls," nothing which does not seem perfectly natural and within the range of possibility and there is not a line in the entire production which savors of vulgarity. These are certainly matters which recommend it when considered carefully. Apart from its scenery and realistic features, "Over Niagara Falls" has one of the strongest casts ever seen outside of the high priced productions.

CHRISTMAS SALES

December 17

ORANGES



December 24

CANDY



Buchanan Cash Grocery

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For Christmas!

Latest styles in . . .

Neckwear,
Silk Mufflers
Gloves and
Fancy Dress
Shirts,
Fine Silk
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in fancy boxes; Just the thing for a man's Christmas Present.



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Would be the meal prepared from provision bought at my store. I sell only the best quality and guarantee all goods sold.

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The public is invited to call and examine our line of Holiday Goods consisting of toys, dolls, doll cabs, slippers, musical and mechanical toys, toy brooms, tables, chairs, in fact everything for the little folks.

Our line of Ladies' Neckwear is as new and up-to-date as is shown in South Bend. Silk mufflers, handkerchiefs, shawls and fascinators, gloves, hosiery, millinery, coats, suits, furs. Full line of slippers for the holidays ranging in price from 25c to \$2.00.

Our basement is filled with Holiday Goods of all descriptions. Don't fail to give us a call.

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No. 107—40 acres; gray clay loam, watered by springs, 20 acres under fence, 3-room log house, log barn, etc. 5 miles from Athens, 11-2 miles from school. This place has some fine saw timber on it (hard wood) which can be sold at the mills in town. Price, \$12 per acre.

No. 108—80 acres; red clay soil, 45 acres in cultivation, 6-room building with hall, 1 acre in orchard, 12 miles to Athens and about the same to Huntsville, 11-2 miles to school, good well and several springs. Some good poplar and oak timber on this. Price \$15 per acre.

No. 109—100 acres; Twp. 23 R. 3, fine red soil, good well and spring, 6-room dwelling, 3 large barns and plenty of out-houses, 2 1-2 miles from station, 12 miles from Athens. Public road runs through the place. Price \$15 per acre.

No. 111—80 acres, 3 miles from Athens in Twp. 3 R. 4, 40 acres in cultivation, 2 acres of orchard, some good timber, fine spring water, partly red and partly gray loam soil, 2-room frame building on the place. Price, \$15 per acre.

No. 114—160 acres; 40 acres in cultivation, 2 3-4 miles from Athens, on good road. Two sets of log buildings and out houses on the place, and some good timber which will make splendid land when cleared, good well, fine red soil. Price, \$12.50 per acre.

No. 117—80 acres; 8 miles from Athens, red clay soil. This is all timber and the timber will more than pay for the land when cleared, fine red clay soil. Price, \$12.50 per acre.

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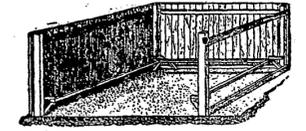
LIVE STOCK



FARROWING PEN.

How the Young Pigs May Be Protected from Being Laid On by the Sow.

The cut herewith illustrates a good farrowing pen. Its construction can be well understood from the illustration. The fenders are placed on at least three sides of the pen and are about eight inches from the floor and



FARROWING PEN WITH FENDERS.

the same distance from the wall. They should be built sufficiently strong to hold the sow should she lie on them. During the first few days after farrowing the fenders will protect the pigs from being laid upon, thus preventing a source of much loss to the hog man. See Farmers' Bulletin No. 205 (which can be obtained free by applying at the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.), for details.

FALL-BORN PIGS.

If They Are Treated Right They May Be Made Very Profitable to the Farmer.

The one possible objection to fall-farrowed pigs is the expense of wintering them, but if they are treated right during the period when they can be out of doors and given warm pens during the winter they can be profitably fed. After weaning, feed skim milk, bran and a little oil meal, but especially let them get their share of green stuff while it is growing, and later feed them more or less garden truck that is not salable. During the winter give them the ration which experience has proven best with you, but provide them with pens that are free from draughts, that are clean and well bedded. Even the swine appreciate comfort and warmth, and will pay for it in good health and growth and take on fat properly at the proper season. What is said about comfortable pens for pigs applies also to the mature swine, and particularly to the brood sow. Do not permit her to be annoyed, give her comfortable and clean quarters and proper food, and her progeny will be all that is desired.—Midland Farmer.

POINTERS ABOUT STOCK.

Care and fertilizers make the farm; care and feed make the stock.

Brood sows should have attention before farrowing as well as after.

Any animal when fed heavily should have a change of food, especially sheep.

The productiveness or unproductiveness of a farm depends chiefly on the farmer and his methods.

The richness of the food given stock has much to do with the value of the manure made from them.

Always keep stock so well that it is ready for sale at any time, so that if a rise in market occurs advantage may be taken of it.

Keep Sheep on Farm.

The truth is that the presence of a flock of sheep on a farm that appears to be thrifty and happy may always be accepted as a certificate of the ability and good character of the farmer, not only as such, but as a man as well.

This criterion has such a natural coincidence that it strikes even the inexperienced passerby, as it did a well-known missionary, a good man who did a vast amount of good in the early days and who used to say that when traveling on a mission he would always stop if possible with a farmer over night who had a well-conditioned flock of sheep in his fields, because he would find a good-natured, kindly dispositioned host.—American Sheep Breeder.

The Clean Stall.

It is a useless piece of advice perhaps to say "keep the horse stall clean." Yet we have seen horse stalls that were always dirty. Moreover, we have seen white and gray horses kept in such stalls. When they came out of them in the morning it was a good task to get the dirt and stain off them. They were unsightly in spite of all the washing that could be done. A good many farmers are too much afraid of wasting bedding. Sometimes, too, they shake out and save not only the dry straw, but also much of the wet straw. The horse is not a dirty animal and there is little use in letting him get dirty. If the stall is kept clean work will be saved.—Farmers' World.

The Hog Profitable.

A hog should find a place in the economical management of every farm. He will turn to good account many things that would otherwise be lost either on a grain or grazing farm. On the former there are plenty of grazing spots and many other herb growths that will equalize the ration of quite a number of hogs and send to market or to the farmer's table healthy and palatable meat. On the grazing farm a little grain will fill out the high albuminoid ration and make fat animals.—Prairie Farmer.

IN MEMORIAM

AARON E. GARDNER

Aaron E. Gardner was born in Tomkins county, New York, June 15, 1827, and died at Glendora December 14, 1904, aged 77 years, 5 months and 29 days.

For the past fifty years he has been a resident near Glendora, having come to this county when it was almost a wilderness, and cleared away the land for his home. He was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him. His wife and three children, Edward and William Gardner, and Mrs. Joseph Smith, all residing near Glendora, survive him.

Mr. Gardner had been a great sufferer for nearly a year, but his last hours were peaceful and quiet.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church at Glendora, last Friday conducted by Rev. Smith, of Berrien Springs, and the interment made in the Weesaw cemetery.

In Gala Attire

The stores at South Bend present a very pretty appearance this Christmas time. They are decorated in many fantastic shapes, and with many shades. This is especially true of Spiros clothing store, which has put on its Holiday attire in a most exquisite manner, and over the whole is cast a mellowed light from the red shaded electric, which presents the large store in a most attractive way.

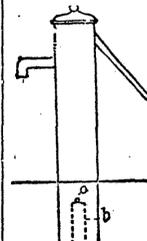
A Record representative had the privilege as well as pleasure, of being shown through the entire store of Geo. Wyman & Co this week and their Christmas stock has transformed the store into a perfect fairy land. Their gift department is especially well supplied, and by importing many of these goods direct they have saved the jobber's profit and are giving their customers the benefit. Words are inadequate to describe the large and varied stock of Holiday goods carried by F. H. DeRhodes & Co. Their store is Santa Claus' headquarters in South Bend.

The Vernon Clothing Co. have their store well filled with a fine line of Holiday goods and have them displayed in a most attractive manner. The Christmas shopper should not fail to visit their store when in South Bend.

KEEP PUMP FROM FREEZING

Simple Way in Which the Farmer May Avoid an Annoying Experience.

To keep the pump from freezing my method is to let the water off nights through the discharge valve which is made on the cucumber hand pumps near the top of the porcelain-lined cylinder (b), under the platform.



If no valve is on the pump, bore a small gimlet hole (a) and let the water leak out in cold weather. It only takes a few extra strokes to bring the water each time. When winter ends the hole may be plugged with a wooden pin.—Farm and Home.

Geese require less grain and less expensive buildings than any other variety of poultry.

Domestic Scholarship.

Little Neil was struggling with the alphabet. Now it happened that the cook, whose Christian name was Emma, was called M for short, and M had a daughter, Sue, who was her facsimile save in point of size.

So when in the journey down the line the letter M was reached and Neil's memory failed her, mother prompted her by asking: "What is cook's name?"

"M," came the answer.

"Well, this letter is M. Now, look at the next one. See, it is very much like M, only smaller. Can't you tell me what it is?"

"Sue," promptly and confidently responded Nell.—Lippincott's.

SORDEN LISTER

Sorden Lister was born in Warwick, Del. January 11, 1829, and died in South Bend, Dec. 10, 1904.

He moved to Michigan with his parents when only 7 years of age. In 1852 he came to South Bend and went to school. A few years after he formed a partnership in contracting with Wm. Mack, and from the outset, the firm was successful.

He was married in 1859, his wife and one daughter, Mrs. E. O. McDonald surviving him, also one sister Mrs. Henry Farren, of Bakerstown. He was a brother of the late J. W. R. Lister, of Buchanan.

The funeral was held in South Bend last Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended.

NEW LIVERY..

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- Ring?
- Locket?
- Watch Fob?
- Brooch?
- Stick Pin?
- Tea Spoon?
- Knives, Forks?
- Best "Style"?
- Right Price?

M. B. FITCH, THE JEWELER

First publication Dec. 8, 1904.

Estate of Anna Foster, 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 5th day of December, A. D., 1904.

Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellsworth, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Anna Foster deceased, Mary Gunter, having filed in said Court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to David Murphy, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 3rd day of January A. D. 1905, 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.

Rolland E. Bare, Registrar of Probate.

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Estate of Harriet Black, Deceased.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

In the matter of the estate of Harriet Black deceased, Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 5th day of December A. D., 1904 were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of George H. Batchelor in the village of Buchanan, Michigan, said county, on the 7th day of February A. D. 1905, and on the 15th day of April A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated 8th day of December, A. D. 1904.

GEORGE H. BATCHELOR, JOHN GRAHAM, Commissioners.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

In the matter of the estate of Harriet Black deceased, Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 19th day of December A. D. 1904 were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of Dr. Orville Curtis, village of Buchanan, in said county, on the 15th day of February A. D. 1905, and on the 15th day of April A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated December 19th A. D. 1904.

DR. ORVILLE CURTIS, FRANK S. LAMB, Commissioners.

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