

THE PASSING OF TWO RELICS.

One Was the First Church Building Erected in the City, the Other of Less Historic Record.

The destruction of the Chapman building on the levee by fire last week, has served to recall to the minds of many of the older residents of the city, something of its earlier history, which is worthy of mention.

It was built in the early forties as a Methodist church and at that time was the only church building in this vicinity. The site was deeded by the county commissioners to the trustees of the church, the deed being the second remove from the government title, the first being held by Philo Hale.

It served the purposes of a church for several years, until the society decided to build a more commodious one, which was erected on the site of the present structure. After the old court house was burned this original church building was frequently used for court purposes, many important trials being conducted there, among them one murder trial in which John R. Eden and Anthony Thornton were defendant's attorneys.

Since then it had served various purposes, school room, skating rink, bowling alley and poultry commission house. The other Chapman building burned at the time was quite generally known as the armory, having been built for the use of company "C" of the eighth regiment, Illinois national guards.

Mr. Chapman served as captain of the company and his friends say that he took considerable pride in the military appearance of the organization. The company's first armory was the rooms now occupied by the News office.

Insurance Claims Promptly Adjusted. J. P. Dore, the adjuster representing the insurance companies involved in the recent fire, was here Tuesday and adjusted the loss on stocks and buildings. J. W. Winter was allowed \$800 on stock and fixtures and \$800 on the building. C. A. Wood's loss was allowed \$2,800, the full amount of the insurance. Mr. Chapman carried no insurance.

Both Mr. Winter and Mr. Chapman express themselves as contemplating rebuilding in the spring, but there will probably be a readjustment of the frontage. Mr. Chapman owns about 75 feet, but it is divided part of it being on the corner westward and a part east, with Mr. Winter's lot between them. They have had some conferences looking to a change that would enable Mr. Chapman to consolidate his interests and give Mr. Winter a building site a little nearer the public square.

Mr. Winter has resumed business in the Baker building at the northeast corner of the square. Christmas at the Churches. The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church will be held Monday night. A tree will be installed and it is expected will be quite well loaded with gifts, both for the little people and "grown ups."

An appropriate cantata, "Santa Claus and His Helpers," will be given under the auspices of the Sunday school. The presiding elder, Rev. Parker Shields, is to be here Sunday and will preach both morning and evening. The exercises at the C. P. church will take place Sunday night and will be largely of a musical character, the children of the Sunday school having the prominent parts.

The thought exemplified will be "The Star Divine" and the decorations will be in keeping with the subject. The pastor's subject at the morning service will be "The Star of Jacob" and the program of the entire day may be said to be of special star significance. The young people of the Sunday school of the Christian church will be much in evidence at the church Sunday evening.

An appropriate program is being arranged, which will include recitations and musical selections. There will also be some novel form of treat or gift making. Mrs. F. M. Harris has gone to DuQuoin to spend the holidays with her parents.

Shuman-Baker.

Bliss Shuman and Miss Grace Baker were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Baker, in East Nelson township Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the C. P. church, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. Following congratulations a sumptuous wedding repast was served. A reception was tendered them at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suman, in this city Wednesday.

They will reside on the Shuman farm southeast of the city where a home has been prepared and suitably furnished.

The bride is quite well known to a large circle of friends and is a young lady of some excellencies of character. The groom is the eldest son of Charles Shuman, president of the First National Bank, and a young man of sterling worth and high moral character.

The News desires to join their friends in extending congratulations.

War on Concealed Weapons.

Judge Farmer of Vandalla holds the statutes of Illinois should permit a fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment in the penitentiary when a person is found guilty of carrying concealed weapons. He made this remark in the Shelby county circuit court recently when he fined Joe Igo \$50 for carrying concealed weapons after he had pleaded guilty. Igo has been in jail six months, and the fine was due to that cause.

BRUSH NEARING UPPER NOTCH.

Frank Bundy Sale at \$110 is Sensation of the Past Week.

The sensation of the week in broom corn circles was the purchase of the Frank Bundy crop, a few miles north west of Mattoon. This was one of the choicest crops in the district, and it is probable that there is nothing left that is equal to it, and a good many buyers have wanted it. But it remained for the Gardner, Brown Co., of Amsterdam, New York to get the plum. There were 144 bales in all of this crop, and they paid \$110 per ton for the straight, consisting of 127 bales, and \$80 per ton for the 17 crooked bales. Striking an average, this made a fraction over \$108 per ton, delivered at the warehouse.

This serves to show that the tendency in price is upward, without any possibility of any decline before another crop can be grown. When one considers that nine months time intervenes between now and then, it must certainly be apparent to all that pretty stiff prices will prevail toward the last, if indeed they do not approach it much earlier in the year. It is true that \$105 has been offered for a few crops still unsold, but perhaps if \$110 was offered now they would not sell.

The manufacturer who is not well supplied will find that he will be compelled to increase the size of his check considerable, ere long, when he buys a ton or a car load of brush. — Charleston Plaindealer.

Surveying for the Electric Road.

The force of men engaged in surveying for the proposed Decatur, Sullivan and Mattoon electric rail way reached Sullivan last Friday and are now nearing Decatur. There are five men engaged in conducting the survey, A. M. Shaw of Dixon being chief engineer. W. M. Ham is employed as rodman. A line has been run north from Mattoon by the Cooks Mill route and thence to this city by the Masonic Home, and another line is surveyed following the Illinois Central right of way from Mattoon through Coles and Allen'sville until the east line of the Shuman farm is reached, when it takes a northerly course to the Masonic Home and then westward to this city. It will be seen from this that the line will pass the Home whether the Cooks Mill route is taken or the Illinois Central way.

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A SHOCKING DEATH.

HENRY E. HAMPTON IS KILLED INSTANTLY.

His Clothing Caught on Shafting at His Mill and He is Whirled Rapidly Around, Resulting in Death.

One of the most tragic deaths that ever occurred in this city took place last Monday morning, when Henry E. Hampton was instantly killed at his home on East Harrison street by becoming entangled in some mill machinery operated in his barn.

The particulars of the accident, as they became known, filled the public mind with consternation and horror that an event so shocking and terrible in its nature could have occurred here.

Mr. Hampton had recently installed a small mill for grinding corn in his barn near the rear part of his lot. It was operated by a gasoline engine, the entire outfit being one that he had formerly used for the same purpose while conducting a grain business at Hampton station.

He had finished and adjusted every thing for the work he had expected to do, but had not started the mill previous to this time, when he had expected to do some shelling and grinding. His wife and daughter, Nettie, had accompanied him to the barn to see the mill and after starting the engine Mr. Hampton stepped around a partition, presumably to throw on a belt. In less than a moment, time the ladies heard alarming sounds and stepping so they could see the cause were horrified to see Mr. Hampton's body being whirled around the shafting with every revolution it made.

They instantly gave the alarm, the daughter running to the residence of Frank Drish, who lives just across the street from the Hampton home. Mr. Drish hastily responded to her call and was the first one to reach the barn. He at once stopped the engine, but did not know or realize the terrible nature of the accident until he had looked about to find Mr. Hampton. He was found suspended from the shafting, his left arm being wrapped about it like a cord, entirely to the shoulder. The body was horribly mutilated both feet being mangled or torn completely off and were found on the floor. One hand was literally stripped of flesh and the clothing partially torn from his body, which bore many marks of the terrible scene that had been enacted. The walls of the building were spattered with blood in many places.

E. F. Belt and son, R. B. Belt, who were at their mill about a block away, had also heard the peculiar sounds at Mr. Hampton's mill and ran over to ascertain if there was any trouble. They arrived soon after the machinery had been stopped. It was necessary to turn the shafting backward in order to release the body which was then placed on the floor.

As no one actually saw what move he made at the time he was caught the exact manner probably will never be known. The reasonable theory is that in attempting to adjust the belt that connects the engine with the shafting some part of his clothing became entangled and before he fully realized his danger he was drawn up and thrown violently against the side of the building, causing his death instantly. The shaft is said to have been speeded to about 800 revolutions a minute and he must have been connected with it four or five minutes before the machinery was stopped.

Coroner Miller was soon summoned and preparations made for holding the inquest. A jury was empaneled and the testimony of a few witnesses taken as follows:

E. F. Belt—I live in Sullivan and own a mill about one block from where deceased died. I heard a peculiar noise and ran out of the mill and saw two ladies running to south door of deceased's mill. Saw E. W. Drish run down hill toward where the accident occurred, saw him enter the building, then he came out excited

and asking for help. I entered the building and saw the body of deceased hanging on the shaft. It is my opinion he was dead before I got there. I think it was accidental on account of getting caught on the machinery.

P. W. Drish—The first I learned of the occurrence was his daughter, Nettie, came to my house saying "Father is fastened in the machinery" and I ran to the place at once and on the way met his wife and she told me the same as his daughter. I was familiar with the machinery and went in and stopped the engine. I then looked for him and found him on the shaft. It is my opinion he was up on a platform trying to put the belt on the pulley and his clothing was caught by being too close to the shaft. It was about 9:20 o'clock.

R. B. Belt—I work in the mill near where Mr. Hampton was killed. My attention was called by the reason of a different noise than is usually heard in a mill. I ran over to the mill, and saw the body hanging on the shaft. I am of the opinion that he came to his death by accident with the machinery.

The jury then returned the following verdict:

We, the undersigned jurors, sworn to inquire of the death of Henry E. Hampton on oath do find that he came to his death by being caught by the clothing and left arm by a rapidly revolving shaft driven by a gasoline engine, which by its revolutions dashed his body with such violence as to cause almost if not instant death. It is further our opinion that the death of Henry E. Hampton came to his death from accidental means.

Foreman S. W. Johnson G. R. Hawkins J. M. Weiman S. F. Garrett Henry Miller J. A. Smith

The deceased is survived by his wife, one son, Lawrence, of Chicago and three daughters, Mrs. A. S. Creech of Lovington, Mrs. George McPheters of Carbondale and Nettie, who lives at home. The funeral services were held at the Christian church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Idleman of Paris, the interment following in Greenhill cemetery.

REV. DAVIS' STAGE RECORD.

Served the Christian Church Here Some Years Ago, But Now a Noted Stage Character.

Rev. Edwards Davis, who was pastor of the Christian church in this city a few years ago, has since gained considerable notoriety through his change from pulpit to stage. While here he was inclined to be somewhat sensational in his manner and speech, and soon after severing his pastoral relations with the local church he entered upon a stage career.

The following press notice was taken from a recent issue of the Denver Times.

The largest company of legitimate actors and actresses ever on the Orpheum stage in drama will be seen tomorrow night and during this week when Edwards Davis and his company of seven actors and actresses—recent recruits to vaudeville from the legitimate stage—open an engagement in Mr. Davis' tragic play "The Unmasking."

This pretentious production is one of great rarity in vaudeville—a tragedy in two scenes. Mr. Davis is an actor of superb stage presence and fine voice and has been leading man to James K. Hackett, Charles Coghlan and other stars, and also played leading parts in the finest stock companies on either coast. Mr. Davis appears in the character of Donald Devries, as Richard III.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly and lovingly helped us to care for and administer to our beloved mother, during her long illness and assisted us in our sad bereavement. A. T. Jenkins Emma Jenkins Mrs. A. H. Witherop Mrs. Ella J. Stedman

MOULTRIE'S OLDEST RESIDENT.

The Close of a Long Life of Humility and Usefulness.

The death of Mrs. Amanda Jenkins, more familiarly known as "Grandma Jenkins," which took place at her home near the Baptist church last Friday morning, probably removes from our midst the oldest person in the county and perhaps in this section of the state.

She had been in feeble health for several months, having previously experienced two strokes of paralysis in addition to the natural infirmities incident to her advanced age.

Mrs. Jenkins was a native of Virginia where she was born September 28, 1814, and where her early life was spent. Her father, Jacob Chilcott, the name afterwards being changed to Silcott, was a well-to-do planter of the southern type, but became dissatisfied with slavery conditions and decided to move north. With this purpose in view he made an overland journey northward through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri seeking a suitable location for his family. He finally decided to settle in Ohio and purchased a tract in Ross county, to which the family moved after disposing of their interests in Virginia.

Mrs. Jenkins was married April 7, 1835 to Martin Jenkins, also a native of her early home state. They continued their residence in Ohio until 1871 when they came to Illinois, first locating on a farm near Paris, where they resided until 1888 when they came to Sullivan. Mrs. Jenkins died nearly eleven years ago. There were seven children, two dying in early childhood, and of the others one daughter, Etta, died about six years ago. The others are Mrs. A. H. Witherup, Mrs. Ella J. Stedman and Emma, who has lived with her mother. The son, A. T. Jenkins, is the ex-postmaster and well-known implement dealer.

Mrs. Jenkins was one of a family of eighteen children, all of whom lived to an advanced age, six reaching ninety and upwards. Her great-grandfather was a member of the William Penn party, which came to America from England in an early day.

Mrs. Jenkins was quiet and unassuming in her manner, a devoted and loving mother commanding the love, admiration and respect of all who knew her, and in her later days was the pet of her children and of the friends of the entire neighborhood.

She was a member of the First M. E. church, having united with the church when a girl in Virginia.

The funeral services were held at her home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. H. Tull of Greenfield, former pastor of the M. E. church, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. T. J. Wheat. The interment followed in Greenhill cemetery.

Cheap Rates by the Frisco.

On December 19 homeseekers tickets will be sold to points in the west and southwest at 75 per cent of the one way rate for round trip. Final return limit 21 days from date of sale with privilege of stopover. Also to many points in the south and southeast at 80 per cent of the one way rate, final return limit 21 days from date of sale. \$15.80 Mobile and Pensacola, \$18.10 New Orleans.

One way second class settlers rates to the south and southeast on first and third Tuesdays each month until May 1906.

Excursion rates to Chicago account International Live Stock Exposition. Tickets sold December 16 20 inclusive. Return limit Dec. 24.

Christmas and New Year holidays. One and one-half fare for round trip. Tickets sold December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 1906. Special arrangements for teachers and students.

Hunters rates to the south west.

Tourist rates now in effect to Colorado and Pacific Coast points, Florida and Cuba and winter resorts in the south.

For full particulars inquire of W. F. BURNETT, Agent.

Editorial Notice.

The greatest of all newspapers is the Daily Globe-Democrat, of St. Louis. It has no equal or rival in all the west and ought to be in the hands of every reader of any daily paper. It costs, by mail, postage prepaid, daily including Sunday, one year, \$6.00; 6 months, \$3.00; 3 months, \$1.50; daily without Sunday, one year, \$4.00; 6 months, \$2.00; 3 months, \$1.00; Sunday edition—a big newspaper and magazine combined, 48 to 76 pages every Sunday, one year, \$2.00; 6 months, \$1.00. A subscription to the Globe-Democrat, at these prices, is the best possible newspaper investment. Send your order today or write for free sample copy to Globe Printing company, St. Louis, Mo. See advertisement of the "Twice-a-Week" issue of the Globe-Democrat elsewhere in this paper.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS:

We have noticed a number of articles in the papers in Sullivan relative to the question of finishing the second and third floors of the new court house building with marble wainscot. A number of the articles referred to have erroneously stated that according to the contract for the building of the court house, that the second and third floors of the court house building were to be finished by the use of wooden wainscot. The original specifications with reference to this matter provided that the second and third floor corridors of the court house should be finished with marble wainscot as will be seen by the examination of page 11 of the specifications under the head of, "Marble Work," which specification is as follows:

"All corridors, rotunda, public toilet and wallsides of all stairs above basement floor to have wainscot 3/4x3 1/2 high as per detail."

At the time of the execution of the contract for the building of the court house, by article 14 of the contract, the marble wainscot for the second and third floors of the new court house building were taken out, the language of the contract upon this question being as follows: "The original drawings and specifications have been changed as follows, to-wit: The marble wainscot of corridors of second and third floors have been omitted and wood base and cap with plaster die painted and finished as set forth in the specifications for such work in rooms specified where marble wainscot is not used. It is hereby agreed between the parties to this contract that in the event the owner shall elect to replace the marble that the cost of the same shall be as follows, to-wit: Marble wainscot second floor, \$690.00 Marble wainscot third floor, \$515.00. Specifications for rooms in which marble wainscot was not specified with reference to wainscot are as follows: In all rooms where marble is not used for wainscot, adamant No. 40 wainscot material will be used troweled to a perfect surface.

From the above statement of the contract and original specifications, it will be seen that at the time that the original contract was made no wooden wainscot was provided for. The contract simply providing for a wood base and cap with plaster between the base and the cap. We trust that you will give this matter space in order that erroneous impressions that some of the people have had in reference to the matter, may be corrected. We are,

Yours very truly, LEE M. DEAL, Supt. of C. H. CO.

B. W. PATTERSON, Chairman of Board of Supervisors.

Wanted. I want all to know of the splendid opportunity I can give any woman whereby she can actually turn her spare time into money. The work is very pleasant and will easily pay \$18 per week. There is no deception about this. No experience is necessary. If you really want to make money, write to me at once. Address HARRIET M. RICHARDS, Box J, Joliet, Ill.

W. G. COVEY, Publisher.

SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS.

AROUND THE WORLD

The negro district of Beaumont, Texas, was the scene of a triple tragedy...

The unprecedented calm which has prevailed in Kansas for a week has driven cattlemen to desperation...

Imports of diamonds and other precious stones have reached the remarkable total of \$37,000,000 at the port of New York for the present year.

A double tragedy, in which Albert Davy, a walking delegate of the Plasterer's Union, and a woman he lived with in West Sixty-third street were shot and killed...

Serious anti-foreign riots among coolie laborers in Shanghai resulted in thirty persons being killed and several Europeans being injured.

Four persons were killed and a dozen others were rescued after hope had been abandoned, in a fire which destroyed the Overbeck theater in Lorain, Ohio.

The ore shipping season of 1905 has closed with a record exceeding by more than 6,000,000 gross tons that of the banner year of 1902.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Robert E. Lee, grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee, was acquitted of the murder of Thomas King at Cheyenne, Wyo.

Max Oberdorff, a member of a Chicago firm dealing in fringes and embroideries, dropped dead of heart disease in the Brown Palace hotel in Denver.

Senator W. A. Clark of Montana has purchased the Union mine or the "mother lode" in Eldorado county, California.

Owing to the many recent cases in which householders have been shot by burglars, the Mississippi Legislature has passed a law making house-breaking a capital offense.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, charged with the murder of her husband, was discharged at Salina, Kan., having reported it was unable to reach a verdict.

Russian workmen defy the repressive policy of the Czar, called a general strike and issued an appeal for desperate resistance, saying the government has declared civil war.

Diamonds and other jewels, valued at \$1,200, were stolen from the rooms of Mrs. James Morgan of Chicago at the Hotel Green in Pasadena, Cal., while she was at dinner.

P. H. Officer, an assayer, widely known in western mining circles, was found dying in the basement of his place of business at Salt Lake City, presumably having been suffocated by sulphuric fumes.

C. A. Griffin and Will Caldwell of Big Springs, Texas, have been arrested charged with forging and counterfeiting Chinese exclusion certificates for the purpose of selling them to Chinese immigrants.

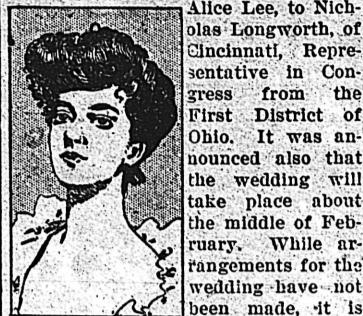
Caught in a whirling belt driven by a 2,000 horse-power engine in Kenosha, Wis., Walter Cavanagh, the giant former center rush of the University of Chicago football team, saved his life by sheer strength.

John R. Walsh's three banks, the Chicago National, Home Savings and Equitable company, in Chicago, have been placed in liquidation after an investigation. The local clearing house guaranteed payment in full.

Dr. August Schmidt, a German physician in St. Louis, has given money for the erection of a church in South St. Louis, in which all denominations will be equally free to worship.

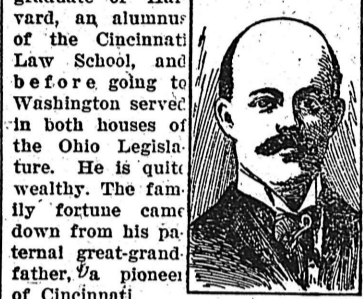
PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER TOWED

Engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth Announced.



MISS ROOSEVELT.

Miss Roosevelt and Mr. Longworth have been the subjects of pleasant and friendly gossip for several months...



MR. LONGWORTH.

The bridal trip will be made in June, Mr. and Mrs. Longworth will go abroad, making their first stop at London...

Miss Roosevelt's wedding will be the first at the White House since President Cleveland was married there.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISERS.

Personal Characteristics of the Men on Whom He Relies.

Wilson and Hitchcock are the chum of the cabinet. They often go away from the cabinet meetings together.

Moody is a little shorter than the President, stocky, looks the athlete, has a well-knit form, a ruddy face, and walks well.

Root, slender, intense, with keen, intellectual face and eyes that sometimes smolder, sometimes flame, was not popular when he began as Secretary of War.

Bonaparte always dresses in black. His big head rolls from side to side when he walks, and the Bonaparte smile—who hasn't read it?—is always in evidence.

Metzger is so quiet that he is known as the modest Secretary. He is a good-looking chap with graying hair and mustache.

The Hamburg Vitriol Brick works at West Hamburg, Pa., were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$50,000.

Five double blocks of houses belonging to the Reading Coal and Iron Company were burned at Yatesville, Pa.

Two American young women have been expelled from Prussia for lese majesty. They talked about the Kaiser.

The Japanese budget estimates the total expenditures at \$515,000,000. Of this \$400,000,000 is the outcome of the war.

The new statue of Camille Desmoulin, recently unveiled in Paris, shows the orator dressed in garments that did not come into fashion until after his head dropped into the basket.

Milwaukee leather men are stirred up over the alleged manipulation of the hide market by the packers and are demanding relief in the shape of a removal of the duty on hides.

Creditors of the Colonial Brass Company of Cleveland, Ohio, petitioned the United States District Court to have the concern declared bankrupt.

James S. Hawkins, an insurance man, has been arrested at Charlottesville, Va., charged with blackmailing R. D. Ballantine, a young millionaire of Newark, N. J., who committed suicide.

CHRONOLOGY OF 1905.

BRIEF RECORD OF YEAR'S PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

Internal Disturbances in Russia and Independence in Norway—Close of the War in the East—Many Great Names in List of Dead.

Most significant of the events of 1905, because it indicates unmistakably the inexorable advance of mankind toward high ideals of liberty, justice and perfect civilization...

The Russo-Japanese war, after a brilliant series of land campaigns, during which one after another of the strongholds of the Russians in Manchuria fell into the hands of their opponents...

The completion of the great Siphon tunnel was the accomplishment of another great engineering feat, and the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Ore., presented to the world a record of achievement in all lines.

Great disasters have been fewer than usual, though tornadoes in Oklahoma and Kansas destroyed more than five hundred lives, and earthquakes, fire and railway wrecks have done their dread work.

The year's list of famous dead contains the names of many men and women noted in the arts, statecraft, philanthropy and business.

The principal events of 1905 are briefly summarized below:

- January: 1-Surrender of Port Arthur. 2-Torpedo Defender blown up on Okinawa River. 3-Death of Theodore Thomas, orchestra leader. 4-Admiral Rojesteven's flagship Enla Sear was sunk off Madagascar. 5-Death of Louise Michel, French anarchist. 6-Combes' ministry in France resigns. 7-Secretary Hay advises China to remain neutral. 8-Bombing of Shemakha, Russia, buries hundreds of people. 9-End of textile strike in Fall River, Mass. 10-Attempt to assassinate Czar and Russian royal family. 11-Massacre of workmen by Czar's troops in St. Petersburg. 12-Revolt spreads through Russian cities. 13-Liberals defeated in Ontario general elections. 14-Czar issues proclamation promising reforms. 15-Kourapatkin's army driven back from Sandepin, 200 miles. 16-Czar signs document granting great reforms to Russian people. February: 1-Extreme cold wave sweeps Northern States and Canada. 2-Death of Joseph H. Manley of Maine. 3-Senate passes Statehood bill. 4-Roosevelt and Fairbanks declared elected after count of electoral votes in Congress. 5-House passes Townsend-Esch railway rate bill. 6-Death of Hon. Chas. H. Hackley of Muskegon, Mich. 7-Severe cold wave of winter. 8-Death of Gen. Lew Wallace. 9-Death of Jay Cooke, noted financier. 10-Grand Duke Sergius killed by bomb in Moscow. 11-Frances Willard statue dedicated in Stanley Hall, Washington. 12-Explosion in Virginia City coal mines, near Bessemer, Ala., entombs 152 miners. 13-Fire destroys piers and ships at Charlestown, Mass. 14-Boring of Siphon tunnel under the Alps is finished. 15-\$1,000,000 fire in Hot Springs, Ark. 16-North Sea Commission announces decision against Russia. 17-Death of Gen. Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut. 18-19-Twenty-four miners killed by explosion in mines near Thurmond, W. Va. 20-Explosion and fire in Brockton, Mass., shoe factory causes 103 deaths. 21-Death of Jules Verne. March: 1-Czar of Russia signs receipt giving people a right to representation in law-making body. 2-Thirty persons killed in wreck of inauguration special trains near Pittsburgh. 3-Roosevelt is inaugurated. 4-End of 58th Congress. 5-Will J. Davis and two others indicted as responsible for Ironquels fire. 6-Chas. Thomas found guilty of Mabel Scofield murder. 7-Big traction strike begins in New York. 8-Japanese win battle of Mukden, after eight-day fighting. 9-Mukden captured by Japanese. 10-Mrs. Chas. Wick convicted of conspiracy in Cleveland. 11-Nineteen lives lost in New York tenement house fire. 12-Death of Gen. Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut. 13-19-Twenty-four miners killed by explosion in mines near Thurmond, W. Va. 20-Explosion and fire in Brockton, Mass., shoe factory causes 103 deaths. 21-Death of Jules Verne. April: 1-President Roosevelt leaves Washington on vacation trip. 2-Explosion in Letter mines at Zelienople, Pa., kills thirty-five men. 3-Russian artillery depot in Harbin blown up and seventy-five men killed. 4-Earthquakes in India devastate wide range of country and destroy hundreds of lives. 5-Chicago teamsters strike in sympathy with garment workers. 6-Collapse of water reservoir at Madrid kills 100. 7-Battle of Manila launched. 8-Hard frosts damage early fruit and garden truck in Central and Southern States. May: 1-Seven boys killed in party in Indianapolis Masonic Temple. 2-Thirteen lives lost in burning of convent in St. Genevieve, Quebec. 3-Death of Joseph Jefferson. 4-Frank G. Bigelow, president of Milwaukee First National Bank, acknowledges himself a defaulter for \$1,500,000 of bank's funds. 5-Teamsters' strike in Chicago supposed to be ended by Baraboo, Wis., near Bombay, India, kill fifty persons. 6-Chicago teamsters' strike on again. 7-Death of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. 8-Rioting in Chicago. 9-Tornado at Laredo, Tex., kills sixteen persons. 10-Thirteen miners killed by explosion near Wilburton, Ok. June: 1-One hundred persons killed in disturbances in Poland. 2-Serious strike riots in streets of Chicago. 3-Pat Crowe gives himself up to authorities in Omaha, but disappears later. 4-Tornado destroys thirty-five lives and much property in Marquette, Mich. 5-President Roosevelt entertained in Chicago. 6-Tornado in Oklahoma kills 500 persons. 7-Fifty persons killed and 100 injured in railway accident at South Harrisburg, Pa. 8-Nan Patterson released in New York. 9-Death of Jessie Bartlett Davis. 10-Northern and Southern Baptists meet in joint convention in St. Louis. 11-Czar issues receipt granting sweeping reforms in Poland and Baltic provinces. 12-Death of Judge Albin W. Tourgee in Bordeaux, France. 13-Death of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. 14-Death of Baron Alphonse de Rothschild. 15-Russian Baltic fleet under Rojestevenky defeated in great battle in Korean Straits by Japanese under Togo. 16-American yacht Atlantic wins Kaiser's cup in trans-Atlantic race. 17-Death of former Premier Francisco Silyva in Madrid, Spain. 18-Bomb thrown at carriage of King Alphonse of Spain and President Loubet of France in Paris. July: 1-Opening of Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Oregon. 2-Earthquake in Montenegro. 3-Two hundred drown in overflow of reservoirs at Princeton, N.J. 4-Death of Gen. Robert C. Schenck. 5-Crown Prince Frederic William of Germany weds Princess Cecile of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. 6-Norway declares her independence of Sweden. 7-President Roosevelt arranges for peace negotiations between Japan and Russia. 8-Theodor Delanyannis, Greek premier, fatally stabbed by gambler. 9-Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and Princess Margaret of Connaught. 10-Death of Cuban leader, Gen. Maximo Gomez. 11-Death of Judge Stephen Neal, author of 14th amendment, in Lebanon, Ind. 12-Bloody strike battles in Lodz, Poland. 13-\$750,000 fire in retail district of Nashville. 14-Great mutiny and rioting at Odessa, Russia. August: 1-Death of John Hay, Secretary of State. 2-Paul Morton is succeeded as Secretary of State by Elihu Root. 3-Bonaparte. 4-Cloudburst in Guanajuato, Mexico, destroys 1,000 lives. 5-Tornado in North Texas. 6-Elihu Root appointed Secretary of State to succeed the late John Hay. 7-Fire damp explosion in Welsh colliery kills 126 miners. 8-Death of Gen. W. W. Blackmar, G. A. R. commander. 9-Strike of Chicago teamsters is ended. 10-Boiler explosion on U. S. S. Bennington in San Diego harbor kills thirty-seven and injures others. 11-Death of Daniel S. Lamont. 12-Bones of John Paul Jones placed in vault in Annapolis. 13-Yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans. September: 1-Alberta becomes new State of Canada. 2-Five million-dollar fire in Adrianople, Turkey. 3-Death of Hezekiah Butterworth, historian. 4-Treaty of peace between Russia and Japan signed in Portsmouth, N. H. 5-Peace riots in Tokio. 6-Earthquake in Southern Italy destroys 400 lives and twenty villages. 7-Rand powder factory, Fairbairn, Pa., explodes, destroying thirty lives. 8-Mikasa, Admiral Togo's flagship, burns, 609 lives are lost. 9-Death of Patrick Collins, Mayor of Boston. 10-Death of George McDonald, novelist. 11-Great fire in Seattle. 12-Manila swept by typhoon. October: 1-Six hundred thousand-dollar fire in Rhineclander, Wis. 2-Norwegian treaty adopted by Swedish Parliament. 3-Death of Sir Henry Irving. 4-Close of Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Ore. 5-Treaty between Russia and Japan signed by Czar and Mikado. 6-Patal tornado at Sorento, Ill. 7-Storm on Great Lakes destroys shipping and costs several lives. 8-Death of Congressman Jerry Simpson of Kansas. 9-Czar grants representative government to Russians. November: 1-Sweden unfurls her new flag. 2-Bloody riots in Russian cities. 3-Enormous loss of life in massacres in cities of Southern Russia. 4-Czar signs manifesto giving freedom to Finland. 5-Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, prominent Chicago Methodist, dies. 6-Prince Charles of Denmark chosen King of Norway. 7-People of Isle of Man declare freedom from sovereignty of Cuba. 8-Torpedo boat sunk in German naval maneuvers and thirty-three men drowned. 9-One hundred lives lost in wreck of steamer Hilda in English Channel. 10-Thirty-nine men die in Glasgow lodging house fire. 11-State entry of King Haakon VII. and Queen Maudie into Christiania. 12-Eighteen persons killed and twenty-five injured in railway wreck near Lincoln, Mass. 13-Fleet of allied powers seize Turkish island of Mytilene. 14-Drunk Russian soldiers at Alexandrovsk burn barracks and eighty political prisoners. 15-Severe gas causes much damage to property in Grand Lakes district. December: 1-Cuban elections a landslide for moderate party. 2-Iron missile thrown through window of President Roosevelt's special train in Philadelphia. 3-Fifty-ninth Congress meets. 4-Wisconsin Legislature meets in special session. 5-Balfour ministry in England resigns. 6-Death of Mrs. Sarah Moffat in woman in province of Saratof, Russia. 7-Mrs. Mary M. Rogers hanged in Windsor, Vt. 8-Death of Edward Atkinson, political economist. This Funny World. "A man doesn't really get any sense until he is 40 years of age." "What's the application?" "And then no business house seems to care to employ him."—Philadelphia Bulletin. Getting Along. "Let's see, Willyums was married a little over a year ago, wasn't he? How does he and his wife get along?" "Splendid." "That's good." "Yes, they're divorced now."

THREE BANKS FAIL.

CHICAGO INSTITUTIONS OF JOHN R. WALSH GO DOWN.

Chicago National, Equitable Trust Company and Home Savings Bank Close in Crash—Two Banks Alone Carry \$22,500,000 of Deposits.

Failure of the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company, all of Chicago, was announced at 3:30 o'clock Monday morning by representatives of the Chicago Clearing House Association, after a session lasting eighteen hours.

The citizens of Chicago will undoubtedly be surprised to learn that the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company, which have been controlled, managed, and officered by John R. Walsh and his associates have concluded to wind up their affairs and quit business in the city of Chicago, but they will be gratified to learn that after a thorough and careful examination of their affairs by the Chicago Clearing House banks that all of the depositors of these institutions will be paid in full upon demand, the Chicago clearing house banks having pledged themselves to this result, thus putting all the resources of the Chicago banks behind the depositors of these three institutions.

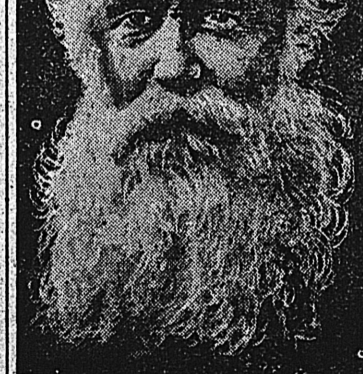
The meeting of the Chicago Clearing House Association began at noon Sunday. Notices were sent members of the board by Mr. Morgan after the condition of the banks and the trust company had been learned. Clerks were notified and fifty or more with their stenographers hurried to the First National bank. Behind closed doors the Clearing House Association began its work of finding a way that might enable them to ride the financial sea in safety.

That a panic would be likely to follow was the first thought of the committee. Resolutions were adopted and heads of other banks pledged themselves to give assistance. The amount involved in the failure would not be discussed by the committee members.

In addition to the formal statement of the failure and the announcement that the banks involved would not open their doors Monday morning, the following announcement was made, signed by the clearing house committee of the Chicago associated banks: "To the Public: Depositors of the Chicago National bank, the Home Savings bank, and the Equitable Trust Company, are respectfully advised that their deposits will be paid in full upon demand."

TRIUMVIRATE RULE IN ZION.

Three Men Are to Control White Dowie Recreations.



JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE.

John Alexander Dowie has abdicated. The patriarchal founder and First Apostle of the Christian Catholic church in Zion transferred the reins of power Sunday to a triumvirate composed of trust-

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CONGRESS

The Senate on Tuesday passed a bill authorizing the Rock Island, Arkansas and Louisville railroad to construct bridges across the Ouachita and other streams in Arkansas.

In the Senate Wednesday Mr. Allison presented the report of the committee on appropriations on the Panama canal bill, giving notice that he would call it up for consideration Thursday.

The Senate Thursday discussed the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill, but did not come to a vote. A separate bill regulating the issuance of bonds for the canal and placing them on the same basis as other government bonds was passed without debate.

The Senate Friday adopted a resolution of Mr. Stone requesting the Postmaster General for information as to whether college periodicals are admitted to the mails as second-class matter and whether a preference is shown some such periodicals over other similar publications.

The emergency bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for the Panama canal was passed by the Senate Saturday, after a debate which practically excluded all other business. A substitute offered by Mr. Hale for Mr. Bacon's amendment, specifically requiring that Congress shall be supplied with regular estimates of all salaries except those paid to laborers, was accepted.

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Postmaster General Cortelyou, in annual report, called Chicago postoffice notable example of lamentable deficiency in certain essentials; deficit held less important than efficiency.



"For nearly fifty years," said Major Watrous, "Edmund G. Ross, now of New Mexico, has been coming to the front every now and then. Half a century ago he surprised his brother printers on a Milwaukee paper by saying that he was going to Kansas. Those were the days when it was not very wholesome for an Abolitionist like Mr. Ross to locate in Kansas. But he went there, and in 1861 enlisted. At the end of the war he was a captain. After the war he engaged in the newspaper business and won considerable prominence.

"Through one of those sudden impulses for which Kansas has been known ever since she became a member of the family of States, Captain Ross was elected to the United States Senate; but he made himself very unpopular with his people by voting against the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson. By the way, to-day it is not easy to find any one who does not commend Captain Ross for that act. He returned to Kansas about as dead, politically, as an Egyptian mummy that has been in the show business for 3,000 years.

"From that time until Grover Cleveland became President, Mr. Ross had many difficulties to overcome in getting on in the world; but he was patient, a hard worker, and respected. A dozen years ago he was a journeyman printer on a paper in New Mexico. The foreman discovered, while 'cutting copy,' a dispatch which he knew would be of vital interest to Printer Ross, and so hung it on the 'hook' that Mr. Ross would get the 'take.' The old printer entered the office, hung up his coat and hat, rolled up the sleeve of his right arm, inclosed his stick in his left hand, while his thumb and finger drew from his vest pocket a long used and well worn printer's rule.

"For a moment he stood and looked through the dusty window, and thought of his hard lot, and maybe wondered if a better day would come some time. He had no substantial reason for thinking such a day would come. Then he walked to the hook, lifted a take, and returned to the case, put on his steel bowed spectacles, a cheap pair, placed the copy in position, looked at it, straightened up, and looked again. Then the spectacles came off and were carefully cleaned. Then he looked again, and as he brought his two hands to his face and bowed his head on the case, a brother printer heard him say, 'Thank God.'

"The old printer, soldier, Senator, had come to the front again. That which so intensely interested him, and for which he gave thanks, was a dispatch announcing that he had been appointed and confirmed Governor of New Mexico. The new Governor pulled himself together as quickly as he could, hurried on his coat and hat, and started for the humble home where wife and daughters were as much surprised as he had been, and they showed it in tears of gratitude and by giving him hugs and kisses galore.

"Captain Ross gave New Mexico a good administration, but when he retired he again returned to obscurity. The other day, true to tradition, he came to the front again. Uncle Sam increased his pension from \$12 to \$30 a month, and every one who knows him, or knows his history, feels like thanking the government for remembering the old fellow."

"The old boys," said Dan R. Anderson, "are all the time coming to the front in different ways. Those stories about stopping cannon balls with the feet reminded me that I saw one poor fellow try to stop a rolling cannon ball by putting out his foot, and that the result was a broken leg. As I wondered what had become of him and how he explained the loss of his leg to his children and grandchildren, there came to my mind a little experience of my own with shells, which was outside the army regulations and rules of war.

"In May, 1863, I took a stroll over the battle-ground of Stone River. The evidences of a hard fought battle lay thick on every hand—unexploded shells, both fuse and percussion; round gold shot, minie balls literally covered the ground whereon lay the First Kentucky Infantry in support of the cannons massed against the charge of the Rebels under command of General Breckinridge on the left of our line. I have bullets, picked up on that spot by me that May day.

"Every one who has seen Stone River knows that it was rightly named. In some places the river flowed against a solid mass of rock thirty or forty feet high, and in other places had cut away the rock till it was nearly hidden from view. In one of these places I had a miniature battle all by my lonely self, pretty nearly, till I was re-enforced by a squad of cavalry and section of artillery. It all happened in this way. The ground lay strewn with unexploded shells, and I figured that a fair per cent of them would explode if properly handled.

"Thoughtless of the agitation it would cause in Murreesboro, I pro-

ceeded to gather nearly a wheelbarrow load of the conical shells, placing them near the edge of the rock, where it projected over the bed of the river, and where the rocks were not covered by water. I succeeded beyond all expectations. I dropped the shells point down, and a large majority of them exploded, and as I was pretty active at that time the noise I created raised quite a commotion in camp.

"The supposition was that Morgan's cavalry was making an attack on some of the many wagon trains in that vicinity. Whoever was in command of the reconnoitering party had not missed the direction, and you bet if Morgan had been where I was he could have had a fight. At least, that is the way they looked to me—to be looking for a fight, but as I had lost no fight I simply said, in answer to their questions as to where the firing line was, 'Out there!' and pointed across the river. I was glad when the officer rode on without asking too many questions. They could not solve the mysterious cannonading at that time, and as I am the only one who can clear up the mystery, I do so now, and enjoy over again a battle of which I was the sole survivor and actor."

"Dou you know," said the Sergeant, "that I often spot one of the old boys by his maneuvers in a restaurant. I am given myself to looking for a seat near a post or pillar. I didn't know I was addicted to this post habit until my daughter asked me why I liked a seat near a post at a theater or in a dining room. I had to say something, so I explained that in sleeping without shelter soldiers felt more at home if their heads were near a tree or a stump.

"In the course of time going to bed in a temporary camp was a very simple affair. The soldier put his head against a tree, pulled his overcoat cape over his head, folded his arms over his rifle, and was off to dreamland without fidgeting. If there were no trees or stumps going to bed was more of a ceremony, the men having an unsettled feeling, like a horse away from his hitching post.

"As I was making this explanation I saw a very dignified individual come toward us with a quick step, and then with a disappointed look on his face wheel to the right and settle down close to another post. I wagered my daughter a pair of gloves that he was an old soldier, although he looked like a banker, and I went over to him. He admitted that he had been in the service, and that he liked to sit with his back to a post. He endorsed my theory and amplified it. He said a tree was a stand by in time of battle, a fortress for the rifleman on the skirmish line, and a shelter in a bivouac, and he told of an adventure in which a limb had fallen from a tree and plumed him to the earth without hurting him. A man had rescued him with the remark that the accident ought to cure him of the tree habit.

"Then I placed my man, because I was the fellow that made that remark. We had lived in Chicago since 1873 without seeing each other, and met at last through the evolution of the old tree habit into the post habit. The accident did not cure him, and I never heard of an accident or any experience that turned an old soldier from the disposition to sit near a post or a pillar."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Fearfully Obstinate Man.
At the time General Grant assumed supreme command of the Federal armies, there were stationed in and about Washington some pet regiments. These troops were kept near the capital and out of danger by influences that need not be described. Grant at once ordered them to the field, and the order promptly created a stir. The next morning he called to see the Secretary of War.

"We will keep these regiments at Washington," said the Secretary loftily.

"I have already ordered them to report for duty in the field."

"We will keep these regiments for duty at Washington," repeated the Secretary more peremptorily than before.

"I have already ordered them to report for duty in the field," again replied Grant quietly.

"Who is in command, you or the Secretary of War?" was the angry response.

"I think the President is in command," coolly answered Grant.

"Oh, you appeal to the President, do you? Well, we'll see."

They had it out with the President in short order. The Secretary opened fire:

"General Grant wants to appeal to you, Mr. President."

"Not at all. I have no appeal to make."

"Well, he wants to tell you something."

"I have nothing to tell you."

"All right; if you don't tell it I will." Then the Secretary proceeded to tell. Up to the time he had concluded the President had said not a word. When the excited Secretary came to an end, Lincoln tilted back in his chair a little.

"I tell you, Stanton," he remarked, "Mrs. Grant tells Mrs. Lincoln that her husband is a fearfully obstinate man, and I guess he's so obstinate that we'll have to give him his own way."

Will He Survive?
"Well, my son at college has finally agreed not to try for the football team."

"I suppose you feel greatly relieved?"

"Only partially. He joins a fraternity organization next week."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

PROXY FOR THE SUN.

An Attempt to Raise Lettuce by Electric Light.

Electricity is to be put to a novel use by the department of agriculture. A laboratory is being equipped in the division of pathology for the purpose of conducting experiments in the growing of plants by the aid of an electrical appliance, according to the Washington Star. The experiments are based on the theory that the growth of vegetable matter, which ceases at sundown, will continue through the night if proper artificial light is supplied to stimulate the natural developing powers of plants.

"In some respects plants are much the same as the human race," said an official of the department to-day. "At night they go to sleep, the same as we do, and their growth ceases until the following day. The sun is their source of life, keeping their growing faculties working and being the foundation of their natural development."

"It is with an idea of supplying an artificial sun that these experiments are being made. If it is found that the growth of plants can be doubled at a nominal expense and that they can be grown in winter the same as in summer the agricultural industry will have received an unprecedented stimulus. Scientific research has already done much to bring the farming industry to a higher level, but more is at stake in the present undertaking, perhaps, than ever before."

The laboratory is now being made ready for the experiments and the work will commence very shortly. Owing to the peculiar nature of the experiments the department is reluctant to give out information concerning them, and it is likely that secrecy will be maintained in regard to the progress of the research until it is learned that the undertaking is practical or hopeless from a commercial viewpoint.

Experiments will be made largely on lettuce, which has been found peculiarly susceptible to electrical influence. The plants will be kept under a strong light during the night, with a view of having the electrical rays take the place of the sun. The light will be as far as possible of the same radiance with which the sun shines upon plants growing in gardens.

It will probably take a year or more before actual results are obtained from the experiments. Scientists attached to the bureau of plant industry have already learned by investigation that it is possible to grow plants by electricity. It has not been proved, however, that the expense incidental to the employment of this means is cheaper than the means nature has adopted to carry on her work. There is some doubt, too, whether vegetables grown in an artificial manner will be of the same quality as those propagated in the regular way.

The experiments are in line with the policy of the department to lessen in every possible way the cost of farming. In other words, if it is found that vegetables can be raised cheaper by doubling their developing properties, the department will have cause to feel that it has given a great stimulus to agricultural interests. And if it is shown that the extra cost of using electricity is greater than to allow plants to form in their usual way no harm will have been done. The department merely desires to get the undertaking down to a commercial basis if it is possible.

TRICK OF THE COLLEGE GIRL.

Shoe Clerk Explains How She Gets Money for Matinee.

"What's a fellow going to do about it, anyway?" exclaimed a Boston shoe clerk the other day. "It beats me. Here comes in Miss College Maid, and she is as fascinating as she can be. She picks out a \$5 pair of shoes as 'perfectly lovely,' and 'won't we charge them up to pa?' which we certainly will do, because 'pa' has notified us that his credit is 'O. K.' and is at his daughter's disposal.

"But next day in comes Miss College Maid with her shoes in a box under her arm. She would 'really like to look at those \$5.50 shoes,' and she finally buys them. 'And won't we give her the change back,' she says with a smile that will tilt most men from their balance.

"Of course, if a man made such a proposition we'd call the police, but we're apt to bow to the Miss College Maid with the smile, and hand over the \$1.50 to her, as if she had asked for only a pair of extra shoe strings. Then while Miss College Maid trots off to the matinee to spend our \$1.50 we puzzle our heads as to whether we have been buncoed, or whether we have buncoed 'dad,' although, to be sure, we charge it to his account.

"And if a fellow once falls a victim to the wiles of Miss College Maid he soon learns that she needs a new pair of shoes about every time a matinee idol comes along."—Shoe Retailer.

No Sun in It.

Mrs. Malaprop—Did you hear about that poor man's accident while shaving? It was an awful cat's throe.

Mrs. Browne (laughing)—An awful what?

Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, it's no laughin' matter. He cut his jocular vein.—Philadelphia Press.

Improved His Health.

"Did your husband find that golf improved his health?"

"Yes, it improved his health. But unless he learns to play better it will spoil his disposition."—Washington Star.

A dressmaker cannot be said to be worth as much as \$2 a day unless the women quarrel over her.

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WEDS GIRL HE FREED.

Romance Begun When Winona Gillham Slew Father Ends at Altar.

Married to a man who sat on the coroner's jury which tried her for the murder of her father six months ago is the experience of Winona Gillham, a 16-year-old girl who was wedded to George H. Edwards in Peoria the other day. Edwards' affection for the girl began the day he served on the jury. On June 4 last Winona Gillham killed her father, a farmer residing near Oak Hill, by shooting him through the head and beating his brains out. She was acquitted on a plea of self-defense. Edwards heard the testimony and became infatuated with the girl. Her mother appeared in court and consented to the marriage. Edwards is 23 years old.

SWINDLERS MAKE BIG HAUL.

Joliet Merchants Robbed of Large Sums Through Forged Checks.

A gang of forgers by rapid work between 8 and 10 o'clock Saturday night swindled Joliet merchants and saloonkeepers out of between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Taking advantage of the holiday rush, they succeeded in getting checks cashed for sums ranging from \$20 to \$200. They had secured a large block of the special checks of the James G. Heggie Boiler Company drawn upon the Joliet National bank, and a very fair counterfeit signature of Mr. Heggie's name signed to what were apparently pay checks helped make the swindling game an easy one.

WOMEN TOIL IN FIELDS.

Scarcity of Men Causes Fair Sex to Join in Corn Harvest.

Never before in central Illinois have women been so actively engaged in the harvest fields as this season. The scarcity of male help has made it necessary for the women to take a hand in gathering the corn crop. Several have become expert. On a wager with her father, in which the stake was a new piano, Miss Alice Isemenger of Marshall county husked and cribbed 330 bushels of corn between sunrise and sunset. Another champion has developed in Bureau county, Miss Emily Schradler, 17 years old, picking 100 bushels in nine hours.

SCORES HIDDEN WEAPONS.

Offense Should Cause Prison Term, Declares Vandavia Judge.

Judge Farmer of Vandavia states in his opinion the statutes of Illinois should permit a fine of \$5,000 and the crime should be made a penitentiary offense when a person is found guilty of carrying concealed weapons. He made this remark in the Shelby county Circuit Court when he fined Joseph Igo \$50 for carrying concealed weapons after he had pleaded guilty. Igo has been in jail for the last six months awaiting trial and the low fine in the case was due to that fact.

WILL BEAUTIFY STATE CAPITAL.

Movement Is Started to Make Many Improvements at Springfield.

The movement to make Springfield a "city beautiful" has taken definite form, and a mass meeting will be held within a short time in the interest of the project. Gov. Deneen and the State architect have become interested in the matter and will do what they can to further it. The tentative plans call for a large State park fronting the capitol building, with State buildings in it and a system of boulevards.

SHIPPED WITH CORN IN A CAR.

Illinois Farmer Who Disappears Is Found Near Death in New York.

Clyde M. Shavalter, a farmer of Wash county, who disappeared Nov. 19, was found a few days ago, according to reports, in a freight car filled with corn in New York, where the corn had been shipped for export. It is supposed he became ill suddenly while in the car when the corn was being thrown on board, and, not being observed, was shipped eastward with the car. When discovered he was in a serious condition.

WOMAN HUNTS BEAST IN NIGHT.

Because Her Husband Is Afraid, Mother Kills Noisy Catamount.

When her husband refused to hunt down a wild animal whose screams disturbed the family's slumbers, Mrs. Dearmond, who lives in Seminary valley, three miles west of Alto Pass, the other night left him in charge of the children, took a gun and went into the forest alone. By the light of the moon she discovered a large catamount in a tree and shot and killed it.

PUNISH HOLD-UP GIRLS.

Chicago Court Sends One to Reformatory and Paroles Other.

Lena Pashore, 17 years old, and Clara Conway, 10 years old, who held up and robbed a child, Emelie Kroher, 8 years old, of \$9.50 in Chicago, both admitted the theft, but each accused the other of being the perpetrator. Dances were the cause of the precocious moral delinquency, according to both the guilty girls. The judge sent Miss Pashore to Geneva and released Miss Conway on parole.

SUN'S RAYS CAUSE FIRE.

Loss of \$12,000 Sustained by Mendota Merchants as Result.

Fire broke out the other day in the show windows of the Potter Brothers' dry goods store in the Waldorf block in Mendota and threatened the destruction of the entire building and contents. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the sun's rays focusing on a small electric light bulb in the show window, thus igniting the cotton batting. The loss will be over \$12,000, fully covered by insurance.

State News in Brief.

Elijah Cook Matheny, 70 years old, a well-known resident of Springfield, is dead.

The Grant hotel, one of the oldest in Peoria, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

Gov. Deneen has appointed A. C. Ballinger judge of Monroe county, vice Cornelius Brey, deceased.

John Cummings, aged 20 years, was killed in a mine at Westville on his first day of work with the company.

A safe in the office of the Dering Coal Company at Westville was blown open and \$300 taken. The burglars escaped.

Noah Waynright of Lexington, aged 49 years, was found dead in a bath tub, having been killed by fumes from a gas stove.

John Eshleman and Minnie Ritter were married in Vandavia. The groom is 64 years of age, while the bride is barely 16.

The President has decided to reappoint Charles B. Morrison to be United States district attorney of the northern district of Illinois.

Because he was reprimanded by his mother for playing truant, Arthur Gleim, a 14-year-old boy in Moline, shot and killed himself.

Frank E. Tracey, vice president of the First National bank there, died in Springfield. He was a brother of W. W. Tracey of Chicago.

In the Carroll county Circuit Court a jury assessed John L. Bowman \$139 for stealing a kiss from Mrs. Millie Rahn. She had demanded \$5,000.

Peter Nelson, a farmer from Mendota, was robbed of \$52 at Monroe and Halsted streets, Chicago. Frank Phalen, 17 years old, was captured and identified by Nelson.

Frederick Harris of Chicago was acquitted at Saginaw, Mich., of the charge of murdering Henry A. Weick, Jr., while acting as a guard during a street car riot last summer.

Thomas Holmes, 17 years old, accidentally shot and fatally injured his mother, Mrs. Louise Holmes of Witt. He was cleaning his shotgun after an afternoon hunt.

The Rev. J. W. Crocher, a Baptist minister, was taken suddenly ill of bowel trouble while holding services at the New Hope church, four miles southwest of Pana, and died shortly afterward. He was 62 years of age.

Anton Barbion, 38 years old, an employe of the Mascoutah brick yards, was killed the other day. His clothes were caught on a shaft and his body torn to pieces. No one was present when the accident occurred.

The Illinois Supreme Court granted Attorney General Stead leave to file a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad Company to file an annual report as a basis for taxation.

When his companions expressed a doubt as to his capacity for absorbing morphine Edward Blair, a mechanic of Secor, took an overdose and died. He had been accustomed to the drug and underestimated the amount he could take in safety. A wife and several children survive.

Baroness von Zedwitz issued a statement at Peoria saying that she and her sister, the Marchioness des Monsters, had no thought of returning to the Roman Catholic church. She declared she was visiting Peoria on business. She visited Archbishop Spalding and talked with him for an hour.

The Edgar county teachers have agreed not to re-engage their services unless the minimum salary for eight months is made \$40 a month instead of \$30, and that \$45 be stipulated for terms of less than eight months. Every teacher in the county is pledged to strike for the scale.

The President has nominated the following Illinois postmasters: William M. Spingale, Athens; Fritz Dorries, Breesee; Edward J. Meyer, Desplaines; Abraham L. Williams, Edinburg; Robert C. Boyd, Glen Ellyn; Malcolm T. McIntyre, Ladds; Cornelius Sullivan, Riverside; Mary McLaughlin, Lake Forest; Elbert C. Stanley, Downers Grove; Herick Houghton, Gilman; Americus Gasaway, Herrin; Edward A. Jeffers, Kankakee; Walter Stickney, Warren.

Amanda Tedmore, living with Mrs. M. N. Harmon of Belvidere, committed suicide in a peculiar manner. After gashing her throat with a knife the woman walked a half mile to the Rock river, threw herself into the stream, and, falling in the attempt to drown herself, climbed to the bank and started to the Harmon home again. On the way she fell in the street and died. Despondency over ill health is said to have caused the woman to cut her throat.

Over four-fifths of the bridge spanning the Mississippi river at Alton will be assessed in Illinois under an opinion rendered by Attorney General Stead. Heretofore Illinois has assessed only 220 feet of the artificial channel, and over 1,600 feet of the structure has not been assessed either in Illinois or Missouri. The Attorney General finds the natural channel within 400 feet of the Missouri side. This will increase the company's Illinois assessment from about \$125,000 to \$500,000.

A 2-cent passenger rate and a law to abolish free railroad passes are urged by the Illinois State Grange Association. A resolution to this effect was offered at the annual convention. Several of the members intimated that for a member of the Legislature or State official to accept a pass is practically the same as accepting a bribe. Resolutions were also adopted favoring the King system of good roads, the enfranchisement of women, free transportation to and from rural schools, the parcels post and the postal savings bank. The association went on record as opposing the ship subsidy bill.

DENEEN MAKES APPOINTMENTS.

Governor Selects Ten Men for Vacant Public Offices.

Gov. Deneen announced from Springfield the other day ten appointments, most of which are to fill offices of public administrators and guardians. George B. Kleinman of Chicago, who is now a game warden, was named a State fish warden. The salary of this job is \$900 a year. Arthur Newhall Johnson, a highway engineer, stationed at Washington, D. C., was appointed State highway commissioner to act under the Illinois highway commission act, which provides for three commissioners. This law carries an appropriation of \$25,000 for the biennial period, but the commissioners receive no compensation. Mr. Johnson will devote his attention to the earth road problem. Other appointments made by Gov. Deneen are: John L. King of Springfield, reappointed public administrator of Sangamon county; Miles S. Gilbert, to be public administrator and public guardian of Alexander county; John G. Petters, to be public administrator of Grundy county; W. S. Scott, to be public administrator of Christian county; William P. Miller, to be public administrator and public guardian of Douglas county; William Kaston, to be public guardian of Fayette county; Geo. E. Kessler, to be public administrator of Ford county; Herbert S. Sherrer, editor of the Farm, Field and Fireside, to be a delegate to the farmers' national congress at Rock Island next year.

GIRL FAILS TO KEEP DATE.

Young Man Kills Himself Because of Sweetheart.

"I will wait for you until 5:30 tonight. If you do not come to me then I will kill myself." After writing this note to his sweetheart, and waiting in his room until 6 o'clock, M. H. Giles, said to be the son of wealthy parents in Belvidere, shot himself through the head, causing instant death, in his apartments in Chicago. The name of the young woman to whom the note was written is kept secret by the police. Mrs. C. Chapman, with whom Giles boarded, refused to state who the woman was. She admitted she was well known by the younger people of that section of the city. Three letters were left by the suicide. One was addressed to the young woman to whom the other note was written, another to Mrs. Mary Giles, Belvidere, while the third was addressed to his room mate, Charles Ward. Mrs. Chapman and her son were in the house at the time of the shooting. They heard the report of the revolver and rushed to Giles' room, where they found his body lying on the bed. He had shot himself through the head and was dead before Mrs. Chapman and her son reached the room.

ROAD PAYS \$550,000 IN TAXES.

Illinois Central Turns Over 7 Per Cent and Inquiry Will Open.

A draft was received the other day by State Treasurer Small from the Illinois Central Railroad Company for \$550,775, the amount due the State from the road for the first six months of the present year. This amount represents 7 per cent of the gross earnings of the road's lines from Centralia to Chicago and from Cairo to Galena. Gov. Deneen has authorized Frank D. Whipp, audit clerk of the executive department, to investigate the books of the railroad company for the period covered by the last statement. This investigation, according to a statement given out at the executive office, is in the ordinary course of business, and the executive does not charge that any inaccuracies have occurred or that the road has not paid over the amount due the State; but he considers it his duty to verify the report and ascertain the facts, so there will be no question as to compliance with the law.

YOUNG GIRL BADLY BURNED.

Miss Bertha Franke of Floraville Spills Oil on Dress.

Miss Bertha M. Franke, the 16-year-old daughter of Albert Franke of Floraville, was seriously and probably fatally burned. The arrival of her father from St. Louis just at the time the frantic girl was running from the home wrapped in the flames of her burning dress probably saved her from being burned to death. Mr. Franke ran to his daughter's assistance and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The young girl retained her presence of mind and told her father that the house also was on fire. Mr. Franke hastened to the house and succeeded in putting out the fire, which had gained considerable headway. In filling a lamp a quantity of kerosene was spilled on Miss Franke's dress and in lighting the lamp she accidentally set fire to the oil. She was alone, and, being unable to extinguish the flames with her hands, ran from the house.

MAY UNITE ILLINOIS COUNTIES.

Citizens of Warren and Henderson Appear to Favor Merger.

A movement has been made for the union of Warren and Henderson counties, and the residents of both appear to favor the idea. Henderson is on the Mississippi river, opposite Burlington, Iowa. Its principal city is Oquawka. Warren is located directly to the east and is about the same size. Warren county is the prime mover and the question was introduced at a meeting of the board of supervisors. Monmouth is the capital and principal city of Warren county. The object of the union is to increase political prestige, decrease taxation by doing away with one set of county officers and work in unison for the welfare of both. It is believed that the subject will receive favorable consideration.

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Friday, December 22, 1905.

LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas candles at Roley's. Pickles, 5 cents a dozen. Lewis. Wesley Shank was in Decatur Monday.

Get your Christmas candles at McClure's.

Six bars old country soap, 25 cents. Lewis.

Sullivan flour, \$1.20. Lewis cash store.

Three packages puffed rice, 25 cents. Lewis.

Wright & Sons for Christmas candles.

Fine umbrellas for Christmas at Pogue's.

Robert Bean was in Shelbyville Tuesday.

Robert Hipshire has returned from Illinois.

Just say "Candy" to King and he will do the rest.

Three cans tomatoes, 25 cents. Lewis cash store.

Twenty-five pounds beans, \$1.00. Lewis cash store.

Mrs. T. G. Hughes has been in Chicago several days.

J. L. Jiuku was in Bethany on business Tuesday.

P. J. Harsh was in St. Louis on business Monday.

Mrs. Perry Patterson is visiting friends in Chicago.

Mrs. Ida Loveless returned from Decatur Saturday.

William Emil was in Tuscola on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hagerman went to Atwood Wednesday.

Ball Band rubber is better, wears better. Hughes sells 'em.

Have you seen that tempting display of confectionery at King's?

Two hundred gold watches at low prices for Christmas trade at Pogue's.

Handland china chop plates, the best you ever saw, Pogue sells them.

Miss Cora Gauger arrived home Tuesday to remain during the holidays.

Carl Stables and Emerson Bone of Bethany called on Sullivan friends Sunday.

Christmas will soon be here, but Reimund's candles are already on display.

Christmas trees and holiday decorations in great variety, at King's bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buxton are here from Oklahoma to spend the holidays.

Wright & Sons lead in holiday confections. You know where to find them.

Call at Cawood's and see a wide assortment of beautiful rugs. Some new designs.

J. R. McClure is prepared to supply all holiday wants in the way of fruits and nuts.

A tiptop line of tick tock clocks. A constant reminder of the giver, and Cawood has 'em.

Don't complete your preparations for the Christmas dinner without calling at Roley's.

Paul Dawson expects to go to St. Louis Saturday to spend a week with his grandmother.

John Galbreath of Decatur was here last Saturday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Scate.

Candles, candles, candles! all fresh and pure. See the attractive display at Wright & Sons.

Emery Andrews of Mattoon was here Monday on business connected with the probate court.

D. W. Rawlings of Stevensville, Mich., was the guest of A. K. Campbell and family Sunday.

A good assortment of fruits, nuts, oranges and similar seasonable goods at Wright & Sons.

Wright & Sons have decided to discontinue the use of trading stamps after the first of the year.

Hole-proof sox make acceptable Christmas presents. Buy 'em of Hughes, "The Shoe Man."

The china ware at J. R. McClure's is sold at a close margin and it is all marked in plain figures.

All the desirable holiday fruits and nuts can be had at Reimund's, strictly fresh and of good quality.

Do you want to rent a nice small house in good location? Apply to P. J. Harsh for particulars.

W. W. Bankson and family of Bethany spent Sunday here with T. F. Pemberton and daughters.

Miss Laura Conard returned Sunday from a weeks visit with her sister Mrs. Frank Weber, in Decatur.

Rev. T. H. Tull was summoned here from Greenfield to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. Amanda Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wright are rejoicing over the late arrival of a new young lady boarder at their home.

King wants to furnish the teachers with their Christmas treat for the children. He will make prices right too.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Poland attended the Fat Stock show at Chicago this week.

E. R. King, the east side restaurateur and baker, has bushels and bushels of candy, all kinds and all prices.

Mrs. Thornton Drew and Misses Dora and Blanche Drew went to Slayton, Mo., Thursday to make their home.

J. R. McClure has a big line of candies for the holiday trade, from the cheapest that's good to the best that's made.

W. C. Cawood has an excellent line of rockers, suitable for Christmas remembrances, and the prices will be found right.

For sale—One small second-hand cook stove and one laundry stove. Inquire of C. L. Hovey, Illinois Masonic Home.

Fresh candy at the Purity Tea and Coffee Co.'s store, the same place where you get fresh roasted coffee and pure tea.

Some pretty designs in hand painted china can be found at R. M. Magill's, and the prices are made to suit all classes.

The National carpet sweepers are the simplest and best, and always give satisfaction. They can be found at W. C. Cawood's.

"That boy of yours," or girl either, would appreciate a nice pair of skates for Christmas. Cawood will furnish the particulars.

"New Wrinkle," societies new confection, one taste invites another. Better than Cracker Jack. Try it, at McClure's grocery.

Pearce & Birch not only feed the hungry, but can also supply all holiday needs in the way of confectionery goods, fruits and nuts.

J. R. McClure has added a balcony to the north side of his business room, which considerably increases the capacity of the store.

Miss May Dunscomb returned Thursday afternoon from Bloomington where she had spent several days with her friend, Miss Dena Metsker.

The ladies say Pogue has the finest line of china in town. They know we always have the right assortment. The rush is now on—come.

Remember that at the King bakery you can find a large assortment of holiday necessaries, including nuts, oranges, fruits, cakes and fine pastry.

Roley, the west side grocer, will supply all your holiday wants in candles, fruits, nuts oyster etc. You will always find his goods and prices right.

Saturday, Dec. 30, the Lyric Glee club will positively appear at the Titus opera house. They were to have been here Monday night, but failed.

Pearce & Birch furnish a good lunch at any time, or full meals at regular hours. Drop in and see them, they have holiday greetings for all.

You will find some suitable holiday gifts at Ansbacher's. What could be more appropriate than a nice muffler, fur cap or cardigan jacket.

Reimund has a big and attractive display of Christmas candles; but then he always does. Any one can surely find what they want in this line here.

Mesdames C. Moore and Rufus Harshman and B. L. Moore were summoned to Atwood the first of the week on account of the illness of a relative.

Mrs. T. H. Scott returned to her home in Durant, Miss., Wednesday. She was accompanied by Miss Freda Stricklan, who expects to make an extended visit.

Mrs. Hattie E. Mills arrived Tuesday from Oxford, Kan., for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Mary F. Harsh, whom she had not seen for over thirty-one years.

W. H. Selby and son, John, and Lon Griggaby went to Cowden Tuesday where they expect to spend several days in hunting and trapping on the Okaw river.

Remember Finley carries a good line of choice fruits and nuts, just what you want for holidays. Also a varied assortment of cakes, cookies and similar goods.

The Illinois Central will sell holiday excursion tickets to all points in Illinois on Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, minimum 50 cents. Tickets good returning until Jan. 4.

The Troubadors, a high class musical organization, has been secured for a date here, March 12. This company has appeared here before and gave excellent satisfaction.

Nearly every store has a marked down sale during January, but the Purity Tea & Coffee company are having theirs now. Well, good luck to them and to their customers.

M. L. Lowe has sold his livery stable property to W. M. H. Birch, the consideration being \$3,500. Possession is to be given Feb. 1. Mr. Birch will use it as a sale stable.

You should see those elegant lamps at Wright & Sons. They also have some choice and pretty patterns in china ware that will interest any one make fine Christmas presents, too.

Those fine handkerchiefs at Ansbacher's would make an acceptable Christmas present. He has some beautiful scarfs also that are always appreciated at this season of the year.

The Purity Tea & Coffee company have just received a large assortment of Indian Novelties and Japanese curios, which will be closed out cheaply on account of their late arrival.

Don't complete your selection of holiday gifts until you have seen the line of fancy china ware at J. R. McClure's. It is something choice and fine and the prices are within the reach of all.

L. M. Spittler, collector of special assessment paving tax, may be found at the city clerk's office on and after Tuesday, Dec. 26, where he will be prepared to issue receipts for payments made.

R. M. Magill has received a consignment of fine imported Austrian china ware, containing many choice and beautiful patterns. Ask to see them. They would make excellent Christmas gifts.

Truman Lord, a member of the Masonic Home, died last Friday after a short illness of pneumonia at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. The body was sent Monday to Alexis, his former home.

Finley will be head quarters during the holidays for all the best confections. The line includes many choice varieties and those specially prepared in dainty boxes make acceptable gifts for your friends.

The Lyric Glee club will be here Saturday night, Dec. 30. This is the same company that was to have appeared here last Monday night. Those who had tickets for Monday night will use them for this date.

William Kirkwood started Tuesday for Houston, Tex., where he expects to spend the winter with his brother, Hiram. Other western tourists this week were Scott Wilburn to Vernie, Mo., and Mrs. Palmer Elder to Bartlesville, Ind. Ter.

The Purity Tea and Coffee Co. have done an enormous business so far this season, but in spite of this fact they have most complete line of china in the city, all going at the lowest prices, for they are the original house for Extra Quality Without Extra Pay.

If you contemplate making a Christmas gift to your mother, sister or sweetheart, we would suggest that you purchase one of those handsome water sets or a fancy dish at McClure's. He has as fine a lot of queensware and glassware as can be found in the city.

Miss Lena Williams died Monday morning at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams, after a brief illness. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. T. J. Wheat, the interment following in Greenhill cemetery.

The two telephone cables were burned during the fire last Friday morning, disconnecting 400 wires extending to the west part of the city. As a consequence the people of that section of town were without telephone service until the repairs could be made, which were not completed until Monday afternoon.

C. D. Gasaway and S. R. Miller have returned from Shelbyville, where they were defeated in a suit against the Wabash railroad for \$900 damages for the loss of a car of broom-corn which was shipped to Canton, O., and which never reached the consignee. An appeal probably will be taken.—Mattoon Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. George McPheeters of Carbondale were summoned here Monday on account of the death of H. E. Hampton, Mrs. McPheeters' father. His son, Lawrence, arrived Tuesday afternoon and was taken direct to the cemetery, arriving as the last rites were being observed. The casket was opened in order that he might view the remains.

The Lyrics failed to fill their engagement at the opera house here Monday night on account of failure to make a train connection at some point in Indiana. A message was received here at 5:30 o'clock announcing the fact and notice by posters and telephone reached quite a large number of ticket holders. The management have announced that all who hold tickets for this particular number of the course can use them for the next number.



Santa Claus Headquarters

Once more the glad and joyous holiday season is here when every one will make merry. We are all prosperous and happy and even old Santa Claus seems to have on an extra smile of joy.

Our Store will be Headquarters as usual.

We have made an extra effort to anticipate your Holiday wants and invite you to inspect one of the largest and most varied assortments in the city.

We will take special pride in showing you a complete line of

- Toilet Accessories, Stationery, Gift Books
 - Albums, Bibles, Dolls, Toys,
 - Perfumes,
- But the list is too long to attempt to enumerate all here.

Don't forget that we have the finest lines of DOLLS in town.

We are confident of being able to please you in Holiday Gift selections.

Santa Claus will have Headquarters Here.

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The Best of Soil -- GOOD BLACK CORN LAND
With Splendid Improvements.

Prices Range From \$40 to \$100 an Acre
Size From 40 to 420 Acres.

Write for complete descriptive list of the farms I have for sale. IT WILL PAY YOU TO INSPECT THE FARMS ON MY LIST before buying. I AM ALWAYS GLAD TO SHOW MY GOODS. It costs you nothing to investigate.

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Guaranteed satisfactory time piece, first class in every respect.

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CHRISTMAS

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A New Line of Vaudeville.

Play lovers of this vicinity will soon be given a treat in the form of a new line of vaudeville. Manager J. B. Titus of the local opera house announces that he has secured the tallest man on earth Co. to give an exhibition in our city on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26. This company which is presenting the up-to-date playlet, "Jack, the Giant Killer," has been playing to immense business through the western part of the state. Capt. Auger during the past season was featured by the largest circus in the world, and stands eight feet high and weighs 365 pounds. Not only is the tallest man on earth brought to this city when Capt. Auger comes here, but also two of the tiniest people in existence, Ernest Rommel and Miss Caroline Hass. Mr. Rommel is an excellent singer and expert impersonator. Miss Hass has an international reputation as a dancer and for grace and style in taking steps, she excels many of her larger and more fortunate co-workers. Unlike other midgets, these lilliputians are perfect in form, and mentally, are larger than individuals three or four times their size. Their combined height is only four feet and a-half and their weight fifty pounds. Mr. Auger also has with him the Halle, Willis and Halle musical trio; DeCoe, the greatest balancer in America; the Misses Olive Gladstone and Sylvia Hearn, vocalists; a complete set of moving pictures of the world's latest happenings; and many other new and novel features. The opera house doors will be opened one hour before the commencement of the performance and anyone who desires to shake hands with the tallest and smallest people on earth will be afforded an opportunity to do so. The prices for the entertainment are 15, 25 and 50 cents.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is simply liquid electricity. It goes to every part of your body, bringing new blood, strength and new vigor. It makes you well and keeps you well. 35 cents. S. B. Hall.

Low Prices Prevail Here.
While C. E. Goodman is located a few steps from the square, yet all should know that he carries a good line of canned and package goods. His coffees include all grades, from 15 cents to 40 cents a pound.

The Miller & Hart bacon can always be found here; and there is none better.

Be sure and remember that we have good fresh eggs practically every day.

Our prices will always interest you. Give me a call.
C. E. GOODMAN.

Clear thinking, decisive action, vim and vigor of body and mind, the sparkle of life, comes to all who use Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea. 35 cents, tea and tablets. S. B. Hall.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates.
Take advantage of the low rates offered by the Wabash for the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

Rate, one and one-third fare for the round trip. Dates of sale, Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and Jan. 1, except that no tickets will be sold Dec. 22 to points east of Chicago and Danville. Minimum selling rate 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Return limit Jan. 4 to points west of Chicago and Danville and Jan. 3 to points east of Chicago and Danville.

Chicago and return \$3.50 Dec. 20 account International Live Stock exposition. Return limit Dec. 23.
J. W. PATTERSON, Agent.

Farms for Sale.
Two hundred choice Missouri farms for sale in Saline and adjoining counties ranging in price from \$40 to \$100 per acre. No better all purpose farming lands in the United States. No failure of crops. Lands advancing daily. Come or write as you want at once.

L. A. BROWN & Co.,
Marshall or Slater, Mo.
Saline county.

Beautifully methods that injure the skin and health are dangerous. Be beautiful without discomfort by taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain tea. Sunshiny faces follow its use. 35 cents. S. B. Hall

ARTHUR
George Houghmough of Tuscola was in this city Sunday.

Among the Decatur visitors Saturday were Foster Child and daughter, Nellie, Mrs. S. H. Baker, Flossie Baker, Dora Lacky and Evert House.

Mrs. Jim McGuire of Decatur is visiting relatives here.

F. M. Powell of Tuscola was here Tuesday.

Julia Holston of Ambia, Ind., is visiting relatives here.

Miss Ora McGuire of Gardner is visiting her parents.

Mesdames E. B. Snyder, Kantz and C. A. Davis were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Hackett of Tuscola was here Saturday.

See
W. W. SHERIDAN
for your
Christmas presents for young and old.
Both Great and Small
OPEN EVENINGS.



LOOKING TO EASTER.

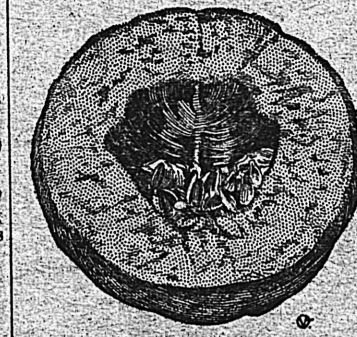
Experience in Growing Two Popular Plants For the Spring Holiday.
A writer in Gardening has related his experience in starting and growing Deutzia gracilis and hydrangea for Easter, as follows:

Deutzia gracilis should now be in pots. Plunge outside in some loose material, such as long manure, straw or leaves, to prevent pots from bursting by freezing. About Jan. 15 remove them into a greenhouse with a temperature of about 50 degrees for a few weeks. Then if they are a little backward for Easter raise the temperature to 55 or 60 degrees, but do not allow the temperature to go any higher if possible, for there is no plant that can be spoiled in a shorter time by too much heat when just coming into bloom.

Forcing the Hydrangeas.
All the Hortensis hydrangeas want about the same treatment. They should be in a greenhouse as cold as possible, so they do not freeze, until the 1st of January. Then place them in a temperature of 50 or 55 degrees for three or four weeks. Then raise gradually to 70 degrees or possibly a little higher if they are behind. That is a question each grower must judge for himself. Plants to be in bloom by Easter should have their cluster of buds about the size of a twenty-five cent piece five or six weeks before Easter. Give plenty of water when you begin to give more heat and look out for red spider, a pest that thrives in a temperature that will flower hydrangeas by Easter.

A HOODOO TO HAVE.
Muskmelon of Exquisite Quality Good For Field or Forcing.
Hoodoo is not the name we should have chosen for the melon shown here when its exquisite quality is considered, yet the originator, a Michigan man, has so christened it. The cut is of a fruit picked so late in the season that the flesh is not of average thickness, yet its crystalline texture, always an index of high quality, is plainly shown. The melons are round, heavily netted and just the right size to pack well in baskets or crates. The vines are vigorous, healthy and exceedingly productive of season being as like as peas from the same pod.

"We have grown Hoodoo four seasons, both in the field and under glass," continues W. V. F. in notes from the Rural Grounds. "Far from being bad luck, it has given us our best melons every year, holding off blight from a week to ten days longer than Petosky, Emerald Gem or Rocky Ford strain of Netted Gem. Mr. Rose tells us he has been many years selecting Hoodoo in the endeavor to bring it to ideal shipping form and size, and at the same time to retain the delicious quality, vigor and productiveness of Petosky and its ancestor, Miller's Cream."



HOODOO MUSKMELOON.

Protecting the Hybrid Perpetuals.
Hybrid perpetual roses should have a good mulch of manure placed over the roots. Whether or not to cover the tops is a mooted question. The labor of covering forty or fifty plants is considerable, and the benefits, except in very severe seasons, are not always apparent. Of the five varieties of ramblers on our porches early one, the yellow,

winter kills to any extent. Every spring the strong shoots are dead halfway to the ground, and we only get a little bloom about the base. A friend who has a fine plant saves it by laying it flat on the ground, but this is no easy task when the shoots are fifteen feet in length.—Country Gentleman.

Nothing Better For Late Use.
The Catawba is one of the oldest and best known of native varieties of the grape. It is a very late grape and of recent years has succeeded well in only a few favored localities. Where it still succeeds nothing better can be planted for late use.

STRAY PETALS

Glendale, a new carnation originating in Chicago, will challenge Florence for honors this season. The blossom is of unusual size, the color white with scarlet edging.
Instead of forcing Hoya carnosa, a wax plant, as so many do, give it a rest in winter.
The best time to transplant delytra, or bleeding heart, is said to be in the autumn after a hard frost, but before the ground is frozen hard.

At a recent ship launching in Maine, flowers instead of wine were used by Miss Cobb, daughter of Governor Cobb, in christening the ship.
Decorative plants, particularly asparagus sprengeri, require larger pots than blooming plants.
Sunken gardens are an interesting feature of modern home grounds.

A PARENT'S PLEA.

My little boy is eight years old. He goes to school each day; He doesn't mind the tasks they set; They seem to him but play; He heads his class at raffle work And also takes the lead At making dinky paper boats— But I wish that he could read.
They teach him physiology, And oh, it chills our hearts To hear our prattling innocent Mix up his inward parts! He also learns astronomy And names the stars by night— Of course he's very up to date, But I wish that he could write.
They teach him things botanical; They teach him how to draw; He babbles of mythology And gravitation's law, And the discoveries of science With him are quite a fad. They tell me he's a clever boy, But I wish that he could add.—Life.

To Be Sure.
"The charity organization is soliciting donations of bedclothes for the new insane asylum."
"What are you going to send them?"
"Oh, some crazy quilts, I suppose."—Cleveland Leader.

A Call Loan.
The Inexperienced One (on Atlantic liner, second day out)—By George, but the sea certainly gives a fellow a great appetite.
The Experienced One—Not gives, my boy; lends.—Puck.

At the Department Store.
Shopper—What a fine carriage your floorwalker has!
Hopper—Yes, he keeps in constant practice. He and his wife have a baby that is cutting teeth.—Portland Oregonian.

A Similarity.
"He's quite wealthy and prominent now," said Mrs. Starvem, "and they say he rose practically from nothing."
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Merry Christmas

Noel Clayton's Christmas The Story of a Home-Coming

Noel Clayton was tall and gaunt, with clear, candid, blue eyes, and his white hands, small and nervous looking, were as well kept as those of a woman.

He was thirty, and a splash of gray on either temple, a strand or two of white in his moustache, made him look older.

He was broad-chested and muscular—by all rules—he should have been a soldier—he looked an "open air" man, but for five years he had been writing short stories, novelettes and serials for the weekly press.

It was good, nervous work. His name was becoming known, for he had the happy knack of blending pathos with humor. He had traveled widely, and an Australian bush idyl at the beginning of the week would be followed by a London society story, to be followed again by a story of rustic life in the dear West Country that he loved so well.

He lived quite alone, worked—and smoked—from morning to night, loved his profession, and had practically dropped all his friends—male and female—and when a fit of the not infrequent blues got him by the throat, threw his pen into the grate and ordered up his landlady's children, and pandemonium reigned for an hour.

Sometimes he gave them pennies, but not always—small coin of the realm is not always available to authors—but the romps were huge, and he enjoyed them.

Of course there was a woman at the bottom of the tangle of the man's life, and women complicate things sometimes—he would have said "always."

On one particular evening he was alone and writing, when Jim Courtney was shown in—and Jim was an old and tried friend—about the only friend the lonely, self-absorbed man had, and so the incomer sat down and lighted his pipe, and did not bother the author for quite a quarter of an hour, and then Noel rose and stretched himself.

"What is it this time, Noel?"

"Oh, the usual thing—love; and candidly, I am getting so sick of writing love stories."

"Ah, you feel like that?"

"Man, alive, this is Christmas Eve, and somehow—somehow—my thoughts went back with a jump, and I remembered one Christmas Eve, when—"

"Your pipe's out, Noel!"

"Aye, so it is. Well there was one Christmas Eve when—"

"My dear boy, are you worrying about her still?"

"Yes," and then a long pause—

It is the privilege of chums to sit silent for a spell.

"And all this happened four or five years ago. I never heard the rights or wrongs of the story."

Noel crossed the room, and digging both hands into his pockets, looked at his chum.

"There is nothing to know. After the four happy years of married life, trouble came between us, lies came between us; and—here I am and it's Christmas Eve. Of course, our

came school, college, and then married life.

When the scribbling fit was on him Pearl used to draw her low wicker chair close to his writing table, knitting, or daintily fingering white material, soft and downy and fluffy, for the prospective wearer, and the few remarks she made seemed to chime in and identify themselves with what he was writing; but, of course, all this happened five years ago.

One odd little trick Pearl had, and Noel remembered it this evening—and missed it.

When his pen was working extra busily she used to lay the tips of her fingers upon his right hand—just where hand meets wrist. She did not incommode him in the least. He declared her touch inspired him; they were such pink-tipped fingers, and so small, and he had often written with the tiny touch on his wrist almost unconsciously—only peeping up from time to time at a sweet oval face, into deep violet eyes low lit.

But, of course, this was five years ago.

So he wrote on, feeling a little bit sorry that Chum had not stayed, for after all, he only had another half-hour's work before him, and then they could sit and chat, and perhaps drown the sound of the bells that he knew would ring out in a few hours.

He was just in the frame of mind to summon his landlady's children, but except for himself, the house was

empty. There was a Christmas Eve party going on, and Mrs. Marsh and her progeny were attending it.

He had been writing for half an hour since Chum had left him, and felt the old familiar touch on his wrist. It was imagination, of course, he did not even turn his head, and then he was looking into blue eyes, in the round golden-curved framed face of a boy of four, who laughed up at him and presented a rosebud to be kissed.

"Goodness, child—where on earth do you come from? and who—who brought you? What is your name?"

"Eric," and the child began to make preparations for climbing a lofty knee.

"Who brought you here, Baby Eric? How did you come?"

Noel felt like an Irish member of Parliament, for "no answer was given," but a wee form, full of hugs and kisses, got fast hold upon him, and said gravely, and yet with a sweet air of command:

"Just come—and now if you're not too busy, mister Father—"

"Yes, my son."

"Praps—I'd better go to bed."

"But my child—my little son—who brought you here? Where is your mother?" and the tall man paced up and down. Of course, Chum had told the child to walk straight in—and the child had—straight in.

The author—his tiny son was on the floor now, saying things to the cat, and it deserved every word, being a cat that licks stamps off letters, and loves bacon and balled eggs—thrust his hands deep into his pockets and looked down, sad eyed, at little Sunny-face.

"Yes, perhaps you had better come to bed."

How well he remembered the extralined stocking he induced the nurse to knit, and how bulky it looked—and felt on Christmas morning. And then

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thing would only happen to break the silence, a silence only cleft by the sigh of a child.

The church was only at the end of the street.

He could hear the bellringers shuffling along the frosty pavement, in a few minutes—and he bent to his work.

Half asleep, half awake, he was conscious of the old, almost forgotten touch upon his wrist—a dream doubtless—but he could not shake it off, and then he looked down.

Kneeling as of yore beside him, blue eyed, tear-dimmed, was Pearl.

"I have returned, Noel." It was a quavering little voice, but it thrilled him.

How like she was to their child. And then the bells clashed forth their message, "Peace on Earth, Good-will Towards Men," and to two hearts they carried a sweeter, deeper message still.

No word was spoken. A small figure, in a smoking jacket that reached to his heels, stood at the dividing door, an eager face turned to either.

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BOBBIE'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

"Dad, bless all the family dear; Dad, bless mamma, papa, too; Dad, bless little sister Fan— An' bring me a sled, nice an' new.

"Dad, bless all the chills ren poor, An' make all the sick folks well; An' dear Dad, please don't forget To send a pony, big an' swell.

"Dad, be gracious to your lambs, An' keep 'em out of my life;



Dad, bless all my little friends, An' please don't forget a fife.

"An' Dad, bless ole Santa Claus, He is such a splendid man! He'll bring me all the toys I want, To bring a gun, too, if he can.

"An' a box of marbles, too, An' a lot of picture books— An' a football full of tools, With tacks, nails, screws, an' hooks.

"An' dear Dad, some other things To give in corners with you know, Ginger cakes an' nuts an' figs An' a lot of candy, too.

"An' I wouldn't mind some skates, (I give my ole ones to some friend) An' I reckon you'll give me a sled, So good-night, dear Dad, amen." —Detroit Free Press.

Talbot's Christmas

BY FRANCIS HART.

JAMES," said Gerry Talbot suddenly, looking up from the letter he had just received, "you needn't mind about the rest. The dinner will not come off, after all."

The decorated end of the big, sumptuous studio looked oddly distasteful to Gerry Talbot since the reading of Miss Wakefield's telegram, which had shattered his enthusiastic plans. He had invited her—and her brother and his wife—to a Christmas studio dinner which he meant to make as festive as possible. Of course, her rejection at the last hour had been a gentle invention prepared to avert a greater disappointment, for he had let her know unmistakably how it was with him, and he had been so hopeful of success that he had selected a ring for her Christmas gift—a little golden circlet set with a clear white solitaire.

The streets were thronged with bustling Christmas shoppers, glad of heart, with merry, expectant faces, and here and there a wistful one, too, looking on, but not buying. Talbot noticed two little girls gazing wistfully into a confectioner's window.

"Yes, Min, I would. I'd do it first thing," said the taller of the two. "Oh, my, wouldn't it be nice to be rich an' invite all your friends to a big turkey an' ice cream dinner!"

They were very poorly clad, thin-featured and ill-nourished, but not unpleasant to look at. Talbot was conscious, all at once, of an inexplicable impulse to gratify the child's wish.

"So you would really like to give your friends a Christmas dinner?" said he, smiling down at her astonished eyes. "I have a great mind to let you have your wish."

"Oh, dear me, Min!" gasped Lou. "I can't hardly believe it, can you? It sounds just like a make-believe thing. Won't Miss Posey be surprised! An' Jonas an' Meg an' Tom, Oh, won't they be just too pleased!"

"How many shall you invite?" Talbot asked gravely, taking out his notebook. "Well, there's Aunt Katie an' Uncle Tim an' the baby. Miss Posey, Jonas Boggs, Meg an' Pat Pooley—Min, can you think of anyone else?"

"Lame Betsy an' Moll."

"How many's that?" asked Lou. "Twelve, counting us three."

"Don't you think it would be nice to have a little present beside each plate?" asked Talbot.

Both girls gasped, but looked immensely pleased.

"Suppose you two go round with me and pick out what you consider suitable for each of your guests, because I should not know what to select."

When Lou appeared at the studio on the following morning she was a very different looking girl, and any one would have known by the pure joy of her voice that some great and festive event was at hand. Talbot had finished the decorations which had been so harshly interrupted by Miss Wakefield's message, and the result was extremely gratifying, especially after Lou's rapturous exclamations.

At precisely 12 o'clock the bell rang for the first time to announce the arrival of Aunt Katie and Tim and the baby, all polished and prinked to the verge of painfulness. Next came Miss Posey, a little, faded, bowed, ancient woman in rusty black, with long gold loops in her wrinkled ears. Lame Betty thumped in on her crutches, closely followed by Moll, in borrowed finery, of various sizes. Meg brought blind Jonas, and a merry little wraith of a man called Tom Doom.

Talbot shook hands all around with a "Merry Christmas!" after which they all took their places at the beautiful

table, the like of which none of that humble party had ever looked upon. But it was a kindly madness that possessed the host of that bountiful dinner, for his stories were of the pleasantest and his watchful care was unflagging. His guests rewarded his efforts by a spontaneous enjoyment of all that was set before them. It was good to see them wait upon blind Jonas, who could not help himself, and upon lame Betty, whose crippled hands made difficult the use of knife and fork.

Talbot rose to replenish a half-emptied plate as the hall bell thrilled merrily. There was a pause; then James' quiet, well-trained voice said: "Yes, madam, he is at dinner in the studio."

The door swung inward. Talbot knew that he was not dreaming when she came toward him with outstretched hands and a ripple of explanation of which he heard not one word. Indeed, to him one isolated fact filled the world—that she was smiling up at him with a great promise in her eyes.

"A little friend of mine wanted to give her friends a Christmas dinner, and I persuaded her to let me share it," he explained faintly. "It has been a great treat to me."

Miss Wakefield read the whole truth for herself as she looked into the good, homely faces that reflected their host's praises in every glance. She said nothing, but her eyes told what Talbot would have given all he possessed to hear from her lips. Then Mr. Wakefield and his wife ventured in, and Talbot bethought himself to ask if they had dined, which they had not.

Lou and Talbot made room for three plates here and there, and as there was a plenty of crullers and turkey and iced cream, all went well to the very end of the function, when the eleven originally invited guests rose and made their adieux with glad hearts and beaming faces.

Miss Wakefield stood before the grate while her brother and his wife examined a row of pictures half hidden behind the holly wreaths.

"I was so sorry to disappoint you yesterday," she said, "but poor Ted's telegram was so urgent that we were afraid he was worse, and hadn't the heart to refuse him. When I discovered that we could take an early train home I made up my mind to run in and wish you a Merry Christmas, anyway, and so we came, you see."

Talbot thought of the ring. He had taken it from its hiding place. "For a long while I have wanted to ask you to accept this—and what goes with it," he said simply, holding the glittering bauble toward her.

A red glow crept into her face. She made no audible answer, but when the young couple at the other end of the room sauntered toward them they were smiling.

CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES.

How the Danger of Parlor Conflagrations May Be Minimized.

Several accidents on Christmas eve and day each year recall the fact, apparent only on that day, that the Christmas tree is quite as dangerous as it is pretty, and that the proud father personating Santa Claus should take the precaution to equip himself with asbestos whiskers. About the usual number of fires are recorded in the country each year as a result of the inflammable nature of the Christmas tree and its decorations and their careless handling.

This warning always follows Christmas just as the outcry against toy pistols is raised after the Fourth of July. Of course no rose is free from thorns, and apparently no holiday can be observed in the conventional fashion without risk of accident to the merry-makers. Sputtering candles on a Christmas tree are a very real danger, and the same may be said of the trees themselves, the wreaths of evergreen and the mistletoe. After a day or two they become dry and inflammable to a high degree, and in the joy of the celebration risks are run and precautions neglected. A tree thus loaded down with presents and decorations may become in an instant a torch capable of starting a disastrous fire, as many cities discovered the other day, to their great cost and to the serious discomfort of their fire departments.

By taking preventive measures thousands of dollars will be saved every year. Trees should be bought late and kept out doors until used. In the case of fresh, green trees the risk will be minimized. Candles should not be too close together and should be constantly watched. Above all, a wet blanket should be at hand, also a sponge on a pole long enough to reach any point of the trees or ceiling. So, at least, say the fire fighters, who every year have their own Christmas spoiled by the neglect of these very obvious precautions.

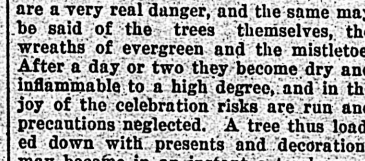
Old Ideas About Christmas.

Even as late as 1753 there was some doubt as to the exact date of Christmas, the old count bringing it to the 5th of January, the new count giving us the 25th of December, which is the day we celebrate." In Devonshire, England, it is believed that if the sun shines at noon on Christmas day a plentiful crop may be looked for in the following year.

The Thoughtful Giraffe.

The absurd and long-legged giraffe said: "Here is a thought makes me laugh. If we giraffes should wear stockings, how could Old Santa Claus even fall half?"

ORDERED OFF.



The New Year—You'll have to move on, old man.

Natural History

One of the best known feathered creatures in India is the paddy bird. A traveler says of him: "The paddy bird is not afflicted with shyness. He is far too lazy to be disturbed by the approach of human beings. So confident is he that the natives of India call him the blind heron. I once saw one of these birds standing motionless at the water's edge, within ten feet of a grunting, perspiring washerman who was dashing some clothes to pieces against a stone in a dirty duck pond—that is the way washing is done in India. Neither individual took the least notice of the other."

Of the methods used by birds to teach their young to swoop down upon game: "I heard the distant screaming of a hawk, which I shortly saw swiftly approaching from the moors. As it came nearer it was greeted by answering screams from the trees on the steep and lofty river bank opposite, from which a couple of hawks darted upward, when the hastening bird, above them, suddenly dropped or flung from its feet toward them a dead bird, apparently a thrush, after which they instantly dashed, but seemed to miss it, as it appeared to me to have dropped through the trees to the ground. No doubt the parent bird was thus giving a lesson to its young."

Of a herony a naturalist says: "It is not, to put it mildly, a savory place. On the island in question nearly every available building site was occupied. The nest is a roughly put together platform of sticks and does not strike one as being at all a safe nursery. Baby herons are, if possible, uglier than the ordinary run of nestlings, their appearance being rendered most grotesque by patches of long hairlike feathers studied over the body. I took down one young bird in order to have a good look at him. While handling him a whole frog, fully two inches in length, dropped out of him, and, judging from the distention of his 'corporation,' there must have been several more inside him! I tried to return the frog to him, and most amusing were the attempts he made to swallow it; but I lacked the skill of his parents, and in the end was obliged to cut up the frog and force it piecemeal into his gullet."

RUSSIAN BUSINESS MAN.

County Leschinsky, Only 23, at Head of Giant Corporation.

It was considered remarkable when E. R. Thomas, at the age of 28, became president of the Seventh National bank for a short time, says the New York World, but now the circumstance of a transatlantic voyage has revealed a young man from Russia who at 23 is president of a construction company which is building 3,000 miles of railroad in southern Russia and reaching out after canal work and other big contracts.

This precocious individual is Judah Leon Leschinsky, a stripling in appearance, but, according to his own account, a count and head of the Michael Leon Leschinsky Company, which has contracts with the Russian government to make the southern part of that country between Rostov and Baku look like a trout net.

The count lives in Brooklyn with a wife and 4-month-old daughter. He came to this country last December and set up housekeeping in an apartment at 163 South 9th street, Williamsburg, with the purpose of making purchases of American materials and rolling stock for his prospective railroad, which, like all railroads in Russia, will be turned over to the government after it is completed. As told by the World, he arrived on the steamship Pennsylvania day before yesterday from a business trip to Europe.

The other two partners to the Michael Leon Leschinsky Company are 40 and 30 years old, respectively. They stay in Russia and look after construction. Young Judah Leon does the traveling and the buying. He unblushingly admits that he is now engaged in purchasing a hundred or more locomotives of the latest American makes, with passenger cars and freight cars to match, not to mention a few million tons of steel rails and equipment. The locomotives, for the most part, are to be the ten-wheel type, with 72-inch drive wheels. The count says that American-made railroad equipment is good at the price and that the shops in Russia are too busy to furnish the cars and locomotives needed.

The count is the youngest person in Russia at the head of an incorporated construction company. He might easily be mistaken for a broker's clerk at \$4 a week. He talks English without an accent, having spent considerable of his life in New York.

As a Starter.

"Poor man!" said the sympathetic woman. "Tell me how I can alleviate your troubles!"

"Well, ma'am," replied the unlauded hobo, "youse might begin by tellin' me vot alleviate means, seein' ez I hain't got me dictionary wid me." —Chicago News.

When a country woman enters town butter she is likely to say one of two things: "Funny this butter is so white. Looks like lard," or, "Mercy, this butter is yellow. Coloring matter."

Many a so-called truthful man is merely a diplomatic liar.



baby was only a mite—a wee, blue-eyed, golden-haired mite; couldn't walk, crawled, you know; but we were awful chums, and when she went and took our mite—well, and the man's laugh hurt his own ears. "Well, then I took to writing love stories—love, old chap, with a happy ending—bishops, bridesmaids, bouquets and blessings, and"—his temporary excitement had left him—he added drily: "And it pays! Now, so, old chap, I must get my stuff done for the early

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A HOTEL ON WHEELS.

New Dining Cars of the Great Northern Railway a Feature of the "Oriental Limited."

It is perhaps, best to say that in every respect—clima, cuisine and attendants, the dining car service of the "Oriental Limited" is in keeping with the luxuriosity of the remainder of this regal train, and has won, as the dining car service, has always helped to win, the title, "The Comfortable Way," for the Great Northern Railway. The new dining car service of the "Oriental Limited" equals in beauty, design and interior furnishings anything which is operated on any transcontinental line. Every luxury which a first-class hotel or club affords in the way of service is really on the dining car of the "Oriental Limited." The new dining cars were built with a special purpose in view of affording the most comfortable surroundings, as well as giving the traveler a unique and luxurious place in which to enjoy his meals. A gentleman who recently made the journey to the Coast from St. Paul on the "Oriental Limited," in speaking of the dining car service, said:

"I have traveled on almost every important railroad in the United States, but I have yet to find one which surpasses the 'Oriental Limited' in the comfort and convenience afforded the traveler. Your dining car service is excellent, the equal of any in the country, and the superior of many. I was particularly struck with the beauty of the interior furnishings of these dining cars; they are really a novelty of car architecture."

Degrees of Kicks.
"Let me tell you something, Sam," said the overseer; "the blow of a whale's tail is the strongest animal force in the world; the kick of a giraffe is second, and the stroke of a lion's paw the third."
"Oh, well, I 'pose, boss, by the time dey gets down to de kick of a mule dey'd have us believe it is just a gentle lub tap."

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Growing Lung Trouble—Coughing, Spitting, Blood—Expectoration, Shortness of Breath, Headaches, Sore Throat, Stomach Trouble, and all other ailments connected with the lungs.

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Shampoo your head clean the scalp. All dandruff and itching scalp.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER

From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.
Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.
Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly, Lack of exercise. Excessive brain work. Mental emotion and improper diet.
Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel trouble, heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—piles, appendicitis and fistula, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation.

Q. Do physicians recognize this?
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "Are you constipated?" That is the secret.
Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.

Q. What, then, should be done to cure it?
A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.

Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?
A. It is a Compound with 40 per cent of the Juice of Concord Grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but it cures Constipation, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Trouble, Having a rich, fruity grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue.

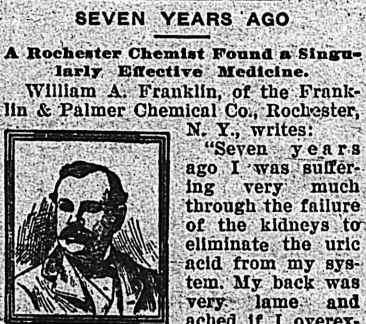
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A rural colonial parson, finding great difficulty in paying his way owing to the lack of punctuality with which his flock paid their tithes, recently hit upon an excellent plan for giving backsliders a gentle hint. Taking as the text of his sermon the story of the publican and the Pharisee, he read out, "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are... I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.' Here the parson paused significantly, and looking hard at his flock, remarked, 'I could do with a few Pharisees in this congregation.'"
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Looking in the Future.
Mrs. Bacon—In seeing by this paper that Alexander Wilkinshaw of London uses his arm as a genealogical tree. It has been tattooed with dates. In addition to his own and his wife's birth dates and the record of their marriage he has the name and date of the birth of each of his children.
Mr. Bacon—If Alexander should happen to lose his wife and go courting again it might be embarrassing for him to have his family around the girl so much of the time.—Yonkers Statesman.

Short Personal.
Dr. Glennon of St. Louis is the youngest archbishop in the world. He is 42 years of age.
Shaban Bey, a leader of the Albanian insurrection against Turkey, has arrived in this country to try to interest the American board of foreign missions in his project for a boys' school in Albania.
Mr. Carnegie never smokes. No one dares light a cigarette in Skibo Castle. He does not play cricket, is not devoted to riding, never followed the hounds in his life, and does not shoot.
Railroad magnets are supposed to be hard worked, but they are long lived. James J. Hill is 67, Marvin Hightight is 64, and E. T. Jeffrey, Roswell Miller and Thomas Lowry own up to 62.
Robert B. Roosevelt, a uncle of President Roosevelt, is going to make an attempt to have the scrub pines of Long Island destroyed and supplanted them with more beautiful and useful white pines.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Chicago. Bank exchanges, the measure of trade, usually are expected to reflect some growth during December, but the total this week is doubly interesting in that it largely exceeds the corresponding week last year and makes a new high record for this city.

This evidence of progress is not weakened by any present or approaching indication of diminution in activity. Iron and steel production shows unexampled cohesion; ore never before was more eagerly secured against future needs, and prices of both raw and finished materials have acquired exceptional firmness, notwithstanding the rapidity of recent advances. This situation is not surprising when it is considered that the leading producers are away behind their orders and that capacity will be taxed to the limit well into next year.

Operations in the distributive branches continue to be of unprecedented volume. The lack of adequate transporting facilities has become a subject of greater anxiety with the close of lake navigation.

Bank clearings, \$236,116,527, exceed those of corresponding week in 1904 by 12.7 per cent.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 34, against 22 last week and 25 a year ago.—Dun's Review of Trade.

New York. Holiday trade, begun earlier than usual, promises to break all records, but retail trade in seasonal goods, reflecting the irregular weather, fluctuates in volume. The wholesale trade notes a quietness as the stock-taking period approaches, but spring sales continue encouraging. Industries remain active, iron and steel and building in all its branches especially so. In the textile trades activity is still a feature. The recent large advance in cotton and talk of 15 cents for the balance of the crop is a disturbing element in future business.

Business failures for the week ending Dec. 7 number 203, against 188 last week, 231 in the like week of 1904, 241 in 1903, 247 in 1902 and 223 in 1901. In Canada failures this week number 31, against 25 last week and 23 in this week a year ago.—Bradstreet's Commercial Report.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$6.25; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 89c; corn, No. 2, 44c to 46c; oats, standard, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c; hay, timothy, \$8.50 to \$13.00; clover, \$6.00 to \$12.50; butter, choice creamery, 21c to 23c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 26c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.25; hogs, choice heavy, \$4.00 to \$5.05; sheep, common to prime, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 88c to 90c; corn, No. 2 white, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$4.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 90c to 93c; corn, No. 2, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2, 30c to 32c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$4.85; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.10; sheep, \$2.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 90c to 92c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 33c to 35c; rye, No. 2, 70c to 71c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 87c to 89c; corn, No. 3 yellow, 45c to 47c; oats, No. 3 white, 32c to 35c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 84c to 87c; corn, No. 3, 41c to 42c; oats, standard, 30c to 32c; rye, No. 1, 69c to 70c; barley, No. 2, 53c to 55c; pork, mess, \$13.00.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 87c to 88c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; rye, No. 2, 67c to 69c; clover seed, prime, \$8.20.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$5.50; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$5.15; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$5.65; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$7.90.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.40; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.30; wheat, No. 2 red, 90c to 92c; corn, No. 2, 50c to 51c; oats, natural, white, 37c to 38c; butter, creamery, 21c to 24c; eggs, western, 27c to 28c.

Napoleon, essayist.
When Napoleon was a youth he gained the prize offered by the Lyons Academy for the best paper in answer to the question, "What are the truths and principles that ought to be inculcated on men that they may enjoy happiness?" For this paper he gained a gold medal, which he afterwards sold for fifty louis, and long afterwards, laughingly told Talleyrand the story. Some days afterwards Talleyrand handed him the identical prize essay. Napoleon took it from him. "Have you read it?" he inquired sharply. "No, sire, I have just received it." Without another word the emperor pitched it into the fire. Talleyrand turned red with anger on seeing his pains thus rewarded. But Napoleon explained: "I did not wish any one to see the paper written when I was young; it might have exposed me to ridicule when I was emperor." What would that essay fetch at Christie's now?

Words of Wisdom.

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special).—All who are suffering with Bright's Disease, should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. G. L. Good of this place. He says:
"I feel it my duty to tell you of the wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I am a Minister of the Gospel, and in my work, I am frequently exposed to all weathers. Six years ago, I was laid up sick. I doctored with a number of physicians, and finally consulted a specialist, but without success. They all told me I had Bright's Disease. I was in a bad way and almost helpless when, thank God, I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They saved my life. I took sixteen boxes and now I am cured. The first day I took them I felt relief. When I began I weighed only one hundred and five pounds, now I weigh one hundred and sixty-five and I am the picture of health. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends who have Kidney Trouble and I pray to God that other sufferers will read these words and be helped by them."

Bacon—Did you ever hear that fellow Swallow sing?
Egbert—No.
"He must be fierce!"
"Why?"
"He told me he started singing in a house last night and they put him out."
"You're joking."
"No, I'm not. He told me he was singing and some people were talking and they put him out."

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh of the Eustachian Tube, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.
We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.
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"Bridget."
"Yes, mum."
"Did you boil that drinking water, as I told you?"
"Yes, mum. I boiled it two hours. Why, ain't it done?"—Cleveland Leader.

Is Disease a Crime?

Not very long ago, a popular magazine published an editorial article in which the writer asserted, in substance, that all diseases should be regarded as criminal. Certain it is, that the touch of sickness and suffering of mankind is due to the violation of certain of Nature's laws. But to say that all sickness should be regarded as criminal, must appeal to every reasonable individual as radically wrong.

It would be harsh, unsympathetic, cruel, yes, criminal, to condemn the poor, weak, over-worked housewife who sinks under the heavy load of household cares and burdens, and suffers from weaknesses, various displacements of pelvic organs and other derangements peculiar to her sex.
Frequent bearing of children, with its exacting demands upon the system, coupled with the care, worry and labor of rearing a large family, is often the cause of weakness, derangements and debility which are aggravated by the many household cares, and the hard, and never-ending work which this mother is called upon to perform. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the only remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ills—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—says of this class of maladies: "The fact that the poor, over-worked housewife can not get the needed rest from her many household cares and labor, enables her to secure from the use of his 'Prescription' its full benefits. It is a matter of frequent experience, he says, in his extensive practice in these cases, to meet with those who, after years of suffering by reason of the patient's inability to abstain from hard work long enough to be cured from their suffering from prolapsus, anteversion and retroversion of the uterus, or other displacement of the womanly organs, it is very necessary that, in addition to taking his 'Favorite Prescription' they abstain from being very much or for long periods on their feet. All heavy lifting or straining of any kind should also be avoided. As much exercise as possible with moderate, light work, is also very important. Let the patient observe these rules and the 'Favorite Prescription' will do the rest."
Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. 21 one-cent stamps per pamphlet, or 31 stamps for cloth-bound.
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Have used Piso's Cure for Consumption nearly two years, and find nothing to compare with it.—Mrs. Morgan, Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 2, 1901.

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It quickly removes that Bearing-down Feeling, extreme lassitude, "don't care" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, Dizziness, Faintness, sleeplessness, fatigues, melancholy or the "blues" and headache. These are sure indications of Female Weakness, or some derangement of the Uterus, which this medicine always cures. Kidney Complaints and Backache, of either sex, the Vegetable Compound always cures.

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CORRESPONDENCE

ALLENVILLE

The price of hogs has been advancing a little the past week.
A good Jersey cow for sale. Inquire at Greenville's livery barn.
Dr. Kimery sold his spotted pony to a Decatur party for a fancy price.
Dr. Kimery is prepared to feed the hungry now having butchered a fine large hog.
Mr. Seylock, who lives west of Bruce, was robbed of \$10.00 in Allenville last week.
The price of broom corn is going up and some crops have been sold for \$110 a ton.

There were many Christmas shoppers in the city this week and the merchants report a big trade.

This week closes the open season for quail shooting and the local nlmrods are improving the time.

Mors corn has been marketed in Allenville this season than during any former season for many years.

Dr. C. W. Kimery has purchased the Dug Bruce property of C. M. Hughes located in the south part of the city.

The extremely pleasant weather last week was followed by a cold wave, but pleasant weather again prevailed.

John Henry Umphrey has been suffering very much with a felon, resulting from an injury to the bone some time ago.

Some of our young folks are busy practicing for a Christmas entertainment which is to be held at the U. B. church on the night of the 24th. A good program will be rendered.

The surveyors of the Decatur, Sullivan and Mattoon Traction Co. surveyed through Allenville last week. A meeting was held at the town house Wednesday in regard to locating the road here.

A few of the christian ladies of Allenville gathered at the elegant home of Steven Childers, who is a lone widower, last Friday to make and put down a fine carpet for him. Mr. Childers entertained his guests in royal style for which he is noted. An elegant three course dinner was given the ladies besides a few of his most intimate friends were invited to partake of his hospitality. Mr. Childers is quite an epicurean, he invited his friends to inspect his can fruit and jellies put up by his own hands, his jellies was pronounced fine by his gentleman friends. All report an enjoyable time. Report has it that he will soon be married to one of Allenville's most beautiful young ladies.

CADWELL

D. S. Landes went to Oakland Tuesday.

John McDonald moved to Arthur last week.

George Halley and wife are visiting relatives in Dalgren.

Charles Landes went to Atwood Tuesday night to see his girl.

Go to Fred Landes for a good hair cut and clean shave.

Frank Auld and Mumford of Arthur were seen in Cadwell Monday.

Dolph Fuller is clerking for Warren & Martin during the absence of John Bolton.

Thomas Hawkins returned from Missouri Tuesday, where he has been hunting.

Misses Alice and Della Pickle went to Mt. Vernon Sunday to visit their parents.

Little Frank Davis of Findlay is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis.

J. B. Miller and son, Charles, left for Quannah, Tex., Tuesday morning to see the country.

Charles Martin and wife left Tuesday for Winona, Mo. They expect to stay three weeks.

Henry Pickle and wife returned Sunday night from a visit with relatives near Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. D. S. Landes and Mrs. F. O. Watkins and son, Kensel, were visiting in Sullivan Monday.

The people of the Christian church here are putting in a large furnace and otherwise improving the building.

John Bolton and Walter Jones left Tuesday morning for Pawnee, Okla. The boys expect to stay three weeks, looking at the country.

There was a box supper at the school house near here Friday night. Everybody had a good time and something unusual nobody fought. The receipts were \$30.54. Miss Harriet Bolton was awarded a fine berry set, being voted the prettiest girl.

BETHANY

Bruce Mitchell visited in Sullivan Saturday.

Rev. W. L. Bankson is visiting relatives here.

Ed Gillham was a business caller in town Friday.

A box supper at the Center school house Wednesday night.

Several people from here attended the meeting at Dalton City last week.

Miss Diamond Bankson spent Sunday with Montie Patterson in Sullivan.

George Mayberry and son, Mantford, left Tuesday for a visit in South Carolina.

J. M. Bushart had a sale Friday. He intends moving his family to town in the spring.

W. W. Bankson and family spent Sunday in Sullivan with T. F. Pemberton and daughters.

Last Wednesday Miss Besse Rhodes and Willard Ray went to Decatur and were married.

Friday night the Rebekahs will give a play entitled "The Union Depot." Everybody come.

Mrs. Amanda Walker and grandson, Curtis Black, visited relatives in Bethany Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday night the fourth number of the lecture course was given. It was a male quartet and a lady reader. They were fine singers and enjoyed by a large audience.

Monday night W. W. Bankson took a load of eighteen people to Dalton City to attend the revival. All went in a big wagon and enjoyed themselves fine. They sang most of the way up there and back.

Tuesday afternoon the corn bin of Noble's elevator bursted, spilling several thousand bushels of corn. The bridge south of the elevator broke down while a team and load of corn was on it, but no one was hurt.

DALTON CITY

The protracted meeting at the U. B. church conducted by Rev. Bell, evangelist, VanCamp chorister, is still in progress. About forty have professed conversion in the tendays the meeting has been in progress. The services will continue the rest of this week.

Bethany young folks have been in attendance at the protracted meeting in large numbers, but more than usual Monday evening.

Klincy and Bresnan moved their grocery and meat market into their new building the first of the week.

Alfred S. Clark of Mansfield visited home folks here Thursday and Friday of last week.

George Rogers of Mattoon was here last Thursday looking after some property interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder and Mrs. A. S. Clark attended the Roucher-Hudson wedding near Macon last Thursday.

Beldon Bros. are moving the hardware stock to their new building this week.

Wilkinson Bros. have purchased the property now occupied by Dick McGulre and they intend to open a

lumber business here in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reeder will go to Alabama soon to spend the rest of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Edmiston, and family.

Our public schools will have a weeks vacation beginning Christmas day.

Next Monday is Christmas but so far your correspondent has seen very little preparation for that event. We presume outside of the usual church entertainments but little else will be going on.

Eather Rogers has been on the sick list the past few days.

Mrs. Nora Kane was in Decatur Tuesday.

George Roger has sold his town residence to Ed Nolan.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Creech met with a very severe accident by falling into a cellar, breaking the right limb and otherwise bruised.

BRUCE

Charles Higdon and family moved from Grayville to this place last week. They now occupy the M. E. parsonage.

W. H. Dunaway and family of Mattoon visited with relatives and friends several days in Bruce and vicinity last week.

Mrs. John Beck has been seriously sick with la grippe, but is now some better.

Frank Kimery and family of Gays moved into one of Lafe Bond's houses in Bondville last week.

A. J. Hughes was a business visitor in Sullivan Monday.

W. H. Barnes of Neoga was here last week looking after his affairs in the hay and grain business here.

C. C. Luttrell transacted business in Sullivan Tuesday.

W. H. Lee and family visited with his son-in-law, Oscar Hughes and family in Windsor Tuesday.

Dr. Gladville transacted business in Allenville and Mattoon Saturday.

T. A. Hollenbeck was in Sullivan Monday.

Mrs. Joe Basham is on the sick list. Jerry Linvil of Windsor was a business visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Gladville is number with the sick.

Holiday Greeting and Announcement.

As the present year approaches its close we find ourselves taking both a forward and backward look. Backward in the sense that we feel very grateful for the generous patronage we have received during the three years we have been in business; and forward in the sense that we shall strive very earnestly to merit fully as liberal a share of the trade in the future.

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