

PERSONAL POINTERS

Brief Mention of Culverites and Their Friends Who Have Come and Gone

Mrs. S. E. Medbourn returned from Tiffin, O., last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zechiel will spend Christmas at South Bend.

S. C. Shilling visited Indianapolis last week from Thursday to Saturday.

Miss Olive Hayes has returned from South Bend to spend Christmas at home.

Miss Meda Kinzie of near Ober has come to Culver to work for Mrs. Urias Menser.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Romig have gone to Marion for an over-Christmas visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Zechiel will spend Christmas with relatives at Elwood and Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lottie Baker of Bass lake is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Joseph, this week.

Rev. F. B. Walmer entertained his brother, M. H. Walmer of South Haven, from Saturday to Tuesday.

Mrs. Jessie Ritter and daughter of Argos were Saturday and Sunday guests of Mrs. Ritter's sister, Mrs. L. C. Wiseman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stahl will leave Monday for a holiday visit with Mr. Stahl's brother, Rev. J. P. Stahl, at Alliance, O.

Leonard Wilson left for Sulphur Springs, Ark., last Tuesday to be gone a month visiting relatives. The orange crop is now ripening there and Mr. Wilson expects to grow younger by reason of his sojourn among the semi-tropical fruits and flowers.

Comrade J. L. Mosher was in town Friday for the first time since his accident in which he had several ribs broken. He was sitting in a wagon, driving his team and holding the tongue of a riding plow. Going up a hill a lot of pumpkins in the forward end of the wagon box rolled back against his feet, jamming them against the end gate. In stopping the team he thinks he pulled too hard on the lines for the horses commenced backing. The wagon turned one way and the plow the other. With his feet imprisoned among the pumpkins the plow tongue acted as a lever and threw him over the end gate. The hind wheel of the wagon ran over his body and as the horses were beginning to plunge he started them ahead, letting the wheel again pass over him rather than take the chances of worse injury by getting under the horses' feet. The team then ran away, but circled back on the trot near to where the accident occurred. He caught the team and drove to the house but by that time was barely able to get out of the wagon. He was surprised to find that he had kept his pipe between his teeth during the affair and that it had not even gone out.

A Correction.

One little syllable of two letters may make a great deal of difference in stating a fact. This was the case last week when the Citizen published an item stating that David Menser had filed an application to have his brother Joel declared of unsound mind. It should have read sound mind. Joel had previously been adjudged of unsound mind, and the present proceedings are to annul that decision and have his estate restored to him.

Sunday School Convention.

The Marshall county Sunday school convention will be held Feb. 14 and 15.

I have received my stock of rings today. Come in and see them before you buy elsewhere. E. B. Suth-

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

The Children of Culver and Vicinity Make Known Their Wishes.

Dear Santa: I want a foot ball, a knife, a French harp and candy. Frank McLane.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll, a handkerchief, some candy and peanuts. Edna Calhoun.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a horn and a drum and a black horse and a wagon. Jesse Menser.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a pair of skates, a sled, some candy and nuts. Your friend, Roscoe Overmyer.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a dolly, a set of dishes and some candy. Marjory Calhoun.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little girl. I want a doll, some little dishes, candy, bananas and oranges. Your friend, Daisy Stayton.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a music stand, a pair of girl's skates, a gold ring, a gold locket, a gold bracelet and a good story book. Lila W. Kaley.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy. I go to school. Bring me a blue sled and some candy. I want a wagon and oranges and bananas. And a knife. Your little boy, Paul Fairchild.

Dear Santa Claus: Elsie is a good little girl and wants some colored pencils and candy. A story book and a doll. A watch, nuts, oranges and bananas. Your little friend, Elsie Curtis.

Dear Santa Claus: I go to school, my teacher's name is Jessie Grove. Please bring me some colored pencils, some candy, a stick of licorice and some little dishes. Your friend, Goldie Curtis.

My Dear Santa: I go to school every day and know how to read. Will you please bring me a pair of skates and a story book, a knife and a watch. Also some candy and bananas. Don't forget my sister Bessie. Lewie Krieg.

Dear Old Santa: Will you please bring me a toy gun, little shooting gallery, rubber ball, drum or horn, iron sled, a Teddy bear and some nuts and candy. Please bring my little dog Trix a collar too. George Keller.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a little tub, a pencil box and candy and a toy bat, a ear and a bed and a dress and a book, a pig and a little table and a dress for the doll. This is all of my letter. And a toy duck. Jessie Fairchild.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would bring me a big doll with a china head and jointed kid body a yard long, with natural eyebrows and long hair and holes in the ears for earrings, all dressed in silk; a sky blue dress and sky blue slippers and stockings, and a doll toilet set. Benlah L. Kaley.

Dear Santa: I go to school every day. I have a little baby brother. Remember Cecil. Please bring me candy, bananas and oranges. I want a stove, a dolly and clothes. Also a doll cab, dishes and little table. Be sure and get me a Teddy bear and a watch like my school teacher's. Dora Overmyer.

My dear Santa Claus: I have a good papa and mamma and one brother and two sisters. I go to school. Please bring me a big doll, candy, peanuts, oranges and bananas. And a little table, little dishes and stove. Also a cupboard, little piano and doll cab. Don't forget my little sisters and brother. Your little girl, Dorothy Badgley.

My Dear Santa: I go to Sunday school. My teacher's name is Effie Kline. I want a doll cab and a little table and a stove with skillets, and a watch, some candy and a rocking chair, a Teddy bear and dolly dresses and a bank so I can save my pennies. I want a story book, thimble and some dishes. Santa if you can't bring them all this time bring them some other

VACATION TIME HERE

Academy Closed Tuesday Morning Until January 2d, and Cadets Leave for their Homes.

The examinations began last Friday morning and, with the regular half holiday on Saturday and Monday, extended to Tuesday morning. In order that the boys might have Monday afternoon to do their packing, purchase tickets and get themselves ready to leave for home on Tuesday, the Monday classes were held in the forenoon and the afternoon was given as the free period.

One examination on Tuesday morning ended in time for everybody to get away on the noon trains.

The agents of the Pennsylvania and Nickel Plate railroads were at the academy Monday and Tuesday selling tickets and checking baggage. This insures a cadet's having little trouble after he starts except to see that he gets on the right trains. There are, however, always a few who lose their bearings even with this help. The prize record is still held by the cadet who bought his ticket, put it into one of his extra shoes which he proceeded to pack in his trunk and send home carefully checked through.

The football team had their last play of the season last Saturday night when they were entertained at the home of Major Gignilliat. Shadowgraphs, all kinds of modified parlor football, and refreshments gave the boys an evening full of enjoyment from first to last. Manager Carstein and Coach Hyney were present in addition to the regular "Culver" winners, and Captain and Mrs. Noble, Captain and Mrs. Crandall and Cadet Captain MacCarthy assisted in managing the amusement features.

Captain and Mrs. Fleet are spending their vacation in the South where they will be the guests of President and Mrs. Matheson of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, and of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. McCallie, Chattanooga.

The glee club has purchased copies of "The Academy Song Book" for its members and had two practices with these before the end of the term.

Outdoor drills ended and the battalion officially went into winter quarters on Friday when the rifles were turned into the armory.

Killed by the Cars.

William Ritchie, aged about 50 years, a liveryman at Delong, was almost instantly killed on a crossing between Delong and Leiters by the west-bound milk train on the Erie at 8:10 Saturday morning. Mr. Ritchie was returning after having driven a traveling man to Leiters. He had been a farmer for a great many years before moving to Delong three or years ago.

Later in the day of the accident the fast east-bound train struck a cow belonging to Ritchie while flying through Delong at 50 miles an hour and tossed it thirty feet into the air. As the animal came down it was again hit by the locomotive and the body hurled with great violence to the north side of the track opposite the transfer platform on which a number of persons were standing. Had the body been hurled to the south the people on the platform must have been seriously or fatally injured.

Will Close Sundays.

We, the undersigned, will not be open for regular business on Sunday morning until after May 1.

Last Thursday the academy was visited by two representatives, Dr. Slaughter and Dr. Allen of the University of Wisconsin. These gentlemen were inspecting the work in secondary schools, Dr. Slaughter representing the languages and literature and Dr. Allen the scientific and mathematical side of the work. Both inspectors expressed themselves as unusually well pleased with the character of the work which they had observed in the C. M. A. classrooms and the facilities in laboratories and libraries for maintaining an up-to-date quality of instruction.

A beautiful C. M. A. calendar came from the press in time for the cadets to carry a full stock home with them. Like that of last year the calendar for 1908 was designed by the commandant, Major Gignilliat. It consists of a heavy cardboard front bearing drawings of a cadet and features of academy life. Six slips are arranged behind an opening in the heavy board so that every two months the slip is changed, presenting a different picture of the academy work.

The children of the academy school gave their Christmas exercises in the gymnasium Saturday afternoon before their parents and a few other invited friends. The Christmas songs and the acting in a little fairy story were well done for youngsters making their first appearance on a real stage.

An attractive variation in the routine of Sunday morning service was made last Sunday by Mr. Stillier's solo with violin obligato played by Captain Wilson.

Irene Glascock, the little daughter of Captain Glascock, has been ill and under the doctor's care for several days.

Rev. S. C. Bronson of Garrett Institute gave a short and effective sermon upon the subject "Life's Armor."

Captain and Mrs. Bays will spend the holidays with their parents in Sullivan, Ind.

Captain Greiner has as guests this week Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Allen of Ohio.

Mr. M. M. Brown of Chicago was a visitor at the academy.

South Bend to Peru.

Benj. Wallace, the millionaire circus owner, and two other Peru men, are at the head of a project to build an electric railway between South Bend and Peru.

These three men, who are known to have done things, are quietly working to force this move to the front and from all indications it will be an ultimate success.

The proposed line passes through Rochester, Argos and Plymouth and will be operated in connection with the Indianapolis and Peru branch of the Union Traction company when constructed.

It will occur to many people, however, that paralleling another line on which work will begin in the spring all the way from Rochester to South Bend is a proposition which is not likely to appeal to stockholders. A route which would cover entirely unoccupied territory furnishing a much greater traffic is Rochester to Culver, Bass lake, Knox, Valparaiso and Chicago. If some of our citizens who are interested in opening new transportation facilities with the outside world will take this matter up with Mr. Wallace it is possible that something may grow out of it.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

A Good Time in Store for the Little Ones at the Churches.

The Culver churches will celebrate the advent of Christmas after their usual cheery custom of giving entertainments on Christmas eve for the special enjoyment of the children.

The Christian Sunday school will give a cantata to be followed by a distribution of candy, fruit and nuts.

"Santa Claus' Visit" is the title of a cantata which will be at the Reformed church. There will also be a Christmas tree from which goodies will be distributed.

The cantata "Joseph and his Brethren" will be given in costume at the Evangelical church besides a program of recitations and songs. Presents and a "treat" will be distributed from several trees.

The Methodist school are preparing to give the cantata "Santa Claus and his Grip," in which Santa Claus and his son, Uncle Sam and his soldiers, Columbia, the brownies and fairies will give picturesque novelty to the exercise. A "treat" will be given to the members of the school.

The Daily Newspaper Business.

E. C. Church has sold his daily newspaper route to Jesse Rhoads. The business is one which requires more work than many people would think. The week day morning papers from Chicago come in at 6 o'clock, but the Sunday papers are brought on the midnight train to Hibbard where Rhoads meets them, and by the time he has driven back to Culver and spent two hours in putting the sections together it is about time to begin delivery. This takes three hours more, and by the time he is through he feels that he has done a day's work.

Following are the number of Sunday papers taken here:

Record-Herald	175
Tribune	125
American	35
Inter Ocean	30
St. Louis Globe Democrat	20
St. Louis Post	20
Indianapolis Star	7
Total	412

Until the trains changed time recently 40 Stars were taken, but their late arrival (11:28 a. m.) cuts down the list.

The St. Louis Sunday papers are received here Saturday evening and are taken entirely by academy subscribers who want them for the local, not the telegraphic, news.

A new rule has been adopted by the Record-Herald and American. Unsold copies cannot be returned. This makes it necessary for the agent to cut down his orders to actual subscribers in order to avoid a loss. The Tribune and Inter Ocean have not yet gone into the combination. An effort is being made to increase the selling price of the Sunday papers to 7 cents, and in the larger towns like Logansport and South Bend that price has been established. We doubt if it will work. The people are accustomed to paying an even nickel for their Sunday paper, and it will be hard work, if not impossible, to maintain a relative sale at the higher price. Better knock off a pound or so in the quantity by omitting some of the rot which burdens the sheets or reducing the size of the page and half-page pictures which illustrate the women's hats or feet or the latest style of manicured finger nails.

Modern Woodmen

Union camp, M. W. A., has elected the following officers for 1908: V. C.—Byron Badgley. W. A.—Ulysses Burket. Banker—Arthur Morris. Escort—Claud Mikesell. Watchman—Edward McFeeley. Sentry—Amos Crum. Clerk—Levi A. Osborn. Board of Managers—Isaac Washburn, Ulysses Burket, Perry Guard. Amos Crum and Edward McFeeley were initiated into the or-

THE WEEK IN CULVER

Little Items of Local Happenings of Interest to People in Town and Country

—D. W. Marks will move into his new house today.

—Preaching at the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

—Dr. E. E. Parker has been elected president of the County Medical society.

—A sled load of twenty young people drove out to West Washington to attend church Sunday evening.

—Gast placed an ornamental galvanized iron ventilator on the center of the school building last week. It gives a pleasing finishing touch to the structure.

—Nelson Geiselman will leave Hessel's where he has been employed for several years, and on the 1st of January will take the management of his uncle's store at Knox. Lloyd Hawkins will take his place in Hessel's.

—Can you think of a present which, at an expense of \$1, will give more pleasure than a year's subscription to the Citizen? Such a gift only just commences on Christmas. It continues each week for an entire year—really 5 presents.

—Rev. F. B. Walmer will hold services at the West Washington church every night this week and on Sunday morning and evening. On Sunday morning there will be an election of Sunday school officers. Rev. W. A. Walker will preach in the Culver church Sunday evening.

—Next Wednesday being Christmas the Citizen will be printed on Tuesday. Persons having notices for publication will please govern themselves accordingly, and our regular correspondents are requested to mail their letters one day ahead of their usual time, as anything received later than Monday will be too late.

A Bold "Skipper."

Prescott, the gallant tar, coach for the naval training crew, armorer at the academy, ex-sailor and fighter in various parts of the world, has served his Culver friends a shabby trick. After drawing his November pay he disappeared without notice, his wife preceding him a couple of days to attend the funeral of her mother in Chicago, according to her story. In the course of ten days it began to dawn on the heretofore unsuspecting creditors of the gallant Jack Tar that they were "stung." It was discovered that his apartments over the Citizen office had been skinned of all the personal belongings of the newly-wedded couple, even to the sheets and pillow cases. All of the housekeeping paraphernalia, bought on the installment plan, was left in the rooms with the exception of a parlor lamp and a clock which were carried off in a trunk. Seven pairs of white duck trousers were left in a bureau drawer. These were gobbled by the landlord and are being held as receipt in full for ten weeks' rent. Prescott ran bills at several of the stores which go to profit and loss account.

What prompted the fellow to throw up a good position and blacken a good record is a mystery.

Aubbeenaubee Supervisors.

The result in Aubbeenaubee township, Fulton county, was as follows:

- District 1—Samuel F. Myers.
- District 2—Jacob Kaley.
- District 3—John Mahler.
- District 4—John Ginther.

Big line of toys for the children and fancy goods for the older ones.

BRIEF REVIEW OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

RECORD OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN ITEMIZED FORM.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Information Gathered from All Quarters of the Civilized World and Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

President Roosevelt ended the third term talk by issuing a statement saying he still adhered to the declaration of renunciation made on the night of the election three years ago. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, wife of Representative Longworth of Ohio, and daughter of President Roosevelt, is ill at the White House, suffering from appendicitis. Senator Jefferson Davis of Arkansas made an impassioned speech against the trusts and the tariff. It was announced at the department of justice that the nomination of William C. Bristol as United States attorney for Oregon, which had been sent to the senate, would be withdrawn in accordance with the department's recommendation to the president. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp, in his annual report, says that his hope that the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians would be greatly diminished by the employment of special officers out of the fund appropriated for the suppression of the liquor traffic has been realized beyond all expectation. Senator Tillman introduced resolutions directing the committee on finance to investigate the recent proceedings of the secretary of the treasury in connection with the financial crisis and also to make inquiry concerning clearing house certificates.

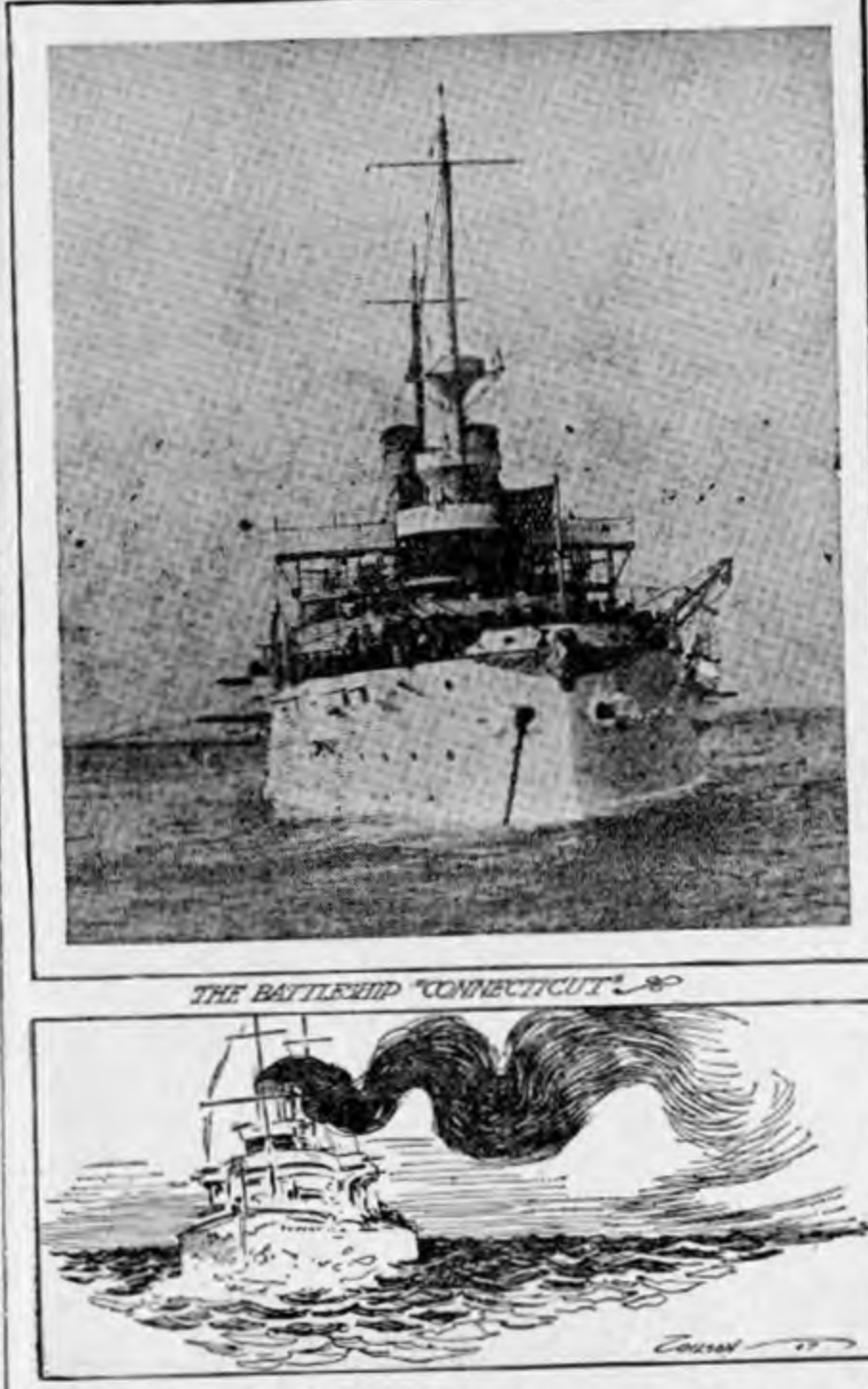
MISCELLANEOUS.

On the farm of John Duff, near Bristol, Tenn., his son William, aged 15 years, was playing with a stick of dynamite when it exploded, killing the boy, Mrs. Nathaniel Barnes and Mrs. Elijah Moody and her child. The governor of Kentucky ordered town from night riders, protect the Harry C. Pulliam was reelected president of the National League for the sixth time. Secretary-Treasurer John Heydler was unanimously re-elected, as was the board of directors. John G. Jenkins and his three sons, John G., Jr., Frank and Fred, all bankers of Brooklyn, were indicted jointly for criminal conspiracy in having illegally obtained loans aggregating \$907,000 from trust companies of which they were officers. Lee Pemberton, of Clay, Ky., shot and fatally wounded his son Chauncey, aged 17. Gov. Harris of Ohio commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death imposed upon John Soloy, of Cleveland. For love of his neighbor's wife, who had first accepted his advances, but later decided she loved her home and her babies more, D. H. Breese, a wealthy farmer of Jefferson, Ia., sent a bullet through his brain. United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory is seriously ill at his home in Pensacola, Fla. When the Democratic national committee met to select a place for the national convention practically the only candidates were Louisville, Denver and Chicago, with the chances in favor of Louisville. The last vacant berth in the imposing double line of Pacific-bound battleships was filled when the heavily armored Minnesota, the flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas, steamed into Hampton Roads and took her place at the head of the outward column. Five most valuable pictures, the works of Fragonard, Boucher and Van-Joo, have been stolen from the Musee de Picardie, at Amiens, France, together with a collection of coins and art objects valued at about \$50,000. The Farmers' Union warehouse at Taylor, Tex., together with about 2,000 bales of cotton, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$125,000. John Busha, aged 114 years, who served in the Blackhawk war, died in Council Bluffs, Ia. T. Otway Sadleir, manager of the West End branch of the California Safe Deposit and Trust company, of San Francisco, committed suicide by blowing off the top of his head with a sawed-off shotgun. One of Van Dyke's great masterpieces, "The Erection of the Cross," has been stolen from the church of Notre Dame, at Courtrai, Belgium. New Berlin, a town 18 miles east of Jacksonville, Ill., was visited by a fire early Sunday morning. The loss is \$75,000. The federal grand jury investigating land frauds in New Mexico, returned indictments against R. B. Hobart, N. S. Dornay, Edward W. T. Stewart, and Robert H. Rieli for alleged perjury. Joseph H. Outhwaite, former congressman from Ohio, died at his home in Columbus, O.

Five companies of the Twenty-second infantry, stationed at Fort McDowell in San Francisco and four companies of the same regiment at Monterey, were dispatched to Goldfield, Nev., by Brig. Gen. Fred Funston, commanding the department of California. In compliance with orders received from the war department. The Mine Owners' association of Goldfield, Nev., announced that the mines would be reopened, the wage scale reduced, no member of the Western Federation given employment and living expenses in the town cut down. Assistant Secretary Murray of the department of commerce and labor, Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, and Herbert Kfoz Smith, commissioner of corporations, left Washington for Goldfield, Nev., to make a thorough investigation of the trouble between the miners and mine operators at that place for the information of the president. The federal troops at Goldfield were ordered not to take sides. Fifty-four actors were indicted in Kansas City for participating in Sunday performances. Fire at Elkins, W. Va., destroyed the Elkins hotel, causing two deaths and probably fatal burns to a third person. The Norwegian bark Alert, of Mandal, Norway, 891 tons, which sailed from New York November 27 for Gothenburg, Sweden, was abandoned at sea. Her crew were rescued by the American line steamer Friesland. Reports of a race war in Pickens county, Alabama, in which many negroes were said to have been killed, were flatly denied by newspaper men of that county. Justice Burr, of the supreme court of Kings county, decided that the New York police have no right to take photographs and measurements of a man under arrest but not convicted. Two private banks at Jasper and Weston, Mich., owned by E. B. Leo, were closed for lack of currency. Disastrous panics in the Studebaker theater and Fine Arts Music hall in Chicago were narrowly averted when a fire in the Chicago Musical college building, adjoining, filled the corridors of the Studebaker building with dense smoke. Charging that George A. Pettibone, the defendant at bar, is the most guilty of all those charged with causing the death of ex-Gov. Frank Steinberg, James H. Hawley outlined the state's case in the trial at Boise, Idaho. The Democratic state committee of Delaware passed a resolution indorsing Judge George Gray for the presidency. Fire destroyed the big Central hotel in Colon. Three thousand dollars in \$20 gold pieces was found by J. T. Jones on his farm in Connecticut. Thomas B. Wallace, second, aged 14, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, Wash., died at the residence of his grandfather, Chief Justice Fuller, in Washington. E. Lambert, for many years general passenger agent of the West Thielke railroad, died at his home in High Water caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the west branch of the Susquehanna river at Millville, Pa., and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others. Great damage was done by floods in central and eastern Pennsylvania. The Fall River line steamer Providence was in collision with, and narrowly escaped sinking, a crowded East River ferry boat at New York. The men passengers on the latter were accused of cowardice. Two alleged night riders died as the result of wounds received during the visit of the 500 night riders to Hopkinsville, Ky. Andrew Carnegie added the sum of \$2,000,000 to the \$10,000,000 endowment fund of the Carnegie institute. In the closest and hardest fought election contest which Boston has known for many years, the city went Republican by about 2,000 votes. Worcester, Lynn and Woburn voted against license. Francis I. Burton was shot and killed at Mina, Nev., by J. Holman Buck, editor and proprietor of the Western Nevada Miner. Chief of Police John A. Suggs and Night Policeman Lewis Woods, of Fort Gibson, Okla., are under arrest charged with robbing the post office there. The Nobel peace prize is this year to be equally divided between Ernesto Teodoro Moneta of Italy and Louis Renault of France. Maj. Gen. Alexander Hamilton, grandson of Alexander Hamilton, secretary of the treasury under George Washington, died at his home in Tarrytown, N. Y., at the age of 92 years. The steamer Glenfarg arrived at Callao from China with 11 cases of beri-beri on board. John V. Cogsey, New York commissioner of correction, announced that he has decided to put an end to stripes and lock-step in the Blackwell's island penitentiary as he believed that they did much to kill any smoldering spark of decency that may remain in the prisoner. A number of sailors on the battleships about to sail for the Pacific Bibles on the fly leaf of which is her signature and a verse of scripture. Frank Click, of Nashville, Tenn., killed his wife and fatally wounded himself. Admission of Chinese into the United States under less rigid regulations is urged by Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus in his annual report to President Roosevelt. Dinulu, the Zulu king, has been arrested charged with causing disturbances in Natal.

Bernard Prentice, a cowboy, was killed and Dick Moran, a cook, was seriously wounded in Deadwood, S. D., in a duel over a woman. Commissioner Lane of the Interstate commerce board will begin an investigation of the Pullman company in regard to prices charged for berths on trains. At the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Navigation company in London the chairman said that the entire trade of the line between Bombay and Japan had been wiped out by the Japanese competitors. Receivers were appointed for the Electric Vehicle company, a \$20,000,000 New Jersey corporation, with a manufacturing plant at Hartford, Conn. The costly residence of Samuel Baum of Danville, Ill., a retired farmer, was partly wrecked by an infernal machine. The Stock Yards Bank of Commerce, of Kansas City, which closed because of the failure of the National Bank of Commerce, resumed business. Rear Admiral Evans formally assumed command of the great fleet of battleships assembled at Hampton roads for the cruise to the Pacific. The White Pigeon (Mich.) carbonite and gas plant was totally wrecked by an explosion. Several persons were severely injured and every window in town was cracked. The shock was felt for 12 miles. The special holiday statute passed in extraordinary session of the California legislature, to protect the banks and at the same time provide for the business of the courts, was sustained by the United States supreme court. William R. Parker, one of the founders of the Republican party in Illinois, died at his home in Sterling. The Missouri Pacific railway abandoned its only passenger trains out of Topeka, Kan. The officials gave the two-cent fare enforcement as the reason. The Dominion Atlantic Railway company's steamer Yarmouth, bound from Digby, N. S., went ashore at Black Point, near St. John, N. B. One of a battery of nine boilers in the plant of the American Steel & Wire company at Allentown, Pa., blew up, instantly killing two men and injuring two others, one of whom died three hours later. Alfred H. Smith, vice president and general manager of the New York Central railroad, was placed on trial before Justice Kellogg, in the supreme court of New York, on a charge of manslaughter in the second degree, growing out of the wreck of the Brewster express at Woodlawn last February, in which 24 persons lost their lives and 67 were injured. In the midst of his speech at the annual dinner of the Minnesota Society of New York, Frank Kellogg, of St. Paul, Minn., who is the prosecutor in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company for a dissolution of the corporation, suddenly collapsed from fatigue due to overwork. Both Cullman and Walker counties, in Alabama, went prohibition by large majorities. William J. Rogers, for 40 years prominent in southern cotton markets, died in Lexington, Ky. Joseph Armstrong, manager of the Christian Science publications and one of the most prominent leaders of that faith in this country, died at his home in Boston. James Henry Stoddart, the veteran actor, died at his home in Sewaren, N. J. Mr. Stoddart was born in England in 1827. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon has been awarded a bronze medal by the Massachusetts Humane society for his bravery in saving two Harvard men from drowning in the Charles river October 11 last. Mrs. Taft, wife of the secretary of war, narrowly escaped death on a tender outside the harbor of Boulogne, the boat being caught in a violent storm. Maj. Ahern, head of the forestry bureau of the Philippine islands, is in New York to interest lumbermen in the forests of the Philippines. Three sons of N. E. Carnal of Tama, Ia., were drowned while skating. Fire in Pawnee, Okla., destroyed a block of buildings, the loss being \$200,000. Robbers broke into the First National bank at Rothsay, Minn., and secured \$3,500 in currency. The fourth assistant postmaster general makes an earnest plea for a local parcels-post service on rural routes in his annual report. President Roosevelt entertained at dinner a number of bear hunters from the Louisiana cane brakes. The State bank, of Admire, Kan., and the Bank of Stotesbury, at Stotesbury, Mo., closed as a result of the failure of the National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City. Viscount Kaneko cabled President Roosevelt as follows: "The whole empire is rejoicing at your strong recommendation that America should participate in our exposition and I thank you on behalf of and with the authority of the people of Japan." The foreign postal-order business of the New York post office for last month was \$1,200,000 in excess of the business of last year. The steamer President Grant, with Secretary Taft and the members of his party on board, left Cuxhaven for New York. The party will visit Boulogne and Plymouth on the way home. Marcellus Hopkins, president of the Chicago South Side Elevated road, died of pneumonia. Mrs. Louisa M. Taft, mother of the secretary of war, died at her home in Milbury, Mass.

GREAT FLEET SAILS Admiral Evans Leads Atlantic Squadron from Its Anchorage at Hampton Roads---Will Meet the Vessels of the Pacific Coast at San Francisco.



Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 16.—The departure to-day of the great Atlantic squadron for the Pacific is only another of the many great proofs of the nation's marvelous growth and development. The iron clad warship is only 45 years old, yet, passing through a process of swift evolution to its present perfection, this American discovery has revolutionized the science of naval warfare throughout the whole world. There are now 270 vessels in commission in the United States navy where at one time, in Washington's administration, there was not one. Of these there are 13 battleships of the first and second class, carrying guns into whose mouth this country's first and only "commander-in-chief of the navy," Essek Hopkins, might easily have hidden his disgraced head when an outraged continental congress summarily dismissed him. It was in Hampton Roads that the first chapter in the world's history of iron clads was written. It was in Hampton Roads that the nation gathered 16 of her finest sea fighters ready for a trip of nearly 20,000 miles. Where the Merrimac swung clumsily across the channel long ago and drove terror to the hearts of seamen who had never yet seen such a monster, iron clads as graceful and as swift as greyhounds have come and gone all summer until they have become a familiar sight. Among these is the Minnesota, the largest of Uncle Sam's big battleships, and next only in size to the Dreadnaught, which King Edward of England launched with such ceremony a year or so ago, and to the Satsuma, Japan's new monster of the deep. History of American Navy. The first appropriation made for a navy for this country was that of the continental congress in 1775, and the sum of \$100,000 was expected to purchase, equip and generally outfit 13 ships. For the present year, ending July, 1908, the navy will have needed \$125,041,399, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year. Nine million alone go for ordnance stores. The last appropriation of congress for the building of ships was \$20,000,000 to be expended on two big ships, each of which is to measure 510 feet in length, 85 feet beam, and make 21 knots an hour. Three million dollars was appropriated for submarines of the Holland type, and in September five torpedo boat destroyers were contracted for. Think of this in comparison with the \$100,000 that cost the continental congress so much thought, and which was furnished by the people of the colonies after so much privation. "If we are to have a commerce we much have a navy to defend it," wrote Col. Humphreys from the Barbary States in 1793 after he had been sent to see if there were means of stopping the piracy of Algiers and Tripoli on American trading vessels. For years the nation had endured the humiliation of paying tribute to these countries, and after Washington had incorporated this sentiment in his message of 1794 the United States still paid tribute, because there was no navy to prove her independence. How-

ever, that congress appropriated \$700,000 with which to build six frigates. Among these were the Constitution, now the oldest ship afloat under any flag, and a training ship for apprentices at Portsmouth. With this fleet and its later auxiliaries Decatur taught the rulers of Algiers and Tripoli a stern lesson, and America soon took her place among the naval powers of the world, a place which none disputed after her victories over Great Britain in 1812-1815. Quick Work of Preparation. The president issued the orders for the sailing of this fleet on August 23, and since then coal mines, railroads, provision dealers, and manufacturers of heavy ordnance and ammunition have known the busiest season they have had since the Spanish-American war. Altogether 35 vessels go to San Francisco, and when all have assembled in the waters off the coast of California, "Fighting Bob" Evans will have under his command the largest, most invincible, the most perfectly equipped fleet that has ever mobilized in one place since the history of the world began. The aggregate displacement of the vessels sailing is nearly 42,000 tons, and the aggregate power is 664 guns of four inch calibre and over. The four divisions of this fleet will carry 581 officers and 11,500 enlisted men, as fine an array of jacksies as any navy has ever known, and an earnest and eager set, too, for as soon as the news of the cruise was noised abroad enlistments increased rapidly throughout the navy and desertions became practically unknown. The modern wife who puzzles for days over the packing of her husband's grips and lunch basket when he is off for a week's hunting trip, can never begin to appreciate the enormity of Columbia's task in fitting out her 11,500 sons for an outing of 115 days, in which they are not expected to set foot on land at all. Besides all the stores that each ship can carry when her capacity is taxed to its fullest, there will be two ships that carry supplies alone, the Glacier and Culgoa, and they will carry many novel foodstuffs that have never yet been carried by any navy of the world. Immense Supply of Coal. The item of coal alone is not inconsiderable. On October 12, contracts were let for 132,000 tons to be delivered at the six seaport towns where the fleet will stop, Trinidad, Rio Janeiro, Punta Arenas, Callao, Magdalena bay and San Francisco. It is mined in West Virginia, shipped by rail to four tide water cities of the Atlantic, and whom there is handled by five American companies in 30 foreign steamers to the ports named, where it is piled on the piers ready for the battleships. Fifteen of these steamers go all the way to San Francisco with their cargoes. The cost of the coal will be about \$3 a ton, and the cost of transportation will come to over \$755,000. Eight colliers accompany the fleet. The Marcellus, Hannibal, Leonidas and possibly the Sterling accompany the fleet to Trinidad, and then re-

turn for more coal. Others will go as far as Rio and return to join the fleet again at Magdalena bay, and all that have free space 'tween decks will carry general supplies for the Mare carry general use. The Connecticut Island navy yard, briquettes made carries 150 tons of ch to test them as a suitable fuel for use in the navy. The cost of coaling, exclusive of the amount of coal carried by the ships from Norfolk to Trinidad, will be \$1,229,286, a sum more than equal to the bonded debt of the state of Idaho or the state of Washington. Provisions in Plenty. As to provisions, Columbia must pack enough in the giant hampers to feed her sons for the long 115 days, and have enough extra goodies for Christmas, New Year's and Washington birthday dinners, and the list shows she has not been niggardly in her selection. Five million pounds of provisions are carried on board the 16 battleships and the supply ships, the supplies from the attending vessels being transferred to the battleships when they stop at the ports for coal. There are 10,000 to 15,000 pounds of fresh meat in the refrigerators of each ship, and for the first time there will be a widely varied bill of fare where the meats are concerned. There are a variety of foodstuffs, including tons of cereals, salt meats, dried fruits and canned goods, and 593,300 pounds of flour for making fresh bread in lieu of long anathematized hard tack. There are tons of desiccated foodstuffs that have already been tested and found good, and the more recent additions—dried eggs and dehydrated vegetables. There are 9,000 pounds of dried eggs, an equivalent of 36,000 dozen fresh eggs, and when the Christmas baking is on and the 30,000 fresh eggs also carried are not available, the mixer of cakes will find that the dried product when mixed with water will froth as easily as the fresh. New methods of communication between the ships have been installed, and new methods of controlling the fire from the guns. So new is this system of fire control that a retired naval officer was heard to remark when the news came to him: "That is a good idea, a good idea, I am glad to hear it, indeed, for fire is a most dangerous thing aboard a ship!" The Colorado was first in this experiment. Wireless telegraphy has been a part of a battleship's equipment for so many years now that it is quite an old story, but the fleet decided it must have wireless telephony, too, so the past few weeks have witnessed a busy scene in Hampton Roads, and in New York and Brooklyn harbors, where experts have been busy putting in the appliances. Connecticut is Flagship. Admiral Evans chose the Connecticut as his flagship. Capt. Ingersoll is her commander and chief of staff of the Atlantic fleet. Upon the shoulders of Rear-Admiral Brownlow at Washington, much of the work of preparation fell. The splendid condition of the fleet when it left its anchorage here to-day shows how well he has done it.

One Year, in advance.....\$1.00
Six Months, in advance..... .50
Three Months, in advance..... .25

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Rates for home and foreign advertising made known on application.
Legal advertising at the rates fixed by law.

CULVER, IND., DECEMBER 19, 1907.

More Phones.

The Central Union Telephone company has commenced construction work on about 15 miles of line which will bring 50 additional farm telephones into the Culver exchange. The work will include lines on new territory as well as the extension of existing lines. Wires will be run to Rutland, west in the McGaffey neighborhood, south in the Jake Cromley neighborhood and east of the lake in the Kline neighborhood. It is expected to finish the work by the middle of January.

Our First Real Winter.

Beginning about midnight and continuing pretty much all through Saturday something like six inches of snow fell, giving us the first sleighing of the winter. The storm was general throughout the Middle West. Probably half of the farmers are not prepared for sleighing and should we have much snow this winter there will be a lively trade in bob-runners and cutters.

Road Supervisors.

The following road supervisors for Union township were elected last Saturday:

- District 1—Platt Dixon.
- District 2—Aaron Burns.
- District 3—Zina Duddleson.
- District 4—Henry Pontius.

Death of a Plymouth Lady.

Mrs. John Blain, a prominent woman in Plymouth religious and social circles, died very suddenly on Saturday morning of heart trouble. She was 65 years of age.

DeWitt's Castorized Witch Hazel Salve is healing and soothing. Good for piles. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Come and look at the stacks of holiday presents at Slattery's and then make out your list.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a pair of skates and some candy. Herbert Young.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a train of cars and candy and nuts. Stewart Seltzer.

Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a little range stove and a doll and a cab. Rutha Eskridge.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl and bring me a dump cart and doll and candy and nuts. Goldie Seltzer.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a table and some dishes and some chairs and a stove and a lamp. Ina Kessler.

Dear Santa: I want a horn and a Teddy bear and a sleeping doll and a go-cart. Goodbye Santa. From Margert Speyer.

Dear Santa: Bring me a doll and two handkerchiefs and some candy and some nuts and a story book. Ruth May Seltzer.

Dear Santa: I hope you are well. I want a box of candy and a horn a drum and a gun. That is all; other children want things too. Harry Speyer.

Dear Santa Claus: I want for Christmas a box of tools and some candy, an orange and gum. I guess that is all for this time. William H. Crossgrove.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a Teddy bear and cab and dishes. My little brother wants a wagon and horse. Ruth and Raymond Young.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a sled, a Teddy bear and a football and a drum and some candy and peanuts and bananas. Jerome Eskridge.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a slate, a set of little dishes, a set of side combs, a baby cab, a doll, a new pair of shoes, a sack of candy and oranges. Lakota Eskridge.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a slate and a set of little dishes and a set of side combs and

a cupboard and a nice dolly too and a cab and some candy and bananas. Hulda Eskridge.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a sled and a horn and a drum and a harp and some candy and some peanuts and a Teddy bear. Charles Eskridge.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would bring me a little bed and a little table. I want a little set of dishes and some pillows and a little cupboard. Velina Zechiel.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy. My name is Steven. I would like a sock cap and mittens, a sled and harp and candy. I live between two livery barns. Steven Patesel.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would tell you what I wanted for Christmas. I want a cab for my dolly, I want some candy and some bananas, a stick of gum and an orange. Ida M. Crossgrove.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a little doll. I want a little ring. I want a little hood. I want some mittens. I need them very bad. So I will not call for so many things. Your little friend, Delight Simcox.

Dear Santa Claus: I will not be selfish because other little children want something so I will tell you what I want. I want a doll and a watch and some candy and a story book and a blackboard and some nuts and a set of dishes and a table and a cab and a ring. That is all. Mary Seltzer.

Dear Santa Claus: When you are on your trip please do not forget to stop at my house as I will be looking for you. Bring me a doll that will say "Mamma" and "Papa," a stove, a set of furs, a bed for my dolly. Also do not forget my little nephew Kenneth. He wants a little automobile, a tool chest and a live dog with white hair and black eyes because his grandpapa will not let him play with his cat Dick. Wishing you a merry Christmas. Bernice and Kenneth Howard.

WEST WASHINGTON.
Cleo Patsel visited Clara Burkett last week.

Ola Krieg spent Sunday with Lota Curtis.

Services were well attended last Sunday evening.

Nellie Norris was a Sunday caller at Clem Curtis.

Alfred Alspach was the guest of Levi Krieg Sunday.

Elva Loudon and Rosa Curtis visited Thursday with Mrs. Shane.

Mr. Kreiger of Michigan came Thursday for a visit at J. L. Scheuerman's. Mrs. Kreiger and son have been here for some time. They will return to Michigan this week.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Fresh candies in large quantities for Christmas celebrations at lowest possible prices at Hand's grocery.

Filtered Gaslight for Rural Homes.

ACETYLENE Gaslight is a natural Light. It is plain, every-day, world-old, Sunlight in fact. But it is Sunlight so that you can use it as "soft" or as brilliant as you choose, by the mere turning of a tap on the chandeliers, or by the use of plain white-glass globes.

Moreover, Acetylene is practically filtered Light from which all useless or injurious color, soot, or excessive heat factors are eliminated.

On this account an Acetylene flame one-tenth the size of that from Kerosene, Gasoline, or City Gas, gives as much reading Light as ten-tenths of these other illuminants.

Which means that Acetylene produces only a fraction of the heat, air-consumption, and Carbonic Acid Gas poisoning which other Lights produce.

It also explains why Acetylene Gaslight costs a full third less than Kerosene Light for the same identical candle-power, when once installed in a Country Home, Hotel, or Store.

About two days labor will so install it, and forever dispense with the disagreeable, lamp-cleaning, filling, wick-snuffing and chimney-wiping needed 365 days per year with Kerosene Lamps.

Write me to-day how many rooms you've got, or how large your store. Then I will tell you how little it need cost you to install a suitable Acetylene Lighting Plant which will be good for 40 years' steady use afterwards, and pay for itself in the labor it saves.

Address me thus—Acetylene Jones —6 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

GIFTS that are suitable for the mother, father, brother, sister, or sweetheart. I have the best and most complete line of dishes, lamps, chamber sets, etc., that has been shown in Culver for years.

We will be headquarters for Christmas candies, fruits, nuts, etc.

AT HAND'S GROCERY

FURNITURE DEALER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR

PRIVATE AMBULANCE QUICK SERVICE

CALL AND SEE ME

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ESTABLISHED 1898 MAIN STREET, CULVER

CALL ON GAST

For anything you need in the line of SHELF HARDWARE, TIN AND GRANITWARE

See me and get my price before you buy. I will give you a fair, square deal and save you money. Tin and Sheet Metal Work, Tin and Asbestos Roofing, Spouting, Furnace Work, etc., given prompt attention. Repairing a specialty.

JOHN S. GAST : : Phone No. 42 K

Buy your Christmas candies, fruits, etc., at Hand's grocery. Everything for Christmas at T. E. Slattery's.

A Few Suggestions for the Holidays

From Our Large and Complete Stocks of Men's and Boys' Furnishing Goods, Etc.

We have a large assortment of many useful and appropriate articles in our Clothing, Footwear and Furnishing Goods stocks suitable for Christmas gifts, at prices which are a big saving to you. We have enumerated just a few, and will be pleased to have you call and let us show you our lines.



Holiday Neckwear
All of the latest styles in every shape and color. Beautiful four-in-hands, bows, and made up ties in teeks, puffs, etc. We also have them in single cartons at.....25c and 50c

Mufflers
A large assortment of square and quilted mufflers. The 50c, 75c and \$1 Ways' Mufflers. 25c and 50c Reefers in all the leading colors, ranging in price from.....50c to \$2.00

Handkerchiefs
Our line of Men's Handkerchiefs is unsurpassed. It consists of plain and fancy borders, cambric, hemstitched, imported Irish linen and initial handkerchiefs in both linen and silk, an attractive showing, at.....10c, 15c, 25c and 50c

Gloves and Mittens
Velour Gloves and Mittens.....25c, 50c, \$1.00
Wool Gloves and Mittens.....25c and 50c
Jersey Gloves.....25c and 50c
Kid Gloves, silk and fleece lined.....\$1.00 and \$1.50
Mocha, silk and fleece lined.....75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Many other kinds at.....25c and 50c

Men's Dress Shirts
A complete line of plain and fancy Dress Shirts at.....50c and \$1.00
The Monarch Coat Shirt, in all the newest colors, at.....\$1.00
Jersey Knit Overshirts, at.....75c



Suspenders
A complete line of Suspenders at.....25c and 50c
In the single carton we have an especially prepared Christmas present at.....25c and 50c

Underwear and Sweaters
Men's and Boys' Sweater Coats (the hit of the season), at.....50c to \$2.50
Wool Underwear, in two-piece and union suits, at per suit.....\$2.00 to \$4.00
Wright's Health Underwear, per garment.....\$1.00

Men's Hose
The finest assortment in the very newest designs, at.....15c and 25c
A full line of woolen Hosiery in heavy, medium and light weights.
Don't fail to see our Black Silk Lisle Hosiery.

Shoes and Rubbers
Men's, Boys' and Children's Shoes and Rubber Goods. The University Shoe, the best shoe for men, at.....\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00

Suit Cases
Nothing is more suitable for a Holiday gift than a Suit Case. We carry them at from.....\$1.50 to \$7.50

Hats and Caps
Men's, Boys' and Children's Caps.....25c to \$3.00



Jewelry
Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins and Watch Charms, nice assortment, at prices upwards from.....25c



Better make your selections early and thus get your pick of the offerings

MITCHELL & STABENOW, The Culver Shoe & Clothing House

A Vandalia Echo.

We would say to the would-be poet
That seems so full of rhyme,
When we railroad men are moving
We're not moving down, but up
the line.

We wish to keep a-going,
Never wasting any time,
For when we are a-moving
It's not down, but up the line.

It's always a little promotion
Which, to us, is very fine;
You can bet your bottom dollar
It's not down, but up the line.

If we could only keep on moving
Our private car you'd see;
We'd be in highest position
From moving, not down, but up
the line, you see.

If one of the few young ladies
This poet wishes to advise,
Would sail right in and marry him
She could live here all her life.

She would see the same old scenery
Morning, noon and night,
And have this idle poet
Always in her sight.

Now this poet as a provider
We are sure we seriously doubt,
'Cause you could not live on music,
Nor cut the bean soup out.

You would always find him in the
kitchen,

Handing out his advice
Just how to cook the beans
To make them very nice.

Our last words to the girls—
And we hope we speak in time—
Don't hitch up with the poet
Who travels down the line.

Kodol is offered on a guaranteed plan for the relief of heart burn, flatulence, sour stomach, belching of gas, nausea, and all stomach troubles. It digests what you eat. It will make you healthy. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary L Hine et al to W Bessler, lot in Lapaz, \$20.

J Penrod et al to Hugh Logan, part 10, 34, 2, no con.

Elizabeth Gibbons to F Gibbons, tract in 21, 31, 2, \$1.

J W Marshall to A W Boggs, two lots in Argos, \$1000.

C L Morris to Nancy Yazol, pt of lot in Plymouth, \$700.

Clara Harford to J Klingerman, two lots in Inwood, \$480.

N A Miller to Rebecca Myers, part of lot in Plymouth, \$1700.

D L Carey to T L Marble, lot in Fredericksburg, \$75.

Lou Emrick to W Alleman, part of 16, 32, 2 and tract in 21, 32, 2, \$1500.

C W Burnside et al to E Fish, part of 35, 33, 1 and tract in 34, 33, 1, \$4000.

F Shafer to Cora Borem, lot in Plymouth, \$300.

D Myers, dec'd, by admr to F D Lamson, part sec 12 M r 1, \$2500.

Martha Disher to F D Lamson, part sec 12 M r 1 and tract in 13 M r 1, \$1500.

J Hoover to J Carpenter, part 2, 3, 1, \$6000.

M F Hill to J Hoover, tract in 13, 34, 1, \$3600.

P E Judy to M I Violet, part 29, 35, 3, \$3700.

Take some good reliable and safe digestant like Kodol for Dyspepsia. Kodol is the best remedy known today for heart burn, belching and all troubles arising from a disordered digestion. It is pleasant to take and affords relief promptly. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Democratic Call.

The Democrats of Marshall county are hereby called to meet in mass convention in their respective townships on

Saturday, December 28, 1907,
at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day at such places as may hereafter be designated by respective township chairmen for the purpose of selecting delegates to convention to be held on

Thursday, January, 2, 1908,
in the city of Plymouth, Indiana, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting a member of the democratic state committee for the ensuing two years.

The several townships will be entitled to the following delegates:
Union.....1 German.....2
Center.....4 North.....1
Green.....1 Polk.....1
Bourbon.....1 West.....1
Tippecanoe.....1 Walnut.....1

JOHN R. JONES, Chairman,
L. G. HARLEY, Secretary.

A tickling cough, from any cause, is quickly stopped by Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. And it is so thoroughly harmless and safe, that Dr. Shoop tells mothers everywhere to give it without hesitation, even to very young babies. The wholesome pungent leaves and tender stems of a lung-soothing mountain shrub, furnish the curative properties of Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. It calms the rough, raw throat and soothes all the bronchial membranes. No opium, no chloroform, nothing harsh used to injure or enfeeble. Simply a restorative extract, that helps in best of ways. The Spaniards call this shrub with the Dr. name "The Sacred Herb." Demand Dr. Shoop's, Use no other. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

HICKORY BUSH HAPPENINGS

A Summary of the Week's Doings of Her Enterprising Citizens.

Miss Peachy Pippin, mention of whose serious accident was made a fortnight ago, is rapidly recovering the use of her vocal organs. Doc Dope has been looking into the case, and has succeeded in removing an entire endenza and several



MISS PEACHY PIPPIN.

loose notes that obstructed her sarcophagus. He has also encased her voice in a plaster cast, and declares that it is merely a sprain, and is not cracked, as a great many persons have maintained.

Aunt Sally Hopkins seems to be getting no better fast.

Mrs. Kettle was the hostess at a dried apple luncheon on Monday. It is reported as a very swell affair.

Ramor has it that Miss Belladonna Honeysuckle Higgins has received a proposal of marriage from Count Boylon de Bakkovisnek, a Vulturian nobleman.

Revivals will begin at Hickory Bush church immediately after the holidays. The Rev. Hezekiah Hollowell drove over to Culver last week to arrange with the tinner for a supply of spouting.

Rube Daubenspeck purchased a fine pair of woolen blankets at the Emporium last Saturday. Rube has been sleeping under horse blankets all winter, but was compelled to quit on account of nightmare.

Lije Dewberry was forced to appear at church Sunday morning with a week's growth of whiskers on his face. His daughter Samantha was busy with her toilet and was using his razor at the time to pare her corns.

Willie Peters has been taking a correspondence course in conjuring and parlor magic, and is attaining great proficiency. With the assistance of Oysteretta Plunket, he has, on several evenings recently, been successful in transforming the Plunket parlor sofa into a spoon-holder.

Grandpa Timothy Hay is rapidly growing weaker and complains of constant chill and a sensation of extreme cold. Doc Dope, who is attending the old gentleman, says that dissolution is a matter of but a few hours at the most, and that he does not anticipate a continuation of the freezing sensation beyond that point.

While at Chicago this fall Uncle Ben Davis was much impressed with some cunning little lamps which the dealer said were electric light bulbs. Uncle Ben bought a dozen and brought them along home with him and fastened them up around the house. He thinks the man forgot to fill them, for they don't give out a bit of light.

Go to Slattery's and see the splendid display of holiday goods.

Best Remedy for mothers to use is Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It tastes nearly as good as maple sugar, it contains no opium. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Come early and make your selection of choice Christmas candies. Pure stock and most attractive makes. At Hand's grocery.

When the Stomach, Heart or Kidney nerves get weak, then those organs always fail. Don't drug the stomach, war stimulate the heart or kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a preparation known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restoratives. This Restorative is prepared expressly for those weak inside nerves. Strengthen those nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and without a quick help will come. Free sample sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

The most popular of all GIFTS

Articles not alone beautiful, but useful and durable, make the most sensible gift. These good features, together with a moderate price, make the genuine "1847 ROGERS BROS." SPOONS, KNIVES, FORKS, ETC.



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Shout aloud, ye children, pray,
For Christ was born on Christmas day.

The Christmas of Ah Oi

A Tale of Chinatown.

By ETHEL POWERS.

Ah Oi sat on the steps in the hall of a tenement house in Chinatown waiting for Choy Come and Ah Yeung, who attended the mission school. The children always told her of the day's happenings in the outside world of which she got but glimpses from her window or the open hall door. Choy Come and Ah Yeung were her neighbor's children, and she was in the habit of waylaying them in the hall and with presents of nuts and ginger coaxing them to tell her of the day's doings at the mission and of the people on the street, or, in fact, any little piece of news or gossip the children might pick up on their way to and from school. Ah Oi would listen with childlike curiosity.

Choy Come was the first to enter the hall, and when she saw the figure of Ah Oi move she drew back with a frightened cry.

"Oh, elder brother," hissed Choy Come in her native tongue, "there is an evil spirit on the stairs and we have no crackers or symbols to frighten it away."

"Are you sure it is an evil spirit?" asked Ah Yeung, trying to pierce the gloom with his little beadlike eyes. "If I see anything we will hasten and get some incense at the shop of the friend of our father and burn it here so that the evil spirit will depart."

"Foolish ones, it is I," said the voice of Ah Oi. "Why should you be so frightened? Have you not found me here before?"

"Ah Oi, why did you not call out when we entered as you were wont?"

"The day has shadows," said Choy Come, "and besides the enemy of our worthy father died yesterday and we must make many offerings to our household gods lest his spirit returns to haunt our dwelling."

"You were long in coming from the temple of the foreign devil. What did she of the blue eyes tell you to-day?"

"We have heard of a great feast that is coming," answered Ah Yeung. "In which presents are exchanged. In the foreign devil's tongue it is called Christmas. In truth it is the feast of their god called 'Jesus Christ,'" remarked Choy Come solemnly.

"The foreign devils have only one god, while we worship many," said Ah Oi proudly.

"But there are other gods of the foreign devils, and she of the blue eyes told us not the truth," declared Ah Yeung. "Even yesterday there came in the mission a boy of the street who took the pictures at ate of the sweets which she of the blue eyes offered, but listened not to her discourse. She said he was of the clan called 'Ilish,' who are wild and hard to change. When Choy Come and I



The Worthy Mother of Choy Come
Ah Yeung.

were going home, this Ilish foreign devil said he would show us a temple more beautiful by far than the one we left. We wandered some little distance to a large temple with a symbol of wood on the roof made in this manner," continued Ah Yeung, crossing his fingers in shape of a cross. "Inside there were lights before the shrines of many gods. 'This,' said the Ilish foreign devil, 'is the true temple of my fathers.'"

"All that we had seen and heard puzzled us very much, for she of the blue eyes told us the foreign devils had but one god."

"When we reached our home," remarked Choy Come, "we told to our illustrious father of the temple and the strange gods. He said it was not of a necessity that we should understand the ways of the foreign devils' gods, and that we should learn the language as he had commanded, and let their devils gods take care of themselves. Still, he thought it was meet that we should listen even with politeness to all the discourse of she of the blue eyes and attend the feasts."

"Will she of the blue eyes give you many gifts at the coming feast?" asked Ah Oi.

"We know not how many we will receive," answered Ah Yeung. "We write of what gifts we wish on paper in the foreign devils' tongue, of which we have a knowledge, and give the paper to her of the blue eyes."

"It is a feast much like unto our Feast of the Moon," mused Ah Oi, "and you should be very careful how you ask for gifts lest you be treated as the goddess of the moon served the old lady."

"Even us the story, Ah Oi," cried Choy Come, clapping her hands.

"Yes, tell us," urged Ah Yeung, "of the goddess of the moon; you, who have learned so many stories in the land of our most respected parents, the country of the dragon."

"Often have I heard when I was a little girl in my own land that the moon is inhabited by a goddess of imposing beauty and great splendor of



"Foolish Ones, it is I," Said the Voice
of Ah Oi.

costume," related Ah Oi seriously, while Choy Come and Ah Yeung listened, their eyes wide with interest. "She is dear to poets and lovers, who celebrate her feast in the autumn season with its profusion of chrysanthemums and wealth of sweet-smelling flowers. At midnight on a certain night in autumn she leaves her celestial home in the moon and comes down to earth to grant favors to mortals."

"One night she appeared to an old lady and told her she would grant any favor she might ask. So bright and dazzling was the vision of the goddess that the old lady was speechless. Finally she summoned up enough courage to place her hand to her mouth, meaning she would like enough to eat for the rest of her life. The next morning, when the old lady awoke, she found she had a gigantic beard. The goddess had misunderstood her gesture, and instead of furnishing her with enough to eat for the rest of her life she caused a beard to grow on her chin. So you see," continued Ah Oi, "you must take great care how you ask for gifts. Now you must go, for it is not meet that I should talk to you so long. The other day your mother called you when she found you with me," added Ah Oi, sadly.

"'Tis true she warned us not to have too much speech with you," ventured Ah Yeung, with childish frankness.

When we asked the reason," remarked Choy Come, "she said you were from Canton, where the women have no manners."

"I come from the district of Sou-

theon, where flows the beautiful River Tehin-Houal and where the moon is never sad," announced Ah Oi proudly. "There, as a little girl, I lived near the Lake of Flowers and by the Pathway of Pleasant Odors. In the evenings I watched the illuminated boats and heard laughter and song from all sides. There every one had smiling faces and were happy."

"Then why, if you were so happy in the Land of the Dragon, did you come to this country of the foreign devil?" asked Choy Come.

"I came with Yan Lee, who bought me from my honored father, who was old and very poor, else he would not have suffered me to go so far away from my home, near the beautiful River Tehin-Houal."

"And will you never go back again where you were so happy?" asked Choy Come, affected by the sadness in Ah Oi's voice.

"I shall never go back to the land of my delight unless Lu Chan, my best beloved, comes across the sea, as he promised, and buys me. He was only a poor student when Yan Lee took me from my father. Thrice did he make a vow at the full of the moon and made offerings to the God of Love that he would not rest until he took his literary degree and became a mandarin. Then he would seek me in the country of the foreign devil. Every day have I not asked you to describe the strangers you meet in the streets, hoping I should hear some news of Lu Chan?"

"Is there not yet time for him to come?" inquired Ah Yeung, encouragingly.

"Long have I passed the term of my servitude, and still Lu Chan does not come," said Ah Oi, mournfully. "Now Yan Lee threatens to sell me, because all day long I forget my manners and look sad."

"Ah Oi," exclaimed Choy Come, "because you have told us many wonderful tales and have given us sweets, we will write on the paper so that she of the blue eyes will send you gifts on the coming feast."

"Could we not take Ah Oi, who is always so sad, to see the wonderful



Ah Yeung and Choy Come.

tree loaded with sweets and lit by many candles?" suggested Ah Yeung.

"Oh!" cried Ah Oi, "I dare not go out Yan Lee has forbidden me. But I should so like to see the wonderful tree of many lights."

Just then a door opened and a stern voice called, "Ah Oi! Is it thus you sit lending an idle ear to children's talk? Come hither and find a more suitable occupation than listening to tales of the foreign devils' gods."

When she reached the door Yan Lee pushed her roughly inside.

There was a sprinkling of snow on the ground and the cold wind blew in the chubby faces of Choy Come and Ah Yeung, who, in padded tunics and muffled in in silken scarfs, were hurrying home from the afternoon's Christmas celebration at the mission.

Choy Come carried a small branch of Christmas tree trimmed elaborately in tinsel. As they turned the corner the wind blew a sudden blast and tore from Choy Come's arms the tinsel-trimmed branch, blowing it swiftly down the slightly inclined street.

"Oh, elder brother," cried Choy Come, in excitement, "the wind has taken the gift for Ah Oi!" They both chased the branch down the street, calling to the pedestrians, "Oh, please some one save the gift for Ah Oi!"

"Little ones," said one of their countrymen, who had rescued from the middle of the street the precious branch, "tell unto me who Ah Oi is and you may have your branch."

"Honored sir," implored Ah Yeung, "please give us the gift for Ah Oi! She belongs to Yan Lee, and is very sad. Even now she awaits on the steps for us."

The stranger's countenance underwent a change, and he was saying softly to himself, as though unaware of the children's presence, "Yan Lee, Ah Oi; at last I have found her whom I have long sought."

He looked down on Choy Come and Ah Yeung. "Little ones," he said, with joy in his tones, "surely the god of luck to whom even this morning I made offerings, has sent you my way. I, Lu Chan, have come from across the seas and wandered in many cities of the foreign devil seeking one Ah Oi. All my seeking has been in vain until today. Now children so favored by the gods lead me to Ah Oi, who waits on the steps. It shall be the gift you bring to her this day."

Choy Come and Ah Yeung brought to Ah Oi on that Christmas day her best beloved Lu Chan, who bought her from Yan Lee and took her back to the land of her delight, where flows the beautiful River Tehin-Houal, near the Lake of Flowers and the Pathway of Pleasant Odors.

DENVER ITS CHOICE

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTS ALL OF FUND.

DISCUSSION IS LIVELY

Several Members Look on Sum Offered as a Bribe—July 7 Selected as National Convention Date.

Washington.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, Col., and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee late Thursday entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city.

The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for convention purposes, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 14.

Mr. Clayton, Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi and Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia all spoke in favor of the passage of the resolution. Mr. Smith was especially emphatic in saying that the \$100,000 which had been offered to secure the Republican convention and refused by the Republican national committee had been offered to and was about to be accepted by the Democratic committee. He said the Republicans had turned down the offer because it was regarded as in the nature of a bribe and that Democrats, in view of that circumstance, could not afford to accept it. Mr. Williams spoke in similar vein, as also did Mr. Clayton.

Mr. Taggart advocated the acceptance of the \$100,000, saying it would be needed now even worse than money was needed in 1904, and that at that time it would have been practically impossible to have opened headquarters for Judge Parker if they had not had the extra money secured from St. Louis, where the convention was held.

MRS. LONGWORTH UNDER KNIFE.

President's Daughter Operated Upon for Appendicitis.

Washington.—Mrs. Alice Longworth, wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth, and daughter of President Roosevelt, was operated upon for appendicitis Thursday.

The following bulletin was issued at the White House at nine o'clock Thursday night:

"Mrs. Longworth has had a comparatively comfortable day. Her general condition is satisfactory."

At the conclusion of the operation Mrs. Longworth emerged from the influence of the anæsthetic in a very short time and after exchanging a few words with Mrs. Cowles, her aunt, and with her husband, she fell asleep.

PROCEEDS AGAINST GLAZIER.

Gov. Warner Tells Attorney General to Prepare Charges.

Lansing, Mich.—Gov. Warner Thursday formally notified State's Attorney General Bird to draft charges against State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier of Chelsea, looking to his removal from office.

The charges against Mr. Glazier upon which the governor will base the removal proceedings grow out of the closing of the Chelsea Savings bank December 2 by Banking Commissioner Zimmerman as a result of Mr. Glazier's financial troubles.

PLAN COURT OF JUSTICE.

Central American Delegates Agree to Establish Peace Tribunal.

Washington.—The first formal outcome of the Central American peace conference, now in progress in this city and probably the most important to result from that conference was made public Thursday in the form of an abstract of the general treaty agreed upon Wednesday night by the delegates, providing for the establishment of a permanent court to settle all disputes that may arise between the countries of Central America in the future.

New York Banker Is Dead.

New York.—William H. S. Wood, president of the Bowery Savings bank, an institution with more than \$100,000,000 in deposits, died at his residence here Wednesday night from a complication of diseases.

Hunter and Deer Die Together.

Tilton, N. H.—The body of George Whitney of Canterbury was found in the woods near Northfield Thursday, lying beside a deer which he had killed. Death probably resulted from heart failure.

Gen. Funston at Goldfield.

Goldfield, Nev.—Gen. Funston arrived at 12:20 Thursday and was driven direct to the Casey hotel, where he went into conference with Gov. Sparks. Gen. Funston stated to the governor that he would remain here until the labor situation had cleared up and there was no longer danger of trouble. Gen. Funston says he is determined to take control of the camp under martial law upon the first outbreak of serious violence, but that he will not take any such action until the conditions warrant it.



THE BEST TREE OF ALL

BY J.P. COLLINS

ONE winter's night when the snow lay deep, And the earth beneath it was fast asleep, And the dormice were snuggled all cosy and warm From the hurry-go-hullabaloo of the storm, A droopedy Tree on the edge of a hill, That shivered so hard he couldn't keep still, Nursed grumblesome thoughts in his silly green head Till he tumbled the flakes from his branches and said:

"Oh, what is the use of living at all, For a fellow like me who am slender and small, When even the birds say I'm feeble and bare, And the squirrels turn tail and visit elsewhere? My bandyboughed neighbours, the Holly and Oak, They put on the airs of superior folk; And to hear them a-boasting, you'd think they were kings, Because they are made into tables and things. It's the same with the Poplar, the same with the Beech, With their lofty ideas and their loftier speech; They're going to be shipmasts or something at sea, And there's no use for a scrubby Fir-Tree."

This was all very well, but the Woodman knew better, He chopped down the Fir-Tree and posted a letter, Saying 'oping as 'ow it deserved to be known the finest young Spruce that ever was grown. So without being asked if he liked it or not, A fidgety friend was installed in a pot was packed to the brim with sawdust and soil, And waisted round with charming tinfoil.

This startling treatment was hardly complete When he found himself carted through byway and street, Till they bundled him in through a hospital door, And dumped him down in Ward Number Four. Now the sight of a bandage, the taste of a pill, And the odours of physic make some people ill; But he grumbled no more, so beyond feeling faint, We may fairly conclude that he had no complaint. And yet he arrived with so many wraps, You'd have thought him a patient, or postman perhaps; But when he stood up in his garment so green, What a giant he looked in that singular scene!

Just think of a room with a long double row Of fifty wee cots all whiter than snow; Though at each little house in that invalid Lane There rested a Curly Head throbbing with pain. But once in a while, when the aching grew numb, Those Crippled Mites dreamt of the revels to come, Till they smiled with delight in their slumber, and then They whimpered, and turned to their slumbers again.

The Fir-Tree was tired, and sank in a doze, But was all eyes and ears when a murmur arose; He watched the Nurse bend o'er a sufferer's bed Till his wonderment grew to a whisper that said: "Why, these must be children like those who once played Through our green summer woods, and were glad of my shade; But those were all laughter, and these are all grief, And here I'm afraid my shade's no relief. Oh, what can this Pain be, that I never feel, And why should it take so much trouble to heal?" The thought was so sad that he wept, very near— Or 'twas a snowflake turned into a tear. To distress from inquisitive sight, He walled there and then with a curtain of white, And the strange preparations behind the scenes puzzled the heads of those bed-ridden Weans.

At last there arrived one radiant day When the Medicine Men were ordered away, And rooms full of Youngsters all trooped into one, To share in the frolic and shout in the fun. There were Bobbies and Bessies, and Jennies and Jims, With the usual array of unusual limbs; There was Hobbling Harry, who limped upon crutches; And a Motor Boy bragging of brakes and of "clutches." If you gave him the word he was off like a shot, A-trundling along till his wheels were red-hot; He was sent to invite the Matron and all, And was back in a trice lest the curtain should fall.

Oh, the shout that went up when the Tree came to sight, All loaded with presents and blazing with light! When one Chickabiddywink crowed in her glee—"Oh my, what a luffery Tismas Tee!" For among the branches, half hidden from view, Were toys of all sorts and of every hue, And everywhere till they dazzled your eyes, There were candles as many as stars in the skies!

Oh, the toffee and trumpets, and watches and chains, And packed Noah's Arks, tin engines and trains, and ships that could never have sunk, And a button-eyed elephant dangling his trunk! There were chocolate puppies and whiskerful cats, And blinkable dollies and squeakable rats, A sturdy red Soldier all scarlet and brave, And a Banner so starchy it never would wave; Silver balls on elastic, gold beads on a string, Pink pigs that would grunt, bright birds on the wing, And topmost of everything shining afar, Stood a flaxen-haired Fairy Queen crowned with a star.

Then just at the height of the staring and wonder, The signal was given for presents and plunder; Each Toddler in turn got the thing he desired, And at every fresh gift a fat cracker was fired. So when all the romps and excitement were done, And the wearyworn Youngsters went off one by one, And mumbled their prayers and crept off to their beds, With their treasures all cuddled close under their heads,—Why, you couldn't imagine a Fir-Tree so proud As our friend when he thought of that happy young crowd; And he said, as they bundled him into the yard, Where the snow was adrift and the wind blowing hard,—I am glad I was born neither Oak-Tree nor Beech, For lofty ambitions are out of my reach; But if I'd my life to live over again, I'd spend it in gladdening Children. Amen!



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COMBATTING A COMMON EVIL.

Practices of Sending Dollars from Communities Where Earned Helps Along the Centralization of Business.

Apparently the press is now fully aroused to the importance of combating the evils of patronizing other than home enterprises. Editorial and local columns of the papers, especially in the western states, are filled with common-sense articles setting before the people such facts as appeal to reason and patriotism.

None will gainsay that the wage-earner has the inherent right to spend his earnings wherever he desires. If he wishes to buy his clothes in some distant city, he has that privilege. Sometimes he may have cause to do so. His home merchants may not carry in stock what he wishes to secure. Others may charge him what he considers an exorbitant price. Quite often he may learn that he makes a mistake by buying goods without a careful examination of them.

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WANDERING WEARY WILLIES. Towns by Adopting Proper Ordinances Can Assist in Decreasing Vagrancy.

Like unto the poor, the tramps and the "hoboes," it seems, we have "with us always." With the coming of winter they drift from the north to the south. The torrid heat of summer finds them wending their way to the northern climate. While for the last decade of years prosperity has been universal throughout the United States, and employment for all willing to work, still the wandering, lonely, unfortunate, remain as an object lesson of ignorance and indolence.

MISUSE OF THE MAIL. How the Law Reads Under Which the Postal Department Excludes Frauds.

Section 5480 revised statutes of the United States pertaining to illegal use of the mails reads as follows: "Any person, who having devised or intended to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud or to be affected by either opening or intending to open correspondence or communication with any other person whether resident within or without the United States, by reason of the post office establishment of the United States or by inciting such other persons to open communication with the person so devising or intending, and for executing such scheme or artifice, or attempting to do so, shall place any letter or package in any post office of the United States, or take or receive therefrom, such persons so misusing the mails shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) and imprisonment of not more than eighteen (18) months, or by both such punishments."

Is Concentration Desirable? He who thinks that a 10,000-acre farm under control of one man, who reaps all the profits of its operation, is better than 100 100-acre farms owned by 100 men, each of whom reaps the reward of his labor reasons erroneously.

Progressive Farmers. The average American farmer is a progressive mortal. He is always ready to learn new things. He lately realizes more than ever the necessity of education in his business. He no longer ignores the fact that science is a wonderful factor in his work, a money saver that must be considered if he succeeds.

HOW SCHEMERS WORK.

Cooperative Plans Used to Get Dollars from the People of the Country.

Financing or promoting has become a particular science. This new science has taken the broad name of "system," and to "system" is attributed a Machiavellianism that would make insignificant the chicanery of the noted Italian diplomat. At present the nation is treated to illustrations of the methods of the advocates of "system" through the magazine articles, and the disclosures made of the transactions of many big concerns which have been investigated by the courts.

When slumbered down, it will be seen that it is by use of money contributed by the masses of people, and placed in the control of the few that the masters of finance are enabled to rob and build up at will, give and take, and let the people go to the bows.

It is not the intention herein to deal particularly with the gigantic institutions, but to show how the principles employed by them are also brought into use by promoters of schemes of lesser degree. And here an anomaly presents itself, plainly showing how short-sighted the masses of people are, the small-caliber schemers who apply "system" as their main prop the cry of "trust" and "robbers."

Do not be deceived by the representations made by alleged cooperators. A close investigation will show that instead of a purely cooperative plan, it is a scheme simply with the object of getting from the people money with which to carry on business for the personal gain of a few.

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Preacher's Comforting Remarks. At an evening prayer meeting in a Maine village the senior deacon, Dominic Jordan, arose to make appropriate scriptural remarks about the death of the late Miss Simpkins.

Unsound Cooperative Concerns. "Self-preservation is one of the first laws of nature," wrote some thinker long ago, and time has failed to prove it untrue.

Both Gained. Man and Wife Fatten on Grape-Nuts. The notion that meat is necessary for real strength and the foundation of solid flesh is no longer as prevalent as formerly.

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NEW STRENGTH FOR OLD BACKS.

No Need to Suffer Every Day from Backache.

Mrs. Joannah Straw, 526 North Broadway, Canton, S. D., says: "For three years I suffered everything with rheumatism in my limbs and a dull, senseless aching in my back. I was weak, languid, broken with headaches and dizzy spells, and the kidney secretions were thick with solids. I was really in a critical condition when I began with Doan's Kidney Pills, and they certainly did wonders for me. Though I am 51 years old, I am as well as the average woman of 50. I work well, eat well and sleep well."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

HAD NO DOUBT OF HIS FATE.

Mr. Jerome Evidently Was Aware of His Wife's Culinary Ability.

Some weeks ago the wife of Judge Blank, of Pacific avenue, lost her cook, and since she had no other resource she rolled up her sleeves and for a week provided such meals as the Judge had not enjoyed since those happy days when the Blanks did not keep a cook. The judge's delight was so great that by way of appreciative acknowledgment he presented Mrs. Blank with a beautiful ermine cloak.

Served Accordingly. At a man's cafe one night a young American—a barber—fell in with an Englishman. The latter was berating the Yankees for doing all manner of business in their shops and not following the better English plan of sticking to one branch.

The Englishman kept quiet for a few minutes, when, seeing his attendant reading, he started out: "Why don't you shave me, sir?"

Mean Revenge. A man had been very badly treated by the proprietors of a boarding house, and when in temporary financial difficulties had been forced to leave.

Patents. If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water.

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SOMETHING OF A CYNIC.

Papa Had Extreme Views on the Subject of Marriage.

Miss Marie Cahill, the actress, chose the chorus girls for her new play, "Marrying Mary," by measurement. The Bertillon system was employed. "By this excellent system of measurement," said Miss Cahill the other day, "one gets, in a chorus girl, the real thing. Mirages are avoided. You know what a mirage is? Quite sure? Well, at any rate, I'll point out its meaning to you with a story."

"A boy looked up from his book one night. "Father," he said, "what is a mirage?"

"The father answered glibly from behind his paper: "The union of a man and woman till death or the law them do part."

"But," said the boy, "that's marriage, ain't it?"

"Same thing, sonny; it's the same thing," replied the father. "A man imagines he sees wonders and delights where there is nothing. Fight sky of 'em both, my boy."

ECZEMA COVERED BABY.

Worst Case Doctor's Ever Saw—Suffered Untold Misery—Perfect Cure by Cuticura Remedies.

"My son, who is now twenty-two years of age, when four months old began to have eczema on his face, spreading quite rapidly until he was nearly covered. The eczema was something terrible, and the doctors said it was the worst case they ever saw. At times his whole body and face were covered, all but his feet. I used many kinds of patent medicines, to no avail. A friend teased me to try Cuticura. At last I decided to try Cuticura when my boy was three years and four months old, having had eczema all that time and suffering untold misery. I began to use all three of the Cuticura Remedies. He was better in two months; in six months he was well. Mrs. R. L. Risley, Piermont, N. H., Oct. 24, 1905."

Woman of Economic Strain. Of small economies the following will be difficult to beat for smallness. A laboring man who hands over his weekly wages to his wife is allowed by her an ounce of tobacco a week. She buys it herself in two separate half ounces—in order, she declares, to get the advantage of the two turns of the scale.—London Chronicle.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS. PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding files in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others.—Marcus Aurelius.

Lewis' Single Binder Cigar has a rich taste. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

A crank is a person who thinks you are a crank.



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appeal to the Well-Informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing. Accordingly, it is not claimed that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is the only remedy of known value, but one of many reasons why it is the best of personal and family laxatives is the fact that it cleanses, sweetens and relieves the internal organs on which it acts without any debilitating after effects and without having to increase the quantity from time to time.

It acts pleasantly and naturally and truly as a laxative, and its component parts are known to and approved by physicians, as it is free from all objectionable substances. To get its beneficial effects always purchase the genuine—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and for sale by all leading druggists.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heavy Eating. A perfect remedy for Biliousness, Nausea, Dizziness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

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Revised Homestead Regulations by which entry may be made by proxy (on certain conditions), by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Entry fee in each case is \$10.00. For pamphlet, "Last Best West," particulars as to routes, routes, best time to go and where to locate, apply to C. J. BROUGHTON, Room 410 Quincy Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; W. H. ROGERS, Third Floor, Traction Terminal Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.; or T. O. CURRIE, Room 12 B, Calahan Block, Milwaukee, Wis.

FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE. Big bargain on account of room. Leading breeders' blooded pure, choice calves 100 to 150 lbs. for sale by themselves, or in lots of 5 or 10, at special price. Also, pure bred, heavy, long, smooth, black, spotted and white calves, and all other breeds of cattle, sheep and swine, at special price. Also, pure bred, heavy, long, smooth, black, spotted and white calves, and all other breeds of cattle, sheep and swine, at special price.

HAIR BALSAM. Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes its growth. Never fails to restore Gray Hair to its original color. Cures scalp diseases and hair falling out. Sold by all Druggists.

Pacific Investment Syndicate, 2900 Crocker Building, San Francisco, buys and sells bonds and listed stocks on commission. Cash invested in first mortgages. Write me if you want to make money. Money on edge or real estate. I will give you the best. We have special chances for you right now.

IMPROVED FARMS, prairie and timber land in central Minnesota; crop failures are unknown; no wind or drought; land for other purposes. For particulars write FRED MUEHL, Adrian, Minn.

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Silva Doll spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.
Mrs. Sarah Geiselman visited with her son in Knox last week.
Mrs. Ora Houghton visited with her aunt, Mrs. Will Cooper, Friday.
Arthur Croco and wife of Argos visited his uncle, Wm. Castleman, from Friday until Sunday.

The young people of this vicinity attended the box social at Center school Thursday night.

Have you seen my stock of watches, fobs, chains, bracelets, veil pins, beauty pins, brooches, cuff buttons, rings, berry spoons, sugar shells and other articles too numerous to mention? E. B. Sutherland.

Wanted to Rent—Farm above 80 acres, near Culver or Hibbard. Cash or grain rent. James Rebell, Culver, Route 16. d1873

WHAT IS A NEWSPAPER?

As it Appears to an Editor With a Trenchant Pen.

A newspaper is the thing which every person in town knows how to run except the editor. It is what should be an oven for "roasts" on everyone except himself, members of your family and a few of your particular friends, for whom it should be a sweet-scented bouquet of praise. It is a promoter of profanity if it is not on the front porch when you get down in the morning, and what you tell the man who works on it isn't fit to go into a decant person's home.

It is what the young man who borrows it from the saloon bar "kicks" about because it contains only one sporting page and which the woman tells her neighbor when she takes it back is not worth subscribing for because it has but one page devoted to fashions and making current jam.

It is what the merchant threatens to pull his ad. out of because he cannot have the run of the paper and what the old subscriber declares is going to the demitition bowwows because it is getting so that nothing but advertising can get a position in it any more.

It is what you want to see the editor to keep your name out of as soon you have settled with the police justice on the morning after and to get your name into as soon as the cards are issued two weeks before.

It is what is just too horrid and inquisitive for anything and "please keep my name out" when the reporter wishes to know about the bridge whist club and which is the mean old sheet that never gets anything right when your name is omitted from "among those present."

It is what no one forgets to condemn for its mistakes and never remembers to praise for the good it accomplishes.

It is a subsidized organ when it fails to tell about the millionaire's wife running away with the coach man and a libelous yellow rag when it reports your police court trial for killing your neighbor's rooster.

It is what is difficult to print so as to suit anybody and which would be nothing but eight pages blank white paper with a headline if it were published so as to suit everybody.—Harry N. Gardner, city editor Binghamton (N. Y.) Republican.

HIBBARD HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. E. J. Reed, Correspondent.
Mrs. Rockhill is very much under the weather.
Frank Yeoman and wife and Mrs. J. R. Miller went to Plymouth Tuesday.
Emma and Glen Reed are confined to the house with something like catarrhal fever.

A sled load of Hibbard's young people took advantage of the fine roads and went to Trinity Sunday evening.

Two Sheets music for 25 cents during the holidays at W. S. East-erday's.

The finest line of holiday goods ever seen in my store is now ready for inspection. T. E. Slattery.

To Rent—Three rooms over Citizen. Newly decorated and warm.

Trial catarrh treatments are being mailed out free, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Reine, Wis. These tests are proving to the people—without a penny's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

WASHINGTON WARBLINGS.

O. F. Jones, Correspondent.

A. S. Wilson is on the sick list.
"Clas Palsel is visiting Ola Krieg."
B. A. Curtis and family visited at Leiter's Monday.

Alvin Jones visited his father west of DeLong Monday.
B. A. Krause is still in Plymouth and says he likes the job.

Minor Flagg and family visited Sunday with Mr. Warner.
Henry Poutius was re-elected supervisor for this district.

The school will give an entertainment Friday afternoon.
R. C. McFarland will begin driving a well at the academy this week.

OAK GROVE OFFERINGS.
Mrs. Petty was in Ober Monday.
Sam Bottorff went to Ober Monday.
Sam Bottorff helped Joel Kinzie kill a calf Friday.

Frank Reigs butchered a hog for J. H. Barnes on Tuesday.
J. H. Barnes has been on the sick list for the last two weeks.
Mrs. Barnes and J. S. Bottorff were in Ober on business Monday.

Frank Reigs butchered three fine hogs for Paul Snyder Wednesday.
MOUNT HOPE MAGNETS.
Miss Myrtle Edgington, Correspondent.

Christmas entertainment at this place Christmas eve.
Mrs. Wm. Hay is not resting well at this writing.
Anthony Brugh and family visited Sunday at Elta Davis'.

Walter Hartle of Leiters and Jesse Crabb of Culver spent Sunday at Jacob Hartle's.
Andrew Hartle, wife and baby, Misses Hendricks and Garrison and Mr. Garrison of Huntington visited at Jacob Hartle's last week.

OAK GROVE DAIRY.

Geo. Casper was elected supervisor of our road district Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Borg entertained company from North Union Sunday.

James Mawborter is now at home after being absent for seven months.
The smiling face of our trustee, James Terry, was seen in our midst Sunday.

Lloyd Hemminger took a load of young folks to North Union to church Sunday evening.
The teachers of North Bend township held their monthly institute at the Center school house Saturday.

Wilder Cox is the happy owner of a new birthday present. Wilder is sorry his birthday comes but once a year.
Jesse Beauchamp, Harry Fell and Gertrude Jones and Rosa Blakeley attended church at North Union Sunday evening.

The following took dinner with Laura and Bertha Fechner Sunday: Jerome Zechiel, Chas. King, Benj. Kesler, Walter Jones, Otto Fechner, Mae Cooper, Anna Jain, Mrs. Fechner.

The social and fish pond at the Center school was well attended on Thursday evening. Heiney Altheide caught the largest fish which was a large nursing bottle. Ask him about it. Elva Joseph took the prize for the most popular young lady present.

Just a little Cascaquant to all that is necessary to give your baby when it is cross and peevish. Conforms to the National Pure Food Law. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Special Entertainment for Children.

Special entertainment for children, Sunday schools, schools and teachers in candies, fruits, etc., at Hand's grocery.

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The Best Coffee Substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop of Reine, Wis. You don't have to hold it steady or stir it. "Health Coffee" is really the finest Coffee In-itation ever yet produced. No grain of real Coffee in it either. Health Coffee Initation is made from purest natural coffee beans, with milk, oils, etc. Ready to drink food as expert as the milk coffee usually made. It for Coffee. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Every Bottle Warranted



Every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is guaranteed, and the dealer from whom it is purchased will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using it.

The many remarkable cures of colds and grip effected by this preparation have made it famous over a large part of the civilized world. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. It not only cures colds and grip, but counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia.

This remedy is also a certain cure for croup, and has never been known to fail. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration free by the use of this remedy.

It contains no opium or other harmful substance, and it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult.

Our Holiday Gift Goods

were never more varied or attractive than this year. From our fine line in every department you will be able to make satisfactory selections for every member of the family.

For the Ladies
we have pretty Dress and Waist Patterns of the latest weaves; Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy; Purses and Handbags; Neckwear; elegant Imported Ware for the table and toilet; Furs; Gloves and Mittens; Cloaks and Coats; Umbrellas; fine Hosiery, and numerous other items.

For the Men
Handkerchiefs, with colored borders; Shoes; Leggings; Dress and Working Gloves and Mittens; Caps; Hats; Plain and Fancy Socks; Neckties; Cigars and Pipes; Suspenders; Mufflers, etc., etc.

Pure Candies
A large and tempting stock of the choicest and purest Candies fresh from the factory.

PORTER & CO.

Culver Department Store

ONLY a few more days until Christmas. Come while the weather is good and pick out what you want and I will lay it aside for you. A little time spent in my store will convince you that it is the best place to buy your presents. Gifts and prices to please all.

My bargain counter contains many useful articles. I have a nice line of children's and misses' rockers; also a nice line of large rockers, dining room chairs, dishes, sewing tables, lamp stands, jardiniere stands, and many other articles too numerous to mention. More open every evening till 9.

THIS TICKET IS WORTH 10 CENTS
On every Dollar's Worth of Goods bought at
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keeping with our reputation in the past that "THE SURPRISE" has the goods at holiday time, we desire to have you take notice that for this year more than ever we have added many more gift goods in the useful lines, such as are useful as well as ornamental, and we kindly ask inspection.

If you are undecided what to buy drop in at the "Big Store. You'll see what you want.

Special low prices will prevail on Furs, and ladies and misses' ne-

Wraps, to induce husband, father, sweetheart to buy that girl a coat.

We're showing an immense line of art goods, imported china, br-a-brac, handkerchiefs, floor rug silk mufflers, over 1000 Xmas tie gloves, sweat vests, caps, fan slippers, umbrellas, and a big line of jewelry, such as stick pins, watch chains, brooches etc., etc.

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Miss Ruth Castleman, Correspondent.
Revival meetings closed at this place Sunday evening.
Silva Doll spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.
Mrs. Sarah Geiselman visited with her son in Knox last week.
Mrs. Ora Houghton visited with her aunt, Mrs. Will Cooper, Friday.
Arthur Croco and wife of Argos visited his uncle, Wm. Castleman, from Friday until Sunday.
The young people of this vicinity attended the box social at Center school Thursday night.

Have you seen my stock of watches, fobs, chains, bracelets, veil pins, beauty pins, brooches, cuff buttons, rings, berry spoons, sugar shells and other articles too numerous to mention? E. B. Sutherland.

Wanted to Rent—Farm above 80 acres, near Culver or Hibbard, Cash or grain rent. James Rebell, Culver, Route 16. d183

WHAT IS NEWSPAPER.

As it Appears to an Editor With a Trenchant Pen.

A newspaper is the thing which every person in town knows how to run except the editor. It is what should be an oven for "roasts" on everyone except himself, members of your family and a few of your particular friends, for whom it should be a sweet-scented bouquet of praise. It is a promoter of profanity if it is not on the front porch when you get down in the morning, and what you tell the man who works on it isn't fit to go into a decent person's home.

It is what the young man who borrows it from the saloon bar "kicks" about because it contains only one sporting page and which the woman tells her neighbor when she takes it back is not worth subscribing for because it has but one page devoted to fashions and making current jam.

It is what the merchant threatens to pull his ad. out of because he cannot have the run of the paper and what the old subscriber declares is going to the demnation bowwows because it is getting so that nothing but advertising can get a position in it any more.

It is what you want to see the editor to keep your name out of as soon you have settled with the police justice on the morning after and to get your name into as soon as the cards are issued two weeks before.

It is what is just too horrid and inquisitive for anything and "please keep my name out" when the reporter wishes to know about the bridge whist club and which is the mean old sheet that never gets anything right when your name is omitted from "among those present."

It is what no one forgets to condemn for its mistakes and never remembers to praise for the good it accomplishes.

It is a subsidized organ when it fails to tell about the millionaire's wife running away with the coach man and a libelous yellow rag when it reports your police court trial for killing your neighbor's rooster.

It is what is difficult to print so as to suit anybody and which would be nothing but eight pages blank white paper with a headline if it were published so as to suit everybody.—Harry N. Gardner, city editor Binghamton (N. Y.) Republican.

HIBBARD HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. E. J. Reed, Correspondent.
Mrs. Rockhill is very much under the weather.
Frank Yeoman and wife and Mrs. J. R. Miller went to Plymouth Tuesday.
Emma and Glen Reed are confined to the house with something like catarrhal fever.
A sled load of Hibbard's young people took advantage of the fine roads and went to Trinity Sunday evening.
Two Sheets music for 25 cents during the holidays at W. S. East-erday's.
The finest line of holiday goods ever seen in my store is now ready for inspection. T. E. Slattery.

To Rent—Three rooms over Citizen. Newly decorated and warm.

Just a little Cascawent is all that is necessary to give your baby when it is cross and frowish. Conforms to the National Pure Food Law. Sold by T. E. Slattery.

Culver Department Store

ONLY a few more days until Christmas. Come while the weather is good and pick out what you want and I will lay it aside for you. A little time spent in my store will convince you that it is the best place to buy your presents. Gifts and prices to please all.
My bargain counter contains many useful articles. I have a nice line of children's and misses' rockers; also a nice line of large rockers, dining room chairs, dishes, sewing tables, lamp stands, jardiniere stands, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Store open every evening till 9.

THIS TICKET IS WORTH 10 CENTS
On every Dollar's Worth of Goods bought at
The Culver Department Store
GOOD UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1908

WASHINGTON WARBLINGS.

C. P. Jones, Correspondent.
A. S. Wilson is on the sick list.
Cleo Patsel is visiting Ola Krieg.
B. A. Curtis and family visited at Leiter's Monday.
Alvin Jones visited his father west of Delong Monday.
E. A. Krause is still in Plymouth and says he likes the job.
Minor Flagg and family visited Sunday with Mr. Warner.
Henry Pontius was re-elected supervisor for this district.
The school will give an entertainment Friday afternoon.
R. C. McFarland will begin driving a well at the academy this week.

OAK GROVE OFFERINGS.

Mrs. Petty was in Ober Monday.
Sam Bottorff went to Ober Monday.
Sam Bottorff helped Joel Kinzie kill a calf Friday.
Frank Reigs butchered a hog for J. H. Barnes on Tuesday.
J. H. Barnes has been on the sick list for the last two weeks.
Mrs. Barnes and J. S. Bottorff were in Ober on business Monday.
Frank Reigs butchered three fine hogs for Paul Snyder Wednesday.

MOUNT HOPE MAGNETS.

Miss Myrtle Edgington, Correspondent.
Christmas entertainment at this place Christmas eve.
Mrs. Wm. Hay is not resting well at this writing.
Anthony Brugh and family visited Sunday at Elta Davis'.
Walter Hartle of Leiters and Jesse Crabb of Culver spent Sunday at Jacob Hartle's.
Andrew Hartle, wife and baby, Misses Hendricks and Garrison and Mr. Garrison of Huntington visited at Jacob Hartle's last week.

OAK GROVE DAIRY.

Geo. Casper was elected supervisor of our road district Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Borg entertained company from North Union Sunday.
James Mawhorter is now at home after being absent for seven months.
The smiling face of our trustee, James Terry, was seen in our midst Sunday.
Lloyd Hemminger took a load of young folks to North Union to church Sunday evening.


The teachers of North Bend township held their monthly institute at the Center school house Saturday.

Wildor Cox is the happy owner of a new birthday present. Wildor is sorry his birthday comes but once a year.
Jesse Beauchamp, Harry Fell and Gertrude Jones and Rosa Blakeley attended church at North Union Sunday evening.
The following took dinner with Laura and Bertha Fechner Sunday: Jerome Zechel, Chas. King, Benj. Kesler, Walter Jones, Otto Fechner, Mae Cooper, Anna Jain, Mrs. Fechner.
The social and fish pond at the Center school was well attended on Thursday evening. Heiney Altheide caught the largest fish which was a large nursing bottle. Ask him about it. Elva Joseph took the prize for the most popular young lady present.

Special inducements to churchmen, Sunday schools, schools and teachers in candies, fruits, etc., at Hand's grocery.

Seeing the Sight.
Even in these days of liberal education the young women sometimes show how confused are the ideas shut up in their heads. Illustrative of this is the native blunder which Edmondo de Amicis recounts in his story of a voyage from Genoa to Buenos Ayres: The captain of the steamer which numbered the churning young blunderer among its passengers met her one morning and said:
"Signorina, we cross the tropic of cancer today."
"Oh, indeed!" she cried with enthusiasm. "Then we shall see something at last."

The finest Coffee Substitute ever made, has recently been prepared by Dr. Shoop of Ripon, Wis. You don't have to boil it twenty or thirty minutes. "It is to a minute" says the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the finest Coffee in the world. No a grain of real Coffee in it either. Health Coffee Institution is made from pure roasted cereals of grains, with malt, and is, really, the most healthful beverage for the sick, nervous, and generally for all. Sold by T. E. Slattery.



Every Bottle Warranted

Every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is guaranteed, and the dealer from whom it is purchased will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using it.

The many remarkable cures of colds and grip effected by this preparation have made it famous over a large part of the civilized world. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. It not only cures colds and grip, but counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia.

This remedy is also a certain cure for croup, and has never been known to fail. When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration free by the use of this remedy.

It contains no opium or other harmful substance, and it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult.

Our Holiday Gift Goods

were never more varied or attractive than this year. From our fine line in every department you will be able to make satisfactory selections for every member of the family.

For the Ladies

we have pretty Dress and Waist Patterns of the latest weaves; Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy; Purses and Handbags; Neckwear; elegant Imported Ware for the table and toilet; Furs; Gloves and Mittens; Cloaks and Coats; Umbrellas; fine Hosiery, and numerous other items.

For the Men

Handkerchiefs, with colored borders; Shoes; Leggings; Dress and Working Gloves and Mittens; Caps; Hats; Plain and Fancy Socks; Neckties; Cigars and Pipes; Suspenders; Mufflers, etc., etc.

Pure Candies

A large and tempting stock of the choicest and purest Candies fresh from the factory.

PORTER & CO.

Thoroughly keeping with our reputation in the past that "THE SURPRISE" has the goods at holiday time, we desire to have you take notice that for this year more than ever we have added many more gift goods in the useful lines, such as are useful as well as ornamental, and we kindly ask inspection.

If you are undecided what to buy drop in at the "Big Store." You'll see what you want.

Special low prices will prevail on Furs, and ladies and misses' new Wraps, to induce husband, father or sweetheart to buy that girl a coat.

We're showing an immense line of art goods, imported china, bric-a-brac, handkerchiefs, floor rugs, silk mufflers, over 1000 Xmas ties, gloves, sweaters, vests, caps, fancy slippers, umbrellas, and a big line of jewelry, such as stick pins, watch chains, brooches, etc., etc.

Special prices on suits and overcoats for men and boys. Don't buy until you inspect our lines.

Half a ton of extra pure candy
Yours for a Merry Christmas,
THE SURPRISE
Culver's Big Triple Store.