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DES MOINES, . . IOWA

The army needs more dentists. Even a soldier's teeth have to be drilled.

West Point is shy 73 cadets, but the country is yet to behold a West Pointer shy.

People who want to get fat cannot afford to pay what the butcher charges for it.

More than 200,000,000 corsets are turned out every year in this country. Surely enough to go around.

A shelter home for cats may be al right, but supposing the cats prefer the comforts of the back fence.

A Jersey miser was found to be an illicit distiller of applejack. He was consistently determined to be tight.

The woman who rushed into the burning building to rescue her false teeth also escaped by the skin of them.

The manner of the man will prove his meanness or nobility, poverty and riches making little difference to the soul.

It will take more gold than that turned out by the Philadelphia mint to develop anything like a yellow streak.

The optimist has a great advantage over the pessimist by looking on the bright side of life even when it seems the darkest.

Naturally the Utes feel aggrieved at the president for being so specific in his manifesto against those too lazy to work.

An Oklahoma newspaper runs a matrimonial department. Some editors are absolutely without dread of the enemies they make.

Washington sends out statistics to show that America is second in naval strength. It might have added that Japan is a long way from being first.

In addition to the weight of his 66 years King Edward is burdened now with the responsibility of having to own and look after a $750,000 diamond.

A man who paid $95,000 for a seat on the New York stock exchange not long ago has just sold it for $42,000. He was lucky not to have bought it on a margin.

A woman in doing housework is said to cover seven miles a day, a fact which may be of service to her if she is trying to get her husband to buy an automobile.

Now it is decided that the Panama canal is to be 140 feet wide. From the way vessels are increasing in size and speed, it might be a good idea to make the thing square.

A tract entitled "Good Newes from New England" sold for $1,250 in London, which shows that some one in the world can be intersted both in religion and in Massachusetts.

The way Glidden is going in for ballooning arouses the suspicion that he has wearied of appearing in court every time some one is run over by one of his automobile racers.

Prof. Percival Lowell says he has conclusive evidence that Mars is inhabited, but he does not go so far as to furnish any data concerning the present price of turkeys on the planet.

Notwithstanding the common check restrictions, the cashier of an Oklahoma bank drew $50,000 just before departing for parts unknown. Just think what a good thing a $10 limit would have been!

Lord Avebury says that the financial trouble in the United States is due to the nation's great prosperity. Gentlemen who have been too prosperous should hasten to plead guilty and throw themselves on the mercy of the court.

A New York man has just coughed up a nail which has been in his lungs for 18 months. Incidentally, he coughed up in the interval much more than a nail for bronchitis bills, as that is how the doctors diagnosed his trouble. Now he is taking iron in his system in the regular way.

A controversy is now on as to whether Americans appreciate real musical art. They appreciate it quite as much as the musical artists appreciate American dollars, for they all come over here when they feel the necessity of placing high art on a substantial basis.

In England the greatest possible phenomenon has happened. In the case of the threatened railway strike a precedent has been established by which both sides are satisfied. To establish a precedent is a wrench to the British mind in itself, but to satisfy everybody in doing so is so unprecedented as to redouble the shock.

In these days it requires big quantities and a great variety to satisfy the requirements of 'jack at sea." The outfitting of the battleship fleet which is going to the Pacific ocean for a practice cruise includes 48,000 cigarettes, 1,000 pounds of navy plug to tobacco, 30,000 cigars and 15,000 pounds of candy. Of course, all this is in addition to the ordinary stores of flour meat and other "chuck" which are in dispensable. It is clear that Uncle Sam means that his blue jackets shall lack for none of the necessities of life.

A man was caught under the bed in a New York house. He ought to be put in an iron cage and kept at the zoo or some other public place, so that timid women could be assured by seeing him that the dread of every feminine life—the man-under-the-bed—was caught at last.

Through the execution of a bad elephant at Bridgeport, Conn., one day last week a quantity of elephant meat estimated at 9,000 pounds, was thrown on the market, but without any visible effect on prevailing prices.

IOWA STATE NEWS

Events of Recent Occurrence Throughout the Commonwealth.

CAIN GOES UP FOR LIFE.

Murderer of Charles H Morris Must Go to Pen.

Des Moines.—Imprisonment for life in the penitentiary at hard labor is the penalty J. C. Cain must pay for shooting down Charles H. Morris at Enterprise last October. The jury reached a verdict of murder in the first degree after being out just three hours, including an hour for supper. Cain's guilt was established on the first ballot taken after the twelve men entered the jury room. It then only remained for them to decide the degree and the punishment. The next ballot resulted in a vote of eight for murder in the first degree and four for murder in the second degree. Two of the jurors who voted for second degree changed their votes on the third ballot. The next note resulted in all twelve jurors declaring for murder in the first degree. The fifth and last ballot resuted in a unanimous vote for life imprisonment. None of the jurors was in favor of inflicting the death penalty.

Cain shot Morris and Johnson on Oct. 16 at his home in Enterprise. Mr. Morris, who was superintendent of the Enterprise Mining company, and Johnson, who is manager of the Saylor Supply company, went to Cain's place on his invitation. After talking over the value of the property they started upstairs. Cain picked up a revolver and fired three shots, one striking Mr. Johnson in the back and two hitting Mr. Morris. Both men were brought to Mercy hospital, where Mr. Morris died ten days afterwards. Cain left Enterprise after the shooting and remained in hiding for three days, then gave himself up.

DAVENPORT NOT BLUFFING.

Saloons Close Promptly at 10 O'clock—Getting Bonds.

Davenport.—C. W. Lyon, assistant to Attorney General Byers, is in the city making sure that the Davenport Saloon keepers are obeying the mulct law in fact and not by pretense. He declared that every saloon keeper would have to file the $3,000 bond required by law, a formality which it is understood most of the saloon keepers hoped to be allowed to omit.

Mr. Lyon said regarding the results of his investigation.

"I made a trip around the downtown section of the city last night and found that the saloon keepers universally closed their doors and turned out their lights at 10 o'clock. As long as the saloon keepers show a disposition to get under the mulct law and take steps in this direction, no radical measures will be used to force them into it. They will be given a reasonable time to act of their own accord. We have set no definite time in which they must act."

Davenport awaits with intense interest the public announcement of the decision of the Kulp court martial. No one in Davenport talks of much except the saloon situation and the Kulp trial. Some hot headed persons suggested meeting Captain Kulp at the train with a brass band when he returned from the trial, but cooler counsels prevailed, and the city has settled back to wait for the worst, while hoping for the best.

THRILLING CHASE AND ARREST.

Alleged Thieves Jump From Train, Robbed Man in Pursuit.

Britt.—As train No. 8 on the Milwaukee was ready to pull out of here a passenger noticed that he had been relieved of his purse and $45. He immediately accused two young men who had occupied the seat with him, and as the train was moving they started to run and jumped off with the accuser in hot pursuit. They were lost in the darkness, but were located at Garner by telephone and brought here and identified by the man who was robbed. They were taken to Garner next morning by a deputy sheriff, as the grand jury is in session there, and if an indictment is found they will be given a speedy trial, as court is now in session.

TWO BAD YEGGMAN CAUGHT.

Suspects Held at Washington Have Bad Record.

Burlington.—The two yeggmen in jail in Washington, charged with the burglary in that locality have been positively identified by Chief of Police Hilz here at Eddie Stops, alias Teddy O'Brien and Jack Nolan, who attempted to rob the safe of the Leisy Brewing company here last September at the time Officer Weis killed a third member of the gang in a running pistol fight. The men have their headquarters in Ottumwa and are wanted for other crimes in this part of the state. They are wanted in Texas for robbery. Both men have served a term at Fort Madison.

HE SLAYS ANOTHER.

Young Man Accused of Stabbing Ottumwa Woman.

Ottumwa.—Mary Judson, a conspicuous character of Smoky row, is dying in the city hospital from knife wounds received in a fight in front of her home abount midnight. She accuses Miles Morrow, a young man of Mount Pleasant, who shot and killed Ben Farrel, a negro, in a quarrel over the Judson woman on May 5. In the trial of Morrow a month ago the Judson woman was the star witness for the state, but Morrow was acquitted, the jury finding that he killed Farrell in self defense. Morrow was arrested and is now in the jail. The woman was stabbed in the back.

Waterloo Thieves Are Busy.

Waterloo.—Sneak thieves are operating in Waterloo and merchants are missing merchandise. One woman was bold enough to appropriate a set of furs valued at $140 and then asked the proprietor what he thought of her purchase. In this way she evaded suspicion. Mrs. R. L. Parker lost three rings through theft. The jewelry was valued at $375 and was taken from the piano, where Mrs. Parker laid them while preparing the evening meal.

Boy Shoots His Sister.

Farley.—The little 8-year-old daughter of John Meyer of Holycross was shot and killed by her little 12-year-old brother while playing with a gun.

PENSION FORGER IS CAUGHT.

Federal Authorities at Ottumwa Have a Clever Criminal.

Ottumwa.—Alfred Daugherty, aged 67 years, until recently an inmate of the soldiers' home at Marshalltown who is now lodged in jail in Ottumwa is claimed by the United States authorities to be one of the cleverest pension swindlers caught in recent years.

Daugherty was brought to Ottumwa from Keokuk yesterday and was arraigned before United States Commissioner Hunter here.

Daugherty has been operating for some time and has been using several aliases, according to the charges preferred by the government officials. He secured a pension under the name of John L. Markett, who resides in Washington county, Illinois, and when recently the rightful Markett applied for a pension the officials at Washington discovered that a forgery had been committed. They also found that Daugherty had applied for a second pension under the name of William Crouch, and that he was about to be pensioned under that name.

DUBUQUE SON SAVES FATHER.

Current of Electricity Was Running Through Body.

Dubuque.—Frank Herbert, a shop foreman, knocked prostrate by an electric shock from an electric light current which continued to flow through his boy as he lay, was discovered by his son in the nick of time and rescued.

Mr. Herbert was working at his moulding case, when in stooping over his electric light touched the framing of the case and the result was a terrific shock which felled the victim to the ground. In dropping to the ground, Mr. Herbert fell in such a way that he continued to receive the shocks unremittingly. When the son attempted to lift his father's body up, he too, was severly shocked and was compelled to draw the light away before he could be of any assistance.

It was half an hour before Herbert was brought back to consciousness.

ELOPERS IN HASTE.

Daughter of H. G. McMillan Weds at Marshalltown.

Marshalltown.—Hurrying from a train to the home of a minister, asking an immediate performance of a marriage ceremony, and leaving the city twenty minutes after the ceremony for a wedding trip throughout the south, was the culmination of events following an elopement of pretty Florence McMillan of Cedar Rapids, daughter of H. G. McMillan principal owner of the Farmers' Tribune of Sioux City, and former owner of the Cedar Rapids Republican, and an ex-United States district attorney, and Floyd B. O'Brien, son of a merchant of Ames.

It is claimed by friends here that the bride's parents objected to her marriage of O'Brien, wishing her to wed a Pennsylvania man.

THREE KILLED UNDER WHEELS

Father, Son and Daughter-in-Law Victims at Epworth.

Farley.—Jas. Campbell and his son, Will Campbell, and the latter's wife were struck by passenger train No. 1 of the Illinois Central while crossing the track at Epworth and instantly killed. They were driving home from church.

Town Defies Standard Oil.

Decorah.—The city council of Decorah has defied the power and might of the Standard Oil company and ordered the great oil company to remove its distributing tanks here to a place of safety outside the city limits. The company protested through its attorneys, but the vote of the aldermen was 6 to 2 for removal. The tanks now are a menace to property and they have caused an increase in insurance rates on property nearby. Decorah has set a precedent in Iowa in this matter.

Gambler Ends His Life.

Council Bluffs.—R. M. Baldwin was found dead in his room at the Ogden hotel, with an open gas jet. The circumstances clearly indicate that he had committed suicide. Baldwin was employed in the Hoffman gambling house and came here from Denver a week ago. He had no acquaintances or friends here and nothing is known of the cause that might have led him to kill himself.

Mob Gives Albia Man Ice Bath.

Ottumwa.—Twenty-five masked men drove H. C. Wilson in his night clothes to a pond half a mile from Albia, and by cutting a huge hole in the ice, immersed the victim until he promised to use all power possible to have his wife released from an asylum, where he had her placed unlawfully, it is alleged.

Bad Fire at Garnavillo.

Elkader.—Fire originating in the City hotel at Garnavillo totally destroyed the hotel and saloon annex, Krazinsky's general merchandise store, the Garnavillo Independent office, and Miss Leuthold's residence were also burned. The loss is estimated at $18,000, partially insured.

Farmer Killed in Runaway

Clinton.—J. Hanrahan, 57 years of age, a prominent Peterville farmer, was killed in a fall from a buggy, his horse running away and throwing him against a bridge rail and crushing his skull. The body fell into the river, but was later recovered.

Mason City Man Loses Eye.

Mason City.—A. J. Brown will probably lost an eye as a result of a collision with a wagon while riding on a bicycle. The force of the collision threw him into the spokes of the revolving wagon wheel and he was painfully bruised and crushed.

Leg Shot Off During Quarrel.

Fort Dodge.—While hunting together, Henry Will and John Lindberg quarreled. Lindberg was shot in the knee at close range, and his leg practically blown off. Will has been arrested. He says the shooting was accidental.

NEW MINE DISASTER

EXPLOSION ENTOMBS ABOUT 250 AT JACOBS CREEK, PA.

MEN PROBABLY ALL DEAD

Number of Fatalities Comparatively Small Because Many Miners Were Celebrating Festival of Greek Church.

Jacobs Creek, Pa.—An explosion of gas in the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, located here, Thursday entombed between 200 and 250 miners, and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mines alive. Partially wrecked buildings in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found early in the rescue work indicate an explosion of such terrific force that it seems impossible that any one could have survived it.

That this disaster does not equal or even surpass in loss of life and attendant horrors the one in West Virginia is due to the devotion to church duties of a considerable number of the miners. In observance of a church festival many of the 400 or more men regularly employed at the mine did not go to work Thursday morning. Those who escaped through this reason are members of the Greek Catholic church and they suspended work to celebrate St. Nicholas day.

As was the case at Monongah, the explosion followed a brief shut down, the Darr mine having been closed Tuesday and Wednesday. It was just 11:30 o'clock when the tenth trip of loaded cars had been brought out to the tipple and there came an awful rumbling sound, followed immediately by a loud report and a concussion that shook nearby buildings and was felt within a radius of several miles. At the same time there came out of the mouth of the mine an immense cloud of smoke and dust that floated across the Youghiogheny river.

As far as known, only one man who went to work Thursday morning escaped. Joseph Mapleton, a pumper, emerged from one of the side entries shortly after the explosion. He had left the part of the mine where most of the men were working and was on the way to the engine room for oil.

Forty-Two Dead Taken Out.

Yolande, Ala. — At eight o'clock Tuesday night 42 bodies had been taken from the ill-fated Yolande mines, in which an explosion occurred Monday. Nineteen more are reported in the mines, making a total of 61 victims.

No one is yet able to tell what caused the explosion. The theory most generally accepted now is that one of the men allowed a stick of dynamite to explode, which stirred up the dust and this in turn exploded, spreading death and destruction through the whole mine. This theory is borne out by the fact that the entire front of one man's body was torn away.

Slaughter in Mines.

Washington.—The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employes as those of most European countries. In the last 17 years 22,840 men have given up their lives in the mines of this country.

As many violent deaths have occurred in the mines during the last six years as during the preceding 11 years. The number of fatal accidents each year is now double that of the year 1895. In 1906, 6,861 men were killed or injured in the mines, the dead numbering 2,061 and the injured 4,800.

These terrible facts have been gleaned by government experts acting under orders from Secretary Garfield of the interior department to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, particularly those resulting from explosions, and also to make suggestions as to how mining conditions may be improved and accidents prevented.

The conclusions of the experts are found in a bulletin issued Wednesday on coal mine accidents; their causes and preventions.

Diamond Jo Line Sold.

Burlington, Ia.—The Diamond Jo line of steamers has been sold, or soon will be, to a syndicate of men who will improve the present fleet of passenger and freight boats and increase its carrying capacity very materially. The statement is made that the sale has already taken place. The price is stated at a million and a half dollars.

May Be Taken to Idaho for Trial.

Madison, Wis. — J. T. Barber and Sumner G. Moon, the millionaire lumberman of Eau Claire indicted with Senator Borah for alleged conspiracy in land frauds, may be taken to Idaho for trial. Judge Quarles handed down this decision in the United States court Thursday afternoon.

Bold Burglary in Springfield.

Springfield, Ill.—While the street was crowded with Christmas shoppers, about six o'clock Thursday evening, two burglars broke the plate glass window of the jewelry store of John C. Pierik and made their escape with $10,000 worth of diamonds.

Small Cleveland Bank Fails.

Cleveland, O.—The Glenville Banking & Trust company, a small concern in the suburbs, made an assignment late Thursday in the insolvency court.

Louisville Surveyor of Port Resigns

Louisville, Ky.—Announcement was made Monday that William G. Dearing, surveyor of the port at Louisville under the federal government, has resigned his office to accept the position of assistant general counsel of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

New National Forest in Nevada.

Washington.—The president has just signed proclamations creating the new Vegas national forest in Nevada, and making an addition to the Aquarius national forest in Utah.

WAITING TO SEE THE SHIPS GO BY.

BLOWS EXCHANGED IN HOUSE

WILLIAMS AND DE ARMOND RESORT TO FISTICUFFS.

Latter Calls Former a Liar and Lively Combat Ensues for a Moment.

Washington.—The spirit of rivalry that for five years has alternately smoldered and blazed between John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and David A. De Armond of Missouri, leader of the minority opposition, culminated in a fist fight Thursday on the floor of the house of representatives.

The blows of Mr. De Armond caused blood to flow down the face of Mr. Williams, and only the forcible intervention of friends cut the combat short. Mr. De Armond bore away a scuffed nose.

The immediate cause of the fight was the passing of the lie by Mr. De Armond to Mr. Williams, resultant of a complaint by the former that the minority leader had broken faith in "burying" Mr. Booher of Missouri by recommending his assignment by Speaker Cannon to the committee on coinage, weights and measures.

According to the statements of the principals, Mr. Williams defended his action by declaring he had been told by Mr. Booher's colleague, Mr. Lloyd of Missouri, that the committee assignment would be satisfactory to Mr. Booher. Mr. De Armond bluntly questioned the truth of the statement, and after the failure of an effort on his part to transfer the scene of controversy, Mr. Williams struck Mr. De Armond a blow in the face with closed fist.

The exciting incident will not be set down in the official records of the Sixtieth congress, for the house had been some minutes adjourned when the first blow was struck.

Some representative cried out: "Look, look at the fight." Everybody looked; but so startled were they by what they saw that no one seemed for the moment to think of rushing forward and stopping it. Meantime Mr. Williams and Mr. De Armond, wedged between two rows of desks, were still exchanging blows. Blood was flowing down the face of the leader of the minority, while Mr. De Armond was endeavoring to grasp his opponent by the throat, at the same time vigorously returning blow for blow.

Then everybody awoke to the unseemliness of the scene and crowded in and made an end of it.

Cummins Seeks Toga Only.

Des Moines, Ia.—Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said Sunday:

"I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in other states. I do not intend to do anything that will take me out of the race for senator."

Drowns in a Bathtub.

North Attleboro, Mass.—Frederick E. Sargeant, cashier and vice president of the Jewelers' National bank of this town, and prominently identified with Providence, R. I., and North Attleboro business firms, was found dead in the bathtub of his home in the bank building Tuesday night. Medical Examiner Holden stated that in his opinion death was due to accidental drowning.

Yaquis Murder Twelve Men.

Nogales, Ariz.—Information which has just reached here tells of the frightful murder of 12 men by a band of 150 Yaqui Indians 45 miles southeast of Magdalena, State of Sonora, Mex., Wednesday of last week.

Lad Blows Off His Sister's Head.

Holy Cross, Ia.—Thinking it unloaded, John Meyer, a farmer boy, living here, pointed a shotgun at his 16-year-old sister Thursday and pulled the trigger. So close was the girl to the muzzle of the weapon that her head was blown from her shoulders.

Col. J. B. McGonigal Is Dead.

Kansas City, Mo.—Col. James B. McGonigal, who was a conductor on the first train operated on the Panhandle railroad in 1850, died in Kansas City Thursday, aged 74.

Bank Examiner in Charge.

North Attleboro, Mass.—By order of the comptroller of the currency, Henry F. Currier, national bank examiner, took charge of the Jewelers' National bank Wednesday night. Its vice president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, was found dead Tuesday night in a bathtub at his apartments. By vote of the directors the bank was not opened for business Wednesday, and a notice posted on its door announced that it would remain closed pending an examination of its books. Liabilities are $1,000,000.

OSCAR OF SWEDEN BURIED.

Impressive Funeral of Late King in Stockholm.

Stockholm. — Seldom if ever in its history has this city witnessed such a grand and solemn ceremony as that which Thursday marked the funeral of King Oscar, who died December 8.

Although the weather was bitterly cold, the entire population of Stockholm and thousands of visitors from the country stood bareheaded, silent and sorrowful along the line of procession to catch a last glimpse of the casket containing all that remained of their beloved king.

The funeral procession included some 2,000 persons, among them being Gustave, the new king of Sweden; the king of Denmark, the Swedish princes and princesses, and the ambassadors representing foreign monarchs. Charles H. Graves, the American minister, as the special representative of President Roosevelt, was given a place of honor immediately following King Gustave. The queen of Sweden and the queen of Denmark drove to the church, but the dowager queen of Sweden, widow of King Oscar, was prevented by illness from attending the funeral.

As the funeral procession entered the Riddarholm church the organ and the orchestra played Haydn's magnificent dirge and, as the casket was carried up the grand aisle by a number of sailors, accompanied by the aides de camp of the late sovereign, every eye in the congregation was filled with tears. The funeral oration was delivered by the bishop of Lund.

A salute of 42 guns was fired by the forts and the ships in the harbor, and volleys of musketry burst forth as the coffin was placed in the vault of the Bernadottes.

MANY KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Powder Magazine in Palermo Blows Up—Whole Town Shaken.

Palermo.—A terrific explosion occurred Thursday evening in the military powder magazine, where a large quantity of dynamite was stored, and was followed by a number of lesser explosions, the whole town being badly shaken and the people thrown into a panic. Almost immediately flames shot high in th air and spread to the ruins of houses that had fallen, adding greatly to the terror of those who were in the immediate neighborhood of the disaster.

It is estimated that about 25 persons were killed and a hundred others injured. Troops were ordered out to aid the firemen in clearing away the wreck and succoring the wounded.

Engineer Faithful Unto Death.

Cleveland, O.—Engineer Frank Krag, 50 years old, of Buffalo, N. Y., though ill and faint, stayed at his throttle till he had brought his fast Lake Shore train safely into Collinwood yards Thursday afternoon. Then he stepped from his cab, and in a few minutes was dead. Krag was in his usual health when he took his train out of Buffalo. His illness came after the train had left Erie. The engineer had hardly strength enough to lower himself from the cab at Collinwood.

Buck Hinrichsen Dead.

Alexandria, Ill. — W. H. Hinrichsen, familiarly known as "Buck" Hinrichsen, formerly treasurer and secretary of the state of Illinois, died at his home here Wednesday from paralysis after a long period of declining health. Mr. Hinrichsen was about 59 years of age and was secretary of state during the administration of Gov. Altgeld. He had been a conspicuous figure in Illinois politics for many years.

Refuse to Indorse Gov. Hughes.

New York.—At a session which lasted less than ten minutes the Republican county committee of New York county Thursday night, by an almost unanimous vote, refused to consider at this time a resolution indorsing Gov. Charles E. Hughes for the Republican presidential nomination.

Norwegian Minister Is Dead.

Christiania, Norway.—C. Hauge, the Norwegian minister to the United States, died Thursday while on a snow-shoeing trip.

Hawaiian Appointments Confirmed.

Washington.—In executive session Wednesday the senate confirmed the nomination of Walter F. Frear to be governor of Hawaii and of Alfred S. Hartwell and S. M. Ballou to be chief justice and associate justice respectively of that territory.

Gus Ringling Is Dead.

New Orleans.—Augustus Ringling, head of the circus combination which controls the shows of Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey and Forepaugh-Sells, died here Wednesday at a sanitarium.

INJUNCTION DECREE SIGNED

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR IS ENJOINED.

Writ Granted Expected to Have Far-Reaching Effect Against Boycott.

Washington. — After hearing arguments on various points in the case Justice Ashley M. Gould in equity court Wednesday signed the decree temporarily restraining and enjoining the American Federation of Labor, its officers and all others from interfering with the business of the Bucks Stove and Range company and from declaring and threatening any boycott against it. All attempts of counsel for the American Federation of Labor to modify the decree failed, except in one particular, and that was to exclude from the order the Electrotype Molders and Finishers' union No. 17, against which it was shown no specific allegation had been made.

Justice Gould took occasion to dwell upon the question of jurisdiction. He said there would be no attempt made by the court to assume jurisdiction beyond the confines of the District of Columbia, but that its order was operative upon all the persons defendant who are within the District of Columbia. An act, he said, committed by an agent or associate of one of these defendants outside the District of Columbia could be held as the act of the person within the District of Columbia so ordering it and subject such person to the punitive power of the court.

New York. — Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is now in this city to attend the meeting of the National Civic federation, refused to go into the merits of Justice Gould's decision.

"This is an old case brought several months ago," said Mr. Gompers, "and before I have anything to say on the decision I should like to know just exactly what we are enjoined from doing. I do not know what further action we may take, and I shall want time to confer with some of my associates and to investigate in person before I have anything further to say."

CIGARETTES CAN BE SOLD.

Illinois Law Doesn't Prohibit It, Says Supreme Court.

Springfield, Ill.—The supreme court Wednesday handed down an opinion declaring the anti-cigarette law passed by the legislature this year does not apply to cigarettes which contain pure tobacco, but only to those cigarettes which contain substances deleterious to health. It holds that the legislature has the right under the exercise of its police power to pass an act prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, but that it cannot prohibit the sale of cigarettes under the present act, the title of which only provides for the regulation of the sale of cigarettes.

The act of June, 1907, prohibiting the sale of theater or amusement tickets for prices greater than the amount printed on the face of the tickets, was declared invalid.

The supreme court also decided that Mayor Busse of Chicago removed without authority five members of the school board appointed by Mayor Dunne.

LORD KELVIN PASSES AWAY.

Noted Scientist Is Dead at Glasgow, Aged 83 Years.

Glasgow.—Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died Tuesday.

William Thornton, first lord Kelvin, was born at Belfast, Ireland, June 26, 1824. He was a celebrated mathematician and physicist and occupied the chair of natural philosophy in Glasgow university from 1846 to 1899. He was knighted in 1866 and was created Baron Kelvin in 1892.

In the domains of heat, electricity and magnetism he was one of the great investigators of the century. He invented a number of instruments used in navigation and deep sea exploration and took a prominent part in the laying of the first submarine cables in the Atlantic.

For his efforts in behalf of science Lord Kelvin had been decorated many times, having been a grand officer of the Legion of Honor of France, a member of the Prussian Order, Pour le Merite, and commander of the Order of King Leopold of Belgium. He received honors also from the Japanese and other governments.

Cortelyou Denies Stories.

Washington.—Secretary Cortelyou, in a statement given out Tuesday, pronounces unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a movement in his interest. The secretary declares that neither he nor his friends have used their influence in behalf of any candidate for the presidency and that he has not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people. He adds that if he should hereafter decide to be a candidate for any office, he will say so frankly.

J. Israel Tarte Is Dead.

Montreal.—J. Israel Tarte, former minister of public works, died here Wednesday. He received the appointment of minister for his services to the liberal party in showing up the scandals in the public works department under the conservative regime.

Small Los Angeles Bank Closed.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The state bank commissioners Wednesday afternoon took charge of the West End bank, a small state institution located in the western section of the city.

Mangled by Civil War Bomb.

New York.—One of the civil war bombs found in the old custom house exploded and nearly killed M. J. Howell, an employe of the bureau of combustibles, while on its way to be dumped into the sea.

Woman Loses Suit for $300,000.

St. Louis.—A decision was handed down in the St. Louis court of appeals Tuesday against Miss Lillie Belle Pierce, who laid claim to the $300,000 estate of the late Luther E. Imboden as his widow.

Their Christmas Surprise

"THIS year," said Cartwright firmly, "there are going to be no Christmas surprises in my happy home—none of those pleasant little attempts at playing Santa Claus which begin with suspense and effort and end in mortification and disappointment. I am going to take my wife down town and let her pick out anything she wants within the limit of my spending capacity, and then I'm going to let her take me around and fix me up with a pair of embroidered suspenders or gold cuff links or any old thing she likes and that will make her happy. Neither of us has quite got over the effects of the last holiday season yet.

Such a system, it seemed to me, would be far more practical than the miscellaneous guessing. We had been doing with such decidedly poor results.

"You see, we had been married just long enough last Christmas to wear out our first installment of furniture, and most of our wedding gifts. Things were looking a little shabby around the house, so we both agreed that in selecting our little remembrances for one another we ought to confine ourselves to something which would be mutually useful and attractive. Both of us had been secretly longing for a Morris chair, one of those new mission things with big leather cushions that swallow you up in a delirium of comfort. Mrs. C. wanted it for the beauty of the library and her afternoon siestas and I wanted it for evening recreation. We also needed new portieres, a new rug, a lamp globe and dozens of other things to make our happy home "the complete house beautiful," but we were satisfied always to buy such things one at a time, and to get what we wanted at any price.

"Months before the Christmas season I began putting by a little sum weekly, with the Morris chair in mind. Two weeks before the 25th I went down to a dealer's to look at chairs. I had been looking casually for weeks before, but it was not until I came upon this particular shop that I discovered what I wanted. It was a beauty in the darkest and finest of weathered oak, with all attachments and a pair of fat, greeny-brown leather cushions that fairly felt like pipe dreams, laced with leather strappings and tied to the woodwork with thongs. The minute I saw the chair I knew it was for me; but the price was rather staggering. The dealer wanted $95 for it at first, and when I had got him down to $80, he acted as though he thought he were giving the thing away. I thought it best to hold out a little, so I merely requested that he give me a day's option on the chair, and paid a small deposit for the privilege.

Meanwhile my wife had been saving every penny, cutting down on the grocery bill and keeping me on cheap meats with Christmas in view. It seems that she, too, had a Morris chair on the brain. On the afternoon of the same day on which I discovered my prize, she strolled into the same shop. The first sight of the chair was enough for her, and she offered to buy it on the spot. The dealer was inconsolable. He had sold the chair, he believed, at least he had given a gentleman an option on it, and the gentleman had paid a deposit, but if madam would leave her name something might be done.

When my wife spelled out her cognomen for him he lifted his eyebrows in astonishment. That was exactly the name and those were the initials of the gentleman who had already spoken for the chair. My wife thought for a moment. Then she controlled her emotions and merely remarked that such coincidences were quite common, and walked out without leaving her address.

"Next day I hied me to the dealer's quickly prepared to leave my order for the chair. But the dealer did not seem half so inclined to sell. A lady had been there it seems—a lady of my own name, with the same initials—odd, was it not?—who was willing to give the full price for the article. Then it was my turn to think. On the whole, I decided I did not want the chair after all. If Ellen wanted to buy it, I'd let her have that pleasure. The man seemed glad to give me back my deposit and that was the last I saw of that Morris chair.

"Christmas morning we both fussed about the house expectantly. I wondered where on earth Ellen was keeping my Morris chair. After breakfast I unloaded a pair of green portieres I had bought for her. As the wrappings came off I saw her face fall. Then she went over to a corner and produced an exactly similar bundle and unrolled another pair of green portieres—for me.

"'B-but,' I stammered. 'I thought you bought a Morris chair!'

"'I! O John, didn't you buy it after all?'

"And then, in the light of our understanding, we wept on one another's shoulders."

Her Secrets.

Wife—Have you any secrets you keep from me, dearest?

Husband—None, darling.

Wife—Then I am determined I will have none from you either.

Husband—You have secrets, then?

Wife—Only one, and I am resolved to make a clean breast of it.

Husband (hoarsely)—Go on!

Wife—For several days I have had a secret—a secret longing for a new dress with hat to match for Christmas.

That fetched him.

The Christmas Tree

BY CHARLES EUGENE BANKS

Me?
Why I
Am waitin'
For the comin'
O' Christmas, you bet.
An' I guess
There'll be
Somethin' a
Doin' in town on
That gladsome day when the
Time comes 'round besides
Roller skatin'. My
Eyes, ain't it fine when each
One of the stores is crowded and
Packed from ceilings to floors with things
That a feller jes' wants, every one, an'
He's sure to git some of dem, too. Ain't
It fun when every one 's good, an'
There ain't any bad, an' dad, an' ma, an'
Aunt Lucy, an' sis are angels o' mercy if any such is.
I'm afraid I can't wair fur the time to come 'round; it
Seems to me now I can hear a faint sound o' sleighbells
A jingling; it seems I can see the candles all lighted
Up in a big tree, an' big cornacopias filled to the brim
With candy that melts in your mouth; every limb o' the
Tree loaded down with the bestest of toys, what squawks, or plays
Music, or dances, or does somethin' funny or dangerous to jolly the
Girls an' boys. I don' know what you think is the best, but
For me there ain't nuthin' else on this earth quite so
Fine as a well lit up, deep loaded down Christmas tree.
That fer mine! see you blink, jes as if it was so what I'm sayin'—it
Ain't, but it sure is a gom' to be thu'. Je whiz! it's the
Biz of Santa Claus jes to lay 'round all the year, somewhere
Away off in the clouds, with his ear held close to a telephone we never
See—course he ain't got hearin' like you an' like me—it's one
O' them wireless fixin's I spose, an' that's how he knows what each
Boy an' girl is a wishin' for; he don't ever forget, he 'members, you bet, everything.
He'll bring me a knife with a handle of bone, an' a big graphophone 'at plays songs
'At I like, an' a bike, a golf bag an' clubs, an' two Teddy cubs (live-ones, I
Can tame 'em), a beautiful book 'at's chuck
Full o' fightin'—some paper to write on—all the
Things 'at I wish for I see when I look but I never could
Name 'em.
Never mind,
They'll be
Hangin'
Right up there for me, when Christmas
Comes 'round, on the evergreen tree.

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Greeting

May He, whose star shone bright and clear
To guide the wise men on their way,
Be thy sure refuge, ever near
To help, to comfort, night and day.

The spirit of Christmas! What is the spirit of Christmas? Is it the generous spirit, the spirit of giving? Yes, but that is not all. There will be millions of gifts made between now and the new year, and they will not all express the Christmas spirit. Some will be made out of pockets of plenty and thus entail no personal service; some will be made under compulsion of supposed necessity. How many people give things at this time because they think they must. They must give to those who, they hope or fear, will give to them. It is almost unfortunate that giving and taking has become such a feature of our Christmas celebration because the mere gift is incapable of expressing the spirit of this occasion, and the occasion itself has become a burden to many because it has been so much abused. It is not by giving lavishly that we honor Christ, whose birth we celebrate, but by sharing unselfishly every good thing we possess. This puts the best things of Christmas within reach of every human life and enables every human being, however poor in goods to give generously of whatever else he has. We all have much. Is money denied us, then let us give what is better, a word to cheer, a smile to awaken hope, something out of our hearts' treasure. Who would not rather get a cordial message from a friend that would express his thought and appreciation, than to get a dollar trinket? What heresy to think that we cannot express an unselfish love at Christmas time except by lavish use of money. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ. He came on a giving mission but the gift was Himself—His life! Silver and gold had He none to give, but He gave health to the diseased, sight to the blind, hope to the despairing and salvation to all who will accept it. He proved His unselfish love not only by giving but by sharing, by undergoing, not only for us but with us, all our griefs and temptations. Would we honor Christmas and enjoy it, we must not only give but give wisely. Whether it be a trinket, a watch, a picture, a book, or a cordial word and a warm grasp of the hand, let it be an expression of the giver's hearty identification with the other's interests and needs.—Ram's Horn.

Changed History of World.

The history of the world prior to Christ is a history of barbarism, cruelty and bloodshed. Read the history of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome and you read a history of vice, degradation and crime. A history that is written in blood and iniquity. The classic Greeks and tenacious Romans worshiped a multitude of gods. Even the inhabitants of Syria had gone astray until it was declared by the prophet. Our worthy ancestors, the Teutonics, were a semibarbarous people without literature, without government, without refinement and without religion, but when they received the glad tidings of the gospel of Christ their habits were changed, their manners refined and their civilization improved. Wherever this gospel is proclaimed it is as a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Greatest Event in History.

There have been many great events in the history of the world, such as the check given to Persia by the Grecians at Marathon Crossing; such as the defeat of the Grecians by the Romans at Syracuse; such as the victory of Charles Martel over the Mohammedens; such as the discovery of the new world by Columbus; such as the defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo; such as the Declaration of Independence and the adoption of constitutional liberty, but the one event that stands preeminent in the world's history is the advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Gift to Man.

Jesus Christ is the Father's unspeakable gift to man. His birth is now a conceded fact in history. His coming was the beginning of a new era in the experience of the race. His coming was a mighty impetus to civilization. To compare the civilization of the world before Christ to the present state of civilization is like comparing darkness to light.

THE BELLS OF YULE

THE bells of Yule ring loud and clear
Across the threshold of the year;
The quiet moon is rising slow
Beyond the margin of the snow;
The white glint sparkles far and near.

How long have those old sounds been dear!
How long have we from youth to sear
Re-heard their rippling carol flow,—
The bells of Yule!

Old days return; old dreams appear;
Old conflicts rise of Hope and Fear;
And yet, with all, 'tis good to know
Despite Life's change of kiss and blow,
We still thank God to hear once more
The bells of Yule!

AUSTIN DOBSON.

Barney Flynn's Partner

THE boy stretched the long black stocking and regarded it with satisfaction.

"I'll take it," he said. "How much?"

"Twenty-five cents a pair," Dorothy Winslow answered.

The customer fished out a dime and three pennies and laid them on the counter.

"I'll take this one," he said.

"But we never break a pair!" Dorothy exclaimed, with some amusement. "Oh," she added, sympathetically, as the boy's face fell, "was it—was it for some one with only one leg?"

"It's for my partner. He's got two legs, but he's crippled—just been let out of the hospital. And I'm going to give him a Christmas."

"Oh!" said Dorothy, comprehendingly. "And you wanted the stocking to hang up? I'm sorry, but—wait!" she cried suddenly, as the boy was gathering up his money in disappointment. "I can let you have it, I think. Cash! Cash!"

The little girl who came in response to the summons nodded to the boy, and then sped away to the desk with the quarter that Dorothy substituted for the dime and three pennies.

When the customer had departed, carrying his package, Dorothy contemplated the odd stocking which had come into her possession.

"Well, what an idiot I am!" she murmured. "Why didn't I give him both of them? But of course he wouldn't have taken them—as long as he was paying for one."

She called the little cash girl again. "Do you know the boy that was here a little while ago?" she asked. "I thought I saw you nod to him."

"Barney Flynn. He lives on the floor above us." "Cash" answered, "with Billy; and Billy got run down by a 'lectric. Barney sees to him."

Customers claimed Dorothy's attention, and for awhile she was all hurry and bustle. During the afternoon, however, when the neighboring saleswoman volunteered to watch over her counter for her, she slipped down the aisle to the shirt waists, says Youth's Companion. She was quite excited for fear that the particular shirt waist should be gone. There was that woman with the bargain counter habit. Dorothy had seen her dallying at the counter.

She rummaged a moment in a pile of shirt waists; then she looked tragically at her friend behind the counter.

"O Peggy, it's gone! I knew it! I knew it! I saw it in that bargain woman's eye!"

She had waited so patiently for that waist to be marked down! It would have suited her complexion— it had just the right warm, rosy tints.

"Peggy, why did you let it go?" she cried, reproachfully.

"Had to, my dear. I did my best—put it at the very bottom of the pile but she fished it out."

Dorothy went back slowly to her counter.

"Dick would have liked it, too," she thought, disconsolately. "And now he'll have to see me in just my shabby old one."

It occurred to her that other people probably had Christmas disappointments; and then she thought of Barney Flynn and his partner.

"He's going to hang up the stocking for Billy—and I don't believe he ever had a Christmas for himself in his life," Dorothy meditated. "I know what I bought the odd stocking for—so long as I can't buy myself that lovely waist."

And she felt a glow of enthusiasm as plans began to take shape in her mind. It was almost closing time when the little cash girl came darting up with a message from Peggy.

"She's brought it back—the shirt waist—sleeves too short. If you want it, better hurry.

Dorothy hesitated. "No, I've changed my mind," she said resolutely. "Tell Peggy I'm much obliged." And she added to herself: "Now if Dick doesn't like me in my old plaid waist, I guess we'll have to quarrel.

When Dorothy returned to the store the morning after Christmas, the little cash girl came running up to her, and cried:

"I got it in for you all right, Miss Winslow! I worked it fine. I crep' in in the dark, when Billy and Barney were asleep; you couldn't have heard me with an ear trumpet. And I felt for Billy's stocking, and hung yours alongside. And then I filled 'em both with all the things you'd given me."

"Well," said Dorothy, eagerly; "and what happened?"

"O my sakes," said the child. "All of us on the floor below was waked up that early Christmas mornin' Such a yellin' and stompin'! You'd like to have thought they'd never had a Christmas!"

Dorothy turned away to hide a smile.

"And Dick was glad to see me just as I was," she thought, contentedly.

Holly Luck.

A bunch of holly with berries, so runs the tradition, must be used in church decoration and kept until the next Christmas to protect from lightning and to insure a lucky year.

Real Helplessness.

There's no helplessness quite so abject as that of an old bachelor trying to select Christmas presents.

A Cinch.

Old Maid Lady Bug—Tee-hee, how lucky it is to have mistletoe growing right over our door.

NEW LEADER — NEW LEADER

OUR BARGAIN SPECIALS

Very Interesting Christmas Bargains

These Bargains should especially interest Christmas shoppers. We have made it an object to gather together such items that no doubt will make appreciable Xmas Gifts, and still the prices are kept in reach of every shrewd shopper.

Silk Mufflers, hem stitched, in plain black or white, positively $1.00 value, bargain special 50c

Men's hem stitched, Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 20c value, for tomorrow only 10c

Men's Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, worth 39c, now 25c

Fancy Suspenders, in beautiful individual boxes, priced at $1, 75c, 50c and 25c

A large and beautiful assortment of neckwear for men, in all the new shades. Four-in-hands, Tecks and String Ties, priced in two lots 50c and 25c

Men's Dressed Kid or Undressed Kid Gloves and Mittens, $1.50 values for this week only, a pair 98c

Men's and Boy's Sweaters, priced at $3.00 and down to 48c

Men's, Ladie's and Children's Oriental House Slippers, all sizes, extra special, a pair 35c

Ladie's Felt Slippers, fur trimmed, $1.50 value a pair now 98c

Men's house slippers, $1.50 values, a pair during this week only 98c

ABSOLUTELY FREE

An imported bristol Clothes Brush, with your purchase of $2 or over. FREE! FREE!

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS, that are made right, in in new up-to-date winter materials, and which we specially price for the next week. Come in and see them.

Men's Smoking Jackets, $7.50 value, for this week only, as an extra ecial $5

Men's Half Hose, in lisle finish, in a collection of fancies and plain color effects, worth up to 39c, extra special, a pair only 23c

Men's Fancy Vests, in some new novelty effects, also plain white, priced at $2.50, $1.75 and $1.25

Men's Derby or Soft Hats, priced $3.00 and down to $1.00

Men's Dress Shirts, neat patterns, in standard makes, $1.00 and others at 50c

Men's and Boy's Golf Gloves, something that makes an appreciable gift, priced at per pair 50c and 25c

Mne's House Slippers, $1.50 values, a pair during this week only 98c

Worthy Boys' Clothing at Little Prices.

THE NEW LEADER
HARRY BLOTCKY
514 East Locust Street

Ma's Making Pancakes Hurrah!

MAKING OF MATCHES

ABOUT 3,000,000 A MINUTE USED THROUGHOUT WORLD.

Wood Supply for Enormous Demand a Burning Subject—Hundreds of Factories Engaged in the Industry.

Washington.—The nations of the world strike 3,000,000 matches every minute of the 24 hours. Nearly one-half of these are ignited in this country. Americans use up the enormous total of 700,000,000,000 a year.

Hundreds of factories over the country are engaged in this industry. One on the Pacific coast covers 240 acres, with 32 miles of railroad which supply the match machines with 200,000 feet of sugar pine and yellow pine logs a day.

For the manufacture of the match the best grade of wood is necessary. Sapwood, knotty or cross-grained timber will not do.

The match manufacturers are as much concerned over the timber supply question as any others. It might be supposed that because matches are small the makers of them would utilize scraps and left-overs. This is never the case. The match machine takes the finest timber and what it rejects goes to the by-product yard. Among the by-products turned out by the large Pacific coast factory are 1,000 doors and 800 sashes daily.

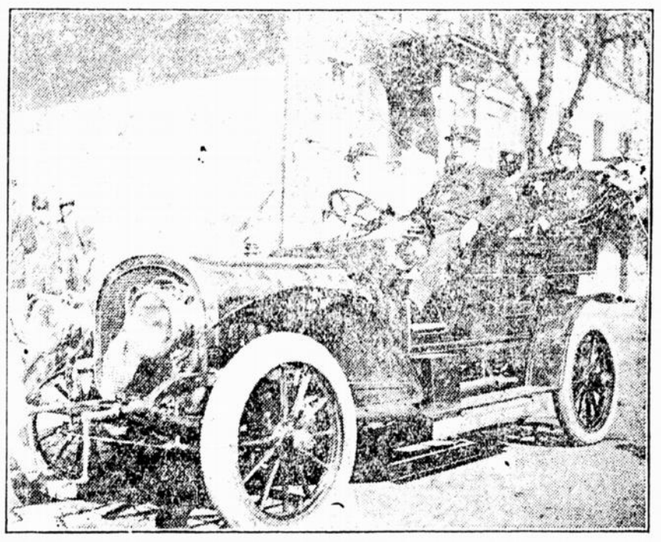
As a matter of fact, it would be impossible to carry on the match business at all at present prices if the rejected lumber were not worked into something else.

This country, although it has the most abundant material and the finest machinery in the world, does not manufacture enough matches to supply the home market. Thousands of dollars' worth are annually imported from Germany, Austria, France, Sweden and other countries where they are made by cheaper labor and poorer machinery and usually from higher-priced wood. The imports are largely safety matches which can be struck only on the box or other specially prepared surface.

Nearly every manufacturing company has machinery made specially for its use, and covered by patents, and it also employs processes discovered or devised by its own chemists and mechanics, and kept secret to prevent rivals from obtaining and profiting by them. A single machine has been known to turn out 177,926,400 matches in one day—boxed and labeled ready for shipment.

Some matches are shaved with the grain from sawed blocks, some are cut both ways by saws. In some factories the blocks are boiled to make them cut easily. By some machines a boiled or steamed log is revolved on its own axis and a shaving—the thickness of a match—is cut round and round. This shaving is at the same time cut into lengths and split into match sticks. Round matches are made by forcing them through dies. The Japanese make paper matches.

AUTO FOR FIRE CHIEF



The fire department of the District of Columbia has recently purchased several automobiles and their practicability will be given a thorough trial. The above photograph shows the special auto for the use of the chief of the department in responding to alarms.

DESERTS OF ASIA.

Just north of the Himalaya mountain range in Chinese Turkestan lies a belt of land which is watered by north flowing rivers. These, however, do not flow anywhere, but lose themselves in the sand of the desert. The worst deserts of American are mere child's play to the desert conditions in this part of Asia. In many places there were formerely, one thousand or two thousand years ago, a condition of soil and climate so that they could support a considerable population. There are the remains of villages and even cities, which must have had water in large quantities in places now far distant from any reliable source of supply. So dry is the country that ruins of wooden houses which have been exposed to the weather for ten centuries or more have hardly the beginning of d·

Low Voltage Incandescent Lamp.

For use in conjunction with storage batteries a new low voltage incandescent lamp has recently been put on the market in Germany, the filament of which is made of osram instead of carbon. The results of this substitution is that storage batteries made up of a small number of cells can furnish ample current for the operation of such lamps, which are especially designed for use on automobiles, motor boats, etc

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Macon, Mo., Nov. 19.—The Farmers' Convention at the Western College, Macon, Mo., proved to be a marked success, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The meeting was opened in religious form, led in prayer by Rev. E. D. Green. The president of the college delivered an opening address setting forth the object and importance of the meeting and pointing out the advantages which the agricultural department of the school will be to the race.

Extended remarks were made by Mr. Craig Griffin of Macon county, O. T. Redd of Cooper county, Mr. Speed Daniels and many others favoring the permanent organization of the convention with a view to developing the agricultural feature of the college work, looking to a regular annual meeting for the purpose of relating facts and experiences and observations in a way to improve and advance the art and science of farming in all phases. A committee was appointed on permanent organization and the meeting adjourned till 10 o'clock on the morrow.

The morning session of the second day was begun with singing by the convention and prayer by the president and the work of the previous day was resumed. A very fine paper was read by the representative of Marion county on "Dairying and Clean Butter Making." "How Plants Grow" was discussed by the representative from Shawnee county, Kansas. "Soil Feeding or Rotation in Crops" was presented by the representative from Macon, Mo. Shelby county's representative told us about the "Formation of the Soil." The representative from St. Louis county discussed "The Diseases of Cattle." A discussion on "Improvement of the Soil" was made by the representative from Monroe county, and "Grafting" was discussed by the representative from Sangamon county, Ill. At this juncture the convention adjourned for luncheon and reassembled at 2:30 p. m.

The convention went into permanent organization by electing the following officers: Mr. Craig Griffin of Macon, president; Wm. Henderson of Bunceton, Vice president; J. H. Carter, Macon county, treasurer; Prof. C. B. Johnson of Callao, secretary. Other interesting papers were read on "Poultry Raising" and "Floral Farming," after which the convention adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Judges were then selected to award the premiums on the products, cakes, butter and bread. About two hours were spent in hearing reports and speeches from representatives of 33 counties, which were immensely interesting. The committee on resolutions made the following report:

Whereas, The idea of a Farmers' Convention at the Western College and Industrial Institute was conceived by our president, Dr. J. H. Garnett,

Whereas, The Western College.

Whereas the need and usefulness of the convention to our industrial folk and to our educational plant at Macon, Mo., is so imperatively necessary,

Be it resolved, that this organization become permanent and meet annually at the Western College and Industrial Institute on the first Friday and Saturday in November. Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Johnson, Chairman.
I. L. Garnett.
R. B. Johnson.
J. A. Gray.
M. F. Lewis.

Be it resolved, that a standing vote of thanks be tendered him by the convention assembled, thereby expressing its gratitude for his thoughtful service and its approval of the movement.

Whereas, The farmers in measure compatible with the weather have shown their interest by their attendance and exhibits and,

Whereas, the students entered so heartily into the spirit and purpose of the convention,

Be it further resolved, that we thank them individually and collectively and recommend that all engage in a united effort to propagate and perpetuate the idea of a great Farmers' Convention at Western College.

FARMINGTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Ellen Perkins, near Farmington, was called last week to Keosauqua by the bedside of her little grandson, who was suffering with the croup.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perkins entertained a few of their friends on Thanksgiving at a four o'clock, where they were served with 'possum and other refreshments. Everyone reported a nice time.

Miss Lizzie Russ and sister, Mrs. Turner, spent the evening with Mrs. J. W. Perkins Monday of last week.

Miss Leona Russ, who has been visiting her sister in St. Louis far the past three months, is expected home soon.

Mrs. J. W. Perkins spent Friday afternoon at the Russ home.

Mrs. Russ has been suffering with erysipelas in her face the last week.

Mr. Wesley Perkins of Croton made a business trip to Farmington last Friday.

Mr. French Perkins was visiting with Mrs. J. W. Perkins and wife Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Edward Alexander spent Thanksgiving day in Keokuk.

Mr. Horace Foster was a business transacter at Mr. Wesley Perkins'.

CHAS. W. ANDERSON.

Mr. Chas. W. Anderson is the Demosthenes of the race. He comes from New York. He has held an appointed State office for many years and a few years ago President Roosevelt appointed him Internal Revenue Collector at the important port of New York. He is the most eloquent orator, studied law in Robert G. Ingersoll's office, admitted to the New York Bar.

T. T. FORTUNE.

Timothy Thomas Fortune was born of slave parents in Florida in 1856. Like all boys of that time he had a hard struggle. He finally found work in the printing office in Jacksonville, Fla. Later he attended Howard university for three years, after which he returned to New York and started a newspaper called the Rumor; later the New York Freeman ,and in 1885 the New York Age, which he has made such a great success. He resigned the editorship last summer. He is an author, a journalist, an agitator and lecturer of the highest rank. He has held several lucrative political positions.

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Fossye Johnson, Plaintiff.
Versus
Robt. Johnson, Defendant.

To the above named defendant:

You are hereby notified that on or before the 24th day of December, A. D 1907, the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk County, Iowa, claiming of you a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, on the grounds of habitual drunkeness and desertion; and, unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the January term of said Court, which will commence at Des Moines on the 6 h January, 1907, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

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2 pkgs. Egg-O-See, 2 pkgs. Grape Sugar Flakes, 2 pkgs. Malty Vita, 3 pkgs. X-Cell-O Flake — 15c
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In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court, at Des Moines, this 16th day of December, A D 1907.

R F. Coffin,
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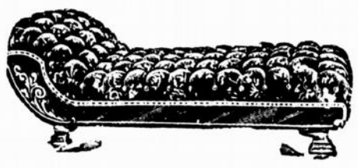

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CITY NEWS.

N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we solicit all your local news—Ed

A Merry Christmas to all.

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Mr. W. K. Perry of enterprise was a pleasant caller at our office Monday.

Remember to trade with the people who advertise with us. They solicit and merit your trade.

Miss Mollie Fox of Jacksonville, Ala, a neice of Mrs. I. M. Jones, arrived in the city last Monday and expects to spend the winter here.

Mrs. A. L. Smith is just recovering from a severe spell of sickness.

Rev. J. M. Harris was called to Warrensburg, Mo., this week, because of the serious illness of his brother.

The Cosmopolitan Art club met Wednesday with Misses Electd and Blanch Lewis. A very enjoyable evening was spent after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Jane Ford who has been so very sick is much better now. Able to be around again. She is stopping with Mrs. Manning, 318 S. W. 4th.

Complimentary to Mrs. Sadie Williams of Minnesota, the guest of Mrs. L. V. Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson entertained informally at dinner Thursday evening.

Has your clothing been cleaned for the winter? If not call up the Continental Cleaners, W. C. Franklin manager. All kinds of dry cleaning. Neat repairing. Work called for and delivered. Both phones: Mutual 924, Iowa 672-M. 579 Seventh street.

W. H. Milligan, Grand Master of the Masonic lodge, will make his official visit here Jan. 13th. In the afternoon he will meet the Masons wives at North Star Hall.

We are in receipt of a very beautiful wedding invitation, announcing the marriage of Miss Gertrude Verdin to J. B. Rush, to occur at the Union Congregational church next Monday, the 23rd, at 8 o'clock.

Those who came from Buxton last Sunday to attend the large Fred B. Smith special men's meeting at the Auditorium were A. A. Turner, L. E. Tucker Mills.

Nothing doing until December 26th. Charity Lodge No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F. will give an Oyster and Wine Supper in Cycling Hall, Sixth and Locust streets. Everybody invited. Admission, single tickets 75c; per couple $1.00. Music by Kromer's orchestra.

Those persons desiring a good valuable and useful Xmas gift is the Bystander for one year for $1.00. Send it to your friend for one year. It will be an acceptable gift.

Mrs. E. T. Banks has been sick the past week but improved now.

The Union Congregational S. S. will give their Xmas exercises on Tuesday evening. They will have a splendid exercise and a tree.

A Young People's Literary Society was organized Dec. 12. It will meet every Thursday evening from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. The organization was held at Mrs. Emma Harris's residence. Otto Wade was elected president, Helen Cravens, recording secretary, Windreth Deed, Treasurer. The young people hope to make success. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Allen Craven's, Dec. 19.

Beginning December the 15th, 1907 and lasting until January 15th 1908, the Bystander will be sent to any address in the United States for $1.00, for one year, if the money accompanies order. You must send direct to the office.

North Star Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, held their semi-annual election of officers Monday night. They are as follows: W. M. Warfield, C. C.; W. E. Rhodes, V. C.; A. L. Smith, M. E.; Bryant Garr, Prelate; L. W. Green, K. R. S.; Ed. Wilson, M. A.; G. A. Johnson, I. G.; Ed Norton, E. G.

The Calendar Club next met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Scott on 24th and Crocker Sts. and the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. B. Ellisten. The club is arranging to have an entertainment on the 30th of December and are going to meet at the home of Mrs. A. Brown, on 9th and Small Sts.

Mr. A. A. Turner, assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. . of Buxton, made a special trip to our city Sunday to hear Fred B. Smith lecture at the Auditorium on the subject of "Sins that Kill." He was well pleased with the lecture and says it was well worth the trip.

The Ariel Bowen Art Club was entertained last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Carrie Porterfield, 918 Fourteenth St. The club is named in honor of Mrs. Ariel Bowen, deceased wife of Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, Pres. of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Bowen was one of the most cultured women of her race. Being an accomplished musician and a most attractive public speaker. She was active in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Episcopal church, also the Y. W. C. A. and was at the time of her death president of the Federation of Colored Women for the state of Georgia.

The club will meet Wednesday afternoons. Officers, Pres. Mrs. Carrie Poterfield, Vice Pres., Mrs. E. J. Mack, Secy. Mrs. J. M. Harris, Treas. Mrs. Ruth Powell.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting but effects a cure. For sale by all druggists.

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EDITORIALS.

CHRISTMAS.

Nineteen hundred and seven years ago in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, Palestine, was born a baby who was to become the Savior of the world. In some respects the world was prepared and looking for His coming. It was at peace, Rome flourished and the Greek language was the literature of the empire. While the prophets of Israel had 400 years before phophesied of the coming Savior, yet He came not as the world expected Him to come, but lowly meek, born in a manger, rocked in the cradle of poverty. Yet this child of destiny was guarded by the great God of the universe. The stars, angels and wise men gave this special spot honor. His name is called Jesus, the Son of Man and Savior of the world. Thus do we Christian people celebrate His birthday December 25th. It is the best and should be the most sacred and hallowed of all days. We should see that every little child receive a present to make them merry and happy. Let our hearts ring out glad tidings and good cheer to all. The Bystander extends to all her readers and especially her subscribers a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER

This week we print our annual holiday edition which in many respects is perhaps the all round best issue that we have gotten out in it you will find some very interesting facts pertaining to our race that can not be obtained elsewhere. The cuts given are of men and women of our race, who are moulding the destiny of the race and making its history. Then the editorials have been carefully selected for the issue and one other feature is the large number of advertising that the business men have given us. Those who advertise in our paper want your patronage and should have it read all those advertisements and when you want to buy anything in their line go to them and say you saw their advertisement in the Bystander. We must mention a few large advertisements: Brinsmaid, Chase and West, Mandelbaums, The Leader Store, Davidson Bros. Furniture, Plumb's Jewelry, The Why Tailor Shop, Hopkins Bros., Carley's, The Utica Clothing and McQuaid's large grocery and many others that have adds in this issue. The Bystander will be glad to receive your criticism or praises of this issue.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO.

To the student of history, especially ancient, who has studied the rise, decline and fall of monarchs, kingdoms, empires, nations and races and has noted the rapid progress and exceptional capabilities exhibited in the American Negro cannot but arrive at one conclusion, viz.: That the Negro has been cast along lines that is as fixed as the stars in their courses. You have read of the power of the black man in ancient times, his valor in battle, his eminence in letters, his skill in science, his genius as an inventor and his patience as a servant. Slavery while a curse may have had some redeeming features. It was a purgatorial necessity between African slavery and American wealth which prepared us to become a competitor in the most advanced civilization of the world, yet in the short space of fifty years living among this splendid civilization some few of our race have reached the highest fame, which is indicative of what possibilities ahead in the next fifty years. One thousand years is but a short time to develop a race. Space prevents me from giving a large number of individual greatness exhibited in the race. In war the blood of Crispus Attucks, which appeased the British wrath and cemented our union, down to San Juan Hill will ever stand for Negro valor and patriotism. In education the names of Booker T. Washington, Prof. W. E. B DuBois, Profs. Kelly Miller, and J. C. Price and J. W. E. Bowen will stand among the best. In the field of inventive genius stands the names of Grenville T. Woods. W. T. Scarborough and 400 other inventors. In science, art, music and poetry the names of Dr. Wheatley and Dr. Daniel H. Williams, Tanner S. Coleridge, Taylor and Dunbar will always be sung with now 500 students (estimated) in the universities and higher institutions of learning, and with the door of opportunity partially open are there not many possibilities yet left for the earnest, honest, ambitious young Negro to grasp and come out at last triumphant over environments.

BLACK LAWS OF IOWA REPEALED

We Give Some Old History Found in the Public Archieves of Iowa.

Last week the editor, J. L. Thompson (who is working in Public Archieves) found several old petitions from the different citizens of the Territory of Iowa asking the Legislature to repeal the Black laws the large number of petitioners came from Mt. Pleasant, Ia., where the names of 265 citizens of Henry county petitioners sent in in 1840 and 1841. All was sent in these years. Below we publish the first and only one found that was sent by 35 colored citizens of Muscatine:

To The Hon., the General Assembly of The State of Iowa:

Your petitioners, the colored citizens of Muscatine County, Iowa, Pray your honorable bodies to repeal the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the immigration of free negroes into this state," approved February 5th, 1851, and as in duty bound we will ever pray.

January, 1855.

We, your petitioners deem it unnecessary to say anything about the injustice of the Law, or the oppositive influence upon us as free colored citizens of the United States of America but we will submit to the honest consideration of your Honorable body ever hoping that the God of heaven may guide and direct your acts in favor of Justice and opprest humanity.

Alexander Clark,
Rev. L. Anderson,
N. B. Harrison,
Thomas C. Motte,
William Beener,
Daniel James Warner,
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Joseph Cook,
Benjam Mathews,
Wm. Anderson,
Petter Boyd,
Elton Bovas,
T. P. Pritchard,
Syras Woods,
Jenkins Pennol,
Charles Prehan,
George Manily,
Charles Ed Mathing,
Rev. William C. Trevan,
A. E. Jackson,
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Hannah Mathing,
Magrit Stuard,
Elen Anderson,
Dolley Loyas,
Deborah Pritchard,
Catharina Clark,
Margaret Boyd,
Jane Outlaw,
Rebecca Clark,

N. B. The above named persons are all colored citizens of Muscatine, State of Iowa.

Abe Clark.

MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL.

The foremost lady of the race is Mrs. Mary Church Terrell of Washington, D. C., who is a member of the public school board. She is one of the best scholars of our race and the most eloquent lady platform speaker in the United States. She was born in Tennessee, attended Oberlin college, where she graduated. Organizer of National Association of Colored Women of America. Was its president for three years. She is employed by the great lecture bureaus.

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CLIPPINGS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE RACE.

NEGRO PROPERTY OWNERS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Richard R. Wright, Jr., in the Hampton Southern Workman.

The Negroes of Philadelphia own 802 pieces of property valued at $2,438,675, which is an average of about $3,040 each. The largest number of properties are valued between $1,000 and $3,000 and nearly three-fourths of them are $3,000 and under. The highest single valuation is $28,000 and the lowest a lot for $75. Though the assessed valuation is supposed to approximate as nearly as possible the real value of the property, still, after careful comparison, I am of the opinion that the above represents an investment of between four and a half and five million dollars by the Negroes concerned. Besides the above there are about forty church edifices owned by Negroes valued at from $1,000 to $600,000.

There are many Negroes who own real estate outside of the city. Two are known to the writer to have more than $25,000 worth of real estate in other places, while many others own a lot or small farm outside of Philadelphia. The largest individual Negro property holder in the city owns not less than 23 city houses assessed at from $9,000 to $18,000, and owns property also in New Jersey and Virginia. He was born in Virginia of slave parents, and came to Pennsylvania after he was 21 years of age. He has steadily built up a good business, and amassed a large amount of real estate, besides being financially interested in many of the business and industrial movements among the Negroes of the city.

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Excited Mother During Fire Imperils Infant's Life—Negro Woman Catches Tot and Chicago Firemen Rescue Parent Near Collapse.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—One woman tossed her 18 months old baby out of a third story window and a number of other women were partly overcome by smoke and carried down fire escapes in the Gerald apartment building.

Mrs. M. E. Leffler was in her apartments on the third floor when she discovered the rooms filling with smoke. She seized her baby and ran into the hallway, but the smoke was so thick there that she was unable to go farther. She then ran to the window, opened it, and threw the child out. It was saved from probable death by Mrs. Martha Blackburne, colored, who caught it in her arms.

When Mrs. Leffler realized what she had done she fainted. She was found a few minutes later, by firemen, who carried her down the fire escape.

MULATTO WINS BEAUTY SHOW.

She Surprises Friends of Her White Competitors.

Taylorstown, Pa., Nov. 29.—Edna Mason, a mulatto girl, won the first prize at a beauty show held at a charity bazaar last night. The admirers of her white competitors threaten to expel the entire colored population from the neighborhood.

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ALBIA NEWS.

The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. E. Grayson on Monday. After the business the ladies served lunch.

Mr. Walter Bennings is on the sick list.

The A. M. E. Sunday school has a very nice program for Xmas, consisting of songs and dialogues. Mrs. M. Bell and Miss Nellie Grayson, instructors; Miss Ora Lewis, organist.

Rev. Robinson preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening.

MT PLEASANT NOTES.

Mr. Wesley Greenup, better known as Grandpa Greenup, of Fairfield came down last Saturday for an over Sunday visit with friends. He returned home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wicks entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Reaser entertained at dinner Sunday Miss Beatrice Hedge of Milwaukee, Wis., who is here visiting her parents and Mrs. Charles Watson and daughter, Beatrice.

The Sunday school scholars of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Tuesday evening, the 10th, under the leadership of their superintendent, Miss Ione Mason. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Sunday school treasury to prepare for Christmas, which the little folks are loking forward to.

Messrs. Emanuel Graham, Tracy Hughes and Clifford Cowden of Burlington were over Sunday visitors in our city.

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Mr. Joe Johnson is seriously ill at home.

An interesting musical was given by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Owsley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King and Mr. and Mrs. D. Garnett at the home of Mr. Garnett on Friday evening. [illegible] numbers was rendered, after which light refreshments were served to the guests.

Mrs. Hiram McGill, who has been quite ill, is much improved.

Mrs. M. Davis of Jacksonville spent a short time last week with Mrs. Richard Worthington, Sr.

The Helping Hand club gave their annual apron fair in the parlors of the A. M. E. church Friday evening.

THE CHURCHES

Corinthian Baptist Church corner of Fifteenth and Linden streets. Preaching: at 11 a. m; Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Preaching at 8 p. m. Rev. T. L. Griffith, Pastor

St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock, S. Joe Brown Superintendent; Epworth League at 7 p. m; preaching at 8 p. m. W. S. Brooks pastor.

First African Baptist Church corner School and Fourth streets. Rev. F. Darden pastor Preaching 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school 2:30 p. m.; Mrs. J. T. Griffin Superintendent, Young People's meeting 7 p. m, preaching 8:00 p. m

Burns Chapel M. E. Church Corner of 11th and Crocker Sts.—Church services, preaching at 11 a m and 8 p m; Class and prayer meeting 12 m Sunday; Sunday School 9:30 a m; Epworth League 7 p m Sunday; Prayer and Class meeting every Wednesday 8 p m. J. M. Harris Pastor 846 11th St

Maple Street Baptist Church—Situated on E. Maple between Ninth and Tenth streets. Preaching 11 a m; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. C. C. Cox superintendent Mrs. C. C. Cox 1st Bible teacher, preaching at 8 p m Rev. Samuel Bates, pastor

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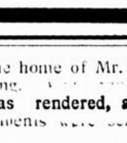

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IN MOURNING WEAR

STIFF SILKS AND CLOTHS NO LONGER FASHIONABLE.

In Their Place Soft Supple Fabrics Are Worn—Black Serge One of the Best Materials Now in General Use.

The introduction of many soft and supple fabrics in place of the stiff silks and cloths of days gone by has entirely revolutionized mourning attire.

Crepe as a trimming is not likely to be taken from its place of honor, while there is no denying that as a trimming it combines admirably with soft fabrics, which are so high in favor nowadays, the new make of crepe being as amenable as the thin fabrics themselves.

The old fashioned glossy crepe, which in times past caused such endless anxiety to its wearer lest its brilliant surface and unimpeachable stiffness should be marred by the first drop of rain and which was apt to assume a depressing rusty look after a short period, has been succeeded by a crepe that will stand the weather and hard wear without showing the effects of either.

Black serge is now included in the list of mourning fabrics, but of as dull a black as possible. A good looking dress could be made up of this material for $10.

The mourning of to-day is exceedingly becoming to young and old. The deep mourning of a few years ago, which consisted of dressing in unrelieved crepe and unbecoming gowns and hats for an indefinite time no longer is considered essential as a mark of respect to the departed, yet mourning is obligatory, and the dressing in crepe necessary to the correctly gowned.

Veiling in dull black is the fashionable material for mourning gowns for indoor wear.

Plaited mousseline de soie and chiffon blouses are fashionable for mourning, and can be made simply or most elaborately trimmed.

The effect must be of dull black, and no white is allowed on the neck or sleeves. A simple, pretty waist of this type can be made for about $6.

While in mourning as much attention is paid to fashions nowadays as in colors, there is one point which must be emphasized and never forgotten—a sorrowing woman attires herself so as to escape the notice of the world at large rather than by incongruous and startling effects to draw attention to herself.

TO WEAR WHEN VISITING.

Effective Costume in the Caprice of Fashion.

Face cloth in a pretty shade of fawn is employed for this dress. The skirt has a plain front breadth; the back and sides have an added piece at the foot, which is trimmed with embroidered galloon.

The blouse jacket is edged with galloon of a wider width, and is strapped with the cloth at each edge; the shoulders are cut with rounded epaulettes which fall over the puffed sleeves; they are edged with galloon and straps of the cloth. The vest and the undersleeves are of tucked spotted net.

Cornflower blue crinoline hat, trimmed with rosettes of spotted tulle and two shaded ostrich feathers.

Materials required: Seven yards 48 inches wide, five yards skirt lining, three yards silk for lining blouse jacket, and galloon according to width.

TO HOLD LINGERIE RIBBONS.

Lawn or Fine Linen Best Material to Use for Bag.

If you like to make fancy bags, but are tired of the useless confections of lace and silk on which so many girls waste their time, make one of those dear little bags for holding lingerie ribbons.

As narrow ribbons are so generally used for lingerie, a bag which will hold the different lengths of ribbons is necessary to keep them from being soiled and creased.

It is made of lawn or fine linen, with a design of buttercups embroidered on it.

When the embroidery is finished a narrow hem is made at each end of the material, feather stitched with yellow silk used for the buttercups, after which two circles of cardboard are covered with lawn and overbanded with together for bottom of bag. Gather an edge of the straight embroidered piece and fasten it to the cardboard circle.

A large brass ring is covered with yellow silk in close buttonhole stitch and the other edge of the embroidered strip is gathered and attached to this.

Through the opening in the side place the ribbon, which can be drawn out when needed through the silk covered ring.

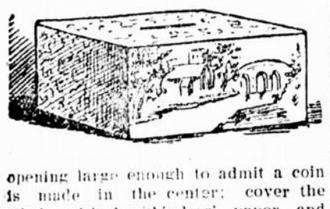
Black and White.

There is a great deal to be said for the black and white toilette. For instance, a beautiful white casino cloak, reaching to the ankles and cut in circular shape, was simply trimmed with a four-inch band of white soutache on black velvet ribbon. There is nothing new about this mixture, but it was extremely effective, and stood out in a crowd, at once proclaiming the wearer to be a well-dressed woman.

HOME-MADE SAVINGS BANK.

Easily Constructetd from a Disused Cigar Box.

A good use to which an old cigar box may be put is shown here; one of the smaller boxes that are almost square should be chosen. The lid must be securely glued down, then an



opening large enough to admit a coin is made in the center; cover the whole with bookbinders' paper, and paste a picture of some kind on the front; the top may also be ornamented with flowers, either painted or glued on. It will be quite an easy matter at any time to unfasten the lid.

Chic Touches of Ribbon.

There is no end to the varied use of ribbon. Sashes, it seems, were never so much worn as now. Usually they are disposed with long ends and tied a little to one side of the back or front. Nearly all the skirts seen at the autumn opening of a great Rue de la Paix house were fastened at one side of the back. It was odd, but really attractive. The fastening was perfectly obvious and ornamented with buttons, bows of ribbon, or little passementerie ornaments, to cover the space of six or seven inches necessary for the opening.

FOR THE CHANGEABLE SILKS.

Make Good Foundation Covered with Shimmering Material.

Where to place the changeable silk looked like a problem, until it was discovered that it gave a beautiful effect as a foundation when covered with some shimmering white material. It has a beautiful effect with white which makes the outer garment richer in appearance. A good changeable silk which is splendid for foundation purposes is a mingled color of gray and pink. The gray must be almost white, which reflects a pinkish tone; steel blue and pink is pretty, while Copenhagen blue and silver is extremely handsome. Only very light tints should be worn with white, though ruby and plum is a lovely shade to wear under a black net dress. Cream and yellow is a rich color for the foundation to a white mousseline, and when the outer garment is richly ornamented with wide lace insertion and large medallions on the flounce, the openwork is picturesque in shadowing the uncertain yellow tinge beneath.

A Rare Get-Up.

A large black satin hat worn at a club reception had a chinchilla crown and a lovely drapery of old lace falling over the brim, while at the side was a bow of old-world embroidery in dead colorings. It was worn with a chinchilla and lace stole and muff with a great festoon of lace at one side, and last, but not least, on the muff and corsage were clusters of dahlias. The frock itself was of geranium blue cloth and the combination of colors was exquisite.

Trio of Fashion Hints.

Broad bands of cretonne veiled with chiffon are used by Paris designers as trimmings on foundation skirts of handsome net and lace costumes.

Black spangled trimmings in novel effects will be popular for silk gowns this season. Black passementeries in new designs are also shown.

Owing to the somber colors of many of the new materials and the mixture of black in many fancy fabrics, black trimming will be used greatly.

Capt. Riley was intently watching from his net-loft window the approach of his biggest fishing tug, the Alice Riley. Even in the inner harbor she was pitching and rolling in the December seas and was sheathed in ice from bobbing timber head to the overhang aft.

"Not a boxful, not one," he groaned, seeing the nested fish boxes still lashed to the deckhouse roof. "But the boys 'll get their pay, somehow; they'll get it, if I have to slap a mortgage on all the outfit." No one else should know it, but the truth was Christmas cheer was not in Capt. Riley's heart as he turned gravely to the twine-reeling he had busied himself with since he broke his ankle and Billy Noonan had proudly taken out the Alice Riley, the most powerful tug that fished off Skilligalee in the Straits of Mackinac.

The tug tied up to the dock with a bump, there was some shouting, heavy footsteps clumping on the icy wharf, then up the shaky stairs and the door flew open letting in a blast of raw north wind and an ice-coated being in oil skins who presently shed his chrysalis and became a crestfallen skipper, a curly-haired, alert young fellow, who almost hugged the roaring stove, for he was drenched and shivering.

"Not a pound, cap'n," was his greeting. "Breezed up so we couldn't touch the nets," he added.

"Old Michigan must be cuttin' up considerable," the old man answered cheerily. "Never mind, boy, ye'll get 'em next time."

But Billy Noonan knew how bad the fishing had been all year, and could figure as well as his employer how bad matters must be. Not a man of them

Got a Line to Her.

all but loved the grizzled old man, and marveled at him, for he knew the lake bottom from Point Betsie to the great log rollway that scarred the bluffs north of Waugoshance light, as most men know dry land. Billy Noonan, however, also loved the old captain's daughter, Mary, and had hoped—how he had hoped!—to bring in a big catch of whitefish when he was given the big tug to lift the last nets of the year. Now a lean Christmas, a very lean Christmas, seemed certain in the Riley home—a home for all homeless lads at Christmas time. Mary's laugh had been infrequent of late and her merriment had been forced.

Here she was herself in the doorway as the crew clumped in. "Billy Noonan," she called, "don't you know you'll swamp the tug with the fish jammed to the gunwalls, so?" There was a note in her raillery that cut him to the quick. How queenly she was, this straight, blue-eyed brunette, wrapped in the captain's oilskins, flushed from facing the storm!

Billy Noonan lay awake that night, notwithstanding the long day at the wheel of the lurching tug. Through his window he stared out at the blackness, and he listened to the wailing wind; wailing, it seemed to him, complaint at the year of misfortunes and pitiful catches of fish, wailing complaint at the wages and prices of fish fixed by the union that made the lot of Capt. Riley so hard in an "off" year. Far out on the Charlevoix pier no white light shone, up and down the angry lake the lighthouses and light ships were nowhere else on watch the fog signals were silent, although belated barges still stumbled up and down the lake. Suddenly a flash in the north, and another and another, the flash of rockets, brought him out of bed.

"This side o' Waugoshance, about White Shoals," he calculated. "Bad place with this wind."

He shook his bed-fellow, Kelly, the fireman, and finally roused him.

"Get out Kell, someone's in trouble near the straits and maybe the Alice Riley can get a line to her first." Kelly knew what that would mean, at least $400 a day for "the old man," and he knew the need.

Everyone said the Alice Riley had an uncommon crew; two hours later the tug's whistle blew four booming blasts in the darkness—"strong ahead"—and five more that were Billy's fare well to Mary if she was awake—or cared. She saw from her bedroom window the tug steam through the channel, sparks flying weirdly in the wind, out to the open lake where no light shone to mark the way for the 30 miles of desperate tussle with waves that now at times buried the very deckhouse roof. Again the five short blasts as the starboard light turned north beyond the pier, then was gone.

"Here's hopin'," growled Billy as he whirled the wheel over. He was hanging on grimly, for at times the tug stood about on end. A sea smashed one of the pilot-house windows and he fixed it as best he could by the dim binnacle light. He lashed the wheel to a course two points east of north. In the blackness he could see only the white crests of waves. The panting of the tug's exhaust told him Kelly was stoking like a fiend and that O'Neil was squeezing the last ounce out of his big engine, 16 square. Ahead was blackness, the maddened waters and the infrequent flash of rockets.

It was still dark when Billy saw, as the tug topped a great wave, a ship's light ahead twinkle a moment where the whitecaps marked White Shoals. At dawn he had a line to the derelict and the great seven-inch hauser was going to her overside; an hour later they were fast by the forward towing post. It would be easy in such a sea to trip on the hauser and "turn turtle," or to be snatched by a great wave and have the hauser break. The barge on the shoal was an ore freighter loaded to the water's edge, a heavy tow.

With his hand on the bell cord to signal to O'Neil, Billy muttered: "Here's for Mary and better—"

He rang, the engines started, then, crash! Billy's Christmas wishes were cut short; the tow post was gone and water poured into the hole in torrents. It was hours later when they got that hauser again, when the tug's hoarse whistle roared, "All right," and the bellow of the stranded barge replied. It was dreary work and Billy and the crew were gaunt with hunger and weariness.

Again slowly in the teeth of the wind they went ahead, jerked tremendously at intervals when the waves snatched the tow. When they were getting into deeper water O'Neil's engines suddenly stopped, and ten minutes later the barge had drifted back to the shoal. The eccentric had slipped; the tug was but driftwood; bad business in such a sea.

Billy Noonan and O'Neil kept her afloat someway, and all the time Billy, still clutching the wheel, was muttering of Mary and Christmas; he had strange vagaries, but was still sane as a skipper. When at last the frantic hammering in the engine room ceased, near evening of the next day, they were still near to the barge that was pounding on the shoals. The sun broke through the clouds, a red sun near to setting beyond the tossing waters, the sunset of Christmas eve.

It was never clear how they got the slow steel barge to move so fast once they got her off again. But in the midnight hours when St. Nick, Kris Kringel and all the Christmas fairies were abroad on land, when the last embers of the yule logs smouldered cozily under lines of stockings in many, many homes, the Alice Riley's deep whistle sounded off the Charlevoix pier. Capt. Riley still sat before his fireplace, waiting hopefully—as was his nature. But for the hundredth time he looked about the room at Mary's pitiful efforts at Christmas decorations. Suddenly he heard, faint but unmistakable, the bass call of the Alice Riley.

Instantly he picked up his crutch and rapped on the door of Mary's room. So quickly did she appear, suspiciously red-eyed but smiling, she must have been awake, too.

"Listen," he cried, holding up his hand.

Boo-oo-oom, boooo-oom, boo-oo-oom! "All right!"

Again, deep, full and growing less faint, the whistle sounded, "All right."

"That means a Christmas for all of us Mary, in spite of the fish!"

Then there came a succession of short, sharp toots and the captain stared perplexed. With a twinkle he turned to Mary.

"Do you know what that means, Mary?" he asked.

She flushed crimson, but before she put her arms about her father with a hug that he understood she flashed her answer from the bow window with a lamp. The captain, smiling, for a long time sat looking at a picture over the mantel, the picture of her mother. "Merry Christmas," he said to the picture, very softly. "I knew it would come."

Billy brought it—and Billy had it, an unforgetable Christmas—with the Riley's. When at last he "rolled in" with Kelly, the fireman would have his joke—he called it "Mary Christmas."

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The Season's Appeal.

Christmas comes once more with its annual appeal for hospitality, hospitality for all that is sweet and tender, natural and human, gentle and child-like. Let us heed its appeal and make room in our hearts, our lives and our world—room for the Christmas spirit, room for the child-like temper, room for the love of God and the love of man. Let this be our prayer to-day to the Incarnate Love:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.

Life's Real Mercies.

Life is a long Christmas stocking. We cannot see the bottom of it, nor reach our presents, save as one by one we take them from the top. Thank God for the gifts that bulge out at the top, the commonplace mercies we have learned to expect. And thank Him most of all that when we have reached down as far as we can there is room for some other little blessing, hidden away in the toe, perhaps the choicest little gift of all, which we nearly overlooked.

An Old English Custom.

The old country Englishman never fails to unbar his door at 12 o'clock New Year's eve to let the old year out and the new year in.

BENEATH the SPRAY of MISTLETOE

BY WILBUR D. NESBIT

Beneath the spray of mistletoe
The comely damsel stands,
Her hair is of a golden glow
In careless, curling strands—
She ties it with a satin bow
Held in her shapely hands.

The firelight flickers on the wall;
The shadows quaintly weave
Odd patterns that arise and fall;
She fidgets with her sleeve
And prinks her ribbons one and all—
This daughter fair of Eve.

In truth she is a lovely sight,
Her cheek is like the rose,
Her brow as ivory is white,
Patrician is her nose,
Her eye is blue with heaven's light;
She holds a queenly pose.

A young man passing by the door
Looks in and sees her there;
He tiptoes lightly o'er the floor—
Each man of us would dare
Do even this, and even more
For she is passing fair!

He points above her sunny head,
She looks up with a smile.
(The young man it may well be said,
Is well equipped with guile.)
Her lips are rately curved, and red,
And purse in tempting style.

He puts his arm about her waist—
And she does not resist!
And then, in sudden, ardent haste,
The damsel fair is kissed!
Ah, luscious smack and honeyed taste
That he would not have missed!

And now she gazes in surprise—
Is she surcharged with ire?
The gleam within her azure eyes—
Is that from anger's fire?
Will she with wrathful rousing cries
Call forth her sturdy sire?

Ah, no! She laughs! Her dimples rare
In merriment appear.
She tosses one stray strand of hair
Behind her shapely ear.
She says: "Why, 'tis but smilax there
Upon the chandelier!"

Beneath the seeming mistletoe
The damsel stands, and then
The bashful and repentant beau
Behaves as honest men
Should do; he takes the kiss you know,
And puts it back again!

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All One in Christ.

The coming of Christ gave emphasis to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The great principle of Christianity stands out prominently in contradiction to many of the noblest principles of heathendom. Race prejudices ran through all peoples and amongst all tongues, but when Christ came he taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He taught that God is no respecter of persons. He made the poor as well as the rich his disciples. He dined with the publicans and sinners, as well as with priests and noblemen. He commanded that the Gospel be preached to every creature. His church today is a living witness that there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Greek nor Jew, for we are all one in Christ.

His New Year's Resolve.

Fred—Jack is going to give up smoking on New Year's.

Tom—Oh, he can never quit tobacco.

Fred—Yes; he's got a great scheme. Just before making the resolution he's going to smoke one of those cigars his wife gave him for Christmas.—Judge.

His Popularity.

At Christmas Santa Claus is the only attraction that plays to a full house.

$10 THE WHY $10
No Higher No Lower
316 Sixth Ave.

A $2.50 Hat Given Away Absolutely FREE

Our Eastern buyer, ever on the alert for good things, again succeeded in a clean-up of an overstocked New York clothing manufacturer, consisting of 425 Men's and Youths' Overcoats and Cravenettes. The material cannot be duplicated at any store from $13.50, $15.00 up to $18.00, all colors, lengths and fabrics. These have been placed in addition to our large variety of SUITS and CRAVENETTES at the usual "Why" price of

$10

To move these quickly so that our buyer can take advantage of more "snaps" he has in view, we will GIVE AWAY FREE---while they last---with any purchase a $2.50 Hat in all popular Fall shapes and colors. As the quantity of these is limited to 300 Hats, delay means to lose the opportunity.

Grant Van Horn's
Jeweler and Optician
Christmas Cost Sale

We decided our stock of Jewelry, Watches, Diamonds, Clocks, Cut Glass and Silverware was far too large, and we also came to the conclusion we had too little room for our business!

Optical Business

The result is we are reducing our stock by offering everything at or below cost. Are you looking for snaps for Christmas presents? Well, we're honest in this sale and you will find it just as we tell you.

Everything Goes at or Below Cost
FOR INSTANCE THESE

Seth Thomas Alarm Clock	98c
American Alarm Clock	73c
$5.00 Gold Filled Bracelet	$2.98
Iowa Souvenir Spoons, up from	75c
Mantel House Clocks, up from	$1.90
Gold Filled Cuff Buttons, up from	50c

50 PER CENT OFF ALL CUT GLASS.

Open evenings until 9 o'clock.

We cordially invite you to attend the Cost Sale whether you buy or not.

Let Us Be Your Waiter

We never tire of helping others when they ask for good job printing. We can tickle the most exacting typographic appetite. People who have partaken of our excellent service come back for a second serving. Our prices are the most reasonable, too, and you can always depend on us giving your orders the most prompt and careful attention. Call at this office and look over our samples.

THAT SWEET CHILD.

"You'll be too old to sit on people's nees soon, Dolly."

"Oh, no, I won't, auntie! I'm not lf as old as sister and she sits on Wilson's knee. I'm never going be too old for that sort of thing!"

BLACK, ITCHING SPOTS ON FACE.

Physician Called It Eczema in Worst Form—Patient Despaired of Cure—Cuticura Remedies Cured Her.

"About four years ago I was afflicted th black splotches all over my face d a few covering my body, which duced a severe itching irritation, d which caused me a great deal of fering, to such an extent that I was ced to call in two of the leading ysicians of ———. After a thorough amination of the dreaded complaint y announced it to be skin eczema the worst form. Their treatment d me no good. Finally I became deendent and decided to discontinue ir services. My husband purchased ngle set of the Cuticura Remedies, ich entirely stopped the breaking . I continued the use of the Cuti-a Remedies for six months, and er that ever splotch was entirely ne. I have not felt a symptom of e eczema since, which was three rs ago. Mrs. Lizzie E. Sledge, 540 nes Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905."

Ways of William Penn.

Simeon Ford recently said at a ban-t in the course of a eulogy on Wil-m Penn:

"Penn was a man of peace and al-ys got the biggest one. He be-ved in doing right by the Indians, d when he did them he did them st.

"The Puritans extinguished the In-an title by the simple expedient of tinguishing the Indian; but the ns Penn, instead of shooting them, them half shot, and accomplished same result. Hence the saying, 'Pen is mighter than the sword.'"

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine d goods when new, owe much of ir attractiveness to the way they laundered, this being done in a nner to enhance their textile beau Hope laundering would be equal satisfactory if proper attention was n to starching, the first essentia ng good Starch, which has sufficient ength to stiffen, without thickening goods. Try Defiance Starch anc will be pleasantly surprised at the proved appearance of your work.

Femininity.

"Please hold up your hands!"

Then the pedestrian heard the form request he knew the woman foot d was upon him.

"I'd much rather have yours to d," he responded, gallantly.

"Well, I must say you are a rude an," she rejoined, and lowered her apon, thus closing the incident.

Husky Bee.

"Ah! the old days!" sighed Granger ere's that old poem about husking es. I always did like that."

"Husking bees?" queried Townley. hat do you mean?"

"Weren't you ever in the country ring the season of husking bees?"

"No. I never heard of anybody husk a bee!"

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for fants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Cruel.

"Boo, hoo!"

"What's the matter, John?"

"Got caught stealin' apples at Mr nd's."

"Did he thrash you?"

"No; made me eat the apples. Boo oo-hoo!"

Those Delicious Lemon Pies.

The kind that "make your mouth wa-are easily made with no fussing and least possible expense if you use "OUR-" Preparation. Don't hesitate. Try it tell your friends. At grocers. 10 cents. ybody is pleased with "OUR-PIE."

A good many men who get credit being close-mouthed are in reality lazy to talk.

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Get full value, ship to the old reliable W. Hide & Fur Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Whenever you see a man in distress ognize in him your fellow man.—ssen.

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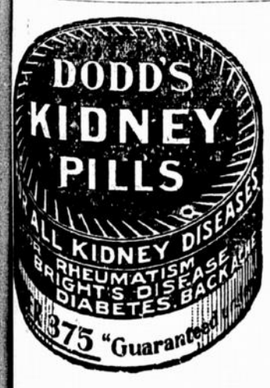
When a man is full he isn't fully ponsible.



Washington Gossip

Interesting Bits of News Picked Up Here and There at the National Capital

CONGRESS MEETS AGAIN; SOME OLD FACES GONE

WASHINGTON.—Once again is congress in session and prepared to enact laws for the people. Several new faces are seen. The new members are eager for the novelty of the thing and thinking in their hearts that the novelty is wear-proof. The new ones will be a tired enough lot before the heraticas peep in the spring. Also they will be a somewhat sorry lot before the sounding of the Christmas chimes, for the new member in Washington is not as the new member at home; his greatness dwindleth and his glory diminisheth.

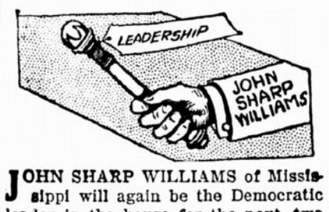
There are more Democrats with us to-day than there were a year ago. Two score of more or less faithful Republicans found that their constituents liked them as neighbors the year through and so kept them at home. It is always best, perhaps, to trust to the soundness of judgment of a man's neighbor, but Washington is grieving over the absence of some of those who made picturesque the legislative winter.

There are always picturesque ones among the newcomers, but it takes time to make pertinent their picturesqueness, and to overcome the resentment which the galleries feel that any constituency in the country should have the effrontery to rob them of their floor favorites.

It is entirely probable that some one can be found to fill the legislative place in congress of Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor of Ohio, but it will be hard to find anyone to fill "Old Figgers'" place in the public eye.

No one will miss Gen. Grosvenor more than will Champ Clark of Missouri. Grosvenor is a standpatter of such stength that the standpat Cannon sits abashed in his presence. Mr. Clark is a free trader so sturdy that the other strong ones are weaklings; but nevertheless these two tariff extremes have met in a friendship in a double sense unfathomable.

The twain have fought for years on the floor of the house to leave it arm in arm, but now they will fight on the floor no longer, for Grosvenor, with his "figgers," his white beard, his white suit (in summer) has gone away.



JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS TO AGAIN LEAD DEMOCRATS

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS of Mississippi will again be the Democratic leader in the house for the next two years. With Williams as the leader the Democrats will go along as they have gone along under his leadership in the past, rowing occasionally among themselves and not infrequently getting bitterly angry with their leader, but in the end submitting and following the Mississippian as submissively as they have followed him at the outset.

There are Democrats who hold that DeArmond of Missouri is an abler man than Mr. Williams. He certainly is an abler lawyer, but the man from Mississippi knows the arts and sciences as few mere laymen know them, and the books that he hasn't read are unread of most men.

DeArmond concluded with extreme wisdom, so opinion goes, not to contest the Democratic leadership with John Sharp Williams of Mississippi. Mr. DeArmond is grave, retiring and taciturn. However, he is not at all retiring when some one is needed on the Democratic firing line. He won't be the leader this year, and, though probably his hopes are high, it seems extremely likely that he won't be the leader when the Mississippian retires from the house two years hence.

John Sharp Williams, so it is said, is bent on having two years in which to study and "rest up" before he enters the United States senate. Senator Money's term does not expire until 1911, when Representative Williams will take his place in the upper house.

HARLAN NOT YET READY TO LEAVE SUPREME BENCH

JOHN MARSHALL HARLAN, associate justice of the supreme court, father of Interstate Commerce Commissioner James S. Harlan, Dr. Richard Harlan of Chicago, the other day completed 30 years' service upon the highest judicial bench in this country. Although Justice Harlan has reached the age of 74, or four years beyond the voluntary retiring period, physically and mentally he is well preserved and from choice will remain upon the bench several years more.

Six feet two in height, with the erectness and vigor of a much younger man, Justice Harlan smiled kindly when asked concerning his plans of retirement, and said he had nothing to add to his statement made when last questioned on the subject. At that time he said that he had made no definite plan. He could have retired on full pay on June 1, 1903. He has been tempted to retire by the thought that, free from his judicial duties, he could give his undivided time to the completion of certain work he has in hand. He is deterred, however, by the thought that a change in his accustomed work might shorten his life. He is most happy in the discharge of his present duties, and unless prevailed upon by his sons he is likely to die in harness.

Justice Harlan received his early education in Kentucky, where he was born. In 1861 he removed to Louisville to enjoy a broader field in the practice of his chosen profession. With the outbreak of the war he raised a regiment and became colonel. After 15 months' service in the union army, upon the death of his father he returned home. In 1871 and again in 1875 he was the Republican candidate for governor of Kentucky. In 1876 he was at the head of the Kentucky delegation to the Republican national convention, and it was by his effort that Hayes was nominated for president. He caused the name of Bristow to be withdrawn and directed the vote of the Kentucky delegation to Hayes. This move caused Blaine's defeat by 17 votes. A few months after Hayes' inauguration Justice Harlan was appointed to the supreme bench.

CHAMPION RIFLE SHOT IS MADE AID TO PRESIDENT

LIEUT. THOMAS HOLCOMB, JR., of the marine corps, has been appointed to the position of aid to the president. This marine officer is the champion rifle shot of the world, a fact which almost unquestionably won him the White House place.

It is not at all without the range of possibilities that President Roosevelt will take his new aid down into Virginia with him some day and there attempt to beat him at target practice.

It may interest sportsmen and some people who are not sportsmen to know that the president keeps a record of his hits and misses when he is in the field after big game. It is an accurate record and no miss is omitted, no matter how hard the shot was or how hard were the conditions of shooting.

Mr. Roosevelt says that he has met gunners who would say: "Well, I got three out of five 'to-day,' when in reality they had done nothing of the kind. The president doesn't charge men of this kind with telling falsehoods, for he states simply that they eliminate from the reckoning certain misses which because of the extreme difficulties of the case were not to be accounted as misses.

The tendency of some sportsmen, according to the president's view, is to count as chances only those in which there was a perfectly fair prospect of hitting the game. A quick shot at a deer disappearing at a bound into the forest at a distance of 150 or 200 yards is not counted as a miss at all times by all sportsmen.

The president's record, however, takes account of all missing misadventures, and as a result his list of hits is not so formidable as are the lists of hits of some others—that is, formidable in comparison to the number of misses. Mr. Roosevelt is accounted a good rifle shot. He doubtless knows he can't beat Lieut. Holcomb, but that they will shoot against each other there is no doubt at all.

Verbal Play.

"Gosh, but I'm jist teetotally played out!" exclaimed the hired man, as he threw himself down in the shade of the old apple tree.

"I reckon, mebby, yew air, by grass!" rejoined the old farmer. "Ennyway, I never knowed yew to hurt yoreself a workin'."—Chicago Daily News.

Not Stinting.

Social Preceptor—In order to succeed in society, my dear Mr. Comeup, and to get the fashionable world to come to your dinners, you must have plenty of savoir faire—

Social Parvenue—Well, I guess I got money enough to pay for all I want. Just order it for me in bulk.—Baltimore American.

Good Catch.

Eva—If a young man should come down the road?

Katharine (with camera)—I should snap him.

Eva—Suppose a real handsome young man should come down the road?

Katharine—Oh, then I should snap him up.—Chicago Daily News.

'Phone Message to Santa Claus

By JOE ANDERSON NORRIS.

THE toy telephone cost the munificent sum of five cents. The little green wire just reached from the red mouth of the boy of four to his ear. It was necessary to stretch it a little for an adult. There were, of course, no wires from it going anywhere.

The gentleman sat waiting for the lady to put on her hat to go out to dinner with him. The room was lighted by a big candle in a tall brass candlestick. The boy had lighted the candle for his own amusement. The man sat in a big rocking chair near the candle, the boy in his lap, playing with the man's watch, which was large, enticing and made up largely of silver and a few baser metals.

"Do you want this watch?" he asked the boy. Then in an aside to the woman: "I've a great notion to give it to him. It won't run."

"I should say I do," exclaimed the boy.

"If you'll be good," said the man, "I'll give it to you Christmas."

"I'll be good," promised the boy.

"Well, then," said the man, "I'll bring it myself, or say, better let Santa Claus bring it. Where's that telephone? Here!" he said, taking up the toy instrument; "I'll just ring up Santa and tell him about it. Hello, Central. Yes. Is that you, Central? Give me 338, Iceland, please.

"Hello, hello! Is this 338, Iceland? Yes. Call Santa Claus, if you please. Tell him I'd like to speak with him. All right. Busy, is he? I'll wait."

The boy stood by in the light of the candle.

"I reckon he's pretty busy about this time," said he.

"Hello," called the man. "Is that you, Santa Claus? Good. How are you, Santa? That's fine. I want you to do a little something for me Christmas morning. There's a big silver watch I want a little boy to have, but I live in Brooklyn. That's too far to bring it to him Christmas morning. He lives in New York. This is what I want you to do, Santa. Stop at my place, get the watch and bring it to the little boy who lives here in New York. You will? Thank you, Santa. All right. Good-by.

"There," to the boy, as he put down the telephone, "that's settled. Are you ready?" to the woman. "Bring me my overcoat, will you, Kiddie?"

The boy sprang down from his lap and brought the overcoat, a heavyweight for his smallness. He laid it in his lap, then deliberately blew out the big candle and taking up two fingerfuls of the warm grease, smeared it on the overcoat.

"Well, look at this!" cried the man. "He has deliberately and with malice aforethought smeared grease on my new overcoat. He has ruined it. I wish you would come here and look!"

The woman ran in and turned up the gas.

"Terrible!" she cried. "What made him do it? It is something you might expect of a little tough, but of a boy we are trying to bring up decently—" and she tried to wring the heart of the boy into something like repentance by reproachful looks as he stood silently by.

"And he had promised to be good," lamented the man.

"It isn't time yet to be good," the boy maintained stoutly; "it's too long before Christmas."

The man took up the toy telephone with an air of finality.

"Is that you, Central?" he asked, sternly. "Good. Well, I wish you would ring up Santa Claus for me again, please, I wish to speak to him."

"Is this 338, Iceland? Please let me have Santa Claus again, will you? Thank you. This Santa Claus? Well, Santa, about that large silver watch I told you about a few minutes ago. The one I want you to call for in Brooklyn and bring over to New York to the boy on Fifteenth street. You needn't bother about that watch, Santa Claus. I have concluded not to give it to the boy. Why? Oh, he's bad. That's all. He does things that haven't any sense in them. Just now, after I had gone to all the trouble to call you up on the long distance 'phone to ask you about bringing the watch, he deliberately ruined my new overcoat. Took some candle grease and smeared it with it. Yes, it is a pity. But it can't be helped. A boy must not be encouraged in such behavior."

The boy seemed to be thinking hard as he stood by, but he said nothing.

"I think," volunteered the woman, "that I can take out the grease with a hot iron. I have put one on. I will lay a blotter on the coat and the grease will come off on the blotter when I put the iron on it. Come in the kitchen and help me."

The blotter and the hot iron had the desired effect. She held the coat up to the light triumphantly.

The man carried the coat to the door of the music room in which the tragedy had occurred, says the New York Press. They stopped at the door, for the boy's voice had come to them softly. He stood at the table, the toy telephone to his ear.

"Is this you, Central?" he asked, wistfully. "Yes. Good! Will you give me 338, Iceland, if you please. Thank you, Central."

"Isn't he polite?" the woman whispered to the man.

"Is that you Santa Claus?" asked the boy at the telephone. "Good! Well, Santa, I'd like to tell you that you needn't pay any attention to the last message the man from Brooklyn sent you about that silver watch. They've got the grease out of the overcoat."

A TERRIBLE CONDITION.

Tortured by Sharp Twinges, Shooting Pains and Dizziness.

Hiram Center, 618 South Oak Street, Lake City, Minn., says: "I was so bad with kidney trouble that I could not straighten up after stooping without sharp pains shooting through my back. I had dizzy spells, was nervous and my eyesight was affected. The kidney secretions were irregular and too frequent. I was in a terrible condition, but Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I have enjoyed perfect health since."

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Would Not Compromise.

A German traveler who tried to pass a meal ticket on the train was told by the conductor that he would have to pay the regulation fare of 35 cents. The German argued and refused to pay more than 25 cents, whereupon the conductor stopped the train and put him off.

In a twinkling the traveler ran ahead of the engine and started to walk on the track. The engineer blew his whistle violently, but the irate German turned, shook his fist and called out: "You can vissle all you vant to; I won't come pack.'—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Ma—Goodness gracious! What did you say?

Pa—I said: "You are getting on fast, young man." And what answer do you suppose he made me?

Ma—Dear knows! What did he say?

Pa—He said: "Well, I'm holding my own."

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Wise is he who kicks only at the things that can't kick back.

NASTY.

He—Do you think glasses would make me look more intellectual?

She—Well, if I were you I'd try them. They certainly couldn't hurt any.

Good Workers Illy Rewarded.

Sweynheym and Pannartz, the two Germans who were the first to print books in Rome, used paper and types of excellent quality. Their ink on pages printed more than 400 years ago can vie in blackness with the best of the present day. Yet with all their labors they often lacked bread. In a petition to the pope they informed his holiness that their house was full of proof sheets, but they had nothing to eat.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Probably.

"I've just been thinking," said Willieboy.

"Thinking what?" demanded Sillman, to whom the idea of Willieboy's thinking was somewhat disconcerting.

"That in Adam's case it must have been a real re-leaf to change his clothes," said Willieboy.—Harper's Weekly.

Baseball in Arizona.

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RACE ECHOES.

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Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 24.—Fire destroyed the main building of the State Agricultural and Normal university at Langston today. The loss is $35,000, with insurance of $32,000. Langston is inhabited solely by Negroes. The university was established here ten years ago. Nearly five hundred students are enrolled. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin, resulting from the bitter Jim Crow fight.

From the gold fields of far off Nome Mrs. J. B. Verden, a former East Des Moines colored woman, has returned, after an absence of thirteen years. She drove directly to her home, an humble cottage at 1108 Fremont street, which she had left a poor girl, to return a woman of wealth. Mrs. Verden conducted hotels in the Yukon country while others mined breathlessly for gold. She charged miners $190 a month for meals alone, but she was obliged to pay as high as 78 cents a pound for meat. She saved enough to invest in mines and her fortune was founded. Mrs. Verden returns to Des Moines to make her aged father, Henry Bell, comfortable. Other members of the family have died in the long absence.

RACE ECHOES.

Many Negroes are leaving Georgia, Florida and Alabama, going to the far west.

William S. Rogers, an Afro-American of Xenia, Ohio, has been elected member of the city council in that city for two years. His associates are all white.

W. A. Calhoun, a colored musical director at the new opera house at Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Calhound has appeared in piano recitals for the white Y. M. C. A. of that city, and also at the German Ratskeller, and was received with much favor.

W. Walter Hall, a former student of the Baltimore Normal School and graduate of the class of 1906, has been awarded a scholarship at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. It is said this is the first scholarship ever awarded a colored student by this college. Mr. Hall won the Harrison prize for the second year, and the Cushing gold medal for the third year.

For the eighth time William Tillman, Clarksburg, W. Va., aged seventy-five years, has taken a bride, his last matrimonial venture being with Mandy Walker, aged eighty-eight years, who had been married three times before. The ceremony was performed on the front steps of the court house at Clarksburg, by Rev. George T. Smith, in the presence of a large throng. A big wedding reception followed at their home, hundreds of white and colored people attending.

Among the white northern colleges Negroes have been graduated from Amherst, 9; Bates, 20; Brown, 9; Boston, 10; Bucknell, 11; Cornell, 14; Crosby, 7; Colgate, 17; Chicago, 7; Dartmouth, 12; Denison, 4; Harvard, 8; Hamilton, 10; Michigan, 20; Rochester, 12; Vassar, 5; Yale, 14. There have been graduates also from State universities in Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota. The largest number from any northern college is 128, from Oberlin.

Dr. Raul P. Diaz, director of rural schools in the Argentine Republic, and Mr. Henry W. Crees of the Birmingham University club, Birmingham, England, spent four or five days at the school, last week, studying its various departments and especially the Children's House and the rural schools of the immediate neighborhood. Dr. Diaz has a commission from the Argentine Republic, covering two years, during which time he is to visit and study the rural schools of America, England, France and Germany, the idea being to build up a first class system of schools for the children of the South American republic.

M. Legitimus, a Negro from Guadeloupe, has been elected a member of the French chamber of deputies in Paris. His parliamentary salary is $3,000 a year.

R. L. Edmunds, a colored boy, is captain of the Boston English high school football team.

There are 25 Negro students enrolled in the high schools and seven in the colleges of Des Moines. The Iowa State university has eight colored students.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 12—Bishop Henry M. Turner, head of the African Methodist Episcopal church; Bishop L. H. Holsey, the senior bishop of the colored M. E. church, and Bishop J. W. Hod, of the African Methodist Zion church, have been authorized by their several denominations to call a council of bishops to meet in Washington February 12, 1908.

It is said those bishops represent through their churches more than 2,000,000 people. Bishops Turner and Holsey are quoted as being quite dissatisfied with the political aspect of the Negro question in Georgia. They claim that it is destroying their churches and that more than 3,000 of their membership have gone west and north since March.

MR. JOHN L. THOMPSON SPOKE AT Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY.

Mr. John L. Thompson, editor of the Bystander, of Des Moines, was the principal speaker at the Y. M. C. A. services Sunday afternoon. Mr. Thompson dwelt at length on people studying the Bible. At the close of his talk a dozen men asked to be remembered in prayer. The men seem to become more interested in the meetings each Sunday.—The Buxton Gazette.

J. F. Grooves, the "Potato King," is considered one of the wealthiest colored men in the country. He owns 2,030 acres of farm land and a large amount of live stock and employs 120 black and white laborers.

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CLARINDA NEWS.

The Woman's Art club met at the home of Mrs. J. Jones and elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. L. Headly; secretary, Mrs. J. L Jones; chaplain, Mrs. A. J. Reed; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. B. Cason; treasurer, Mrs. Dr. W. M. Gipson, after which they proceeded with their work. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. A. J. Reed, after which all the members spoke on the first chapter of Psalm, first verse.

Mrs. Frank Nowling has returned home from a pleasant visit with her mother.

Mrs. Carrie Reed expects to spend New Year's visiting her son, Peercy Lounneur and sister, Rev. Mrs. R. Knight in Sioux City, Iowa.

The Second Baptist church is preparing for a grand concert Xmas. Hope to prove much success.

Revival meeting will begin the first of January at the A. M. E. church.

Mrs. Lizzie Douglas spent all day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cason.

The Woman's club is greatly improving and hope for more success in the next year.

HAPPENINGS AROUND CLINTON.

Miss Esther Taylor is confined to her home on account of illness.

W. A. Emerson is in Chicago, the guest of relatives and friends.

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave an entertainment on Friday evening. Owing to the inclement weather the number of people present was not very large.

M. O. Culberson is again confined to his home by illness.

Arrangements are in hand for the annual Christmas entertainment of the A. M. E. Sunday school.

Jas. W. Cooper spent Sunday in Clinton.

GEORGE L. KNOX.

The above cut is a true likeness of Hon. George L. Knox of Indianapolis, Ind., editor of the Freeman. He was born in Tennessee in 1841, learned the shoemaking trade. In 1862 he joined the union army and bore his part as a soldier in defense of the country that held him as a slave. After the war he settled in Indianapolis and opened a tonsorial shop. Later he purchased the Bates hotel shop, which is said to be one of the finest shops in this country. He is an active republican worker; sent as a delegate to the national republican convention. He was a candidate for congress two years ago.

KEOKUK NOTES.

Mr. Thomas Rush is very ill at his home on Tenth and Franklin street.

The Dorcas Organ Fund society will give an entertainment December 26 at the home of Prof. W. H. Jones, 1123 Concert street. Everyone is cordially invited.

A beautiful Eastern Star pin was presented to Mr. Orange Fields by the members of Electa Chapter No. 46 complimentary to his birthday anniversary. Mr. Field is royal patron of Electa Chapter.

Union lodge No. 1 of A. F. and A. M. met in regular session December 10 and held their election of officers. Harold Ashby was elected W. Master; Wm. Martin, S. Warden; Fielding Johnson, secretary; Charles Goens, treasurer. The installation was held Thursday night, December 19, at Union lodge No. 19, North Fifth street.

The Woman's Loyal club gave a grand reception, at which their gentlemen friends were the guests of honor, on Monday evening, December 9th, at Good Templars hall. The club colors, purple and white, predominated. Flowers were used in profusion, adding greatly to the surroundings. At 8 o'clock Mrs. M. O. Culberson called the club to order, they singing Iowa, Beautiful Land. On roll call the members responded with a quotation. A debate then followed, Resolved, That the Indian has been more beneficial to America than the African. Affirmative, Mrs. M. O. Culberson, Mrs. Hattie Robinson and Miss Minnie Sayles. Negative, Mrs. Charles Thompson, Miss Aline Simpson and Miss Anna Cooper. The affirmative was declared winner, both sides handling the subject creditably. At the conclusion of this part of the evening's pleasures the guests repaired to the dining room, where an elaborate luncheon awaited them. Mrs. M. O. Culberson ,toastmistress, introduced the following persons with toasts: Miss Beason, "Our Fathers"; Mrs. Wm. Allen, "Our Sons"; Mrs. Fred Aikins, "Our Husbands"; Mrs. Emma Scott, "Our Brothers"; Mrs. Emma Heron, "Our Beaux." Responses were made by Messrs. F. P. Aikins, Holland Williams, Ike Robinson and Henry Henderson. At a late hour the evening's pleasures came to an end.

Henry Henderson has accepted a situation with the Clinton Pantorium.

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Monday night, December 23, Union lodge No. 1, A. F and A. M., will give a grand entertainment at Schontens hall, Tenth and Main streets, to which everyone is invited.

Mrs. O. Fields pleasantly entertained twelve gentlemen at a three-course dinner Monday evening, December 16, in honor of Mr. Fields' birthday. The dinner was a surprise. The gentlemen met at the home of Mr. Geo. Kelles and at the appointed hour marched to the home of Mr. Fields. Those present were Messrs. Henry Tebeau, James Adams, H. Woodward, E. Goens, D. W. Anderson, Geo. Kendrick, A. A. Bland, W. H. Jones, Wm. Shortridge, F. Jenkins and Geo. Kelles.

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BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Hamm of Seattle, Washington, is the guest of Mrs. Ellen Morris.

The Art Industrial club met with Mrs. H. Cooper this week. An elegant dinner was served by the hostess.

Mr. Jeffers of Buxton is visiting with Rev. Jackson.

The choir of the A. M. E. church will have a sociable at the residence of the chorister, Mrs. J. Trent, Thursday evening.

Sumner lodge No. 3 held their annual election the first Tuesday this month. O. C. Folks, G. M.; A. L. Drew, S. W.; T. T. Cook, J. W.; W. C. Clark, Sec.; M. Bender, Treas.; C. McGinnis, S. L. Tigg, J. W. [illegible], trustees.

The Lucey Thurman club was entertained by their president, Mrs. Cyrene Trent, this week. The club will give a musical Christmas night at Chubbs hall. All are invited.

Mrs. H. Cooper very pleasantly entertained Rev. Jackson and Mrs. Jeffers at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Graham returned to her home in Keokuk Tuesday.

Mrs. J. F. Trent entertained at luncheon Monday afternoon Mrs. Tenneck of Chicago and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Mabel Cox is on the sick list.

MT. PLEASANT NOTES.

Mr. Wm. Carter of Kewanee, Ill., came in last week for a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. Nellie Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arbuckle returned home from Chicago last Tuesday night, the 9th, after a few months' stay, where he had been working at his trade as stone mason.

Rev. R. Bolden of Burlington preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday evening and Monday evening. He returned Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Albert Homes is still on the sick list. We hope she may soon recover.

Mr. Eugene Patterson left last Friday to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. R. P. Palmer of Clarinda.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burnaugh entertained Mr. Wm. Carter of Kewanee, Ill., at supper last Thursday evening.

The A. M. E. church is progressing nicely with our pastor, D. W. Brown, both spiritually and financially. If we have been lost we have found we still keep our name, Athens of Iowa.

On last Thursday evening, the 12th, one of the most elaborate social events of the season was the reception given at the home of Mrs. Sarah Trimble in honor of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brown. The hostess was assisted in receiving by Rec. D. W. Brown and Miss Myrtle Burnaugh. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. James Wicks, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reed, Mr. and Mrs. George Coleson, Mr. and Mrs. Len Page, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burnaugh and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keith, Mrs. Matilda Atkins, Mrs. Amanda Bartlett, Mrs. Jane Thomson, Mrs. Rena Logan, Mrs. Mary White, Mrs. Melvina Harris, Eugene Patterson, Miss Lizzie Reed and Mr. Fred Kelly. The table was decorated with beautiful white roses. After a three-course supper had been served short but interesting addresses were made by S. H. McCracken, Rev. D. W. Brown and James Wicks. All departed saying they had a most delightful time.

CEDAR RAPIDS.

On last Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. W. L. Warren and Miss Hattie Martin. Rev. W. A. Moore officiating. Both of these young folks are highly esteemed in this city and every one joins us in wishing them a successful and happy life. Mr. and Mrs. Warren will be at home after December 27 at 821 N. Tenth street.

On account of the indisposition of the pastor Rev. Ford filled the pulpit Sunday morning.

After a previous nomination by the pastor the following officers were conferred by the S. S. board Sunday: Superintendent, Mr. D. D. Lowery; assistant superintendent, Mr. E. C. Thomas; secretary, Miss Ruby Forester; treasurer, Mrs. Fanny Hawkins.

Miss Iva Martin has been confined to her home for the past two weeks with a slight illness.

Mrs. W. M. Robinson was hostess for the J. S. Y. club last Wednesday. Subject. Arts and Crafts. After the usual program the guests were served a dainty two-course lunch.

The following officers were installed by the Mt. Olive lodge last Tuesday evening: W. M., William Robinson; S W., William Lavell; J. W., French Perkins; secretary, L. D. Lowery; treasurer, Thomas Jackson.

The Culture club convened last Thursday afternoon at the county residence of Mrs. French Perkins.

The ladies of the club are preparing to have a phantom social on Friday, January 10.

The J. S. Y. will give a leap year social Wednesday evening, January 1. Place to be designated late. Gents put on your best smile and look wise, for the ladies are already on the lookout for company. You know they will treat you royally.

Grand banquet at the Odd Fellows hall Xmas night.

Elder Moore still requests you who have not paid to give in that $1. The rumor that the church debt had been entirely paid is untrue. You who do not believe it consult the trustees and pastor.

Mrs. E. C. Thomas, accompanied by her little grandson, Master Evert Gray, returned Saturday from a pleasant visit with friends in Keokuk.

MOBERLY, MO.

Mrs. Cordel Dickerson of Fayette, Mo., spent a few hours in our city Sunday. She was en route to Columbia, where she is teaching.

Miss Verlie Hubbard of Louisiana passed through Saturday en route to Sedalia to visit her brother, Prof. C. C. Hubbard.

The Knights of Pythias met Tuesday night and elected the following officers: Geo. T. Carr, C. V. M.; Norba Muncie, V. C. C.; E. J. Alexander, M. of exchequer; Joseph Newby, M. of finance; Chas. Bartlette, M. of works; Hubbard Quinn, M. at arms.

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Prof. R. L. Logan passed through our city Sunday, going to Columbia, Mo.

Miss Carrie Johnson is much better today.

Mr. W. C. Carter of Kewanee, Ill., is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Baker.

Prof. James Viley spent a few hours in our city Saturday. He was en route to Jacksonville, Mo.

Prof. A. B. Bolden was called to Yates, Mo., Saturday.

Mrs. Lizzie Turrell is at her post of duty at the Merchants hotel, after a few weeks' illness. Mrs. Turrell is a very fine pastry cook.

We are thankful to Mr. Spencer Johnson, the very efficient cook at the Merchants hotel, for his subscription.

Mrs. W. Henderson and Mrs. Geo. Evans spent Monday with Mrs. Ella Hartly.

The members of White Rose Royal House celebrated their second anniversary Friday night. Mrs. Fannie Coleman and Mrs. Roda Renfro served a very fine turkey to the members.

Mrs. S. T. Pettigrew of Huntsville, the state Excellent Queen, was present and presided over the meeting.

Miss Haskin of Granville, Mo., spent Sunday with her uncle, Grant Chinn, and wife of S. Fourth street.

Mrs. Mattie Varn, who has been in the city at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Ever Kirby, who has been very sick, has again returned to her home in Kansas City.

Mr. George Gabert, a waiter at the Merchants hotel, is very ill at his home on East Reed street.

Master Leslie Foster, who is attending Lincoln school, will spend Xmas in Slater, Mo.

Mrs. Pearl Barton is making arrange to give a grand entertainment at the Fifth Street Baptist church Xmas.

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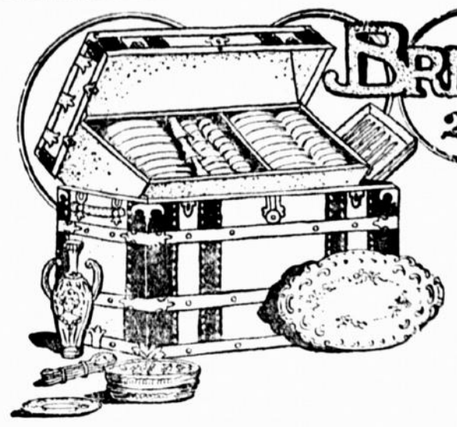

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Chop dishes—$1.40, $2, $2.50 and $3, from $2.75, $4, $5 and $6
Chocolate pots—$1.40 and $2, from $2.75 and $4
Celery trays—90c $1.15 and $1.50, from $1.75, $2.25 and $3
Bread trays—$1.25, from $2.50
Sugar and cream sets—$1 and $1.40 set, from $3 and $4
Spoon trays—75c, $1 and $1.15, from $1.50, $2 and $2.25
Olive dishes—30c and 50c, from 60c and $1

At One-half and Two-thirds Regular Prices:
Salad bowls, 35c, 50c, 75c and $1
Cake plates, 35c and 85c
Chocolate pots, 75c, 85c, $1.25 and $1.50
Cracker jars, 75c and $1
Sets of teapot, sugar and cream 60c
Condensed milk holders 50c
Covered puddings, $1 and $1.25
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Misses' Brook Mink Sets—Large size Muff and Scarf—for $6.50