

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES

OUTLINES OF ENTERTAINMENT NOW BEING PREPARED.

Lowell Churches and Sunday Schools Will Celebrate Glad Annual Event.

Program of German Methodist Sunday school Saturday, December 25, 7 p. m. Hymn, School. Prayer, Rev. Bank. Song, Choir. Scripture Reading, Rev. Bank. Boys' Trio, Imbert Kallinger. Wesley Roth, Oswald Bank. Recitations, Esther Bieri, Lena Heim. Recitation, Agnes Kallinger. Dialogue, Willie Roth, Fritz Wittenbach, Emil Roth, Gustav Abel. Song, "Because It's Christmas Time," Alice and Esther Bieri. Recitation, Tony Kroft. Recitation, Bernice Roth. Recitation, Theodore Clemens, Harold Wittenbach. Recitation, "Christmas Gift," Helen Wittenbach. Song, "War Jah Gut," Freda Bank, Olive Kroft, Alice Bieri, Fannie Bieri. Recitation, Emma Heim. Recitation, "Right Before Christmas," Irma Roth. Dialogue, Weihnachten, Class Four. Recitation, Fannie Wittenbach, Otto Wittenbach. Recitation, Irene Parker. Male Trio, Carl, Theo and Erhart Bank. Recitation, Marie Bieri. Song, Choir. Dialogue, Christain's Revenge, Five Girls. Male Quartet, Obligato Solo. Dialogue, Gerald Bieri, Fredrick Althaus, Arnold Wittenbach, Elmer Wittenbach, Carl Abel. Duet, Misses Pauline and Marie Roth. Three Act Play, Grandma's Christmas, Ten Persons. Slumber Song, Quartet. Recitation, Offering, Alice Wittenbach. Song, Choir.

Christmas program at Baptist church Friday evening, 7:30. Organ voluntary. Song, by school, "Joy to the World."

Scripture and Prayer by Pastor. Recitation, "Merry Christmas," Helen Denek. Solo, Vesta Campbell. Recitation, Irene Tasker. Recitation, Ruth Fahrni. Chorus, Young people. Recitation, Francis Carter. Exercise, Junior Boys. Song by School, "Oh, Could I Speak."

Recitation, Leona Denek. Recitation, Master Nichols. Class song, Junior Girls. Recitation, Esther Perry. Duet, May Velzy and Vesta Campbell. Remarks, Pastor. Solo, Maude Velzy. Distribution of presents. Closing song, "Jesus Shall Reign"

Methodist church Christmas program, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. "The Search for a King." This is a sacred Christmas cantata in two parts: Seeking the King and Finding the King. It consists of anthems by the chorus choir, songs by the school, tableaux, and exercises.

The principal characters are: King, Lee Lampkin; Angel, Ruth Gibson; Magi, Frank Morse, Philip Raymond, Jack Jones, Thurston Springett; Zelah, Elda Gonderman; Erastus, Clair Townsend; Two Rabbits, Richard Mange and Percy Willard; five guards, Melvin Lewis, Wayne Springett, J. Donald Maynard, Maurice Andrews, David Washburn; Mother of Jesus, Matilda Brunthaver.

Congregational program, Friday evening, 7:30. Song, "Joy to the World." Recitation, Welcome, Roger Winegar. Song, "All Hail Immanuel." Invocation by the Pastor. Solo, "Blessed Day So Full of Gladness," Mr. Winegar. The Christmas Story, Mrs. Horne Primary Song, "Dear Little Stranger." Recitation, "A Gift, Edith and Ethel Gibbs. Recitation, "Just a Little Speaker," Ruth Johnson. Song, "What the Blue Jays Call," Whitney Moore. Recitation, "When We See the Holy," Howard Peckham. Recitation, "Why Do the Bells Ring?" Elizabeth Forman. Recitation, "If Every Little Chap-py," Stanley Coles. Song, Lullaby, Three Girls. Cornet Solo. Recitation, "The American Stocking," Whitney Moore. Recitation, "Just One Word," Doris French. Class Exercise, Christmas Wreath Ten Girls. Recitation, "Santa Claus," Elma Kellogg. Solo, "Star of the East," Gerald White. Recitation, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," Eunice Colvin. Class Song, "Oh, I Hear the Glad Song." Remarks by the Pastor. Ladies' chorus, "No Room in the Inn."

BANG! BANG! BANG!

And Mr. Jack Rabbit Still Chewed Calmly On.

"Twas a beautiful, bright winter's day and the frost on the bushes and trees sparkled like diamonds on a royal diadem. The faithful operator, weary of clanging trains and the everlasting click of the key board, Cuddled back in his easy chair and bethought him of other days, when the rivers were full of fish and the woods were alive with game.

"And this is the same kind of weather we had when we were boys back on Dad's old farm." "Oh, hang you old trains. Me for a game dinner!" and to the Riverside cook he murmured in a soft aside:

"Get everything ready, Molly, for a rabbit potpie. Me and Beimer's shot gun will do the rest." Over the hills and far away he tramped and at last only a rod or so away beheld the object of his long search, a beautiful jack rabbit eating his lunch and quietly awaiting his doom.

"Bang!" went the ancient firearm. Mr. Rabbit cocked his ear and continued his noonday lunch. "Bang!" And Mr. Rabbit cocked his other ear and chewed calmly on. "Bang!" But Mr. Rabbit still chewed on. This wasn't his day for running and who cares for the gun of Bunker Hill, anyway? "Get out of that you little cuse," and the agent, who hadn't realized how long it is "Since You and I were young, Maggie," flipped a pebble and Jack ambled off saying quietly:

"Well, if you're going to throw stones, I won't play." And the Riverside cook hasn't fixed that rabbit potpie yet and the operator hasn't been hunting since; but between trains he is still trying to figure out what Beimer's gun is good for. Ah! We have it. Send it to Ford's Peace party.

G. W. BLAKESLEE DEAD
Old Resident Passed Away at Lowell Home Tuesday.
Geo. W. Blakeslee died at his home in Lowell township Tuesday afternoon, aged 78 years. Funeral services will be held at the home Friday noon; burial at Merriman cemetery.

Mr. Blakeslee has lived in this township most of the time since 1858. He is survived by four sons and four daughters. Mrs. Blakeslee passed away recently, since which time his daughter has kept the home for him. He has been an invalid for several years.

Potatoes Wanted.
I am in the market for potatoes and will pay the highest price. Headquarters at Shaw's grocery. George Lake, Lowell, Mich. e28
Distribution of presents by Santa Claus. Song, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear."

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Items of Interest Contributed By Student Reporters.

Despite the fact that Lowell high school boys had only two days training this year, they made a very creditable showing Tuesday night against the Bethany five of Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids boys have been practicing for six weeks, but the game was closer than the score, 38 to 6, indicates.

Captain Carl Bank, who played center last year, has been shifted to a forward position while Aldrich and White will fight it out for the vacant pivot place. Speer, strays is the other forward. Theo Bank, a forward on last year's team, undoubtedly will be given one of the guards while a number of candidates are battling for the other guard position. At the present Herbert Brezina has an edge, but the other lads are coming fast.

Every member of the team made a good showing Tuesday night. The next games scheduled are High school—Alumni girls' and boys' teams for Friday, December 31st in the new gymnasium. The admission is 25 and 15 cents for the games which start at 7:30. The Iowa Nu club met in the City hall Monday evening. After a severe time of quieting those most active members, Miss May Velzy, president, succeeded in calling the meeting to order. A fine program was enjoyed by all; but what pleased the girls most was to see the shining chafing dish. Light refreshments of hot chocolate, marshmallows and nabiscoes were served. Three intruders were severely punished while another was served with hot chocolate. Several very interesting games were played and everyone returned home with a happy face and a sprig of holly.

A "Senior Discussion Club" has been organized by Miss Huckle for the purpose of encouraging an active interest in public speaking. The senior class has been divided into three sections, members of each section choose their own topics and prepare for three minute speeches to be given every third Monday.

Judges are chosen at each meeting and a friendly rivalry exists between the sections; each section trying to gain a majority of points. At the first meeting of the club, which took place on Monday, last, Miss Ruth Gibson received the highest number of points, her subject being "The House of David."

Warren Aldrich placed second with "Character" as a topic. Third place fell to the lot of Carl Bank, who handled the somewhat staggering subject of "Women" with surprising avidity. Rep.

Masonic Officers.
Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M., elected the following officers Tuesday evening:
W. M., H. L. Shuter.
S. W., J. C. Smith.
J. W., A. J. Nash.
Treas., E. R. Collar.
Sec., E. S. White.
J. D., Will Hartman.
Tyler, Lon Young.
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ADA BRIDGE HISTORY

Statement Regarding It By Lowell's Oldest Business Man.

Editor Lowell Ledger:
In the interest of what may become a matter of some importance to those who may at some future time wish to have a correct version of the Ada bridge history, as written at some length and published in the Grand Rapids Press, so many incorrect statements made and so little genuine information given—and being able to correct the same from my own personal knowledge esteem it a privilege with your permission to do so.

I am reliably informed that the first ferry across the Grand river at Ada was run by Isadore Nuntz, a half breed, who had a squaw wife. He afterwards bought a quarter section of land on section one, township of Ada. A band of Indians lived there as late as 1843.

The contract for the first bridge was let to a man by the name of Lyons, who was informed by Rix Robinson, received from the government 1,000 acres of government land therefor, and was built in the early forties, up to which time the crossing of the Grand at Ada was by ferry. This bridge collapsed in 1852, attended by no great catastrophe. The statement that a pair of horses were drowned and persons killed is all a mistake. No big load of stoves was then received at Lowell, which was only a burg with no stores to speak of. The party who went down with the bridge was Alfred VanDeusen, who was on his way to Grand Rapids with a team of two yoke of oxen, a lumber wagon and loaded with wheat. The damage done was the loss of one horn from one of the oxen, a broken wagon and a load of wet wheat, which was taken out of the river and by permission from Mr. Withey, who had a hotel about forty rods west of the bridge on the left side of street, was allowed to dry his wheat on his barn floor.

I am relating now from personal knowledge. Alfred VanDeusen who went down with the bridge was my wife's father and I here tell her to the wagon that went through the bridge and was my first lumber wagon for some years after.

From the time of the destruction of the first bridge to the completion of the present one J. H. Withey obtained a charter from the state to run a ferry across the Grand at that point until the new bridge could be erected, which was about two years. Not being able to manage it himself he delegated it to Benjamin B. McCaul who was my brother-in-law.

The toll bridge was completed in the spring of 1857 by Jared N. Braze with whom I was personally acquainted. When putting on the finishing touches to the bridge the scow on which they were working broke loose and the boss carpenter, a Mr. Skellinger, was drowned. The toll bridge for many years was kept in order by one, Anthony Yerkes, who owing to his large investments in the stock in the bridge, the toll question was large in his mind. For years he practically camped on the bridge and by continually cobbling it up kept it in running order until it was finally taken out of the toll list, permanently repaired and has done good service since.

Having been a resident of Vergennes and Lowell 70 years am able to give actual facts as above.
Harmon Nash.

Presents



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Stationery—The finest line of selected note paper and envelopes shown in Lowell. Some big values at 25c and 50c.
Books—A big showing of the 50c popular copyrights and fancy gift books, and all kinds of books for the boys and girls.
Candy—Nothing but the purest candies are sold from our candy counter. Liggett's Johnson's, Guth's and many others at special prices for Christmas.
Cigars—The kind of cigars he smokes, in boxes from 25c to \$4.00.
Razors and Shaving Material, Fancy Soaps, Men's Purse, Christmas Post Cards, Cloth and Hair Brushes, Military Brushes, etc.
Gibson Art Cards for every purpose.
Save money by doing your Christmas shopping at the Rexal Store.

D. G. LOOK



This season our store should attract Christmas shoppers, for with a larger assortment of goods suitable for presents than we have ever had in the past, and the prices we are making on reliable jewelry, watches, clocks, diamonds, rings, lavalliers, bracelets, sterling and plated silverware and novelties, cutlery, and in fact our whole line, excepting goods sold under license contract which controls the selling price, we believe it to be to the interest of all Christmas shoppers to come to our store and make their selections.

If you think of music, do not fail to hear the Edison diamond disc phonograph, for it recreates music without the disagreeable noise common to other types of machines, which use needles. We also have the Victor Victrolas and records and the New Pathé machines will soon be here so you will find our store the ideal place to try out all the different types, and select what you like best.

R. D. STOCKING

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We haven't space to enumerate all the good things we have but will just mention a few, and it would be well for you to bear in mind that something useful is most appreciated, and that something stable, reliable and lasting will keep you longer in the minds of the recipient.

For Boys and Girls Hand Sleds, Tool Sets, Hockey Skates, Boy's Axes, Flashlights, Hunting Coats, Skates, Fishing Tackle, Pocket Knives, Air Guns, Coasters, Watches, Trappers' Axes, Rifles, Scissors.
For Grown-Ups Silverware, Pocket Knives, Keen Kutter Safety Razors, Aluminum Tea Kettles, Razors, Vacuum Sweepers, Shears, O-Cedar Mops, Razor Strops, Aluminum Ware, Percolators, Nickel Plated Tea and Coffee Pots, Hand Saws, Shot Guns, Hammers, Revolvers, Family Scales, Roasters, Carving Sets, Food Choppers, Thermos Bottles, Fish Spears.
This is only a start, come in and look over the many, many useful gifts we have to offer.
Ford's Hardware

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

New things in China, Cut Glass and Jewelry are awaiting your approval.
Of course you don't have to buy if you call and look but we rather think you will.
Anyway we should enjoy a visit from you.

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Kodaks and Brownies from \$1.00 and up. Film for all kodaks and Cameras always on hand and fresh.

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Cream Puffs, 20c the doz.
Boston Brown Bread 5 and 10c.
All kinds of Rolls and Bread.
Salt Rising, Wednesday and Friday.

Strong's Bakery.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We play no favorites in this wish. We wish everybody a Merry Christmas, our own customers and those of everybody else.
Just one more suggestion about holiday buying: Don't forget a box of stationery. For the late Christmas shopper remember, we still have plenty of goods that will make good presents. Here are a few suggestions, for presents that you can pick out in a hurry.

Box Stationery, Pocketbooks, Books, Pipes, Perfumes, Thermos Bottles, Dolls, Smoking Sets, Ivory Goods, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Collar Bags, Cigars

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MEATS of ALL KINDS
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on the Bridge. Phone 211.

OLD RESIDENT GONE

Mrs. W. R. Blaisdell Laid to Rest at Oakwood.

Mrs. W. R. Blaisdell, an old resident of Lowell, passed away Friday, Dec. 17, from her home in this village, aged 85 years. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday noon, Rev. A. H. Lash officiating clergyman; burial at Oakwood cemetery.

Eliza M. Campbell was born at Newfield, N. Y., July 29, 1830. She was the daughter of Rev. Hiram Campbell, later one of the pioneer preachers of Southern Michigan. She was married in Battle Creek Nov. 11, 1853 to William R. Blaisdell, son of Joseph S. and Anna Turner Blaisdell, pioneers of Barry county, and they came to Lowell in 1855, where Mr. Blaisdell carried on a hardware business until 1862, when he sold out on account of ill health, but afterward resumed business and continued in same for many years.

Mr. Blaisdell died fourteen years ago and shortly before his death, Mrs. Blaisdell suffered a stroke of paralysis. These long, solitary and shut-in years ended in a peaceful death on Friday last.

Mrs. Blaisdell united with the Congregational church March 10, 1867.

Attention! School Teachers.
Send us your name, address, school district and number and we will mail you a beautiful 1916 school calendar.
City State Bank, Lowell, Mich.

Christmas in Europe



NO STOCKINGS HUNG HERE FOR SANTA



THE NATAL DAY OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE BRINGS TO MILLIONS OF HOMES ONLY THE MEMORY OF DEAR ONES FOREVER GONE AND THE GLOOM OF FADING HOPE.



FIGHTING FOR BREAD IN POLAND

By JERLE DAVIS.
 THAT a ghastly holiday Christmas will be in Europe this year. Millions of families in mourning, millions of women and children starving, millions of homes in ruins, millions of new graves, millions of dead men that haven't even the shelter of earth, millions of square miles of fertile land laid waste by war, millions of men killing fathers, husbands, brothers, sons and sweethearts.

Belgium, Serbia, northern France and Poland are a Hades of wreckage. In Germany everyone is living on short rations and turning all energies to the pursuit of war. Even the half-grown boys of France are under arms awaiting the call to the trenches. Austria and Italy and England and Russia and Bulgaria are pouring their money into the mill that turns out guns and explosives while the poor exist in the misery of semistarvation, getting their mite of food and fuel and clothing by taking their turn in the "bread line."

All of warring Europe's able-bodied men are soldiers in one capacity or another. In the streets of all the cities and villages of the continent—excepting the little neutral nations—one sees only aged men, veterans of other wars, and maimed men who are recovering from wounds received in this one. Everywhere are hospitals,



Schools, churches, factories, homes—every sort of habitable place is filled with wounded. And one of the most flourishing enterprises over there is the sale of artificial limbs.

Even from Asia comes the wall of sorrow, for Mohammedan Turkey is religiously slaughtering its hundreds of thousands of Christian Armenian subjects. News dispatches of the last few days describe the terrible plight of refugees—penniless, ragged, diseased, noncombatants and exhausted, as soldiers—who are sweeping out of desolated Serbia into Greece. We read of women with children in arms spending a month tramping through the snow-covered mountains, hoping in the end to find a little warmth and food and peace. We read of frozen roadways strewn with the bodies of those that stopped on the way for a bit of rest—and never went on.

None of the hundred million of us in the United States can appreciate the horror of it all. Some of our war correspondents over there have seen and heard, but none has suffered and endured as those who are a part of the configuration.

Santa Claus will have a sorry time abroad this year. Fathers and mothers have neither the heart nor the means of commemorating the birth of the Child of Bethlehem and his mission among men. Of necessity they and their children will fast instead of feast—if there is any feasting it will be a feast of prayer and hope.

America sent no Christmas ship abroad this year. Why not? Some of us may ask. Why not?—with the United States at the height of prosperity and blessed with peace. Perhaps because we realize what a horror the war is. A prominent newspaper man in one of our large cities—a man who had much to do with the success of the project last year—had this to say when the question was brought up:

"A Christmas ship this year—a boatload or two or three boatloads of dolls and jumping-jacks and red apples and candy and cakes and mittens and red-top boots for the kids of Europe? I shall not dwell on the fact that the warring nations have become much more deadly in their hate and suspicion and probably would refuse safe passage for the cargoes from one country to another. I shall not concern myself with the fact that the nations

embroidered look upon the United States as a greedy animal growing fat and sleek feeding on their life blood, and probably would return our gifts to us with curt "No-thank-yous."

"Instead I shall confess that I am weighed down with the hopelessness of the situation. Here in America we have all we may reasonably ask of Providence—considering our own sins of politics and social injustice. Over there they are cursed beyond the power of words to describe, and the curse will be felt for generations.

"Millions in Europe are dying in the agonies of starvation, cold and disease for want of food, clothing, shelter and medical aid. What a ghastly joke it would be in these circumstances for the richest and luckiest nation to offer those millions of pitiful children a little candy and fruit when they need milk and broth, mittens when they need blankets and clothing, dolls and toy trains when they need doctors and nurses and sanitary supplies. No, this is no time for polite mementoes. Let us concentrate on giving the only real help that would suffice and that would be welcome—peace as soon as possible."

Let us look upon the manner in which Europe celebrated Christmas before the war.

In France and Belgium on Christmas eve the baroque, or booths, appear in the streets without hindrance, and are all ablaze with candles and glittering treasures, for every household must contain some bright trinket in honor of Noel. The midnight mass is thronged; the magnificent Christmas hymn is chanted everywhere, and then all is gleeful holiday for an hour or so, for it is Christmas morning, the peace-making morning of the world!

There is the boudin to be eaten, the calen, or Christmas lamp, symbolical of the star that guided the Magi to Bethlehem, to be lighted, the little creche to be exposed, and all happiness, all good-will to everyone to be expressed before retiring with the grand chorale of peace sounding in the ears. In the country the ladies and lassies merrily drag home the buche de Noel, corresponding to our Yule log, which is kindled by the head of the family; the boudin must be eaten and the hot spiced wine sent round, and many a misunderstanding is made clear beside the Christmas

fire on this, the day of good will.

In Germany and Austria every household and every father makes Christmas the feast for the children, the great day of reunion, the glad time when all meet under the old roof-tree, and social customs prevail over religious observances. The Christmas tree is ubiquitous—everyone has it, rich or poor—and no one omits Weibnacht's Becheerung or Christmas gifts. To witness these, if the German people will, it need be, save up half the year. The world seems absorbed in delirious excitement, and all crowd round Puleinello and divert themselves hilariously till the churches claim them for the midnight mass. But the fun goes on; they laugh gleefully, as only Italians can laugh, enjoy themselves as only Italians content, but in a general, not a domestic, feast.

In Russia and Poland the children put their shoes filled with hay outside the door for the horses of St. Nicholas; and it is believed in most sections that St. Nicholas comes first on a preparatory visit ten days before Christmas to learn which children have been good. He leaves nuts and candy in the shoes of those who have been good, but nothing for those who have been bad, who thus know that they may expect no presents on the real Christmas day.

In Serbia and the other Balkan countries, at dawn on the day before Christmas the sturdy peasant proprietor dispatches his sons to the forest. On reaching the spot where the destined Christmas tree stands, the arboreal offers up a prayer; then he draws on a pair of gloves, takes a handful of corn, flings it against the tree, and says, "Good morning, and a happy Christmas to you." This done, he addresses himself to the task of felling, paying careful attention to the laws of the "badnyak," which prescribes among other things that all the cuts be made on one particular side. Once felled, the tree is carried home and leaned against the east side of the house, where it remains till evening. Then the wife lights two candles and places one on either side of the doorway, while the husband goes forth to bring in the "badnyak."

The master of the house now throws three nuts into each of the four corners of the room, saying as he does so: "In the name of the Father; in the name of the Son; in the name of the Holy Ghost—Amen!"

All night everyone remains gloating over the crackling, roasting pig, with an eagerness of anticipation proportionate to the zeal with which they have observed the six weeks' fast enjoined by the Greek orthodox church. By this time Christmas day has dawned, and on Christmas morning may go to service.

der leasing system employed in Australia, the sheep owner secures for long periods of time, at prices varying with the value, absolute control of the land he uses. When the government is ready to resume the land in order to divide it into smaller allotments, the sheep owner is recompensed for whatever improvements he may have made, and, in addition, permitted to retain his own central homestead. In the opinion of the Australians the additional security and permanence of the business more than compensates for the rent paid to the state. In America, stockmen themselves are inclined toward this point of view, as some means of controlling and improving the public grazing lands is believed to be urgently needed.

In another important respect, sheep raising in Australia differs from that on the American range. In Australia the flocks are not kept collected and under the care of herders, but are fenced into "paddock" which vary from 5,000 to 10,000 acres in size. Here they are left to run at will under practically natural conditions. In many cases they are only rounded up once a year for shearing. Even at lambing time there is little necessity for attention. This plan not only lessens labor—a difficult problem in all parts of Australia—but puts the sheep into better condition than when they are in charge of even the best herders. On the other hand, the fencing of the sheep runs is, of course, an added expense, but this is considered as less

important than the advantages already named.

The greatest difference of all, however, between the American and Australian sheep industries is probably to be found in the handling of the wool after it has been shorn. In Australia and New Zealand the wool almost invariably remains the property of the grower until it is sold to the manufacturer. Under this system the cost of actually shearing the sheep is only about one-half of the amount which the grower expends in preparing his wool for market. He himself divides the clip into various lots, and the grading is done with uniformity and exactness. Overclassing, however, is avoided. In one Queensland shed 10,000 two-year-old wethers were shorn and the clip divided into 11 classes. In a New South Wales flock of 7,000 head composed of ewes, yearling ewes and rams, 28 classes were made, but this is probably an instance of overclassing.

Despite the expense that this practice involves the Australian is firmly convinced that he realizes more by his wool by selling it in such a number of distinct lots that the manufacturer can find exactly the kind of wool he needs for a particular fabric and can buy that wool alone. An additional advantage is the opportunity that this system allows of enabling the grower to determine the profit that he makes from each particular type of sheep and wool.

Two-year-olds make the best feeders for the average farmer. Such cattle can seldom be beaten when it comes to rapid and economical growth.

Three-year-olds, provided they be purchased reasonably, are sometimes used to advantage but as a rule two-year-olds make more rapid gains than do the older ones. In selecting feeding steers it should be kept in mind that a uniform lot of cattle always takes the eye of the buyer and sells at a fancy price. Thus, you see the necessity of feeding steers of like shape, color and breed. To secure this kind of steers purebred beef males should be used. Neighbors in a corn, beef and hog district ought to cooperate and follow similar lines, if best results are to be secured.

After selecting the right sort of steers for feeding purposes the next point is, to feed them off as quickly as possible.

TO PURIFY DRINKING WATER

More or Less Danger from Typhoid Fever and Dysentery in Using Water From Ditches.

(By W. G. SOCKETT, Colorado Experiment Station.)

Wherever ditch water is used for drinking purposes its use is always attended with more or less danger from typhoid fever and dysentery. This danger can be considerably reduced by treating the water with hypochlorite of lime or bleaching powder, which can be purchased in one-pound sealed packages from any drug store for about 25 cents per pound. Water in cisterns may be treated as follows:

For 5,000 gallons place one ounce of the bleaching powder (so-called "chloride of lime") in a vessel containing approximately two gallons of water; stir rapidly for about one minute; allow it to stand for five minutes so that the insoluble part of the lime will settle to the bottom; pour the solution into the cistern containing the ditch water, and by means of a long paddle stir vigorously so as to mix the hypochlorite of lime thoroughly with the water. After 30 minutes the water may be used.

Holes in the Floor.

The floor with a hole in it is a good place for a fat hog to catch his foot and break a leg. The defective dairy or horse stall comes under the same class; all of which speaks in favor of the cement floor with a two-inch layer of packed clay, or one entirely of firm smooth clay. Culvert and bridges also are to be closely watched, and holes and rotten spots in the boards promptly repaired.

Pigs in Alfalfa.

Pigs make profitable gain on any kind of suitable pasture with enough grain to stimulate the bony growth. They need grain, even with alfalfa as a forage crop. Even when grain is high and pork comparatively low, as at present, the farmer cannot afford to stunt the pigs by relying on the pasture alone. One pound of corn for each 50 pounds of live weight will prove enough if the forage is plentiful.

Production of Corn.

About one-fifth of the farm land in this country is planted to corn each year and the United States produces twice as much corn as all other countries put together.

Good Milk Strainer.

A good strainer for milk consists of three thicknesses of cheesecloth. Remember, however, that straining removes only the visible and least harmful dirt.

Horse in Strange Stable.

If you put your horse in a strange stable, be sure that he gets food, water and bedding. Be sure that the stall is wide enough for him to lie down in.

Make Paths With Flat Rocks.

Wet or muddy paths may be improved by using the small, flat stones that have been turned up by plowing when planting trees. Insert the stones at just about grass level. They may be laid in curving corner lines so as to follow the paths made by frequent treading.

Changing the Calf's Milk.

Take about a week or ten days to change a calf from whole to skimmed

MORE SHEEP NEEDED

Industry Not as Attractive Here as in Australia.

Department of Agriculture Just Completed an Investigation, Results of Which Are Published in Recent Bulletin.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

More and larger flocks of sheep are necessary to the full development of profitable agriculture in the middle and eastern states. Under present conditions sheep raising in this country has not proved as attractive as in Australia and New Zealand, and in consequence the department of agriculture has recently conducted an investigation, the results of which have just been published in Bulletin 313, into the basic principles of the industry in those countries.

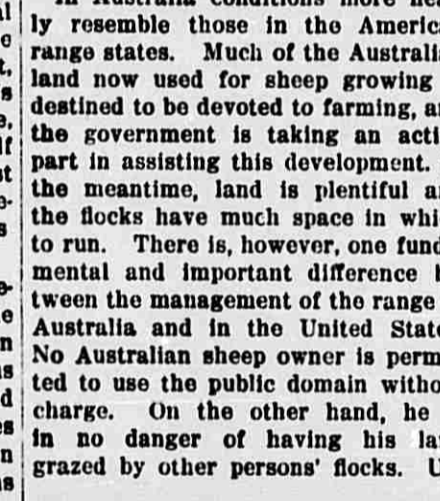
In New Zealand, says this bulletin, sheep raising is conducted on lines midway between those followed in our farming states and those in the range states. In Australia the sheep industry is, in the main, what would be called in America a "range proposition." With a total land area of a little more than the state of Wyoming, New Zealand has about 24,500,000 sheep against 4,500,000 in Wyoming. The average size of the New Zealand flock is now 1,124 and seven-eighths of the sheep are in flocks of more than 500 head each. In Wyoming the average size of the flock is nearly 3,000 head. From one to eight



Prize-Winning Leicesters.

sheep per acre are maintained in New Zealand on land which has been plowed and sown to artificial grasses. The land has been surface sown without plowing. This number is reduced to from one-half to two sheep per acre. Land valued as high as \$150 an acre has been profitably kept in grass for grazing alone, and nearly one-half of the occupied area is used mainly for sheep. The important place thus occupied by sheep in New Zealand is declared to be evidence of the possibilities of profit from valuable land devoted to well-managed flocks. The size of these flocks inures to them an interest and care which is not so frequent in the farming states in America.

In Australia conditions more nearly resemble those in the American range states. Much of the Australian land now used for sheep growing is destined to be devoted to farming, and the government is taking an active part in assisting this development. In the meantime, land is plentiful and the flocks have much space in which to run. There is, however, one fundamental and important difference between the management of the range in Australia and in the United States. No Australian sheep owner is permitted to use the public domain without charge. On the other hand, he is in no danger of having his land grazed by other persons' flocks. Un-



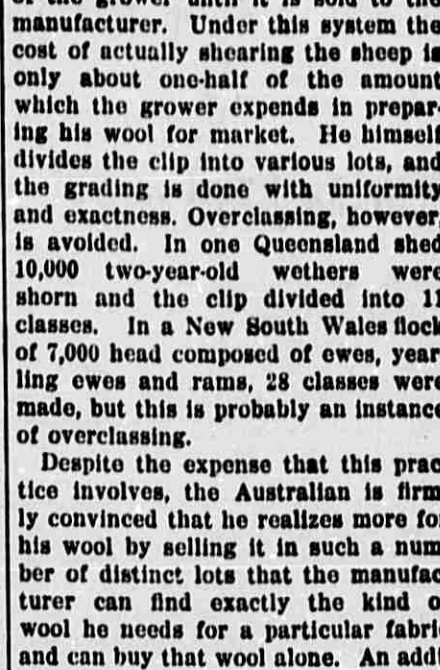
Hampshire Down Shearing Ewe.

der the leasing system employed in Australia, the sheep owner secures for long periods of time, at prices varying with the value, absolute control of the land he uses. When the government is ready to resume the land in order to divide it into smaller allotments, the sheep owner is recompensed for whatever improvements he may have made, and, in addition, permitted to retain his own central homestead. In the opinion of the Australians the additional security and permanence of the business more than compensates for the rent paid to the state. In America, stockmen themselves are inclined toward this point of view, as some means of controlling and improving the public grazing lands is believed to be urgently needed.

In another important respect, sheep raising in Australia differs from that on the American range. In Australia the flocks are not kept collected and under the care of herders, but are fenced into "paddock" which vary from 5,000 to 10,000 acres in size. Here they are left to run at will under practically natural conditions. In many cases they are only rounded up once a year for shearing. Even at lambing time there is little necessity for attention. This plan not only lessens labor—a difficult problem in all parts of Australia—but puts the sheep into better condition than when they are in charge of even the best herders. On the other hand, the fencing of the sheep runs is, of course, an added expense, but this is considered as less

IN THE LIMELIGHT

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



Rt. Rev. Mgr. George W. Mundelein, S. T. D., the newly appointed archbishop of the diocese of Chicago, is only forty-three years old. He is deeply learned in ecclesiastical lore and lay wisdom, a linguist and one of the literary lights of the Catholic world. He was born in Brooklyn in 1874 and comes of an old American family, his maternal grandfather having fallen as a Union soldier in the Civil war.

Bishop Mundelein finished his preliminary education in Manhattan college, New York, in 1899. He began his theological course at the Propaganda House in Rome the following year, and was ordained in 1905. He returned to his native city and immediately was appointed assistant secretary to Bishop Charles E. McDonnell, a post he held until appointed as chancellor of the diocese of Long Island. Pope Pius in 1906 designated him as domestic prelate, bringing to him the titles of right reverend and Monsignor. In 1907 he was selected as a member of the Ancient Academy of Arcadi, being the only man in the United States who ever enjoyed that honor. The academy is a purely literary body of the church. At its meetings the members veil their faces.

In 1909 the honorary title of bishop of Loryma was conferred upon Bishop Mundelein and in the same year he was made auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn.

YOUNG STEERS FOR FEEDING

Two-Year-Olds Make Best Feeders for Average Farmer. Neighbors Ought to Work Together.

It is highly important that the young steers selected for feeding are of the right sort. With the present prices of feedstuffs and labor, economy is necessary to eliminate loss and waste if the feeding operations are to be profitable.

Scrub feeding cattle are rapidly becoming a thing of the past. It is money out of the pocket to put good steers into a "robber" steer. The present demand is for feeds of high quality. A steer with a low, blocky, wide, round body, with short legs and wide back, with a broad muzzle and short head, a large roomy middle, showing ample room for consumption of large quantities of food and with fine thick soft hair has every indication of being a profitable feeder.

Two-year-olds make the best feeders for the average farmer. Such cattle can seldom be beaten when it comes to rapid and economical growth.

Three-year-olds, provided they be purchased reasonably, are sometimes used to advantage but as a rule two-year-olds make more rapid gains than do the older ones. In selecting feeding steers it should be kept in mind that a uniform lot of cattle always takes the eye of the buyer and sells at a fancy price. Thus, you see the necessity of feeding steers of like shape, color and breed. To secure this kind of steers purebred beef males should be used. Neighbors in a corn, beef and hog district ought to cooperate and follow similar lines, if best results are to be secured.

After selecting the right sort of steers for feeding purposes the next point is, to feed them off as quickly as possible.

TO PURIFY DRINKING WATER

More or Less Danger from Typhoid Fever and Dysentery in Using Water From Ditches.

(By W. G. SOCKETT, Colorado Experiment Station.)

Wherever ditch water is used for drinking purposes its use is always attended with more or less danger from typhoid fever and dysentery. This danger can be considerably reduced by treating the water with hypochlorite of lime or bleaching powder, which can be purchased in one-pound sealed packages from any drug store for about 25 cents per pound. Water in cisterns may be treated as follows:

For 5,000 gallons place one ounce of the bleaching powder (so-called "chloride of lime") in a vessel containing approximately two gallons of water; stir rapidly for about one minute; allow it to stand for five minutes so that the insoluble part of the lime will settle to the bottom; pour the solution into the cistern containing the ditch water, and by means of a long paddle stir vigorously so as to mix the hypochlorite of lime thoroughly with the water. After 30 minutes the water may be used.

CAPTAIN BOY-ED, TURK

Since Capt. Karl Boy-Ed, naval attaché of the German embassy at Washington until President Wilson demanded his recall for improper activities, became prominent in the public prints, many persons have commented on his peculiarly un-Teutonic name. The fact is he is of Turkish descent, for his father was Karl Boy-Ed, a Turkish wholesale merchant who lived in Germany. His mother, however, is a German and the most popular woman novelist of that country.

Captain Boy-Ed is not only a naval officer and a diplomat, but also a ladies' man, an athlete, a club man and a litterateur. The clubs and drawing rooms of Washington and other eastern cities saw much of him before the war broke out, and he was looked on as a quiet and affable society man. But as soon as hostilities began he established himself in New York and devoted himself to aggressive work for his country.

Captain Boy-Ed was sent to this country by the German government to learn everything possible about the national defenses, and especially the navy. He never lost an opportunity to gather facts and make observations concerning the army and navy and their officers and men. He made many visits to Annapolis, and is in touch with what is being done there, and at all the navy yards and naval stations.

Not long before the war broke in Europe he completed a tour of investigation through the nation. It is said by persons who know him intimately that the German naval attaché is better informed about the United States navy than many of its own officers are. He knows the strong points and weak points in it. He is familiar with all the coast defenses and all the other fortifications.

TO REBUILD 1818 TRADING POST.

Dr. S. A. Barrett, curator of anthropology at the public museum, is planning to build a reproduction of the trading post erected by Solomon Juneau when he came to Milwaukee in 1818, the Milwaukee Journal states. The restored post, as complete as Doctor Barrett can make it, will be placed on exhibition at the museum.

Doctor Barrett requests the assistance of everyone versed in the history of old Milwaukee. Sketches of woodcuts of the trading post, even though drawn from memory after the trading post had disappeared, will be especially helpful.

According to a compiled history of Milwaukee, Solomon Juneau's home, built immediately after his landing, September 14, 1818, was a log dwelling and trading post on the east side of Milwaukee river, near the present intersection of Wisconsin and East Water streets. It was made of tamarack poles, cut by Juneau from the tract which is now the Second ward.

EVEN A SCRATCH IS DOCTORED.

The smallest scratch on the hand sends a Bethlehem steel man to the hospital. There is no debating whether this or that hurt is sufficient to make a laborer stop work. It is compulsory that the doctors do the deciding—the men being paid for the time required to visit the dispensary.

More than ninety out of every hundred who are hurt immediately return to work, but not until that drop of prevention has been applied by skilled hands. When we recall that many an injury no bigger than the bite of a mosquito has proved more dangerous than the amputation of a leg, we can realize why 1,300 of C. M. Schwab's tollers visit the hospital each week.

Of which 8,948 enormous tollers, saves many lives, prevents mutilation of human frames, and incidentally earns money for Mr. Schwab.

IMMENSE TOLL OF BUGS.

Bugs take a toll of seven and a half dollars from every person in the United States.

MUMMY BROUGHT BAD LUCK

Loosing Son and Husband Grieved Wife and Mother Gives Away Head of Egyptian Queen.

The three thousand-year-old mummified head of Queen Hatshepsut, or Hatshe, an Egyptian queen of the line of Thebans, with gleaming agate eyes twinkling malevolently under wrappings, which is believed to have brought a curse on the violators of her tomb, has been sent to the Carnegie

TESTS QUALITIES OF CLOTH

English Town, It is Claimed, Has Machine That Makes It Possible to Tell Value of Goods.

A machine for testing the wearing quality of cloth has been produced in Bradford, England. It may be found of interest to American firms which manufacture, sell or use textile fabrics. Relative wearing qualities of different pieces of cloth may be determined by placing them in the machine and giving them a uniform number of rubs, perhaps two hundred each. This makes it possible to compare one kind of cloth with its imitation, or to compare cloth samples of the same character from different mills.

A piece of cloth is clamped in a rigid jaw and passes over a rubbing

surface formed by dull blades set in a cylinder. This cylinder makes one revolution clockwise, then one in the opposite direction, and this is recorded by a counter as one rub. The other end of the cloth is clamped to a roller, from which any number of weights can be suspended, and thus put the cloth in tension. The machine can be driven by an electric motor. When the cloth is worn through the machine automatically stops.

and is covered with the brown-black canvas wrappings of Egyptian mummies, glued tight to the flesh. An aperture in the covering discloses a section of the skull, and other openings give a glimpse of what seem to be agates in the deep sockets, as if the eyeballs had been replaced with jewels.

In September, 1908, the head of Queen Hatshepsut was unearthed by Mr. Bauman while on an exploring party among the tombs of Egyptian kings and queens in the Libyan hills.

Mr. Bauman and his wife were traveling that summer in the near East, Egypt and northern Africa.

"Tradition tells us that removing a body from its native soil and tomb will bring ruin to the holder," said Mrs. Bauman. "It certainly seems to have worked its evil spell here."

For Iron Rust on Napkins.

Moisten the spots with soft water. Rub cream of tartar and then salt on both sides and place in the sun to dry.

HE WAS COMPANY ALL RIGHT.

"Make yourself perfectly at home. We don't look on you as company."

"Don't believe 'em, mister. They made me wash my face and hands just because you were coming to supper."

THE TROUBLE.

"Now, let me tell you about this new hat of mine. It came direct from—"

"You needn't go all over that again. Anybody to look at you can see you've got Panama on the brain."

MUMMIFIED HEAD OF QUEEN HATSHEPSUT.

The Carnegie museum, says a Pittsburgh dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The donor, Mrs. Jere Bauman of New Castle, whose husband brought the head from Egypt seven years ago, declares that she has sent the gruesome relic of the Nile to the museum to break the spell which she believes had some bearing on the death of her son, J. Howard Bauman, aged four, and more recently that of her husband, Jere Bauman.

The royal head, believed so potent of evil, is about five pounds in weight.

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If "DICK SMITH" will sign his communication headed "A Disgusted Taxpayer," The Ledger will publish it. The writer should know that anonymous contributions of this sort must go to the newspaper's waste basket, regardless of merit.

The world is filled with 22-caliber men trying to explode in 42-centimeter boys.—Herbert Kaufman.

AND so far from realizing their incapacity, some of them seem actually proud of work that should bring the blush of shame to their cheeks. If a person understands that his task is large for him and devotes himself wholeheartedly to it, giving all there is in him, and if he loves his work, no one can do more.

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ABUSING the President for denouncing those hyphenates, spies and foreign scoundrels who are blowing up our powder mills, may be a good way of capturing his job; but it doesn't seem so to us, for the voting must be done in this country—don't you know.

Don't judge a man by the noise he makes—the poorest machinery croakes the loudest.—Herbert Kaufman.

DEEDS speak louder than words. "Big words and little deeds" usually go together. Judge a man by what he does; not by what he says.

SAID a Saranac woman to her husband: "My Christmas shopping is all done. I had everything charged to you," and Hubby responded: "Then it will be all done with me after New Year's."

A GOOD Lowell citizen just after paying his taxes was greeted by Neighbor Cheer with: "Isn't it good to be alive?" and responded: "Oh, yes; but it costs like the d-ickens."

You can't always judge by appearances. That Belding man, who borrowed his neighbor's suit case before leaving to winter in Florida, looks prosperous.

IF ONLY those who never spent any money foolishly, criticised Henry Ford for his Peace expedition, you could hear a pin drop anywhere from Maine to California.

TO ONE and all and especial-

ly to its loyal army of readers. The Ledger wishes a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

SAYS The Chicago Herald: "The Washington Post has courageously essayed a most difficult task. It is trying to convince the public that a tax on automobile gasoline would be 'a tax on the poor.'"

Well, why not? How long does it take an automobile owner to become poor? The big silly! But what does an editor know about it, anyway?

THE Semi-Weekly Joke says it is well satisfied. That appears to make it unanimous.

CASCADE Dec. 20.—A Merry Christmas to The Ledger and staff. The oyster supper at the Grand Friday evening was well attended considering the weather. Harold Watterson is home from high school for his vacation. Mrs. Eunice Shuman is suffering an attack of sciatic rheumatism. The cemetery society met at the home of A. Doane Friday and elected officers for the new year. A good attendance of men was at the lecture Friday evening given by the chaplain of the Jackson state prison in the church of Christ. A Christmas program for the children of the Sunday school will be given in the church Friday evening. Leon Slater is home from Olivet college for the holidays. Ray Gell of Caledonia is visiting

daughter visited at Orren Sayles' Sunday. Austin Shafter and wife left Saturday for Buffalo where they will visit their daughter for several weeks. The bound to win class meeting has been postponed until January 5. Miss Matilda Davis spent last week with her uncle, John Andrews. Earl Brown and wife were in Grand Rapids Saturday. Mrs. Patrick Duff is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Ray White of Sleepy Hollow, Alberta, arrived this week for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Moseley.

CANNONSBURG. The High school will hold their Christmas tree exercises in the Congregational church, Friday afternoon, Dec. 21, commencing at one-thirty, p. m. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Harriette Herrington, of Altoon spent Friday of last week with her son, William Herrington, and attended the high school social. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, entertained as dinner guests, last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, Stanley Sturgis and lady friend Miss Dorothy Sweet. Frank Howard, of Holland visited his mother, Mrs. Jennie Howard, last week. Walter and Fred Murray have returned from Lansing. Mrs. George Austin and her daughter, Miss Lillie, left for Chicago, last week. A number of young people spent Sunday evening at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. George Flingleton, where they were royally entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Verlin (nee Hannah Flingleton) are home for the Christmas holidays, from Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell will eat Christmas dinner with her niece.

68 YEARS AGO

Famous In The Early 30's and 40's. Still At It. Many Michigan people have already heard of the discovery by that English Horse Farrier of the peculiar nutment which made him famous back in the early 30's and 40's all along the Hudson River Valley. That it has served the American public well, is known by the fact that more and more of it has been used since 1847. Here is one of thousands of similar cases. Mr. C. W. Wilkie of Syracuse, N. Y., says: "Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh was the only remedy I used when my arm was hurt. I recommend it for all cuts and bruises."

ALTON. Clara Ford and R. B. Davis are building new ice houses. The auction at Louis Wengeler's last week was well attended and every thing went high. Will Hogan and wife were guests at R. B. Davis' last week Wednesday. Edith Howe and children left last week for Holland, where they will reside. Deeken and Clark have been plastering and papering the Hoppongh house which they bought. Mr. and Mrs. Ray White (Frankie Lewis) of the Upper Peninsula are expected here next week. Will DeWitt of Easton was a guest of his nephew, Will Deeken, last Thursday. Burr Davis is going to have a furnace installed in his house soon.

Obituary—Harold E. McIntyre.



Harold Eugene McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIntyre, was born in West Lowell Sept. 22, 1898 and died at his home in West Lowell Dec. 14, 1915, aged twelve years, two months and 11 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, his father, mother, three brothers and two sisters, Clarence L. of Seguria Eden C. and John C. of West Lowell, Mrs. Zella Mullen of Segwin and Helen Lucille of West Lowell, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Harold was not over strong physically but gave great promise mentally; always foremost in his studies, he had reached the seventh grade in the river school. All his hopes and ambition centered upon entering the new high school at Lowell. Always the gentleman, ever ready to help father, always helping mother, studious, kind and respectful, Harold was beloved by all who knew him. The world has lost a scholar, there is a vacant seat in the school room, a vacant chair at home, we shall miss his smiling face, his happy toytish laughter.

God has taken away what he gave, one of our most valued treasures, yet through the gloom of despair that enshrouded our minds, there appeared a bright, hope-inspiring thought. In taking our boy now, God has saved him from the trials, struggles and temptations of this life, and we shall hear the sound of his footsteps no more, we know that the gates of paradise swing easily at the touch of his childish hands, and that he is treading the paths of that glorious land where there are no partings, no pains or sorrows, no heartaches. A loving, hope-inspiring reigns supreme through all Eternity. Through a rift in the dark mourning clouds, we see a light, the light of sweet remembrance of the boy we loved, a beacon of hope that shall guide our faltering feet as we tread the years to come, past the slings of destruction, over the rocks of uncertainty and into the quiet harbor of happiness and peace eternal. The sweet flower has drooped and faded. One sweet mummy voice has it said. One fair brow the grave has shaded. One dear school mate now is dead. But we feel no thoughts of sorrow. For our friend is happy now. He has gone with heartfelt gladness. Where the blessed angels bow. He has gone to heaven before us, but he turns and waves his hand. Pointing to the glories over us. In that bright and happy land. Funeral services were held at the home at one o'clock Tuesday, Dec. 7, conducted by Rev. Moxon of Charlette assisted by Rev. Chas. Moxon of Lake Odessa and Rev. Early of Freeport. Burial in Oakwood cemetery. 11 o'm.

CHRISTMAS 1915

This year above all, as we gather together at the burning of the Yule-log, amid scenes of Prosperity, and under Peaceful Skies, the Spirit of the Cheery Christmas creeps into our midst.

It is with a cheerful feeling of many mingled joys of service to this community and the pleasing response thereto, that this store sends out to you all its gratitude and well wishes in the merriest of all merry wishes—

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Merry Christmas advertisement for Royal Easy Chairs. Includes illustrations of a woman reading and a man sitting in a chair. Text: "Just Stop and Think! Wouldn't a nice piece of furniture be a good present for the whole family? It's useful and makes the home more cheerful. No matter how large or how small we have it. Royal Easy Chairs \$12.00. A few reminders: Bissels Sweepers, Jardiner Stands, Smoking Cabinets, Small Rugs, Large Mirrors, Shaving Stands, Pictures, all kinds. \$8 to \$20. You May Have Them Delivered Xmas Eve. YEITER & CO.

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gell, Mrs. Belle Sexton is expected home this week from California. COUGHS AND COLDS ARE DANGEROUS. Few of us realize the danger of coughs and colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous bronchial and lung disease follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get it today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Bring it. MOSELEY Mr. and Mrs. Clara Ford visited Willis Purdy and wife of Lowell Saturday. John Andrews, Sr., has been quite ill the past week. Mrs. Chris Kropf visited her brother Charles at Kalamazoo Friday and Saturday. Miss Cora Kropf visited relatives and friends in Ionia part of last week. Miss Helen Andrews is visiting relatives and friends in Melvin and Richmond, Mich. Richard Towne, R. B. Davis and family, Charles Davis and Eva Andrews visited Mrs. Lemuel Davis and family Sunday. Orlov Weeks of Sherman City is visiting his brothers Leon and Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost and Mrs. Weller, at the home of Sidney Weller. ELMDALE Visiting with the Editor, Lowell Ledger staff, correspondents and patrons all Merry Christmas. Joseph Voder and Alexander Stahl were among the sick the past week. Among the shoppers to the Furniture City Friday were: Mrs. Dan Weaver and daughter Nellie, also the former's grand-daughter, Myrtle Hawk of Freeport, Mrs. Harry Hostetter, Mrs. Polly Livingston and daughter Edythe, Perry Trowbridge, Charles Lindley, George Sargeant, Mrs. Wm. Allen, Mrs. Charles Gilibe, M. J. Stahl and Ira Sargeant and wife. A. C. Hayes made a business trip to Grand Rapids Monday. Harry Mead and family spent Sunday with Harley Lenhard and family. Austin Rosenberg's children have the mumps. The Misses Minnie Moore and Letha Schwarler had dental work done in Grand Rapids Tuesday. A number from this vicinity attended the home talent play at Alto Saturday night. Mrs. Harry Meade entertained her two sisters, the Misses Martha and Pearl Bengeberger of Lowell Wednesday evening. George Welsh of Grand Ledge spent Sunday with Austin Rosenberg and family. Printing—the plain neat kind—that is right—Ledger Job Dept.—Phone 200.

KITCHEN ECONOMY! You can not save money as long as your profits go into the garbage can. And that is where impure and unwholesome groceries and provisions often find their way. Shop the other way—buy foodstuffs that have no waste—make every ounce count in the strength and vitality of life. We offer you groceries and other eatables that will stand the test—that will register 100 percent pure—that are cheapest because there is no waste. It is economy to buy such goods—it is extravagant and wasteful to buy anything else. Plug up the financial leaks in your kitchen, and your pocketbook will experience a healthy relief. This store is the home of "Kitchen Economy." Trade with us and let it mark the beginning of better financial days for you. G. W. BANGS & CO. Pullen Block Phone 250

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Valued Gifts are not always costly. A dainty piece of lace worked by a loving mother's own hands carries richer memories than costly presents. A gift from the depth of the heart actuated by noble impulses is priceless. It's the spirit of the thing, the wholeheartedness and unselfishness, the pure desire to make some one happier, that really counts. Very likely you want to remember some friend or neighbor who has met with misfortune and you desire to give something substantial. We suggest Lily White "The Flour The Best Cooks Use" with your compliments. Surely this would be thoroughly appreciated, and a Merry Christmas Greeting sets better on a full stomach than an empty one. Then too, good, wholesome, nutritious bread and butter is better than medicine. It goes right to the spot, and if the bread is made from Lily White it is bound to be good. As a lady said the other day when discussing cooks and cooking, "Why, anybody can make good bread from Lily White." And she is right. Be sure to get Lily White, "the flour the best cooks use." There is no substitute. VALLEY CITY MILLING COMPANY, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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ABUSING the President for denouncing those hyphenates, spies and foreign scoundrels who are blowing up our powder mills, may be a good way of capturing his job; but it doesn't seem so to us, for the voting must be done in this country—don't you know?

Don't judge a man by the noise he makes—the poorest machinery creaks the loudest.—Herbert Kauffman.

DEEDS speak louder than words. "Big words and little deeds" usually go together. Judge a man by what he does; not by what he says.

SAID a Saranac woman to her husband: "My Christmas shopping is all done. I had everything charged to you; and Hubby responded: "Then it will be all done with me after New Year's."

A GOOD Lowell citizen just after paying his taxes was greeted by Neighbor Cheer with: "Isn't it good to be alive?" and responded: "Oh, yes; but it costs like the d-ickens."

You can't always judge by appearances. That Belding man, who borrowed his neighbor's suit case before leaving to winter in Florida, looks prosperous.

IF ONLY those who never spent any money foolishly, criticised Henry Ford for his Peace expedition, you could hear a pin drop anywhere from Maine to California.

To ONE and all and especial-

ly to its loyal army of readers. The Ledger wishes a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

SAYS The Chicago Herald: The Washington Post has courageously essayed a most difficult task. It is trying to convince the public that a tax on automobile gasoline would be "a tax on the poor."

Well, why not? How long does it take an automobile owner to become poor? The big silly! But what does an editor know about it, anyway?

THE Semi-Weekly Joke says it is well satisfied. That appears to make it unanimous.

CASCADE

Dec. 20.—A Merry Christmas to The Ledger and staff. The oyster supper at the Grange Friday evening was well attended considering the weather.

A good attendance of men was at the lecture Friday evening given by the chaplain of the Jackson state prison in the church.

daughter visited at Orren Sayles' Sunday. Austin Shayton and wife left Saturday for Buffalo where they will visit their daughter for several weeks.

CANNONSBURG.

The High school will hold their Christmas tree exercises in the Congregational church, Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, commencing at one-thirty, p. m. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Harriette Herrington, of Alton spent Friday of last week with her son, William Herrington, and attended the high school social.

A number of young people spent Sunday evening at the pleasant home

68 YEARS AGO

Famous In The Early 30's and 40's. Still At It.

Many Michigan people have already heard of the discovery by that English Horse-Farrier of the peculiar instrument which made him famous back in the early 30's and 40's all along the Hudson River Valley.

ALTON.

Clare Ford and R. B. Davis are building new ice houses. The auction at Louis Winger's last week was well attended and every thing went high.

Edith Howe and children left last week for Belding, where they will reside.

BARGAIN STORE. Toys. Something for every member of the family at prices you can afford. Come and See. J. W. Rutherford.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE LOWELL LEDGER

LOWELL, MICHIGAN, DEC. 22, 1915

SOUTH BOSTON.

Dec. 20, a good number attended the club meeting at Mark Sneathen's Wednesday evening, it being the annual election of officers.

The chicken pie supper and apron sale was well attended. A good program was given. The ladies presented Rev. and Mrs. Lash with a pretty comfortable. Proceeds from supper and sales amounted to \$50.

Walter and Fred Murray have returned from Lansing. Mrs. George Austin and her daughter, Miss Lillie, left for Chicago, last week.

Mrs. Julia Holmes of Clarksville is visiting at the home of Geo. Turley. Mrs. Geo. Kuhn had the misfortune to slip on the ice Friday and sprain her ankle.

Harry Vandyske is working for Verne Freeman. Sunday election of officers in the Methodist Sunday school resulted as follows: Mark Sneathen, superintendent; George Tucker, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Jay Parsons, secretary; Ruben Lee, treasurer; Edith Fate, Wren-Ton.

Don't forget, a good program is being prepared for Christmas, Friday evening at the Methodist church. Come and enjoy the exercises and bring your gifts.

The young men of the Grange give their program at the hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 28.

Edith Howe and children left last week Wednesday evening. Mrs. Phila Ciley and daughter Irma have returned from Ypsilanti, where the latter attends college, to spend the holidays.

WAR UPON PAIN! Pain is a visitor in every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy.

Mervin H. Solter, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with my feet sore, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application. I was as good as new." March, 1915. At Druggists. 25c

Cannon-Grattan Vicinity. Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ludner, Carl Werner and brother were in Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Collins and daughter Helene of Grand Rapids are spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tooley.

John Bird is spending a few days in Grand Rapids. Kent Jakeway's family have moved into their new home.

Miss Beulah Bush was in Grand Rapids a few days the past week.

MANY CHILDREN HAVE WORMS. Worms are a common childhood ailment. They make children irritable, nervous and restless, besides robbing the body and mind of proper nourishment.

Charles Foreman of Lowell has purchased the Warren Lillie farm and is moving in more here.

Loe Rockwell and two gentlemen friends of Alton and Rapids motored here Sunday and visited at Mrs. Sheridan's.

Ray Goodell and family of Keene visited at Will Riedale's Sunday.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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CHRISTMAS 1915

This year above all, as we gather at the burning of the Yule-log, amid Prosperity, and under Peaceful Spirit of the Cheery Christmas of our midst.

It is with a cheerful feeling of manly joys of service to this community pleasing response thereto, that this st out to you all its gratitude and well the merriest of all merry wishes—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A. L. COONS

The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Cl

Merry Christmas. Just Stop and Think! Wouldn't a nice piece of furniture be a good present for the whole family? It's useful and makes the home more cheerful. No matter how large or how small we have it. YEITER & CO. You May Have Them Delivered Xmas Eve.

THE COAL MAN

is talking To You

And the best thing you can do right now is to TALK TO THE COAL MAN.

Place your order for the winter's supply of coal now, and let us fill your bin before the rush of orders begins.

Everybody knows the grade of coal we sell. There is none better and we are keeping the price down.

We've talked to you—now you talk to us. It's good for both.

EARL HUNTER

Phone 127

KITCHEN ECONOMY!

You can not save money as long as your profits go into the garbage can. And that is where impure and unwholesome groceries and provisions often find their way.

We offer you groceries and other eatables that will stand the test—that will register 100 percent pure—that are cheapest because there is no waste.

Plug up the financial leaks in your kitchen, and your pocketbook will experience a healthy relief.

This store is the home of "Kitchen Economy." Trade with us and let it mark the beginning of better financial days for you.

G. W. BANGS & CO. Pullen Block Phone 250

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opportunity. Regular Board meetings the 3rd Monday in each month. Talk it over with M. C. GREENE, Pres., or J. B. VETTER, Sec.

Farmers Attention!

Am in the market for your Wool, Live Stock, Potatoes, Berries and Seeds

For highest prices call Citizens Phone No. 80, or call at my elevator, Lowell, Mich.

Shipping days for stock Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Do you want a farm that will double in value in five years? If you do come to McBride. We have what you want. McBride is the most prosperous looking town of its size between Saginaw and Grand Rapids.

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Cash paid for FURS AND HIDES Above Market Prices SPECIAL, \$15 Kitchen Cabinet \$8.50

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203 Door East Lowell State Bank

Use Black Silk Stove Polish. "A Shine In Every Drop" Get a can today from your hardware or grocery dealer.

The Best Wishes of this Bank are with you for the Merriest Christmas ever and a coming year of prosperity, health and happiness.

LOWELL STATE BANK
LOWELL MICHIGAN INTEREST ON SAVINGS
E. L. Bennett Vice-President
A. J. Nash Cashier

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

News Notes About People You Know.

Phone 35, Hakes' auto livery. Ed. Kellogg was in Ionia Friday. Mrs. N. J. Perry was in Saranac Saturday. S. E. Braendle spent Sunday in Grand Rapids. Carl Maynard spent Sunday in Grand Rapids. Miss Hazel Vaughn of Saranac visited friends here Thursday. Try Columbia batteries. Smith's garage, adv. WANTED—Experienced loan pickers at the King Milling Co. George Conant of Greenville visited friends here over Sunday. Miss Elna Harwood of Saranac spent Wednesday in Lowell. Wesley Johnson has gone to Mascotte, Florida, for the winter. The Baptist Ladies' Aid will serve a chicken supper January 6. The Ledger office will not be open Saturday, Dec. 25, Christmas day.

Lowell real estate transfer: Richard Jones and wife to John Martin, lot 1, block 7, Snell's add. \$975. Harry K. Andrews of Albion will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Andrews. Theo. Bank says that the report that he was drowned by breaking through the ice was greatly exaggerated. Our silverware is sold under a positive guarantee, and the prices are as low as it is possible to sell good goods.—R. D. Stocking. Mrs. Merie Burger of Constance came Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look. Mr. Burger will join her here for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Conklin, son Dexter and Mrs. G. V. Chamberlain will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Conklin in Grand Rapids. Big line of books for Christmas at Look's drug store, adv. "Loading banana, Port Antonio," is the title of picture received at this office with holiday greetings from Mrs. M. E. Van Dusen of Riverdale, Jamaica.

Ledger readers: Send in the names of your holiday guests. Your absent friends who keep in touch with the old town through this paper will be glad to hear of you. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Batchelor of Portland, Oregon, are here to spend two months with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Batchelor and other relatives and friends in Vergennes and vicinity. The man who paid \$2.25 for two outside papers, found out Saturday that he could have had both of them with The Ledger—all three years—for \$2.50. It's better to subscribe for The Ledger first. Mrs. H. J. Taylor and son Stanley of Spartan, Wis., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leval Taylor. They spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hiler in Ionia. Mr. Taylor will join them here for Christmas. Phil Allen has returned from a trip South. At Parkersburg, W. Va., he called on C. E. Blakeslee and learned that the latter's mother recently fell and broke her collar bone. Mr. Allen reports trade conditions much improved in the South. Shoe repairing is our business. Only exclusive shoe shop in town. Bradish on the bridge. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scott and Mrs. A. R. Barnes were in Grand Rapids Tuesday. Reduced prices in coats at a time when you need them. See adv. E. R. Collar. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood, Friday, Nov. 17, a son, Ralph Junior. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Frazee and baby girl will spend the holidays with their parents at Waterveil. Why walk on nails? Remember Bradish's electric shoe shop and have your soles sewed on. 28 Harold Behler is home from the M. A. C. to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Adam Behler. A. Z. Mullins, commercial agent of the Grand Trunk, from Grand Rapids was in town on business Friday. Advertisers' letters in the Lowell postoffice: Frank Smith, Nest Stove, Mrs. Rachel Cady, Mrs. A. C. Fuller. Miss Edin and Harry Harpel of Toledo will spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Brunthaver. Make your Christmas money go farther by ordering groceries of E. T. White, Grand Trunk grocery. See advertisement. Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Grand Rapids will spend Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. N. Parker in Keene. Wm. Schneider of Akron, Ohio, will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schneider and Lowell friends. Eliminate bake-day trouble by using Pansy Blossom Flour. Guaranteed as good as the best. For sale by all dealers. If Mrs. Bert Hayes returned last week from the U. S. A. hospital, Grand Rapids, where she underwent an operation, and is getting along nicely. Rob Roy Johnson and family of Pontiac and Miss Ola M. Johnson and friend Ross C. English of Grand Rapids, will spend the Christmas holidays at Seven Oaks. All school teachers sending their name, address, school district and number to the City State Bank, Lowell, Michigan, will receive a beautiful 1916 calendar, adv. Mrs. Nettie Garfield, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garfield of Bellevue, Fletcher Campbell of Battle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer of Detroit attended the funeral of Mrs. W. R. Blaisdell Sunday. Bargains at Henry's: One lot books up to 25c values 10c; one lot values up to 50c for 25c; 4 x 6 framed mirrors 10c; post card albums values up to 75c, choice 25c; special prices on framed pictures and many bargains too numerous to enumerate, adv. Our respected old resident and teacher of half a century past, Mrs. M. M. Perry, is in feeble health at her home in this village. Her host of long-time friends will join with The Ledger in Christmas greetings and a wish for renewed health and strength. See the new chest of sterling silver at Williams' adv.

Phone 6, adv. if. Blue Ribbon oled at Shaw's. Miss Corn Parrott was in Grand Rapids Thursday. R. D. Stocking was in Grand Rapids Saturday. Manicure and embroidery sets at Stocking's, adv. James Parker of Caladonia was in town over Sunday. Your gift problems solved by visiting Henry's drug store. ad Miss Winifred Donaker went to Grand Rapids Friday. Miss Tillie Beiri of Ionia spent the week-end in Lowell. David Munge and wife were in Grand Rapids Saturday. Chaney Ball and wife were in Grand Rapids Saturday. Useful, sensible Christmas gifts at Look's drug store, adv. Platinum and Tungsten points. Smith's garage, adv. Miss Florence Veiter is home from Lansing for the holidays. Buy her perfume, the kinds that last, in nice packages, at Henry's. Miss Marie Perry spent Sunday with her parents in Grand Rapids. Miss Gladys Raymond is home from Ypsilanti to spend the holidays. Buy \$2 worth at Henry's Friday and get a 25c framed picture free, adv. Miss Ruth Mattern of Grand Rapids was in town Saturday afternoon. Miss Hazel Stocking came home from Ypsilanti Friday to spend the holidays. Fred Pitcher of Traverse City spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Fred Malcom. Miss Minnie Meek spent Sunday with her brother and family in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scott and Mrs. A. R. Barnes were in Grand Rapids Tuesday. Reduced prices in coats at a time when you need them. See adv. E. R. Collar. Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood, Friday, Nov. 17, a son, Ralph Junior. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Frazee and baby girl will spend the holidays with their parents at Waterveil. Why walk on nails? Remember Bradish's electric shoe shop and have your soles sewed on. 28 Harold Behler is home from the M. A. C. to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Adam Behler. A. Z. Mullins, commercial agent of the Grand Trunk, from Grand Rapids was in town on business Friday. Advertisers' letters in the Lowell postoffice: Frank Smith, Nest Stove, Mrs. Rachel Cady, Mrs. A. C. Fuller. Miss Edin and Harry Harpel of Toledo will spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Brunthaver. Make your Christmas money go farther by ordering groceries of E. T. White, Grand Trunk grocery. See advertisement. Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Grand Rapids will spend Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. N. Parker in Keene. Wm. Schneider of Akron, Ohio, will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schneider and Lowell friends. Eliminate bake-day trouble by using Pansy Blossom Flour. Guaranteed as good as the best. For sale by all dealers. If Mrs. Bert Hayes returned last week from the U. S. A. hospital, Grand Rapids, where she underwent an operation, and is getting along nicely. Rob Roy Johnson and family of Pontiac and Miss Ola M. Johnson and friend Ross C. English of Grand Rapids, will spend the Christmas holidays at Seven Oaks. All school teachers sending their name, address, school district and number to the City State Bank, Lowell, Michigan, will receive a beautiful 1916 calendar, adv. Mrs. Nettie Garfield, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garfield of Bellevue, Fletcher Campbell of Battle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer of Detroit attended the funeral of Mrs. W. R. Blaisdell Sunday. Bargains at Henry's: One lot books up to 25c values 10c; one lot values up to 50c for 25c; 4 x 6 framed mirrors 10c; post card albums values up to 75c, choice 25c; special prices on framed pictures and many bargains too numerous to enumerate, adv. Our respected old resident and teacher of half a century past, Mrs. M. M. Perry, is in feeble health at her home in this village. Her host of long-time friends will join with The Ledger in Christmas greetings and a wish for renewed health and strength. See the new chest of sterling silver at Williams' adv.

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Arthur Mills is home from Detroit. Mrs. Mayne Luz went to Muir Friday. Set tire chains at Smith's garage, adv. Maurice Miller visited friends in Kalamazoo last week. Charles Hamilton is in Charlevoix this week on business. United States and Lee tires. Smith's garage, adv. Miss Ella Snyder of Saranac was a guest of her friend, Lorna Stuart, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton spent Saturday with the former's mother in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Mose Keller of Detroit are expected to spend Christmas with Lowell friends. All school teachers sending their name, address, school district and number to the City State Bank, Lowell, Michigan, will receive a beautiful 1916 calendar, adv.

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What to Buy Something From a Jewelry Store of Course. Jewelry Makes the Ideal Xmas Gift. In our buying we steer clear of the foolish knick knacks but confine our purchases to such articles as will bring pleasure and happiness to the recipient and the feeling of the good judgment of the giver. Our store is brimful of good practical useful gifts and we list some below but suggest a personal inspection. High Grade Watches for Men, Bracelet Watches for Ladies, Pendants, Fountain Pens, Chains, Fobs, Rings, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins Sterling Silverware, Bracelets, Cut Glass, Casseroles, Chafing Dishes, Custard Dishes, Serving Trays.

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YULETIDE GREETINGS

From The Rexall Store Useful, Sensible Christmas Gifts for Any Member of the Family. Perfumes and Toilet Waters Palmer's, Colgate's, Williams, Harmony, all size packages Packages from 10c to \$4.00. Books All the latest books of fiction—Children's books—Gift books and Gibson's Art Cards beautifully engraved and a dainty remembrance for any friend. Stationery in Plain or Holly boxes—Big assortment from 10c to \$1.00. Conklin Fountain Pens—the Pen that is guaranteed to always work and never leak. The Store of Dainty Gifts This is the season of the year when you want to remember your friends with gifts that are useful and at the same time, perhaps inexpensive. We cordially invite you to come to the REXALL STORE where we will gladly show you our holiday line. Dainty Perfumes Attractive Toilet Articles Distinctive Perfume Delightful Candy All the Latest Books Parisian Ivory Brushes, Combs and Mirrors,—Military Brushes—Manicure Sets— Pipes, Cigars and Smokers Articles. Big Bargains in Every Department Do your Christmas shopping at the Rexall Store and receive the greatest value for the least expenditure and money. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL YOUR REXALL DRUG STORE. D. G. LOOK. D. G. Look, The Rexall Drug Store.

THE RED MIST A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE BY RANDALL PARRISH ILLUSTRATIONS BY C. D. RHODES

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SYNOPSIS. -15- Considerate Sergeant Wyatt is sent as a spy to his native country on the Green Hill. He meets a mountain man named Jim Taylor. At a house beyond Hot Springs they meet Major Harwood Taylor...

CHAPTER XXI. The Fight in the Cabin.

Denton's cabin had been burned six months ago. Noreen told me, and the old man was believed to be dead. Few others ever used this cut-off, or had occasion to pass this way, and the woods had quickly taken possession...

"Have you ever crossed here?" I asked doubtfully. "I scarcely remember where the ford lies."

"I am certain of that—not if you are still the same girl I played with in my school days. It was in mine, and was not withdrawn."

"I hardly think I am," she answered soberly, a little catch in her voice. "I am not a girl at all any more, but I keep something of the same spirit, I hope."

It was actually astonishing the number of persons, even those who are in business, who do not know how properly to inclose a postage stamp in a letter. The stamp is inclosed to bring an immediate reply, and the intention of the writer is good; but many times the wrong way of doing the thing is the cause of no little annoyance at the other end of the line.

"It was cold blooded murder, Cowan!" I exclaimed indignantly. "The culmination of a feud?"

"I reckon I ain't seen of Harwood's gun more in maybe five year," he said slowly. "But she has sure ground up line. Anse took after marrying her first, just ter spite Harwood, but since he seed her a while back he's better took a notion he wants her hisself."

"I ran my hand within, touching the flesh." The whole blame caboodle is camped in the courtyard yard on the only picket is at the main door of the Green Briar. Yet never saw nobody, did yer, gittin' out yere?"

"I reckon it is, and Anse knows that just as well as you do. An' he knows the gal yere had a room at her hotel. That is where he went, aimin' fer ter raid the shebang just before daylight."

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Writers and Others of World-Wide Fame Who Were Fond of Long Jaunts on Foot. "There have been some famous pedestrians, with the emphasis on the word famous. Charles Dickens was a great walker."

The Paisley Shawl By MILDRED CAROLINE GOODRIDGE

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"Think hard, Eustace—try to remember!" urged Wallace Brierly, but his invalid brother shook his head in a helpless, melancholy fashion.

"If they have not been destroyed—yes," nodded the brother, with a serious sigh. "We are an impetuous, poorly balanced family, Eustace. I lost my share of the fortune left to us by father in speculation. You wasted yours and you are now paying the penalty of your folly."

"Did you ever converse with a man who was so nervous that he would break right in and finish what you were going to say?"

ver that has kept me an invalid for over six months. Everything is a blur from the moment I was sitting swaying to and fro on a rock by the road side, when a young girl and an old lady in the Paisley shawl passed by. I fell sideways, exhausted, just then. They got me into their house—a yellow-painted story and a half cottage. They led me upstairs to an attic bedroom. They brought me food and drink and I slept. I awoke, but not waking up in the morning half delirious, not sensible of my real surroundings. I remember dressing and putting on an overcoat hanging across a chair and leaving my own worn undercoat in its place. I recall stealing down the stairs, and in my light-headedness chuckling that I had a covering now to fight off the biting cold and keep me warm—warm! Since then a blank, till I wandered into the house here, burning up with fever and in wild delirium."

So, first, Wallace Brierly went to Springfield. He had secured an automobile and made a regular business of his difficult task. For three weeks he traversed all the main thoroughfares leading out like spokes in a wheel from his starting point. Alas! the fashion in houses had not changed. There were any number of one and a half story structures, and many of them painted yellow. But the fashion in wraps had changed. Only some ancient dame retained possession of that old badge of dignity and substantiality—a Paisley shawl. Few were there, however. They were relegated to obscurity, and this, the chief clue, utterly failed to materialize.

One day—ah, he would never forget it! He had arrived late Saturday evening at a little town called Fairview. He was weary and undecided, almost discouraged, as he awoke the next morning. He loitered around the hotel till about noon and then strolled along the pretty main street of the peaceful town, more for the sake of exercise than with any investigatory spirit just then.

white center and "curlicues," and a fringe! Wallace Brierly sprang into action as if shot from a gun, but the phaeton had started up. Before he could overtake it the rig had turned a corner and was lost to view, com-mingled with other vehicles.

"That phaeton!" he muttered, rubbing up to the man who had helped the ladies into the vehicle—"the lady with the Paisley shawl!"

"It is in the attic now," explained Lella. "There were some papers in it. They bore no address, so I placed them carefully away, thinking that maybe some day they might be claimed."

Did you ever converse with a man who was so nervous that he would break right in and finish what you were going to say? A fat man and lean man met on a Broadway car recently, relates the New York Sun. Their conversation began agreeably enough. It was about the weather, flats, coal and politics. The fat man was a good listener, but the lean man wanted to do all the talking, and every time the roly-poly one said anything the cadaverous man took the words out of his mouth. The fat man began to glance sidewise at his companion. It was apparent that the thing of having his words taken out of his mouth was beginning to ram him up some.

Best Substitute for Wisdom. An acquaintance of the late Josh Billings was one day talking with him about the remarkable increase of imitations and substitutes for original articles, as oleomargarine for butter, celluloid for ivory and so forth, "and," said he, "many of the substitutes are ahead of the real thing. I guess in time there will be a substitute for everything—though I don't know about wisdom."

For the women of an earlier time, their duties were not only well defined, they were unescapable. For us, they are not only rather readily escapable, they are not even defined. This is, indeed, broadly true of all things, but especially of the duties of women. The older moralists occupied themselves with the difficulty of doing one's duty. The modern ones, if they want to hold our attention, must rather consider the preliminary difficulty of finding out what one's duty is.—Elizabeth Woodbridge in Atlantic Monthly.

To Clean Mother-of-Pearl. Handles of mother-of-pearl or other articles of the same material may be restored by cleaning with pure olive oil and rubbing with a nail brush, followed by a rubbing with a piece of chamois.

PICTURESQUE AND NEW

PARISIAN HEAD-RESS THAT WILL BE WELCOMED. Has All Fashion's Distinguishing Marks and Other Points That Will Make It Popular in This Country.

Some of the ultra-smart Parisiennes have revived genuine "picture" head-dresses. Now that evening dresses, in France, are of the simplest possible order it has become necessary to pay special attention to the head-dress, and some of the latest styles are really fascinating. For example, the head-dress illustrated. Here there are loose curls, but these fall at the back, behind the ears. In this case the hair, quite free from artificial waves, is drawn softly back from the face and arranged in a chignon at the back.



The idea that red-brown hair, produced by henna, made a woman look especially youthful is exploded. Nowadays everyone realizes that these red-brown shades are specially trying for anyone except a young woman or girl. On the other hand, the soft brown shades are flattering to the complexion.

IF IN DOUBT, CHOOSE BLUE Color That is Always Popular, and its Shades Are Practically Innumerable. If you are in a quandary as to which color to choose for your winter tailored suit, this color will be safe in making it blue.

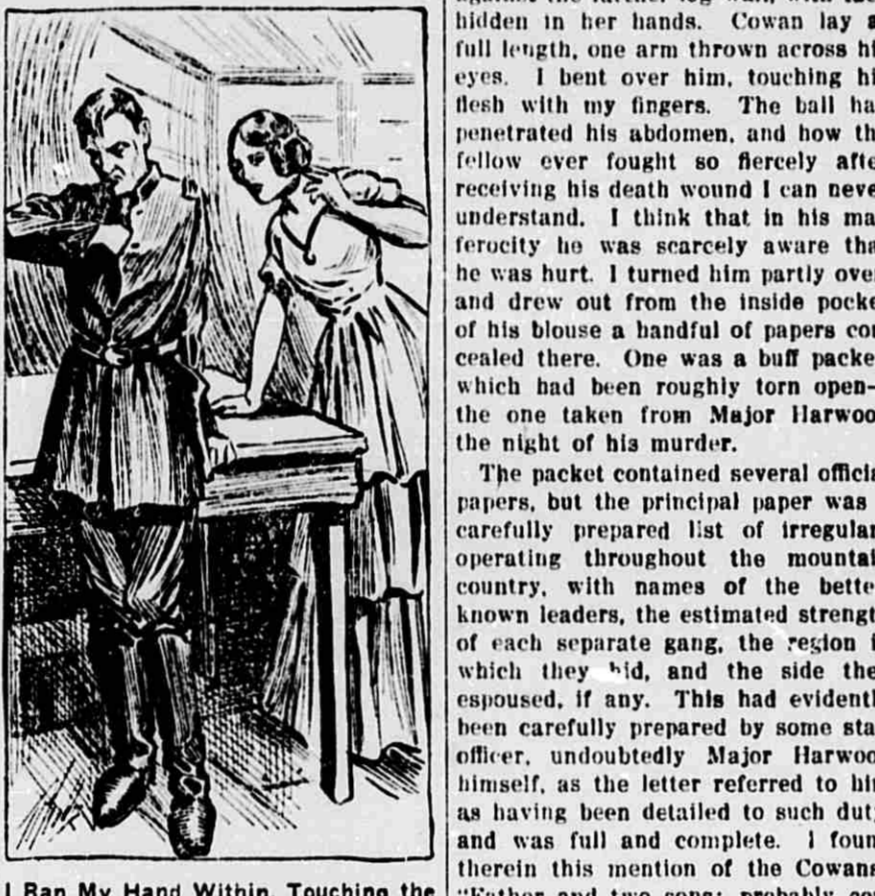
Velvet Afternoon Gowns. According to the Dry Goods Economist, rich afternoon gowns velvet are featured in black, brown, rose, white and blue. Green is also shown to some extent, but has not proved as popular as the colors named.

Striped Stockings. Stripes still play an important part in stockings. Sometimes the stripes are at the top of the stockings, running round and round, and sometimes it is the ankles that are striped.

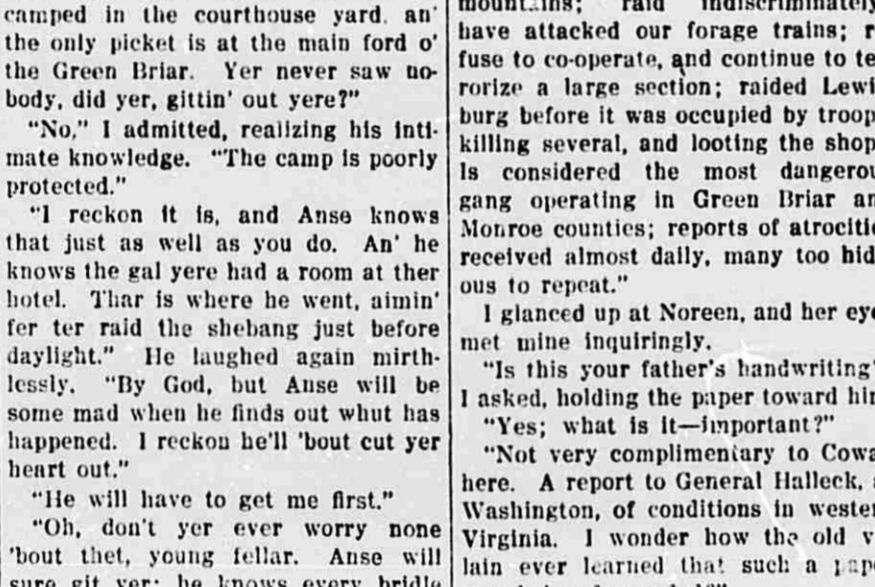
BATH ROBES AND NEGLIGEEES Ideas for Cold Weather That Are Well Worthy of Having a Place in the Memory. The winter negligee may be as diaphanous as chiffon and lace and make it, but the winter bath robe, to be right, must be warm and downy. Nothing is more uncomfortable than to emerge from a refreshing bath to find the world grown cold. A thick bath robe is sure to make the world seem warm and cozy.

White Crepe With Fur. A charming frock is made of white Georgette crepe. The skirt is edged with a wide hem of white fox, and there is a high collar of the same fur and cuffs of it, with big buttons for trimming. The charm of the frock consists in the almost startling combination of the sheer crepe and the very heavy bands of fur.

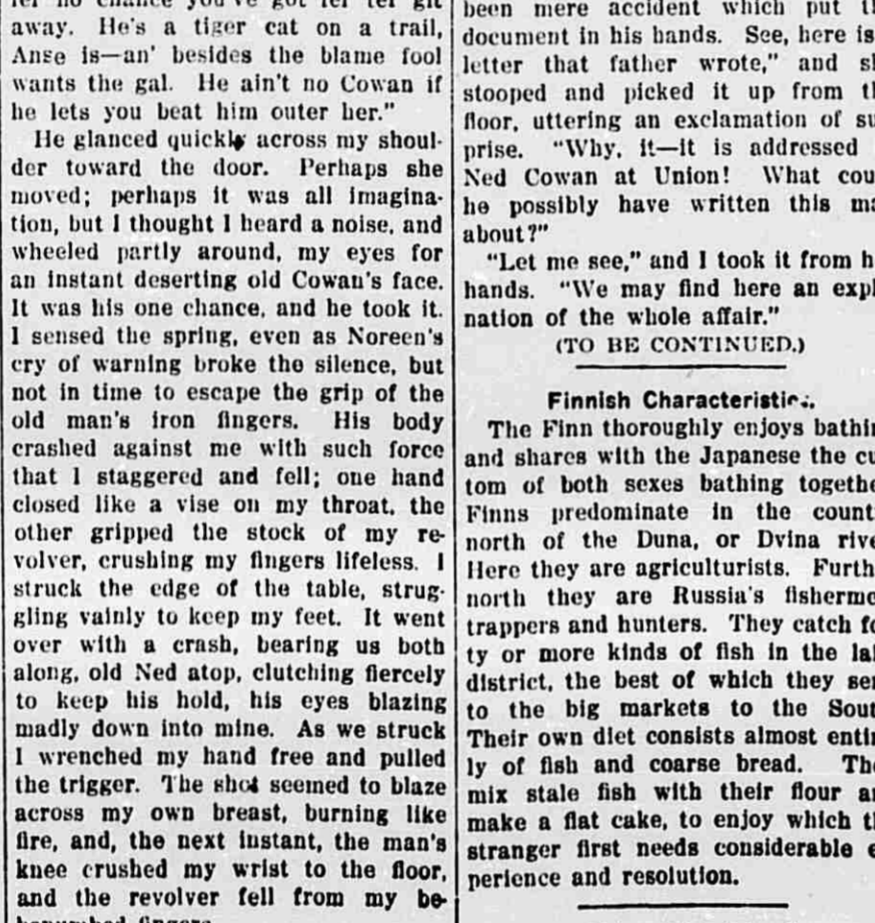
Individual Puffs for Guestroom. Replacing the powder jar and put in the guestroom dresser, is a new arrangement which fastidious guests will appreciate. This is a dainty bag of white net and ribbon, filled with tiny lamb-wool powder pads, which hangs beside the dresser. Each guest helps herself to one of the little powder pads which is for her individual use—just as is the tiny, wrapped package of guestroom soap; and when her visit is over she may take the little powder pad with her, or she may leave it in the guestroom waste basket; the next occupant of the room having a fresh lamb-wool pad for her own use.



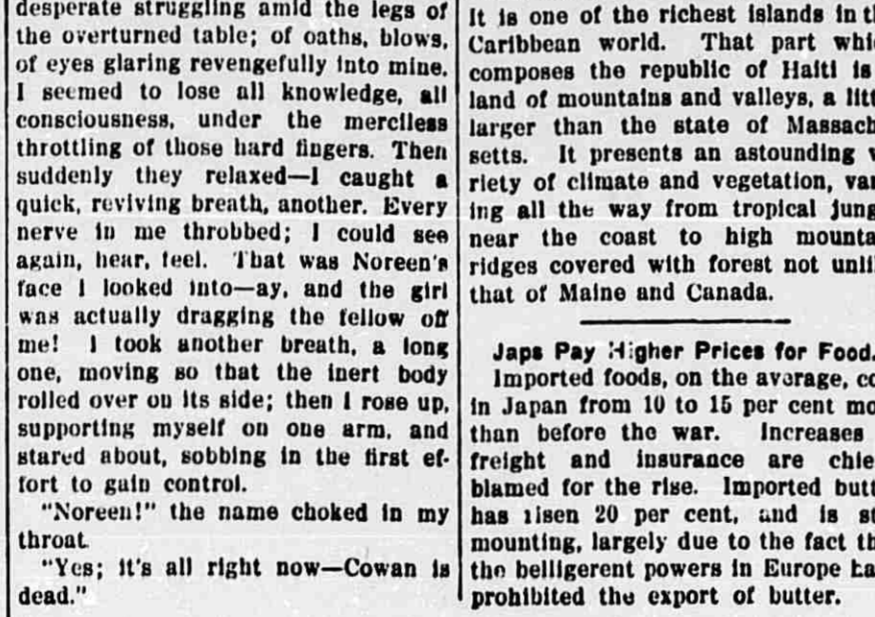
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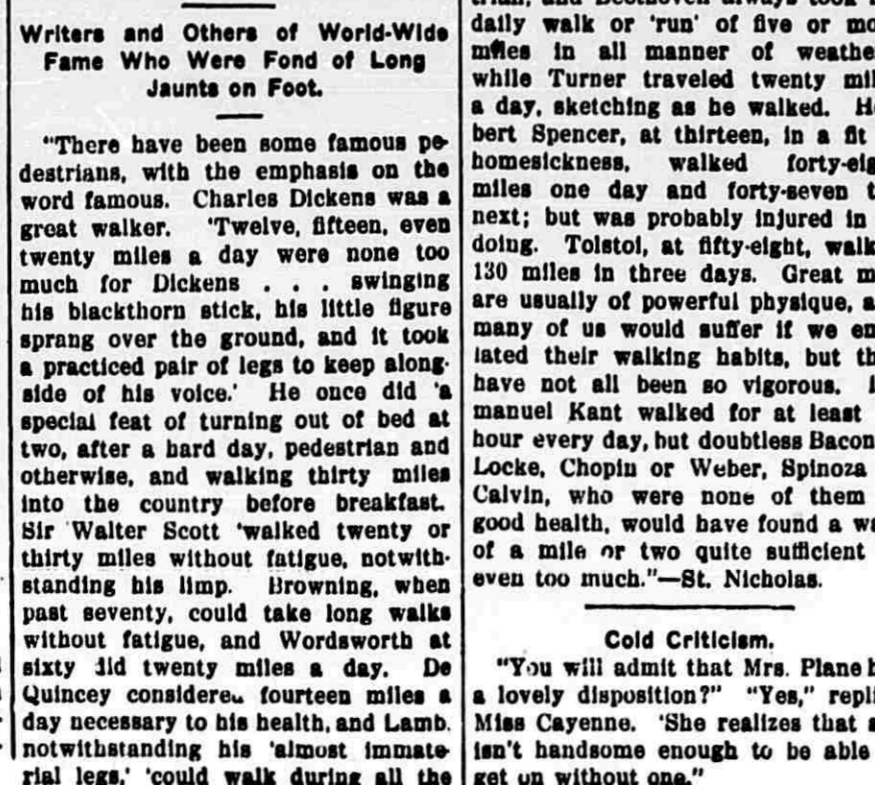
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A Big Fellow With Ragged, Untrimmed Hair and Scraggly Beard.



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Great Men as Pedestrians.

10 lbs. Sugar 50c
With \$2.00 worth of other groceries.
Mild Longhorn Cheese.....22c
2 1/2 lb. Henkel's Spring
Wheat Flour.....90c
4 boxes Crisp Corn Flakes.....25c
8 bars Acme Soap.....25c
6 bars Naptin Soap.....25c
1 bu. White Potatoes.....60c
2 1/2 lb. American Eagle Flour 95c
Pure Lard, per lb.....13c
Lard Compound, per lb.....12c
Good Salt Pork, per lb.....11c
2 1/2 lb. Salmon.....18c
Peanut Butter, per lb.....12c
Good Suet.....10c and 15c
3 cans Pet Milk.....25c
3 cans Corn, Peas, Tomatoes
.....25c
Extra Coffee, Steel Cut, lb.....25c
Japan Green Tea, lb.....35c
3 Large Rolls Toilet Paper.....10c

Grand Trunk Grocery
E. T. White, prop.
We deliver goods. Phone 299

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know.
Blue Ribbon also at Shaw's.
George F. White continues in ill health at his home in this village.
Bradish wants your shoe repairing. adv. 28
H. S. Schriener was in town yesterday. G. V. McConnell was here a few days before.
Collar's cloak sale starts Monday, Dec. 20. adv.
Mrs. Nyma J. Perry is quite ill. Her son Guy is here from Grand Rapids caring for her.
Best assortment of handkerchiefs at Collar's. Buy early.
For sale: Extension topsurrey, double cutter, single cutter, single buggy, three-seat platform wagon. Enquire Hakes barn.
After twenty-four years of business prosperity, the A. L. Coons clothing store is extending the season's greetings to a well-satisfied army of long-time patrons. See their message on page 4.
Electric flashlights, lanterns, hand lamps, etc., in great variety at Stocking's. adv.
J. P. Rische of Grand Rapids has been awarded the job for the concrete work on the new bridge at Ada. The estimate of the contract for the concrete for piers and abutments is approximately \$14,000.
Watch brackets in prices from \$2.85 up to \$1.75 at Stocking's.

Buy wisely—go to E. R. Col- lar's for Christmas gifts. adv.
Miss Vera Loucks, a Lowell High school Senior, was married December 11 to Charles Hamilton, a tonsorial artist until recently in the White front shop. The ceremony took place at Lon- ia, without the knowledge of the bride's parents. Mrs. Hamilton afterward resumed her studies; but since the discovery of her secret has not returned to school.
We recharge storage batteries. Smith's garage. adv.
Mrs. Phoebe Tate will spend Christmas with friends in Grand Rapids. From there she goes to Chicago to visit her son and later to Buffalo, Iowa, to spend two months with her daughter.

ADA VILLAGE.
There will be an old fashioned Christmas tree at the Congregational church Friday evening.
Mrs. John Kellogg was called to Grand Rapids recently by the serious illness of her grandson.
Mrs. Will Wallace is visiting friends in Grand Rapids for a few days.
Mrs. H. Rhodes and daughter Madama returned Friday from an extended visit with relatives in Omaha, also Kalamazoo. They left Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Anna Carney of Bay City.
Miss Mary Fitch of Grand Rapids spent a few days last week in this vicinity.
Work has begun on the new bridge across Grand river at this place.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson visited friends in Grand Rapids recently. Mrs. Sanford has opened a lunch room in the Ward block. She also has a nice line of candy and cigars.
Mrs. Katie Watters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, a few days last week.
Peter Jasper, Jr., who is at St. Mary's hospital, Grand Rapids, with typhoid fever, is improving and will be able to be brought home in a few days.

SOUTH LOWELL
John and Marie Friedl and Mrs. Will Kibbe spent Monday in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. G. G. Wieland went to Irtan last Wednesday to help care for her mother.
Christmas exercises will be held at the church Friday evening.
Mrs. Emma Witter and Miss Ruth Layer were in Grand Rapids shopping last week.
Walter Wieland spent last week in Grand Rapids.
Carl Rittenger was successful in passing the civil service examination. Sunday guests of John Rittenger and family were Carl and Ray Rittenger, Miss Amber O'Mara, Miss Sylvia Nesberg and Guy Woodard, all of Grand Rapids.

KIENE CENTER
Mark Bowen is working for A. L. Pant & Son.
H. M. Trask went to Tecumseh Friday to visit his brother.
Floyd Sparks, wife and son spent last Wednesday with their aunt, Mrs. Geo. Golds.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moore returned Friday from a visit with his people at Shelby.
John Brown has bought a farm at Blanchard and will move there Monday.
Mrs. Ella E. Smith is spending a few days with her daughter in Grand Rapids.
Always at your call, McQueens' bus. Phone 6. ff. adv.

Road to Health Is Through the Kidneys

No person alive is stronger than his kidneys. The minute the kidneys become disarranged or clogged with waste the warning is flashed throughout the entire system. The greater part of all sickness today can be avoided by keeping the kidneys working properly.
M. N. Henry, the popular druggist, can tell you of many well-known people in this city who have had the standard kidney remedy, has restored to health, often after they have tried many other methods of treatment with little or no benefit.
This remarkable kidney remedy is guaranteed to help the worst case of lazy, sluggish, or clogged-up kidneys, or the general headachy, dizzy, lightheaded, played-out condition that afflicts people suffering with kidney trouble. Solvax does not simply relieve. It aims to cure.
No other kidney remedy has made such a large percentage of cures as Solvax. It is so large that M. N. Henry is perfectly safe in standing ready to refund the price to any customer whom it does not help.

GRATTAN CENTER

Dec. 20.—Lynn Norton of Alberta, Canada, is visiting his father, A. A. Norton.
The Grattan school has new Voe plan.
Mrs. C. A. Bear and Mrs. E. I. Brooks spent the latter part of the week with their mother, Mrs. J. L. Rindel of Grand Rapids.
W. J. Jones was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.
E. V. Storey, who has been seriously ill at Lowell, is much improved and returned home Monday.
Fred Madison returned home from Dakota Friday.
E. J. Hatchew was in Grand Rapids Wednesday.
John Hessler, who has been very ill the past week, is slightly improved. A consultation of doctors was held Thursday.
Mrs. J. I. Norton entertained with a five-course dinner Tuesday in honor of her husband's fortieth birthday. Covers were laid for seventeen. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Norton, Mrs. A. E. Barbano, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, Mrs. S. W. Mattee and Mrs. Kate Engle and children.
Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Watkins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenks and Tom Bookey and family Sunday.

MORSE LAKE.

A Merry Christmas to all of "Our Best Friends."
There will be a Christmas tree at the church Friday evening. The usual Yule-tide joys will be there to greet the community at large with the right hand of fellowship and a fine program.
Fay Plinckney of Saranac visited his sister, Mrs. A. Fritchella, last week. Mrs. Charles Bakeske is feeling quite ill at this writing.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Curtis visited the officers at the Thornapple Valley Grange Tuesday evening.
S. S. Vetter has been very ill for the past two weeks.

Neighbor Told Her Cure for Lumbago

Rheumatism and lumbago are awful things and cause great pain and misery, but Foley Kidney Pills can root them out.
Mrs. C. H. Evedland, Duncan Mills, Ill., writes the following letter: "I was stricken down with lumbago and was unable to turn myself in bed. A neighbor brought me a half bottle of Foley Kidney Pills, and said she had been similarly afflicted and that they had helped her. So I tried them and was completely relieved by the use of two or three boxes. I have had splendid success with them and have heartily recommended Foley Kidney Pills.
Foley Kidney Pills tone up weak, inactive, sluggish kidneys, rid the body of poisons, give appetite, energy and refreshing sleep after pain. Don't neglect kidney trouble. Remove the cause with Foley Kidney Pills.
For sale by M. N. Henry

There's Danger in Sluggish Bowels
Biliousness, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Appendicitis, all Start in Inefficient Bowel Action. Foley Cathartic Tablets the Reliable Relief.
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1916 calendar pads at the Avery Studio.

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[Where's Your Ear?]
Has it been close enough to the ground to hear the rumor of something big that's coming from the United States Tire Company? January 8th is the date set for its announcement in the Saturday Evening Post. Watch For It.
And by the way if your Ford starts hard try a set of Nosler Priming Plugs.

Smith's Garage.

Michigan Farmer and Lowell Ledger both one for year \$1.25 at this office.

Tax Collector's Notice.

Township taxes are now due and payable at A. L. Coons' store.—H. J. Coons, Treas. ff

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1915.
Present: Hon. Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Eliza M. Blaisdel, mentally incompetent. Leander J. Post having filed in said court his petition as guardian of said estate, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof,
It is ordered that Friday the 21st day of January, A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
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It is ordered, that the 21st day of January, A. D. 1916, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.
John Dalton, Register of Probate. [30]

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1915.
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