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CHRISTIANS' CHRISTMAS

A Birthday That Should Be Celebrated with Fervency and Sacredness

"Christmas comes but once a year. Christmas always brings good cheer."

At this season of the year, Christendom turns to Christmas day, some reverently, as it takes them nearer to our Savior, but more look forward to the jollity of the season, and the vacation time that custom has given to this season. Few celebrate Christmas in a manner befitting Christmas, the day set apart in the arrangement of the calendar as the birthday of Christ. 'Tis a day that should lovingly recall the Creator, creation and the son sent by the Almighty to save a lost and perishing world.

In spirit let us go to the little town of Bethlehem, and lovingly recall the simple and beautiful gospel narrative and view the place where Christ the Lord was born, about sixty miles from Jerusalem. How many will put aside their festivities for a short time at least, and meditate on the occasion and surroundings at the time an angel appeared and a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

A mysterious charm hovers around Bethlehem for those who have acquainted themselves with its history. Near here was the field where Ruth, the Moabitess, went to glean in the field of Boaz. Ruth who chose the better part, as is fitly portrayed in the book of the Bible that bears her name. It was from this union of Ruth and Boaz that sprang the house of David in the lineage of our Savior.

Today Bethlehem's population is about 6,000 with streets narrow and poorly paved. The inhabitants are for the most part bright appearing, neatly dressed Christians. The blood of the crusaders flow in the veins of many of them.

In the inn was no room for Joseph and Mary, so they were forced to take shelter in an excavation near by, that was used as a shelter for the beast. Here, in the manger amid the straw, on a cold winter's night, Mary the virgin gave birth to Christ the Savior. Hence Christmas the birthday which we celebrate so recklessly. For a moment stop and contrast the celebration of His birth with that of a relative. Preparations, care and honor attend the celebration of the birthdays of earthly friends, and they are before us in spirit if not in person, we are brought nearer them, our breasts swell with emotion and our love and attention increases with each act performed, our minds are filled with thoughts of them and it is all crowned with a joyful reunion of friends coming with expression of tenderness, and tokens of respect.

But so differently do we celebrate the birthday of Christ. He is left wholly in the abstract, we lavish gifts, thanks and praises on earthly friends without extending thanks to our Redeemer.

The festival of Christmas was observed at a very early date in the church, as indeed it could hardly but be, for that which brought the joy of angels within the reach of men's ears could not but have been devoutly and joyously remembered by Christians, year by year, when they came to fully understand the event. It is most fit that this event which was heralded by angels and songs of joy should be celebrated as a festivity of the church, accompanied by praise and joyous songs, a festive gladness of the church, no riotous, irreligious doings should mark this day. If we want the world to grow better, if we really mean to make it better, then reverence the Holy days.

It is to the nativity of our Lord that all the books of the Bible point as the center on which everything there recorded turns. From the very first chapter of Genesis to the last of Revelations, the Bible student reads Christ not only between the lines but in the lines.

The aged poor are no longer at the mercy of the cold world. Christ in the churches, and Christ in the lodges and other organized bodies and the hearts of men has brought about the

building of homes and hospitals for the aged, the afflicted and orphan. The tender and compassionate spirit of Christ prompted men to build our own Masonic home of which we are so proud. The gospel has given us free homes on a free American soil. It has broke the bonds of human slavery and made us a free enlightened people.

The gospel proclaims the dignity of labor, broke down the castes of society and places all on a common equality.

Probate Court.

Final report of Hezekiah Waggoner executor of the estate of Thomas Smith, deceased, approved and ordered that balance in hand of executor be distributed in accordance with final report.

James Hosetetter has made a final report as to Margaret E. Hostetter, his sister, and has been discharged.

The will of W. O. Merritt has been filed for probate.

Garrett Winings of Gays was given a trial by jury Monday, for the purpose of determining if he was capable or incapable of conducting his business. The gentleman is about 80 years of age, and it is a question as to his being able to tend to his business affairs. F. J. Thompson was appointed conservator ad litem and a trial given by jury. Voight & Bennett of Mattoon, attorneys for petitioner. The jury returned a verdict, finding the defendant, Garrett Winings, feeble minded and recommended that a conservator be appointed.

Garrett Winings is one of the oldest residents of Gays, and possesses considerable property. His estate is valued at \$20,000. He has three children, Mrs. Will Moore, in S. Dakota; Miss Eita Winings of Gays, and one son. Mr. Winings spent most of his life on a farm on the State Road, but since the death of his mother has lived with his daughter, Miss Elta, in Gays, this daughter was taken when a babe by her grandmother, the child in turn then cared for her aged grandmother who lived to be over ninety years old. Since that time her father has been her charge, he is almost eighty, very feeble in mind as well as body. His condition has caused the family much anxiety and care, and as a last resort Miss Elta decided the proper thing to do was to petition for a conservator. Although it was decided best to appoint a conservator, he has not yet been named.

Circuit Court

Filed in circuit court.

Eva Cray vs. Laura B. Monson, Myrtle Monson, Hugh Monson T. W. Townley, John Henderson. Partition.

John H. Tolly vs. Allie Tolly. Divorce.

Real Estate.

L. C. Fleming to F. M. French $\frac{3}{4}$ lot 6 and all of lot 7, block 4 in L. C. Fleming's addition to Allenville; \$110.

Francis G. Hamblin to John H. and Dora C. Henderson lot 7, $\frac{1}{2}$ ac, se. 1-12-6; \$500.

Cash W. Green, County Clerk, to Alice Wilson et al, w 50 acres, $\frac{3}{4}$ ac, nw, 7-13-4; \$1.00.

Robert F. McAlister to Mary E. McAlister $\frac{1}{2}$ ac, sw, 12-15-6; \$1.00

Ollie Fisher and husband to Mary E. McAlister $\frac{1}{2}$ ac, sw, 12-15-6; \$1.00.

Phananda Olmsted and husband to Francis C. Graham $\frac{1}{2}$ ac, nw, ne, sec. 25-13-6; \$1300.00.

Marriage License.

George Dilsaver, 40.....Sullivan
Mrs. Cora Burks, 28.....Hammond

Willard A. Buxton, 29 Jonathan Creek
Miss May Dolan, 19.....Jonathan Creek

Card of Thanks.

I take this method to thank my friends who so kindly assisted and sympathized with me during my affliction and distress at the time of the sickness and death of my dear husband Victor Brackney.

MRS. GERTIE BRACKNEY.

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PER CENT DISCOUNT on all Christmas Goods. Dolls 25 per cent discount. All the fine china except the Bavarian, which will sell at 10 per cent off. These deductions are made from the regular prices.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL

at the Department Store

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Toys for Kris Kingle's Good Children

It gives us pleasure to acquaint you with our matchless holiday assortment for children. Feel welcome to call and inspect. You will not be urged to buy, but that is what we want you to do. We are here to sell our goods. Just step in and see what we have—toys, dolls and useful presents for every member of the family. Dolls of every description for the girls. Boys will be delighted with the friction toys, wagons, fire wagons, trains, etc., running over our floor.

Granite and Enameled Ware for the kitchen, besides many other useful household articles

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Opposite the Eden House.

After Chicago Eagles

Mattoon members of the Order of Eagles are somewhat excited over the drastic orders which are being put into effect by the head officials. It is declared the order will not tolerate drones, idlers and parasites, and that lodges which countenance the same will have their characters revoked.

Theodore A. Bell of Napa, California, is national president of the Order of Eagles. While in Omaha last Saturday he gave out the following statement:

"Next week I shall revoke the charter of a lodge in Chicago with 5,000 members." President Bell told of his plans to "weed out" the order and bring it up to a standard of character and efficiency inferior to none.

"The threat of the grand worthy master is directed at the Chicago aerie," declared an officer at that local last night.

"The officers are heartily in sympathy with him as to weeding out disreputable members and have taken drastic action in that direction. The officers of the grand aerie were informed that Ed Weiss, a member, has an immense eagle in electric lights in front of a resort on Armour avenue, which he owns. The federal authorities should suppress this desecration of the national bird. The saloon of Jack Burke, 228 Twenty-second street, is also known as the Eagle, and though Burke has been ousted from the order, he cannot be forced to change the name of his resort."—Mattoon Journal-Gazette.

Infantile Punishment.

Freddy—"Hey, does your mother ever whip you?"
Jimmie—"Worse'n that. She washes my face."

R. A. M. Installation.

The banquet and public installation given by the Royal Arch Masons Thursday of last week, was a very enjoyable event. It was largely attended, the large hall being filled with people. The installation ceremony was impressive and pretty.

George Miller was installed High priest. The retiring High priest, Irving Shuman, was presented with a handsome emblem of his former office by the Chapter. The orchestra furnished music for the assembly room, and later for Chapman's hall where those who so desired could trip the fantastic toe. Tables were provided for those that chose games. Last but not least was the four course banquet served in the assembly room. The refreshments served by Hancock were first class, just suited to the taste; his menu needs no comment as he has made a reputation for himself. From a late hour until early morn the guests were dispersing, and the general sentiment was many, many thanks to the Chapter who so royally entertained, and put forth every effort to make their guests feel at ease and at home.

State Teachers' Association.

The fifty-fourth annual meeting of the Illinois State Teacher's Association will meet at the capitol building in Springfield, December 26, 27, 28. Programs may be obtained of Supt. J. C. Hoke.

The general session will be held in the Representative hall. There will be special sessions for principals, superintendents and county superintendents, high school, primary work, colleges, music and child study.

Every teacher and those preparing to teach should attend this meeting if possible.

OBITUARIES.

MRS. MARGARET MILLER.

Margaret Davidson was born in Shelbyville Dec. 25, 1840. She moved to Moultrie county, Illinois, with her parents, Joseph and Mary Davidson in the spring of 1841, to a farm east of Sullivan. She was married to Salathiel Miller, April 11, 1858. Died December 14, 1907, aged 66 years, 11 months and 19 days. To this union was born ten children, four of whom with her husband preceded her to the beyond. Her husband died exactly 11 months before she did. The surviving children are, Joseph, George of Washington, Samuel, Mrs. Lena Ferrell, John Bement, and David. Besides her own children she raised two grandchildren Mrs. Jessie (Ashbrook) Miller and Flora Ashbrook. Sixteen other grandchildren survive her, besides a brother James Davidson, and two sisters, Mrs. Clevenger living in Cumberland county and Mrs. Mary Ashbrook.

Her ailment was cancer of the stomach. A few years ago she had blood poison in her thumb from which her system was never cleared.

A short funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. G. McNutt at Jonathan Creek church yard at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, where the interment was made.

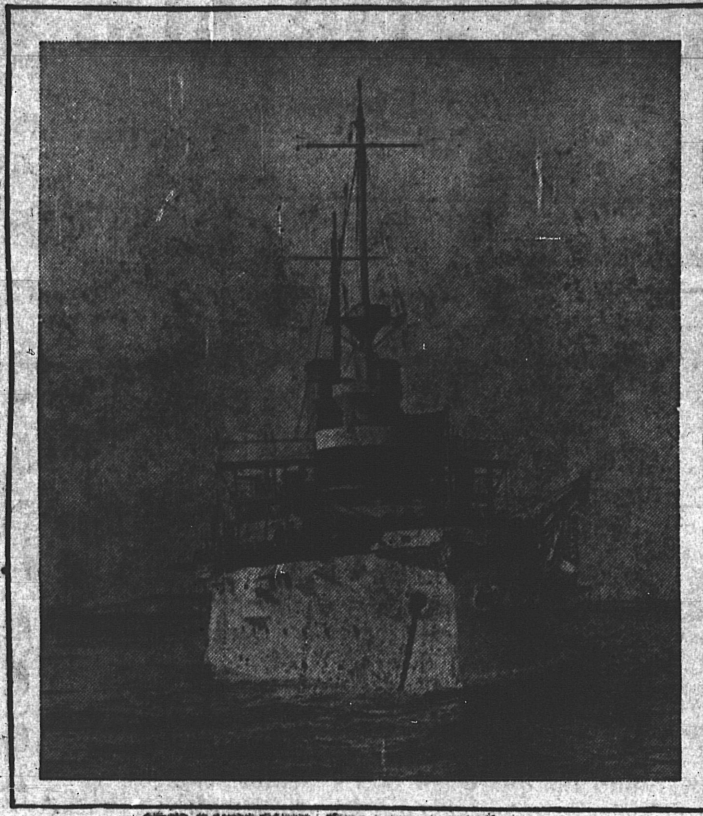
Farmer's Institute.

There will be two sessions of the Farmer's Institute in this county next year, one at Bethany, January 7 and 8, the other in Sullivan, January 17 and 18. A good program will be published later. Many noted speakers will be present.

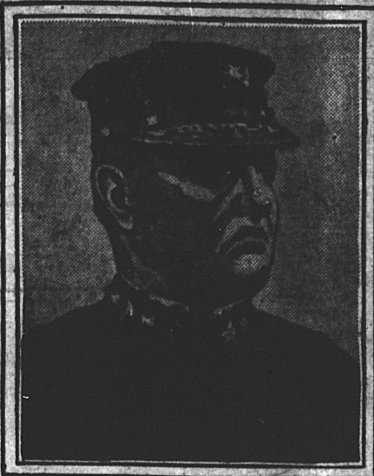
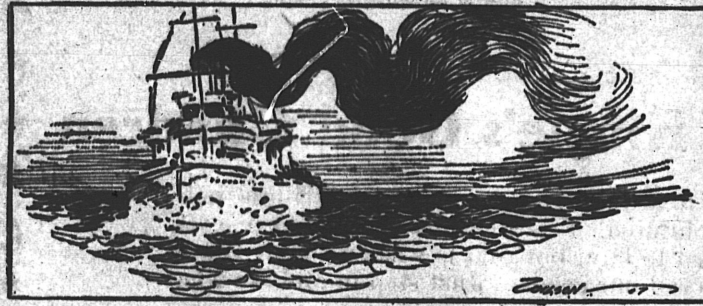
Bert LeGrande of Allenville was a business visitor in this town Thursday.

GREAT FLEET SAILS

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



THE BATTLESHIP "CONNECTICUT"



REAR-ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS



CAPTAIN EDWARD E. INGERSOLL

REAR-ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. BROWNLOW

Hampton Roads, Va., Dec. 16.—The departure to-day of the great Atlantic squadron for the Pacific is only another of the many great proofs of the nation's marvelous growth and development. The iron clad warship is only 45 years old, yet, passing through a process of swift evolution to its present perfection, this American discovery has revolutionized the science of naval warfare throughout the whole world. There are now 270 vessels in commission in the United States navy where at one time, in Washington's administration, there was not one. Of these there are 13 battleships of the first and second class, carrying guns into whose muzzles this country's first and only "commander-in-chief of the navy," Esch Hopkins, might easily have hidden his disgraced head when an outraged continental congress summarily dismissed him.

It was in Hampton Roads that the first chapter in the world's history of iron clads was written. It was in Hampton Roads that the nation gathered 16 of her finest sea fighters ready for a trip of nearly 20,000 miles. Where the Merrimac swung clumsily across the channel long ago and drove terror to the hearts of seamen who had never yet seen such a monster, iron clads as graceful and as swift as greyhounds have come and gone all summer until they have become a familiar sight. Among these is the Minnesota, the largest of Uncle Sam's big battleships, and next only in size to the Dreadnaught, which King Edward of England launched with such ceremony a year or so ago, and to the Satsuma, Japan's new monster of the deep.

History of American Navy.

The first appropriation made for a navy for this country was that of the continental congress in 1776, and the sum of \$100,000 was expected to purchase, equip and generally outfit 13 ships. For the present year, ending July, 1908, the navy will have needed \$125,041,899, an increase of \$5,000,000 over last year. Nine million alone go for ordnance stores. The last appropriation for congress for the building of ships was \$20,000,000 to be expended on two big ships, each of which is to measure 510 feet in length, 85 feet beam, and make 21 knots an hour. Three million dollars was appropriated for submarines of the Holland type, and in September five torpedo boat destroyers were contracted for. Think of this in comparison with the \$100,000 that cost the continental congress so much thought, and which was furnished by the people of the colonies after so much privation.

"If we are to have a commerce we must have a navy to defend it," wrote Col. Humphreys from the Barbary States in 1793 after he had been sent to see if there were means of stopping the piracy of Algiers and Tripoli on American trading vessels. For years the nation had endured the humiliation of paying tribute to these countries, and after Washington had incorporated this sentiment in his message of 1794 the United States still paid tribute, because there was no navy to prove her independence. How-

ever, that congress appropriated \$700,000 with which to build six frigates. Among these were the Constitution, now the oldest ship afloat under any flag, and a training ship for apprentices at Portsmouth. With this fleet and its later auxiliaries Decatur taught the rulers of Algiers and Tripoli a stern lesson, and America soon took her place among the naval powers of the world, a place which none disputed after her victories over Great Britain in 1812-1815.

Quick Work of Preparation.

The president issued the orders for the sailing of this fleet on August 23, and since then coal mines, railways, provision dealers, and manufacturers of heavy ordnance and ammunition have known the busiest season they have had since the Spanish-American war. Altogether 35 vessels go to San Francisco, and when all have assembled in the waters off the coast of California, "Fighting Bob" Evans will have under his command the largest, most invincible, the most perfectly equipped fleet that has ever mobilized in one place since the history of the world began.

The aggregate displacement of the vessels sailing is nearly 42,000 tons, and the aggregate power is 664 guns of four inch calibre and over. The four divisions of this fleet will carry 581 officers and 11,500 enlisted men, as fine an array of jackies as any navy has ever known, and an earnest and eager set, too, for as soon as the news of the cruise was noised abroad enlistments increased rapidly throughout the navy and desertions became practically unknown.

The modern wife who puzzles for days over the packing of her husband's grips and lunch basket when he is off for a week's hunting trip, can never begin to appreciate the enormity of Columbia's task in fitting out her 11,500 sons for an outing of 115 days, in which they are not expected to set foot on land at all. Besides all the stores that each ship can carry when her capacity is taxed to its fullest, there will be two ships that carry supplies alone, the Glacier and Culgoa, and they will carry many novel foodstuffs that have never yet been carried by any navy of the world.

Immense Supply of Coal.

The item of coal alone is not inconsiderable. On October 12, contracts were let for 133,000 tons to be delivered at the six seaport towns where the fleet will stop, Trinidad, Rio Janerio, Punta Arenas, Callao, Magdalena bay and San Francisco. It is mined in West Virginia, shipped by rail to four tide water cities of the Atlantic, and whom there is handled by five American companies in 30 foreign steamers to the ports named, where it is piled on the piers ready for the battleships. Fifteen of these steamers go all the way to San Francisco with their cargoes. The cost of the coal will be about \$3 a ton, and the cost of transportation will come to over \$755,000.

Eight colliers accompany the fleet. The "Marellus, Hannibal, Leonidas and possibly the Sterling accompany the fleet to Trinidad, and then re-

turn for more coal. Others will go as far as Rio and return to join the fleet again at Magdalena bay, and all that have free space 'tween decks will carry general supplies for the Mare Island navy yard. The Connecticut carries 150 tons of briquettes made of stack coal and pitch to test them as a suitable fuel for use in the navy. The cost of coaling, exclusive of the amount of coal carried by the ships from Norfolk to Trinidad, will be \$1,229,280, a sum more than equal to the bonded debt of the state of Idaho or the state of Washington.

Provisions in Plenty.

As to provisions, Columbia must pack enough in the giant hampers to feed her sons for the long 115 days, and have enough extra goodies for Christmas, New Year's and Washington birthday dinners, and the list shows she has not been niggardly in her selection. Five million pounds of provisions are carried on board the 16 battleships and the supply ships, the supplies from the attending vessels being transferred to the battleships when they stop at the ports for coal. There are 10,000 to 15,000 pounds of fresh meat in the refrigerators of each ship, and for the first time there will be a widely varied bill of fare where the meats are concerned.

There are a variety of foodstuffs, including tons of cereals, salt meats, dried fruits and canned goods, and 593,300 pounds of flour for making fresh bread in lieu of long anathematized hard tack. There are tons of desiccated foodstuffs that have already been tested and found good, and the more recent additions—dried eggs and dehydrated vegetables. There are 9,000 pounds of dried eggs, an equivalent of 36,000 dozen fresh eggs, and when the Christmas baking is on and the 30,000 fresh eggs also carried are not available, the mixer of cakes will find that the dried product when mixed with water will froth as easily as the fresh.

New methods of communication between the ships have been installed, and new methods of controlling the fire from the guns. So new is this system of fire control that a retired naval officer was heard to remark when the news came to him: "That is a good idea, a good idea, I am glad to hear it, indeed, for fire is the most dangerous thing aboard a ship!" The Colorado was first in this experiment. Wireless telegraphy has been a part of a battleship's equipment for so many years now that it is quite an old story, but the fleet decided it must have wireless telephony, too, so the past few weeks have witnessed a busy scene in Hampton Roads, and in New York and Brooklyn harbors, where experts have been busy putting in the appliances.

Connecticut is Flagship.

Admiral Evans chose the Connecticut as his flagship. Capt. Ingersoll is her commander and chief of staff of the Atlantic fleet. Upon the shoulders of Rear-Admiral Brownlow at Washington, much of the work of preparation fell. The splendid condition of the fleet when it left its anchorage here to-day shows how well he has done it

SIXTY DIE IN MINE

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OCCURS IN SHAFT AT YOLANDE, ALA.

PROBABLY DUE TO DUST

Work of Recovering Bodies of the Victims is Slow, Owing to the Terrific Heat and Gases.

Birmingham, Ala.—Advices from Yolande indicate that about 60 men met death by an explosion in the mines at that place Monday morning. The recovery is very slow, though hundreds of miners from the adjacent mining camps are present to assist. Thirty-five bodies had been recovered up to Monday evening.

The explosion occurred at about 10:30 in the morning, and so far its cause has not been determined.

Less than 100 men went into the mine Monday morning, and this accounts for the fact that the loss of life was not heavier. The mine has in the past been pronounced free from gas by the state mine inspectors and it is supposed that the explosion was caused by dust. When a mine is not properly sprinkled and the air is allowed to get filled with fine coal dust, particles of it become almost as explosive as gas itself.

The explosion was below the second right sub entry. The mines go down something like 1,500 feet. There was a terrific explosion, dust and timber being blown out in great quantities, destroying small buildings nearby. There was terrible heat immediately after the explosion.

Officials of the company on the scene immediately took steps to start a rescue party to get the men on the inside. The fans were started up and other methods taken to eliminate the hot air. Within an hour 14 men had crawled out of the mine and their description of the inside was heart-rending. Several of these men were badly burned. Two hours after the explosion it was still impossible to venture even near the mouth of the mine, so hot was the air that was rushing out.

Yolande mine is but a few miles from Virginia City, where a similar explosion occurred about two years ago, 112 men being killed at that time. The Yolande Coal & Coke company is headed by Dr. G. B. Crowe, of Birmingham. Between 125 and 150 men are given employment in the No. 1 mine.

TRAGEDY IN A MOTOR CAB.

New Yorker Murders Woman and Then Kills Himself.

New York.—A murder and suicide in an automobile cab occurred in the streets of Brooklyn Monday night. The victims in the tragedy were Elsie Kerlin, a telegraph operator, 22 years old, and Bernard E. Wallace, who has been employed by the Commercial Cable company in this city. No cause for the tragedy is known, but it is probable that it is the result of a love affair. The police say Wallace shot the young woman and then killed himself.

TILLMAN SCORES PRESIDENT.

Senator Makes Violent Speech on the Financial Stringency.

Washington.—A speech by Senator Tillman, filled with denunciation of the president, the secretary of the treasury and the department of justice, of financiers and "captains of industry," was the chief subject of interest in the senate Monday. His remarks were based on his resolutions directing an investigation by the committee on finance of the recent bond issues by the treasury department and of the issuance of clearing house certificates throughout the country.

MINNESOTA SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Scarlet Fever at Farmington and Diphtheria at Big Falls.

St. Paul, Minn.—The state board of health has ordered the public schools at Farmington, Minn., closed because of the prevalence of scarlet fever there, many cases of which were reported as measles. Because of diphtheria at Big Falls, Minn., the local board of health has closed the schools here.

Troops Sent to Hopkinsville, Ky.

Louisville, Ky.—Upon recommendation by Adjt. Gen. Johnston, Gov. Willson Monday ordered company H, of the First Kentucky militia, to leave Louisville Tuesday morning for Hopkinsville.

Col. Watterson's Daughter Dies.

Louisville, Ky.—Mrs. Alexander Gilmore, formerly Miss Ethel Watterson, and the youngest daughter of Col. Henry Watterson, died at Norton infirmary Monday.

Louisville Surveyor of Port Resigns.

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

New National Forest in Nevada.

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

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!



Their Minds Are Not on Their Books.

ENDS TALK OF THIRD TERM

ROOSEVELT DECLARES HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Formal Statement Issued Repeating Statement Made Night of Election in 1904.

Washington.—President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term. All doubt on this point was dispelled Wednesday night by the authoritative statement from the White House that Mr. Roosevelt still adheres to the declaration of renunciation made on the night of the election three years ago.

In the statement issued President Roosevelt says he has not changed and shall not change the decision communicated to the American people in 1904.

It appears that President Roosevelt has been awaiting the call for the Republican national convention to afford the proper opportunity for making his position clear and unmistakable, thus leaving the field clear for Fairbanks, Taft, Cannon, Knox, Foraker and other declared or receptive candidates for the Republican nomination. The president's statement follows:

"In view of the issuance of the call of the Republican national committee for the convention, the president makes the following statement:

"On the night after election I made the following announcement: 'I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the fourth of March next I shall have served three and a half years; and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance, and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination.'

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."

ORCHARD TELLS OF MURDER.

Pictures Pettibone As His Paymaster for All His Crimes.

Boise, Idaho.—Showing signs of deep emotion, Harry Orchard, in the Pettibone trial Thursday afternoon, told of the assassination of ex-Gov. Steunenberg. In minute detail he testified in regard to the deliberate preparations for the crime; of his unsuccessful attempt to end the life of the governor, and finally of placing the bomb on the night of December 30, 1905.

Before telling of the Steunenberg murder Orchard detailed his alleged attempts on the lives of Fred Bradley at San Francisco; Justice Gabbert, Justice Goddard and Gov. Peabody at Denver, and of plans which he said were made to kill Sherman Bell, Frank Hearne, David Moffatt and John Neville. Throughout his story he pictured Pettibone as his paymaster, and in some of his attempted crimes he implicated the defendant as an active participant. In every detail his narrative was the same as given in the Haywood trial.

Minneapolis Pigeon Holds Record.

Boston.—At the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the International Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, which closed its session here Wednesday, the best record for the year was awarded to Tornado, belonging to Fred May, of Minneapolis, Minn., with a flight of 500 miles in 15 hours. Another record flight was by a bird owned by Dr. John Schilling, of Fort Wayne, Ind., which covered 1,000 miles in 47 hours.

Two Die in Manistique Fire.

Manistique, Mich.—The three band mills of the Chicago Lumber company were destroyed by fire here Sunday. Henry Hammel, aged 53, a night foreman, and Night Watchman Andrew Norton were burned to death. The property loss was \$100,000.

Seven Saginaw Firemen Injured. Saginaw, Mich.—Seven firemen were injured. Frank Sova perhaps fatally, in the burning of the Saginaw Produce & Cold Storage company's plant in West Saginaw Sunday.

DENVER GETS CONVENTION.

Democratic Committee Also Accepts \$100,000 Fund.

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

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

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

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

WOMAN CALLED A FIREBUG.

Ohio Temperance and Church Leader is Arrested.

Norwalk, O.—Mrs. Martha A. Campbell, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school at Steubenville, and wife of a wealthy Greenfield township farmer, was arrested Friday in Sandusky on a secret indictment charging incendiarism.

The indictment charges that Mrs. Campbell burned a dwelling owned by Miss Loa Mather, a neighbor, in October. Miss Mather also has been indicted.

The fire insurance company asserts the women framed a plot by which Miss Mather was to take the insurance money and pay off the mortgage on her home, and on that condition Mrs. Campbell would buy the place. Both women are on bonds.

Oklahoma's Senators Elected.

Guthrie, Okla.—The election of the first two United States senators from the new state of Oklahoma was consummated late Wednesday afternoon by the two houses in joint session when Speaker W. H. Murray, announcing the vote of Tuesday, declared Robert L. Owen of Muskogee and Thomas P. Gore of Lawton duly chosen.

Brutal Murder by Robbers.

Kansas City, Mo.—Louis B. Stenberg, a grocer at Fourth street and Walker avenue, in Kansas City, Kan., was killed and his wife, Mrs. Mattie Stenberg, was mortally injured by unknown robbers who attacked and robbed them in their store Saturday night. The victims of the outrage were not found until 12 hours later.

New York Banks Swindled.

Augusta, Ga.—It was learned here Friday that parties in New York have swindled banks in that city out of a large sum of money on fictitious cotton warehouse receipts purporting to be from Augusta.

Korean Crown Prince at Tokio.

Tokio.—The arrival of the crown prince of Korea and Marquis Ito Sunday afternoon was made the occasion of a brilliant spectacle. Thousands of people assembled at the Shinjuku station, where the party detained. The crown prince of Korea was heartily welcomed by the crown prince of Japan, amidst salvoes of artillery. The appearance of the party at the entrance to the depot was the signal for long-sustained cheering and the young crown prince of Korea was evidently delighted over his reception.

For Cigar Smokers.
When you smoke a cigar you want a good one. A poor cigar is a rank abomination and a stench in your nostrils and in those of your friends within smelling distance.

The trouble with most of us is to find a cigar with rich, satisfying aroma and easy drawing qualities without paying an exorbitant price for it. It remained for Frank P. Lewis of Peoria, Ill., to solve the problem for us. His Lewis' Single Binder 5c cigar is without doubt the peer of any brand of 10c cigars on the market. The Lewis' Single Binder cigar is wrapped in tinfoil and reaches the smoker as fresh as when leaving the factory. Its smooth, rich, satisfying smoking qualities are a delight both to the palate and the nostrils of cigar connoisseurs everywhere. In spite of the fact that the Lewis factory employ no traveling men the sales this year will exceed 9,000,000, the demand being created solely on the high quality of the tobacco used.

NASTY.



He—Do you think glasses would make me look more intellectual?
She—Well, if I were you I'd try them. They certainly couldn't hurt any.

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

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, etc.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Femininity.

"Please hold up your hands!"
When the pedestrian heard the form of request he knew the woman footpad was upon him.

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

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

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

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

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
RHEUMATISM
BRIGHT'S DISEASE
DIABETES
75¢ Guaranteed

SICK HEADACHE
Positively cured by these Little Pills.
They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heartily Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.
SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature
REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

160 ACRES FARM IN WESTERN CANADA FREE
Typical Farm Scene, Showing Stock Raising in WESTERN CANADA

Western Canada
Some of the choicest lands for grain growing, stock raising and mixed farming in the new districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta have recently been opened for settlement under the Revised Homestead Regulations.

Entry may now be made by proxy (on certain conditions), by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader. Thousands of homesteads of 160 acres each are thus now easily available in these great grain-growing, stock-raising and mixed farming sections.

There you will find healthful climate, good neighbors, churches for family worship, schools for your children, good laws, splendid crops, and railroads convenient to market.

Entry fee in each case is \$10.00. For pamphlet, "Last Best West," particulars as to rates, routes, best time to go and where to locate, apply to

C. J. BROUGHTON, Room 632 Grand Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
W. B. BROWN, 1140 Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
J. W. HARRIS, 1140 Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
C. L. HARRIS, 1140 Bank Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

RELIEF IS ASKED FOR

APPEAL IS ISSUED FOR HELP FOR MONONGAH VICTIMS.

FULLY 300,000 NEEDED

About 250 Widows and 1,000 Children Left Without Means of Support by the Mine Disaster.

Fairmont, W. Va.—The permanent relief committee, headed by Gov. W. M. O. Dawson, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, Sunday prepared an appeal for funds that is being sent to chambers of commerce and kindred organizations all over the country.

All newspapers are urged to aid the work by receiving contributions, acknowledging them through their columns and sending them to the treasurer.

Contributions of clothing, toys for the orphans at Christmas time, and similar donations are to be sent to W. H. Moore, mayor of Monongah, and chairman of the committee looking after the temporary wants of the victims.

The committee's appeal in part is: "At Monongah, W. Va., on Friday, December 6, an explosion in mines of the Fairmont Coal company resulted in the death of approximately 350 employees. Fully 250 widows and 1,000 children are left without any means of support.

"As near as can be determined at this time almost \$50,000 from all sources has been subscribed. Upon the basis of \$300 for each widow, and \$100 for each child under 16 years of age, \$175,000 will be required. At least \$25,000 will be necessary to provide, on relatively the same basis, for the aged dependents of the unmarried victims, the many now unborn children and the undoubted accessions to the married victims' list when complete information has been received.

"The committee feels that a basis lower than the above will not be adequate to properly care for the needs of the bereaved ones, and a total of \$200,000 will therefore be required to carry out the relief work on this basis.

"All checks should be made payable to the Monongah Mines Relief Committee, J. E. Sands, treasurer, Fairmont, W. Va."

WANTS GOLDFIELD FACTS.

President Sends Labor Department Officials to Investigate.

Washington.—Assistant Secretary Murray, of the department of commerce and labor; Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, and Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, left Washington late Wednesday afternoon for Goldfield, Nev., to make a thorough investigation of the trouble between the miners and mine operators at that place. Secretary Murray and Commissioner Smith made this announcement after a conference with President Roosevelt Wednesday.

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

GLAZIER SEEMS NEAR DEATH.

Condition of Michigan State Treasurer is Alarming.

Chelsea, Mich.—Alarming reports are in circulation regarding the illness of State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, whose failure three weeks ago involved interests aggregating over \$1,000,000 and who had \$685,00 of state funds deposited in the Chelsea Savings bank which was closed by State Banking Commissioner Zimmerman.

At first it was thought Mr. Glazier was merely suffering from a severe cold, aggravated by anxiety over his financial troubles, but his condition now is said to be critical. Drs. Holmes and Buch have been unable to arouse their patient from a comatose condition.

Operation on Alice Successful.

Washington.—Mrs. Alice Longworth, wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth, and daughter of President Roosevelt, was operated upon for appendicitis Thursday. The operation, which was performed at the White House by Dr. Finney of Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, assisted by Dr. Sophie Nordhoff-Jung and Surgeon General Rixey of the navy, was declared by Dr. Rixey to have been successful in every particular and to have left the patient in excellent condition.

Abe Hummel Almost Dead.

New York.—Abraham Hummel, the lawyer, who is serving a sentence in Blackwell's Island penitentiary for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, is near death from kidney affection.

Lad Kills Little Playmate.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Playing that he was a cowboy and his four-year-old companion was an Indian, Ned H. Starmer, aged 11 years, shot and instantly killed George Blakely, four years old.

"SANTA CLAUS" NOTES GO

POSTMASTER GENERAL MAKES RULING ON PROBLEM.

Christmas Missives to Be Turned Over to Charitable Organizations.

Washington.—In past years many communications have been received by the postoffice department requesting delivery of so-called "Santa Claus letters" to philanthropic societies and others in various parts of the country, but the requests have always been denied, the department taking the stand that letters of importance would be classed with the "Santa Claus letters" through error; that it would be exposing to private parties confidential correspondence; that the letters might contain valuable inclosures and that such a practice would not be in keeping with the principle of the sanctity of the mails.

Now, however, Postmaster General Meyer has adopted a more liberal attitude toward the children, as indicated by his action of Saturday in issuing an order to postmasters all over the country to whom letters full of trust and pleading are coming in such numbers from the little ones to let the people of their cities know through the newspapers that mail addressed to Santa Claus will be delivered to any responsible parties who will undertake to act as Santa Claus' agents in the matter. The order follows:

"Ordered that hereafter and until the close of the first day of January, 1908, postmasters are directed to deliver all letters arriving at their respective postoffices addressed plainly and unmistakably to 'Santa Claus,' without any other terms or expressions identifying the person for whom such letters are intended, to any regularly organized charitable society in the city or town of address, to be used exclusively for philanthropic purposes. In the event that claim should be made by more than one such society for letters so addressed, such letters will be equally divided according to number, between or among the societies making such claim."

As it was found that the name "Kris Kringle" appears in various city directories, it was decided, in order to avoid confusion and loss of letters intended for persons of that name, that the new regulation should apply only to Santa Claus, who appears to have no namesake.

KIDNAPED CHILD FOUND.

Lillian Wulf of Chicago Located at Momence, Ill.

Momence, Ill.—Little Lillian Wulf, who was kidnaped in Chicago Saturday while playing near her home, was found Friday five miles south of Momence. The man and woman who were her captors were arrested. They gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, and said they were on their way from Pennsylvania to Missouri, where they intended settling. They refused to discuss the kidnaping. Jones is about 30 years of age and the woman about 25. The child declared they picked her up on the streets of Chicago, put her in a wagon and drove away.

The arrest of the couple was brought about through the fact that a farmer's wife, living south of Momence, notified Deputy Sheriff Reilly that she had seen a man and woman with a little girl drive past her house in a wagon. Deputy Sheriff Reilly followed them and placed them under arrest.

The child acknowledged that her name was Wulf, but said she had been traveling under the name of Jones. According to her story she escaped once while on the road between Kan- kakee and Chicago, but was recaptured. The child has seemingly been neglected since she was stolen away a week ago, her appearance indicating that in all that time she has gone without bathing.

CUMMINS SEEKS TOGA ONLY.

Won't Let Presidential Talk Switch Him from Senatorial Race.

Des Moines, Ia.—Gov. Cummins, of Iowa, referring to his suggested candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, said Sunday: "I have no thought of surrendering my candidacy for United States senator. The suggestion about the presidency is new here, although I have heard about it in other states. I do not intend to do anything that will take me out of the race for senator."

New Record for Immigration.

Washington.—Immigration to America during the year ended June 30, 1907, was vastly greater than in any previous year of the history of the United States, according to the report of Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration and naturalization. Mr. Sargent says: "The immigration for the year 1907 was 1,285,349, and exceeded that for 1906 by 184,614, and that for 1905 by 258,850, or an increase over the year 1906 of more than 17 per cent., and over the year 1905 of more than 25 per cent."

Beloit Company in Trouble.

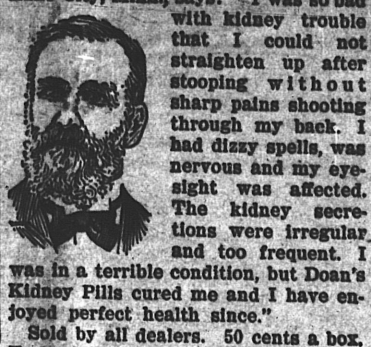
Beloit, Wis.—Creditors of John Thompson & Sons Manufacturing company, makers of gasoline engines, asked that they be declared bankrupt, and J. W. Ferguson, of Rockford, was appointed receiver Friday. Liabilities are \$100,000; assets, \$300,000.

Shoots Wife and Kills Self.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—William Shields, a steamboat man, committed suicide Friday by shooting, after failing to kill his wife, whom he shot through the hand.

A TERRIBLE CONDITION.

Tortured by Sharp Twinges, Shooting Pains and Dizziness.



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

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

DRANK WITH HIS FEET.

Clergyman Knew the Best Place to Put the Whiskey.

There was no fire in the smoking car and everybody was blue and tremulous with cold.

"My feet fairly ache," said a clergyman.

Then a drummer, winking at his neighbors, pulled out a flask of whiskey.

"Here's the best thing going for cold feet, friend," he said.

And the clergyman extended his hand for the bottle eagerly.

"You bet it is," said he.

He poured a huge drink into the glass, lifted it toward the drummer with a "Here's looking at you, sir," and then, slipping off his boots, emptied the whiskey into them.

"In two minutes my ice-cold feet," he said, "will be in a warm glow. Whiskey poured into the boots warms the feet like a hot stove."

BLACK, ITCHING SPOTS ON FACE.

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

"About four years ago I was afflicted with black spotsches all over my face and a few covering my body, which produced a severe itching irritation, and which caused me a great deal of suffering, to such an extent that I was forced to call in two of the leading physicians of —. After a thorough examination of the dreaded complaint they announced it to be skin eczema in the worst form. Their treatment did me no good. Finally I became dependent and decided to discontinue their services. My husband purchased a single set of the Cuticura Remedies, which entirely stopped the breaking out. I continued the use of the Cuticura Remedies for six months, and after that ever splotch was entirely gone. I have not felt a symptom of the eczema since, which was three years ago. Mrs. Lizzie E. Sledge, 640 Jones Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905."

Pretty Hungry.

"Waiter, a beefsteak! Quick! I'm in a hurry!"
"We haven't any beefsteak, sir!"
"A chop, then."
"Chops is off!"
"Well, then, an omelet."
"Impossible, sir; we—"
"What! why have you nothing at all in your restaurant?"
"Yes, sir; we've got a sheriff."
Customer (sharpening his knife on the edge of his plate)—Then let's have one.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* in Use For Over 30 Years.

Highball?

Yeast—"Did you ever exercise with a medicine ball?" Crimmonbeak—"Well, I've taken something for snake bites, if that's what you mean."

THE MILK PANS are quickly cleaned and rid of all greasy "feel" when washed in Borax and water in the following proportions—1 tablespoonful of Borax to a quart of water.

A woman can keep a secret if nobody cares whether she does or not.

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

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

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c. You pay 10c for cigars not so good. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

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

ST. PATRICK IRELAND ST. JACOBS OIL
Drove all the snakes from IRELAND
Drives all aches from the body, cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia and CONQUERS PAIN
25c.—ALL DRUGGISTS—50c.

THAT SWEET CHILD.



"You'll be too old to sit on people's knees soon, Dolly."
"Oh, no, I won't, auntie! I'm not half as old as sister and she sits on Mr. Wilson's knee. I'm never going to be too old for that sort of thing!"

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—Defiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

We cannot bear ourselves ignobly that others do not suffer; nor bravely, that others are not helped.—Scovill.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

Do not make unjust gains; they are equal to a loss.—Hesiod.

Lewis' Single Binder costs more than other 5c cigars. Smokers know why. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Justice, it would seem, is both blind and deaf.

313—Girl Doll's Dress, with Separate Guimpe and Coat.
312—Girl Doll's Kimono Wrapper or Dressing Sack.

To Teach the Future Mother to Dress the Future Child

we have prepared The Butterick Rag Doll and a series of patterns of attractive Dolls' Dresses, etc. This doll is about 18 inches high, printed flat in eight colors on durable cloth, quickly and easily made up. Remember it is but a step for the little ones from the making of pretty clothes for their dollies to the more useful accomplishment of making dainty garments for themselves and others. For this reason we make the following

Special Offer: For 25c in stamps or coin we will mail you The Butterick Rag Doll, and the two attractive Dolls' Patterns, shown above. Send at once to

The Rag-Doll Department
THE BUTTERICK PUBLISHING CO., Ltd.
Butterick Building, New York.

W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES
\$3.00 SHOES AT ALL PRICES, FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, MEN, BOYS, WOMEN, MISSES AND CHILDREN.
W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's \$3.50, \$3.00 and \$2.50 shoes than any other manufacturer in the world, because they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other shoes in the world to-day.
W. L. Douglas \$4 and \$5 Gilt Edge Shoes cannot be equalled at any price.
CAUTION.—W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on bottom. Take No Substitute. Sold by the best shoe dealers everywhere. Write for our part of the world. Illustrated catalog free.
W. L. DOUGLAS, Brockton, Mass.

SPOT CASH
FOR SOLDIERS AND HEIRS
All federal soldiers and sailors who served 90 days between 1861 and 1865 and who homesteaded less than 100 acres before June 25, 1874, are entitled to additional homestead rights which I buy. If soldier is dead, his heirs can sell. Talk to old soldiers, widows and heirs. Find some soldier relative who was West or South after the war and homes eaded government land. Get buy and make some easy money. Write HENRY N. CURRY, Washington, D. C. for further particulars.

20 Mule Team BORAX
All dealers. Sample, Booklet and Parlor Card Game, 10 cents. Pacific Coast Borax Co., Chicago, Ill.

AGENTS WANTED (F. F. C.) Liberal commissions for choice Colorado irrigated and non-irrigated lands. Active agents are making \$500 or more per month. Homesteaders rate via all roads first and third Tuesdays each month. Write for particulars, THE ILLINOIS LAFAYETTE CO., 600 7th Street, DENVER, COLORADO.

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Moderate in Price**

Calumet is so carefully and scientifically prepared that the neutralization of the ingredients is absolutely perfect. Therefore, Calumet leaves no Rochelle Salts or Alum in the food. It is chemically correct. When your stomach's work is done Calumet. For economy's sake buy Calumet.

\$1,000,000 given for any substance injurious to health found in Calumet.

Local News Items

Christmas candies at the Candy Kitchen.

W. G. Covey was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

Money to loan at current rates—J. T. GRIDER. 48 tf

McKinley's 10 cent music for sale at BROWN'S. 51-tf

A fine line of watches and jewelry. —S. B. HALL.

Warm cocoa and wafers served—CANDY KITCHEN.

Good things for Christmas eating at Finley's Bakery.

Miss Nannie McIlwain is assisting at Trabue's this week.

Smoking jackets and bathrobes 1/2 off. SMITH & WARD.

Fresh Cakes and all kinds of Bakery Goods at Finley's.

McClure's coffees and teas are as good as the best. 50-3.

Charley McDonald is now employed in a bakery at Latham, Illinois.

John Poland and wife have moved to C. M. Powell's farm east of town.

Born, recently to Mat Dedman and wife of Charleston, a son, the first child.

You should see Hall's stock of Christmas goods. Best selected in town.

Guy Martin is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Seass near Cadwell.

Orders taken and promptly filled for any and all popular music at BROWN'S. 51-tf

Ice cream and ice cream sodas will be served all winter at the CANDY KITCHEN.

Ezra Waggoner of Cerro Gordo spent Sunday in Sullivan, the guest of friends.

Melven Fultz returned Monday after a week's visit in Decatur and Bloomington.

Misses Maude and Etha Creech of Bethany were shopping in this city Monday.

Miss Minnie Wright assisted in the sales at the Economy during the holiday trade.

Miss Clara Poland returned Saturday evening from a visit with friends in Lovington.

Mrs. Jas. White has been clerking at Trabue's department store for a couple of weeks.

Clair Murray is assisting as clerk at the Mammoth clothing store during the holiday rush.

Sweaters and sweater coats from 50c to \$3.50. A bargain, 1/4 off. SMITH & WARD.

Wilson Bros. Drummer samples, reefers, mufflers 1/2 off at our store. SMITH & WARD.

Carl Sona, who has been in the hospital at Decatur for some time, returned home Saturday.

Fruit cakes of various kinds by the cake or pound at the little bakery north of the Eden hotel.

The Telephone office at this place will be closed on Christmas day from 11:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m.

ATTENTION—Special prices to candy in a large quantity. FINE CIGARS—CANDY KITCHEN.

Wilbur Wright of Villa Grove spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Waggoner.

Well, Betty, have you seen McClure's holiday goods? It is the swellest display in the city. 50-3.

George Dilsaver and Mrs. Cora Burks were married Tuesday afternoon by Judge E. D. Hutchinson.

Santa Claus has left a great many articles that make beautiful and useful Christmas presents at TRABUE'S.

Teachers looking for Christmas treats will do well to look at the finest line of candies in Sullivan.—ED KING'S

Hovey, who has a position in Decatur, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hovey, at the Masonic home.

Have you seen the unique Indian Style Baskets at Finley's Bakery and Confectionery? They have a fine line of Fancy Box Goods.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will hold a bakery sale at Wright's grocery store today Saturday, December 21.

William Bland and family, living near Findlay, have rented Squire Woodruff's farm to which they will move in the near future.

Mrs. Six, that Diamond flour was all that you said it was. I never had better luck with my bread than it made. Buy it at McClure's 50-3.

James Bozell and family will move from Squire Woodruff's farm to Sullivan. He will sell his personal property at public auction January 9th.

Come in and see our goods. We are pleased to have you visit with us. We want to be friends even if you do buy of the other fellow.—S. B. HALL.

Dr. D. D. Grier, W. E. Treat, Oliver Stone and Akers were in attendance at probate court Monday in connection with the Winning's case.

Omar Mattox and wife were in town Tuesday and purchased a nice selection of furniture at C. A. Corbin's preparatory to going to housekeeping.

Be sure and read the ad on the fourth page by William A. Waggoner, the new groceryman on West Jefferson street. 1000 LOAVES OF BREAD.

Orders promptly filled for ice cream during Christmas times. Christmas dinners and socials served with the best cream on short notice from the CANDY KITCHEN.

Charles Bolin, who moved here recently from Stevensville, Montana, is living on the Harshman Bros. farm southeast of town, better known as the Josiah Hoke farm.

There will be an oyster supper given at the I. O. O. F. hall in Allenville on the evening of December 24, under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at that place.

The owner of the black silk cloak that was found some time ago and brought to the HERALD office, can get same by calling at the sheriff's office and paying for the advertisement.

S. T. Booze was adjudged bankrupt in the United States courts at Danville December 17. The liabilities exceed the assets by a sum between \$1000 and \$2000. The trustees will be selected December 30.

CAKES! Come and get one. Angel Food, white cake, colored cake, caramel, coconut, chocolate, etc., good and cheaper than your wife can bake them.—E. R. KING. East side of square.

Foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, fancy boxes of candy, the best home made candies, candy cases 1 cent and up. In fact everything to satisfy the sweet tooth at the CANDY KITCHEN, North side of square.

There was received the last of the week a large shipment of Christmas Candies, Nuts, Fruits, etc., at Finley's Bakery. Everything fresh and nice, and you will do well to buy your Christmas 'goodies' there.

A Box of Cigars is always appreciated by HIM. Come in and I'll tell you what he likes best. A number of brands to select from and not a poor one in the case.—S. B. HALL. Northwest corner of square.

It is getting to be something like Christmas weather. If good sleighing comes the real Christmas spirit will be developed.

Wednesday the Eden Furniture Co. sold an elegant leather rocker and some beautiful mahogany furniture to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Williams. Ned and Will keep a fine line of furniture on their floors, 'no doubt about that.'

Come in and see our goods. We have a fine line of photograph albums, manicure and toilet sets, dolls, toys, picture frames, Christmas decorations, hand-painted china, silver table-ware, decorated ware, perfumes.—S. B. HALL.

Mrs. William Stricklin and son Paul returned last Saturday from a trip to Texas and other points in the south. They expected to spend the winter there on account of Mrs. Stricklin not enjoying good health, but concluded to return.

Mrs. James Bathe was taken to the Memorial hospital in Mattoon several days ago for treatment. A surgical operation was made on her eyes which has relieved her of the intense pain, and she is regaining her sight. Her friends are hopeful of saving both eyes.

Helen Davis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hoke, died very unexpectedly Monday morning. A short funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. G. McNutt at the residence Tuesday morning and the interment made in Greenhill cemetery.

For a short time we will offer a large three page map, Illinois, United States and the World, with THE SATURDAY HERALD. Besides there is a vast amount of useful information given on these pages. All for \$1.25 to subscribers paid one year in advance.

Women, do not ponder longer about the Christmas present for the men and boys. If you cannot decide, bear in mind men and boys do not want stow-a-ways but something to use. Enslow Bros. have a fine line of handkerchiefs, ties, mufflers, umbrellas, shoes, collars, men's jewelry, just the thing. They will show you and suggest just what you want at the clothing store north of the north west corner of the court house yard.

All the rooms on the second floor of the I. O. O. F. building are rented. Harbaugh & Thompson have a suite of four rooms, Dr. H. Marxmiller three, Attorney Walter Eden two, Delbert Duncan one, Miss Poland, dressmaker, one, and a hall on the east the Woodmen, and a demand for other rooms on this floor. The I. O. O. F. lodge owns and uses the third story. The first floor is occupied by C. F. Whitfield, clothier, and C. E. Dixon of the Economy.

Mrs. Walter Robertson came over from Bethany Thursday noon to do some shopping and make some preparations for housekeeping. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson came here from Marseilles three weeks ago, as Mr. Robertson had accepted the position of foreman in the office of the SATURDAY HERALD. Their household goods were shipped at the same time, but have been lost in the shipment, and up to today, Thursday, they have not been heard from.

The Bible class of the Christian church are arranging a program to be rendered soon. Their program is a good one, out of the regular order, and as it is to be given by men and women, some of them as old as sixty years. It is to be of a nature to interest adults, and it is earnestly desired that all parents interested in Sunday school work, of any and all denominations attend. We intend this as a Sunday school rally, and will appreciate the attendance of any and all Sunday school workers.

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Good stoves and furniture.

Also highest prices for old iron, rags, rubber, me, etc.

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MARRIAGE

DAVIDSON-STEFFEN.

Thomas D. Davidson and Miss Lucy Ellen Steffen were married at 6 p. m., Thursday, by Dr. T. J. Wheat.

The ceremony was performed at the table of the dining hall at the Masonic Home in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties and the members of the Home, making seventy persons at the tables. Immediately after the ceremony a five course wedding supper was served.

The color scheme predominating throughout the rooms were decorated in Christmas colors, red and green. The decorations being bells, a very large bell hanging over the table where the wedding took place.

The groom's home is at La Place, the bride is a niece of Mrs. Hovey's the motron of the Masonic home, and came here from Saloam Springs, Arkansas, a few years ago. She is an estimable, accomplished, young lady and has won the friendship and esteem of many since coming to her aunts. The groom is an enterprising business man of La Place. The happy couple will go to housekeeping at La Place at once, where the groom has a house furnished and awaiting the bride.

From 8 until 10 a reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. The 'Bachelor Girls' and a number of friends from Sullivan were in attendance.

The HERALD joins with their many friends in best wishes for a happy, successful life to them.

Rheumatism Cured in one day.

Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism and neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It moves at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents and \$1.

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Get in on the ground floor, as your neighbors did three years ago, where now there is \$18,000 improvements.

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Choice lots yet for sale. Truck gardening will pay for the lots.

Our addition is up to date; all our lots are most desirable. Buy a lot for the boy as a starter in life. Buy a lot for the girl, her husband may be poor. Buy a lot for the baby, you might die.

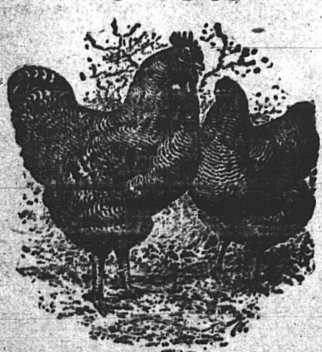
Some would not listen if you offered them a diamond for 30 cents, but for rent the landlord has the money and you have a stock of receipts. A part of your cigar money, a little of your pin money, will soon pay for a lot.

Granitoid walks out to West Jackson street, the longest throughfare in the county to Anderson Place.

Call upon John T. Grider and get one of the choice lots now on sale. After it is too late these lots cannot be bought.

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shoes are always stylish, always comfortable, always durable, always economical.

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ENSLOW BROS.
North-west Corner of the Square

SANTA'S TROUBLES

Christmas Street, Dec. 21, 1907.

DEAR CHILDREN:

I am in trouble. My sleigh is so full of toys I cannot possibly get any candy, fruit, nuts and goodies in. I did not know this in time to get a bigger sleigh and hitch my reindeers up in time to get down and see the little folks. So I have sent a carload of candy, fruit, chewing gum, nuts and goodies for little folks to eat to

Ed King's Store

on the east side of the square in Sullivan. I want all my dear little friends to call there and make their choice, and I will try to have every thing you want right there. Ed and his nice girls will see that you get the best. Take your papa and mamma with you so they can see too. Tell your school teachers. You wont see Christmas unless you see that big stock.

Yours lovingly,

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Jimmie's Christmas Stocking

By OWEN OLIVER.

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HERE is honor among the denizens of Paxton alley, but Mr. Smith's toy-shop stood at the very entrance, and they reckoned him out of bounds.

From time to time evil-looking men muttered to one another about the long stocking that Mr. Smith was supposed to have filled; but he had figured in the prize ring in his younger days, and he was said to sleep with a big knob stick beside him. So the matter ended at mutterings. A big, powerful man was Mr. Smith; and he had a powerful edge to his tongue. Every one in the alley feared him except Jimmy.

Mr. Smith knew him as the extraordinary paper-boy who brought back a dime given him in mistake for a penny, an event which was historical in the alley. At the time it gave rise to doubts as to Jimmy's sanity, but afterward it was held that he was "playing up to the old man."

Anyhow, Mr. Smith took two papers regularly afterward; and the day after his funeral—which was the day before Christmas eve—a sleek man in a shiny top hat invaded Paxton alley, escorted by a policeman, and took evidence as to the identity of "the boy called Jimmy who sold papers" to the public generally, and in particular to the late Mr. Smith. When the sleek man was satisfied upon this point he proclaimed Jimmy the sole legatee of the estate, which comprised the little shop and house and all their contents.

"You'll find a long stocking somewhere, I expect," the lawyer said, "and you'd better bring it to me to take care of; and if I were you I should take the name of Smith."

Under ordinary circumstances Jimmy would have been elated by his good fortune, but somehow the world had not interested him lately. He had had a terrible cough for weeks—his business exposing him to the climate—and just now he felt tired,



Jimmie's Xmas Stocking—Jimmie Opened His Eyes.

and had nasty pains in his side, and seemed to be burning all over.

He moved in on the morning of Christmas eve, and explored the house with a kind of numb curiosity. He spent most of the morning in the shop parlor in the arm-chair in front of the fire. He did not even go out to the quick-lunch room for the beautiful dinner that he had promised himself. He had taken a lot of milk from the milkman, and he kept drinking that. He did not seem to care about anything but milk, and everything felt strange and uncanny. The figure on the mantelpiece—a white-bearded old gentleman which he believed was called Santa Claus—was the strangest and uncanniest of all. The fire was almost out, so he put on some more coal. He saw that it was nearly four o'clock. "Lumme!" he muttered. "I've let the day go, an' 'aven't done no bus'ness. This won't do. I'll take down the shutters, an' open the shop."

It had been a hard autumn, and the people on whom Paxton alley preyed were short of money. So Paxton alley was short of money, too.

If few entered the shop, there were enough outside. A dozen cold, red-blue noses flattened themselves against the glass; a dozen shrill voices clamored; a dozen little hands pointed with grimy, chilblainy fingers here and there.

Jimmy remembered when he was a "kid" how he used to spend hours at the toy-shop window, and how the woman he lived with then had thrashed him for spending on marbles a penny of the money he had taken for papers. It was his own money, he held, or he wouldn't have done it. For, by some freak of nature, Jimmy was honest. But now he could hardly sit up in a chair, and he didn't believe he could walk; but when a woman came in for a ten-cent doll, he managed to crawl to the window



Christmas Eve Good Night

There was a wild chorus of recognition when he appeared between the dingy green curtains that slid along a rail. "Jimmy!" "Jimmy!" "Want any one to run your errands, Jimmy?" "Yer might give us somethink, Jimmy!" He heard all these greetings and a dozen more.

He shook his head and returned to his seat. He certainly did feel ill, and he seemed to lose things for a few minutes, until Bill Black came in for three little toys. Bill was looked up to in the alley as a man who did "big jobs," and the Blacks were generally reckoned well-to-do; but Bill's transactions hadn't been very profitable lately, and he had to be careful, because he knew that the police had their eye on him. So they were hard up, like the rest.

"Found the long stockin', Jimmy?" he asked, casually, when he had taken the toys.

"No," said Jimmy. "And if I had it 'u'd be at the lawyer's, Bill, an' don't yer make no mistake."

Bill growled under his breath. "If yer didn't look half dead I'd knock yer head ort, yer young hound," he said, "insinwaitin' aginst an honest man. Goin' to offer to do anything fer yer, the missus was, wot I'll soon put a stop to now."

He gave Jimmy a ferocious scowl as he went out, and Jimmy resolved that if he found the stocking he would take it to the lawyer at once.

He went to the door and faced a crowd of excited faces that ranged in rows from the front of the shop right across the alley.

"Jimmy!" they cried. "Give us somethink! Yer might, Jimmy!"

Jimmy always said afterward that he only did it because he thought he was dying, and the toys would be no use to him, and the pains in his heart "drew him out of himself." He tried to speak, but his voice was only a whisper. So he beckoned to a big boy and whispered to him; and the boy stood up on the doorstep, and shouted to the crowd: "Jimmy's goin' to give yer a toy each. Jimmy—"

The big boy went sprawling before the crowd that swayed and struggled in, and Jimmy was driven back to the counter.

Women came in to plead for their babies at home. Boys and girls came in to remind him of their brothers and sisters. By nine o'clock he had given to every small inhabitant of the alley.

Then Jimmy tried to go to bed, but was so weak and giddy that he could not climb the stairs. So he sat in the arm-chair instead. He felt strange as well as poorly. The chairs, the fire-irons, the coal-scuttle, the table-cover, everything, seemed to turn into fantastic figures, and long-tailed demons were running up the blinds. Santa Claus on the mantelpiece was scowling and sneering at him.

Jimmy got into a sudden rage with Santa Claus and struck him with his fist.

Santa Claus tottered on the mantelpiece, but righted himself. He was more solid and weighty than Jimmy had imagined, and there was a clinking sound as he swayed—a sound of clinking money. The truth flashed upon Jimmy as he sank back exhausted in the arm-chair. The "long stocking" was in Santa Claus, and he could not get to it, and he never would, because he was going to die. He saw Santa Claus leering at him when he woke, and in his dreams, and when he dozed. Then he suddenly looked frightened. Some one was knocking loudly at the door. That was what frightened him. Jimmy woke completely just as the knocking ceased. He must have been asleep a long time, he thought, because the fire was low; and he supposed he had been what they called light-

headed. "There was a grating noise outside the window—the noise of some one slipping a knife through the frame to press back the catch. Jimmy struggled to move, but his limbs only wriggled a little. He tried to shout, but no sound came. The shutters came open with a crash, and Bill Black stepped within. The short, jagged knife that he had opened the window with was still in his hand; and Santa Claus seemed taunting Jimmy. "You've given them my toys," he said. "I'll give him your money."

Jimmy closed his eyes to escape the sight of the knife, but he felt Black looking at him. Then, to his surprise, he went away into the shop. Jimmy heard a noise of unbaring and unlocking. Then he felt a cool hand on his pulse.

"Collapse," a pleasant voice said. "It's lucky we weren't an hour later."

Jimmy opened his eyes, and saw the doctor and Black bending over him.

"I've been playin' at Santa Claus, matey," Black said. "We judged yer was pretty bad not to answer the knockin', so I got in. 'Rare nice toys them was yer gave my young 'uns. Judged yer was pretty bad, so I fetched 'em."

Bill Black looked at the fire thoughtfully, and repeated to himself: "Rare nice toys." Then he carried Jimmy upstairs and helped the doctor put him to bed. He was wonderfully gentle in handling Jimmy.

Mrs. Black was gentler still with Jimmy while she nursed him and he grew very fond of her. Bill and young Bill were looking after the shop, she said, and doing "very fair," and she hoped he'd take young Bill in the business.

Jimmy nodded and smiled feebly—he did everything feebly just then—and promised to take young Bill, and said he made no doubt they'd do very well; but in his heart he was worried about the business.

Three weeks later Jimmy came downstairs to the shop parlor, and the first thing he noticed was that Santa Claus was gone from the mantelpiece. He was very weak, and he could not help a few tears coming to his eyes; but he had brushed them away before Bill came in.

"Feel all right, boy?" Bill asked.

"Yes, Bill," Jimmy said. "Pretty fair."

"Seems strange down here, don't it?"

"A little strange," Jimmy agreed.

Bill cut some hard tobacco in the palm of his hand, and whistled softly, and filled his pipe. "Notice anything pertickler strange?" he suggested. His eyes were on the mantelpiece, where Santa Claus wasn't, and so were Jimmy's.

"No," said Jimmy, bravely. "No, Bill."

"Not on the mantelshelf?"

Jimmy pressed his finger-nails against his palms. "There was a sort of figure there," he said, "wasn't there's Bill? I—I s'pose it got broke. It doesn't matter, Bill. It—it wasn't worth nothink."

Bill laughed and slapped his leg with his hand. "Yer ain't no judge of figures, matey, I can see. That 'ere was a curious old piece of stuff, an' a valerble, or I ain't no judge. I took the notion o' lockin' 'im away upstairs, Jimmy—" Bill put his great hand on the boy's shoulder. "The long stockin' were inside him! Over a thousand dollars. I took the liberty of usin' the odd money in the bus'ness for yer, but the thousand is there. An' it's lucky fer yer, matey, as yer was dealin' with an honest man—wot might have been diffint if you hadn't given the kids them toys!"

For there is honor among—Paxton alley; and Paxton alley extends to the toy-shop now Jimmy and young Bill are there!

Extenuating Circumstances

A Christmas Story

By ANDREW D. GRANGE

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IT was an unpardonable liberty," said Kitty.

"The temptation—" I began. She cut me short with an angry little frown.

"That has nothing whatever to do with it," she remarked icily.

"On the contrary," said I, "it palliates the offense, if it does not altogether excuse it. Let us consider the facts of the case. You were spending Christmas with your aunt, Mrs. Glen-torrison, in the country. One evening, as you were passing along a darkened corridor, on the way to your room, you met a certain gentleman—"

"He wasn't a gentleman," she interposed quickly.

"Oh!" I exclaimed. "I certainly thought that your aunt's guests—"

"He wasn't a true gentleman," she added disdainfully, "or he wouldn't have acted as he did."

"A discourteous gentleman, then—who taking advantage of the darkness, deliberately kissed you upon—"

"Don't be ridiculous!" she snapped. "I asked you to help me."

"I am endeavoring to do so," said I. "Then do it properly!" I assumed an air of profound gravity. Kitty regarded me thoughtfully out of a corner of her deep blue eye. "You see," she continued, "I don't know who it was—and well, you know, it makes it rather awkward for me."

"Didn't you see his face?" I asked.

"No," she answered. "He came up behind, and—and it was all over in a second." She shuddered prettily. "It was quite dark," she added, "and I only saw his shirtfront. He was in evening dress, you know."

"But were there no distinguishing features, such as a shirt stud, or a moustache?" I suggested.

"Oh, yes!" she responded quickly. "He had a moustache; and I think he

deliberately kissed you."



Deliberately Kissed You.

was tall, because he had to bend down when—when he did it. His shirt stud was a plain gold one, I believe."

"Well," said I, "how many tall men were there in the party who possessed moustaches and plain gold shirt studs?"

"Let me see," she mused; "there was Capt. Jack Harland, Mr. Porter, and your nephew Jack."

I frowned severely. Jack was an impertinent young rascal, whose presumptuous attentions to Kitty Mainwaring had disgusted me on several occasions.

"Jack," I said, "is quite capable of behaving in such a disgraceful manner."

"Yes," she assented, almost cheerfully; "but I don't think it was Jack. At least," she added with a bright smile, "I want you to be a dear old—I mean, a good, kind-hearted person, and find out for me."

"It shall be done!" I cried, rising both to the occasion and to take my leave.

II.

It is one thing to make a promise in all the glow of a generous moment, and another thing to keep it in the cold, practical light of after-reasoning.

However, I did the best that I could. In the first place I wrote to Jack, who was then at Harvard, and, without divulging the source of my information, stated briefly what had come to my knowledge, and asked him if he could throw any light on the matter. It was some two or three days before I received his reply which was characteristically brief and ran:

"Dearest Uncle:—I received your letter containing a vivid description of what you term the 'shameful outrage.' Now, I don't mind confessing to you that I am the culprit, because you have been young yourself (once), and know that the path of youth is strewn, etc. Besides, there were extenuating circumstances in this case. Like the decent old sort you are, make it right for me with the girl, and for ever earn the gratitude of your affectionate nephew, Jack Owen."

"P. S.—I don't know that I wouldn't do it again if I got the chance."

Here had I got myself into no end of a mess, and most probably lost two good friends, at least, not to mention making myself utterly ridiculous, over this confounded business, and all the time I might have guessed who was the real offender. I wished now that I had waited before casting suspicion upon the hospitable captain and the influential Mr. Porter, both of whom would doubtless cut me dead in the future. But, alas! when a man is in my condition, he— Suddenly an idea occurred to me.

"Very well, my fine fellow," I said, thrusting the letter into my pocket, "we shall see—what we shall see. He who laughs first, laughs worst. This will settle your little game, at any rate!"

III.

Miss Mainwaring was at home. I made my way up to the dainty blue-and-white shrine in which Kitty received her most devoted worshippers. I found her standing by a small table in the center of the room when I entered.

"Ah," she exclaimed, running to meet me, "I am glad you have come!"

"Not more so than I am," I replied, pressing her hand warmly.

"Oh, heaps!" she said gaily. "I am just dying to hear the news. Have you discovered anything?"

"I have," said I, taking a seat by the table. "I have discovered everything."

She clapped her hands delightedly. "You dear old thing!" she cried. "I know you would. Who was it?"

"It was that misguided nephew of mine," I announced gloomily.

For a moment I thought she was going to get up and dance round the room. Then suddenly she became grave, and the light died out of her eyes.

"Oh!" she remarked, "it was Jack, was it?"

"Yes," said I, "it was Jack."

She poured out a cup of tea and passed it to me, keeping her eyes fixed on the tea-cosy the while.

Then we talked about other matters until it was time for me to go.

"Good-bye," she said; "and thank you for taking so much trouble."

"It was no trouble," I assured her. One must do the polite thing, you know, at any cost.

"I can only hope," I continued, "that in time you will be able to forgive my nephew for such an act of gross impertinence."

"Ah, yes!" she answered warmly, "I think—yes, I am really very glad it was Jack."

"Oh!" I ejaculated sharply. "Rather than one of the others," she concluded hastily.

IV.

I wandered disconsolately in a less-frequented part of the avenue trying to think things out. It was now close upon a month since my last tete-a-tete with Kitty, and during that time I had never once been able to catch her alone. Indeed, on most of the occasions when I called she was out, a piece of bad luck I had not hitherto been accustomed to; and when I did find her in, she was either surrounded by friends, or engaged in elaborate sewing operations which necessitated the constant attendance of her maid. Once or twice, too, I caught sight of Master Jack in town, when by the calendar he ought to have been pursuing his studies; and the circumstance coupled with his obvious anxiety to avoid me, filled my mind with a vague foreboding.

"What the deuce does it mean?" I asked myself, as I strode along with eyes thoughtfully bent upon the ground, regardless alike of passers-by and the people who would have passed by had I not collided with them.

I cannoned off an eminent dignitary of the church, and ran full tilt against a smartly dressed couple who were dodging round the episcopal back. (I could only see the billowy edging of

a dainty skirt—and what not—above a still daintier ankle, and the bottoms of a pair of immaculately creased trousers.) My murmured apology was excessively short as I raised my hat and my eyes at the same time. It was Jack and Kitty, looking very epic and span, and no little pleased with themselves.

"Eh? What!" I gasped, taken somewhat aback.

Kitty's smile was as the wine of Oporto in its intoxicating sweetness.

"Oh," she cried, "it is Mr. Walker!"

"It is," said I, frowning at her levity. I was feeling in no particularly light mood myself just then.

She pouted and turned to her companion.

"Don't you think, Jack," she said, "you ought to tell your uncle about—about it?"

"Certainly," responded that young hopeful. "You will, my dear uncle, be delighted to learn that I have just obtained Mrs. Mainwaring's consent to my engagement with Kitty here."

"Hum—ah—exceedingly delighted—pray accept my congratulations," I stammered.

"Thanks!" said Jack. "I thought you would be pleased." The young vagabond actually winked as he said this.

"Ah, yes—of course," said I, with a futile attempt at dignity. "Kitty is a charming—that is, you will both be—very happy."

"We mean to be," he asserted stoutly. "Don't we, little woman?"

"Yes," she whispered softly, pressing his arm with her daintily gloved hand. Irony of ironies! I had bought those gloves!

"I'll look you up this evening at your club," said Jack, making as if to move on.

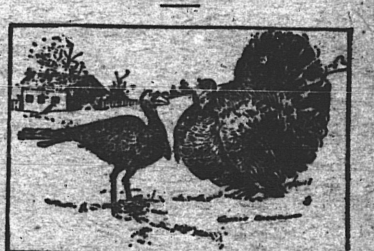
"Yes—do," said I.

They departed in a blustering gale of laughter, two young, handsome, perfectly mated creatures, and I—

I jammed my hat firmly down upon my head, and walked away as if the love affairs of a mere boy and girl could have no interest for a confirmed old bachelor of something and forty.

Kitty and I are the best of friends still. She is Mrs. Owen now, and does not seem at all to regret having thrown herself away upon a worthless young scamp like Jack. She actually adores the fellow, and has forgiven him his outrageous treatment of her, even though the only "extenuating circumstance" was a bunch of mistletoe! But then, women are like that—humbugs, yes, humbugs, I call 'em!

WISE FOWL.



First Turkey—I won't be killed this Christmas.

Second Turkey—Why not?

First Turkey—I found a bottle of antifal yesterday.

Oak Christmas Trees.

We have used, in place of the regulation evergreen tree, a small oak tree, writes a Suburban Life correspondent. We have selected a prettily shaped one, the more irregular the better, and placed it in the middle of the room on the regular Christmas-tree standard. There have been usually a few leaves left upon the tree which we have taken care not to knock off.

We have frosted one side of the tree and the branches so that, seen in the light, it seemed as if the snow storm had been blowing across the bare tree and had stuck.



A FRIENDLY PARTING

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Illinois State News

Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities and Towns.

STOLEN CHILD RECOVERED.

Lillian Wulff, Kidnaped from Chicago, Is Found.

Momence.—Little Lillian Wulff, who was kidnaped in Chicago while playing near her home, was found five miles south of Momence. The man and woman who were her captors were arrested. They gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, and said they were on their way from Pennsylvania to Missouri, where they intended settling. They refused to discuss the kidnaping. Jones is about 30 years of age and the woman about 25. The child declared they picked her up on the streets of Chicago, put her in a wagon and drove away.

MASKED ROBBER CAPTURED.

Man Who Fires Twice at Storekeeper Is Knocked Down and Seized.

Belvidere.—A masked man entered Charles Weber's store and at the point of a revolver demanded \$400 in the safe. He fired two shots at Weber without effect and Weber then knocked him down. His mask was removed, and he was found to be Billy Mehan, a resident of this town. He was arrested.

Village Board at War.

Mt. Auburn.—The village board is at war over the appointment of a village marshal to succeed William Young, resigned. The mayor has recommended R. N. Stanberry to the body, but his usual constituents refuse to endorse this choice. Mayor Tankersley refuses to make another selection. The trouble is settled temporarily by the consent of Young to continue in the service.

Sues for Heavy Damages.

Taylorville.—Alleging that the killing of her husband by Ernest Sanders in a Pana pool room resulted primarily, through the sale of liquor to the men while intoxicated, Mrs. Fannie Lundak brought suit for \$10,000 damages against Pana saloonkeepers and the owners of the building in which the murder was committed.

Fifty Wagons of Popcorn.

Mattoon.—E. L. Schaffer has just closed what is said to be the biggest popcorn deal ever made in Illinois. He purchased of John Redmond, a farmer of Edgar county, 134,000 pounds of corn. It will take 60 wagons to carry the corn from Redmond's farm to the popcorn king's warehouse.

Employed Child Labor; Fined.

Quincy.—Factory Inspector Clark Johnson, of Chicago, and William Ehn, of Galesburg, made complaint against eight storekeepers and proprietors of ten-pin alleys, where boys under the age of 16 have been employed. All but one of the defendants pleaded guilty and paid nominal fines.

Gets Interest Money.

Galesburg.—County Treasurer Custer, in his annual report to the board of supervisors, reported interest on the county funds deposited in the city banks at \$550 and announced that, following the example set by State Treasurer Smulski, he had returned this to the county treasury.

Fire at Herrin.

Herrin.—Fire destroyed the Herrin Savings bank building and contents, consisting of office fixtures of many professional men and the furniture establishment of E. T. Bozarth, entailing a loss of \$36,000. The bank saved all of its records and safe.

Leaves Money to Charity.

Monmouth.—In the will of Mary E. Haney, which disposes of an estate of several thousands of dollars, bequests are made to the Young Men's Christian association and the Methodist Episcopal church of \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively.

Village in Wrong Township.

Kington Mines.—This village is found to have been incorporated in the wrong township, and the tax assessment roll just completed is rendered void.

Sixty Years Married.

Tower Hill.—Quietly at their home in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fleming celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage.

Hold Poultry Show.

Pittsfield.—The annual Pike county poultry show was held in this city. The entries were unusually numerous.

HORSE SHOE WORKS CLOSE.

Four Hundred Men Are Thrown Out of Work.

Joliet.—Phoenix Horse Shoe works, employing 400 men, closed the other day for an indefinite period because of a surplus stock. The works may resume after January 1. Officers of the Joliet Steel mills say that plant will run all winter on a reduced schedule as to men and hours.

SAMUEL PITMAN DEAD.

Was Law Partner of Gen. John M. Palmer.

Springfield.—Samuel Pitman died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sarah Maitby, in Virden, aged 79 years. During the 50s Mr. Pitman was the law partner of Gen. John M. Palmer, governor of Illinois and United States Senator from Illinois.

INSANE IN DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Shooting in Chicago Family Unhappily Ends Mind of Father.

Chicago.—David Hamill, 964 Winona avenue, was driven insane the other day by a double tragedy in which Frank Nelson, his son-in-law, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Margaret Nelson and dangerously wounded Mrs. Josephine Hamill, the former's wife.

Ex-Sheriff Dead.

Chicago.—Lieut. Aaron F. Walcott, former senior vice department commander of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic, and former sheriff of Cook county, died at his home in Melrose, Mass., aged 71 years. Lieut. Walcott served in the Massachusetts light artillery, and fought in 32 of the principal battles of the civil war. A widow and three children survive him.

Convert Deposits.

Chicago.—Evidence showing that nearly \$3,000,000 of the \$4,250,000 deposits of the Home Savings bank was converted into bonds of the railroads John R. Walsh was promoting was allowed to be introduced in the trial of the former bank president after the lawyers for the defense had interposed strenuous objections.

Hunter Kills Big Eagle.

Kewanee.—Fred Talady, of this place, killed a large black eagle near here. Talady was out hunting and wounded the bird, which fell to the ground. When the hunter approached the eagle attacked him with beak, wings and talons, and Talady was badly bruised before he could kill it.

Seven Italians Arrested; Freed.

Virden.—Harvey Smith, a member of the Virden Anti-Horse Thief association, arrested seven Italians who were hunting near this city. The men were turned over to the city marshal, who released them on finding they carried the necessary license.

Solve Gambling Evil.

Clinton.—Rather than risk another suit in the circuit court against a gambler who occupied rooms in his building, Edward Cackley has settled the suit of James Fitzgerald against C. D. Nelson by paying the sum of \$1,500 to the complainant.

Dedicate Taylorville Church.

Taylorville.—The remodeled Catholic church will be dedicated December 26. A program will precede the dedicatory services. Many priests from Illinois cities will attend the dedication. The addition to the church is about completed.

Assumption to Elect New Mayor.

Assumption.—A special election will be held in this city January 7 to elect a mayor to succeed A. S. Michael, who resigned because the councilmen refused to pass an ordinance for the construction of a sidewalk which he desired built.

Try to Wreck a Train.

Peoria.—An attempt was made to wreck the west-bound T. P. & W. passenger train at West Mapleton by throwing a switch in front of the train.

Pana Pastor Resigns.

Pana.—Rev. Mr. Wolfe has resigned as pastor of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church of this city. He went to Clarkdale.

Fire Destroys Jacksonville Home.

Jacksonville.—Fire partially destroyed the home of Dr. C. A. Stewart. The origin is unknown.

PRAISE FOR GUARD

HIGH TRIBUTE PAID CITIZEN SOLDIERS OF ILLINOIS.

"BEST PATRIOTS AMONG US"

Major John C. F. Tillson of the Regular Army Highly Commends Their Work While Training at Camp Lincoln.

Springfield, Dec. 2.—Major John C. F. Tillson of the Fourth Infantry of the U. S. A., who was stationed at Camp Lincoln with the Illinois National Guard last summer, has formulated his report upon the duty assigned him. Major Tillson's battalion was the first battalion of the regular army that has encamped with the National Guard of Illinois. The battalion was ordered to Springfield by the secretary of war on the request of Governor Deneen, who believed that the instruction would be of immense value to the guardsmen of this state.

Major Tillson in his report makes three recommendations in favor of the National Guard, which he believes should be carried out by the national government. These recommendations if adopted would require the government to make the following provisions: First: Skilled instructors for the army for every company of the guard. Second: Armories. Third: Pay for the time spent in drilling and instructions.

The full report of Major Tillson was:

"Fort Thomas, Ky., November 4, 1907. The Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington, D. C. Sir: I have the honor to submit the following report of my tour of duty at the encampment of the Infantry organization of the Illinois National Guard from June 15 to August 10, 1907.

"In compliance with Paragraph 1, Special Orders No. 78, Department of the Lakes, Chicago, June 3, 1907, I arrived at Springfield, Illinois, about 6 a. m., June 10th.

"At the depot I found the Second Illinois Infantry, Colonel James E. Stuart commanding, engaged in de-training. I proceeded with this regiment to Camp Lincoln, where the tents were found pitched and floored ready for occupancy.

"Camp Lincoln was established under General Orders No. 4, State of Illinois, A. G. O., Springfield, March 6, 1907.

"The routine of duty was determined upon by each regimental commander before arrival at camp and published in a printed list of calls.

Guard Has Admirable Site.

"Camp Lincoln is located on the western boundary of the city of Springfield, three miles from the center of the city and is reached by electric lines. The camp site is very beautiful, magnificent shade trees admirably distributed lending beauty and comfort. The natural drainage is excellent, and a system of sewers supplements this and carries off the waste water from the kitchens.

Small for Battle Exercises.

"The camp consists of a large parade ground, a camp ground, and a target range up to 1,000 yards. All of these are ample for the encampment of a regiment, and its drill in close and extended order, and its instruction in target practice. The area is so restricted as to preclude intelligent battle exercises. Should battle exercises be attempted nearly everything must be left to the imagination and all rules regarding distances must be violated.

"Battle exercises undertaken with these false and absurd conditions are worse than useless, for they impress the participants with false notions of the use of ground and distance which in a real battle must lead to criminal sacrifice of life.

"It was evident at first observation that there was a large percentage of the enlisted men who were recruits. Upon investigation it was learned that an average of 40 percentum of the enlisted strength of the regiments had served less than one year; and not much can be learned in the first year of service, such as it is in the National Guard. The necessity for elementary instruction in everything—drill, discipline, guard duty, target practice—was everywhere apparent. To have attempted to instruct these guardsmen in the refinements of military art could have been only an exhibition of pedantry on the part of the instructor.

"Few, indeed, would have been interested in such work and fewer could have appreciated it. Here was presented an opportunity to teach the first principles of military education to officers and men eager to know them and willing to work hard, and to sacrifice every moment of amusement on this, their summer vacation, in acquiring this knowledge.

"If the idea everywhere prevails that National Guardsmen go to camp

for a good time and are not ready to do a soldier's work, it is an erroneous idea. Beginning with the school of the soldier, and treating these regiments as we would a regiment of recruits in the United States army, we carried them through the school of the battalion. The time was short and the work was hard, but no officer or man during the entire encampment complained of overwork, or indeed made the slightest complaint of any kind.

Every Regular an Instructor.

"From June 15 to July 1, during the encampment of the Second and Seventh regiments, I was without assistance in this work of instruction. After July 1 I had the assistance of a battalion of the Fourth Infantry. This battalion would first execute all the movements in the drill prescribed for the day, the National Guardsmen observing them closely. Then the officers and men of the regular battalion would drill the guardsmen in the same movements; and finally, the officers and noncommissioned officers of the National Guard would drill their men in the same movements.

"Every enlisted man in the regular battalion was a drill master in the school of the soldier; and in the school of the company and battalion, an enlisted man of the regulars accompanied every squad. For instruction in guard duty, a whole battalion would be put on guard during the day and a company of regulars would go on duty with them, every regular soldier acting as an instructor.

"The Chicago regiments had their target practice at Camp Logan near Chicago. The four regiments from the interior of the state have their target practice at Camp Lincoln during their encampment. A battalion of guardsmen would have practice each day, with a company of regulars detailed to assist and instruct; one regular soldier being at each firing point as instructor.

Work Was Practical.

"I personally superintended every drill and ceremony during the encampment, and lectured almost daily to officers or noncommissioned officers on practical subjects which their needs suggested.

"I am indebted to the officers and men of the battalion of the Fourth Infantry and to First Lieutenant Errington of the Eleventh Infantry, who was on duty with the First Illinois regiment, for the lively interest they took in their work and for their cordial cooperation. I am further indebted to the governor of Illinois and to General Thomas W. Scott, adjutant general of the state, for their support and encouragement in this work. Governor Deneen visited each regiment in camp and showed, at all times, the greatest interest in their work. General Scott, a soldier of distinguished record in the civil war, lived in the camp the whole time, and his attitude on all questions was that of a trained soldier.

Men Are Patriots.

"As to the personnel of the Illinois National Guard I could use only terms of praise. As a class, they represent the best of our American citizenship. A week's acquaintance with each regiment is not sufficient for an officer to select the best among them to recommend for future preferment. The services of these officers are published in a register every two years, and form part of the report of the adjutant general of the state. No safer guide could be taken, without a closer acquaintance, than the length of service of these officers, in selecting officers for preferment.

"The enlisted men of the National Guard are in earnest, and if they are not the best of soldiers, it is not their fault. Throughout the encampment and during the work of entraining there was an absence of rowdiness and horseplay that was most commendable.

"The best of feeling prevailed between regulars and guardsmen, officers and men, and the total absence of resentment or friction, or complaint, is as gratifying as it is surprising.

"In this report I have refrained from comparing the different regiments, because little good can come from such comparison, and because the difference in regiments is not great. In the past year I have closely observed regiments from Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio, and I find their work in all respects similar.

"The men of the National Guard want to be good soldiers. They want to be efficient. They are the best patriots among us. They can be made efficient for their great work if the national government will provide:

"First: Skilled instructors from the army for every company of the guard.

"Second: Armories.

"Third: Pay for the time spent in drill and instruction.

"Very respectfully,

"JNO. C. F. TILLSON,
Major Fourth Infantry.

"By order of the commander-in-chief:
"THOMAS W. SCOTT,
Adjutant General."

The population of the whole British empire is estimated at about 420,000,000, of whom about 248,000,000 are native races.

Our Springfield Letter

Special Correspondent Writes of Things of Interest at the State Capital.

Springfield.—One function of the present state administration which has attracted much attention throughout the country is the enforcement of the child labor law. The success of the attempt to see that the youngsters of the state are not worked has been pointed to with envy by workers and others in neighboring states. The greatest tribute to the work came at the time of Senator Beveridge's speech in the United States senate relative to the child labor measure pending in congress at the last session. Civic organizations throughout the state have aided the governor materially in enforcing the statute in this regard. Prominent among these societies have been the Illinois State Federation of Labor, the Chicago Federation of Labor, the Federation of Women's clubs and the Cook County Child Saving league. Through the efforts of these organizations and the administration much has been accomplished in this state in preventing the exploitation of children in giving them a chance to take up the battle of life physically and mentally equipped for the struggle.

Graphophones in Insane Asylum.

Dr. George A. Zeller, superintendent of the Illinois Hospital for the Insane at Bartonville, has installed a battery of graphophones for the entertainment of the inmates. Some time ago a large music box was sent to the institution and was set up in one of the cottages. The women inmates listened attentively to it, and it was given little rest. Encouraged by the results of this test, Superintendent Zeller installed a graphophone, and then came others, until each of the score of cottages is now equipped with a talking machine. Dr. Zeller has found that the songs and music soothe the inmates.

Voters Decide Salary Question.

Voters of Sangamon county will decide at the next general election whether the office of the state's attorney shall operate on a salary or fee basis. A resolution to this end was adopted the other afternoon at the meeting of the board of supervisors. Petitions will be circulated in the various townships of the county. The proposition came before the board at the last session, and was referred to the judiciary committee. The report of the committee provides the adoption of the statute shall rest with the voters, and it shall be submitted at the election next fall.

Logan County Institute Held.

Unusually attractive and numerous exhibits of farm products, lending the air of a county fair display, marked the Logan County Farmers' institute in Lincoln. The third floor of the county courthouse was given over to the institute which lasted three days, and with a large attendance at the instructive sessions the meeting was very successful. Much interest was taken in the subject of butter making and the room devoted to this department was filled with entries. Prizes were awarded for each township in addition to the sweepstakes prizes by Prof. C. E. Lee.

Violated His Parole.

A requisition was issued from the executive department on the governor of South Dakota for the extradition of Frank Bartlett, who is under arrest at Sioux Falls, and is wanted for violating his parole from the northern Illinois penitentiary at Joliet. Bartlett was convicted in the criminal court of Cook county in October, 1900, on a charge of receiving stolen property. He was paroled from the penitentiary at Joliet September 11, 1903.

County Doctors Meet.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held by the Sangamon County Medical society took place the other evening at the Illini Country club. The members of the society were the guests of Dr. Arthur Prince. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Edward Brown, who read a paper treating "Tuberculosis." The treatise was very interesting, instructive and nearly every phase of the subject was covered.

Lumbermen to Meet.

Announcement was made that a national lumber and building material exposition would be held in Chicago February 10 to 15. It will be held in Brooke's Casino, under the auspices of the Illinois Lumber Dealers' association and the Illinois Masons' Supply association.

Love Feast Talked Of.

Indications are strong that a "love feast" of the Illinois Republicans will be held in Springfield before the first of the coming year. If so, it will be the first to be held for some time. Roy O. West, chairman of the state central committee, says that he would call a meeting if a meeting was wanted and he added that a number of politicians were desirous of a gathering that would bring all the candidates together and give them a chance to talk. Apparently the entire matter rests with Cannon. He will be consulted, and if he does not wish to come home after congress takes its holiday recess there probably will be no "love feast." C. P. Hitch, the member of the central committee from Cannon's district is said to be in favor of a "getting together" of the plans, and others interested in the management of Cannon's campaign are also desirous of a meeting.

Deneen Talks of Platform.

In stumping the state Gov. Deneen has spoken of the three planks of his former platform and said all had been carried out except that regarding the primary law, and that he was trying to provide one now. He emphasizes a statement that the insane asylums, reformatories, and penitentiaries are run under civil service lines, and that the inmates are better cared for than ever before; that he was succeeding in having convict labor put out of competition with outside labor; and that 23 miles of rock roads had been made throughout the state without cost to the people. He asked votes for the issuance of bonds for the deep waterway, and showed how the \$20,000,000 could be paid, without a tax on the people, from the revenue derived by sale of electric power that the waterway would produce.

Fifty-Second Annual Meeting.

Unusual interest in the session of the Illinois State Horticultural society, held in Morrow hall at the University of Illinois, was in evidence. Secretary Lloyd considered the program one of the strongest offered in the 52 years of its organization. The session was opened by prayer. The treasurer's report by J. W. Stanley of Richview was followed by the secretary's report by W. B. Lloyd of Kinmundy. George J. Foster of Normal delivered the president's address and a series of one minute talks on "Freaks of April Frosts, 1907," was given by J. C. B. Heaton of New Burnside. As at the other sessions, a question box was provided by T. E. Goodrich of Cobden.

Potter Revokes Permit.

State Superintendent of Insurance Potter revoked the license of the Excelsior Fire Insurance company of New York to transact business in this state. The revocation of the company's license in Illinois followed a report from the superintendent of insurance of the state of New York to the effect that the company was found to be in an impaired condition. The Excelsior is a new company, organized in 1906, and admitted to Illinois in September, 1907.

Wabash Road Found Guilty.

In a decision finding the Wabash Railroad company guilty of willful discrimination against the Galesville Grain and Coal company, the Illinois railroad and warehouse commission holds that it has authority to inquire into complaints charging discrimination either in rates, distribution of cars, or any other matter involving the rights of shippers. Unequal distribution of grain cars was the specific charge in this case.

Officers Are Transferred.

An order was issued by Adj. Gen. Scott transferring Brig. Gen. D. Mack Foster from the command of the Third brigade, Illinois National Guard, to the command of the First brigade, and ordering Brig. Gen. Edward Kittelsen to assume command of the Third brigade. The transfers are made because of the residence of the officers. When Brig. Gen. Edward C. Young was made major general a vacancy resulted in the First brigade.

Barrel Famine Is Predicted.

Fruit growers will have a hard time in finding barrels for apples in the future, said Dr. T. J. Burrell, University of Illinois, who addressed the fifty-second annual convention of the Illinois Horticultural society at Urbana. The fruit growers reported a bad year because of late frosts.

AROUND THE COUNTY

Kirksville.

A very fine and mild winter so far with plenty of snow.

Amos Kidwell and wife and Mrs. Job Evans attended Dan Van Gundy's sale last Thursday.

Clara Stivers of Lovington spent last Friday and Saturday visiting the family of Job Evans.

Job Evans and Arch Lesley attended a hog sale at Harristown last week and purchased some swine.

Job Evans recently purchased the young black mare of Charles Shuman that took the premium at the Moultrie county fair last fall.

Mrs. Sickafus and son, Ray, visited Mrs. T. H. Grantham and family, Monday.

The quarantine has been lifted from Tom Stevens and family; they are free again with no serious result.

The Reedy school was reopened last Monday, as there are no more indications of diphtheria here.

R. C. Parks reports that the price of corn is advancing.

Oscar Dien, a farm hand that has been employed by Cliff Kinney, attempted to take his life Monday by the shot gun route. He is partially insane.

Mrs. William Yarnell is visiting relatives and friends in Missouri.

Jesse Byrom made a business trip to Chicago last week returning this week.

Mrs. T. H. Grantham and sister, Anna Elliott visited friends and relatives in Decatur from Thursday of last week until Sunday and did some shopping.

The revival services continue with increasing interest. Up to Monday night there were fifteen conversions and thirteen accessions. There is much work to be done yet.

Mrs. Cleve Merritt has just been apprised of the serious illness of a nephew near Arthur.

Isaac Alvey's mother has come to spend the remainder of the winter with him.

Thomas Canfield sold and hauled his crop of broom corn Tuesday.

Mrs. Beates of Pierson, Illinois, visited James White and family last week.

Job Evans is a victim of La Grippe at this time.

Mrs. Mollie Coddington was taken seriously ill, Tuesday with pleurisy but her condition is much improved.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Pearce, Friday of last week, a son, their first child.

Harmony.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Siler spent Friday with the former's mother, Mrs. Hyland, near Sand Creek church.

James Sisco, wife and daughters took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briscoe.

Misses Hattie and Mattie Strafer received an invitation to the wedding of Miss Julia Holston to Bernard Morris, which takes place Wednesday evening, Dec. 25th at 8:00 p. m., at the home of the bride near Prairie-ton, Ind. Miss Holston was formerly a correspondent from Arthur to this paper.

William Butler and wife were shopping in Sullivan, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson visited with relatives near Bruce, Sunday.

Ran Miller, wife and daughter were in Sullivan, Monday.

Mrs. Cazier fell Tuesday and broke two small bones in her arm quite near the hand. It is feared it will take sometime for it to heal.

C. C. Parker returned to his home near Storm Lake, Iowa, Friday. Mr. Parker recently purchased a farm of two hundred acres in southern Iowa, to which he will move his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Strader and daughter were in Sullivan, Friday.

Andy Weakley and sister, Mrs. Wm. Butler, planned and carried out a surprise on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Weakley, Saturday. The occasion being their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary. Refreshments were served, and at a late hour all departed wishing them many returns of the day.

Be sure and read the ad. on the fourth page of William A. Waggoner the new grocery man on West Jefferson street. 1000 LOAVES OF BREAD.

Arthur.

Miss Jennie Mathews visited the Arthur high school last week.

Mrs. Fanny Davis is very ill.

Edward Knutzen happened an accident last week. A horse slipped and fell mashing his foot badly.

The Misses Krugger of Chester-ville visited at the home of Miss Josephine Baker last week.

Albert Leiser of Isabelle is now visiting in Arthur.

All the stores have their windows beautifully decorated with Christmas goods.

Mark Barrum went to Jacksonville, Saturday to spend Sunday with his brother Frank who is in Nortonberry sanitarium.

Miss Betha Matthews and Miss Lora Ballard spent Sunday with their grandparents in Caldwell.

Mrs. C. L. Walters is visiting Mrs. R. C. Fisher at her parents Mr. and Mrs. Barrum's.

Miss Dorothy Gony of Lovington visited friends and relatives here last week.

Mervil Gill has returned to his home in Mt. Vernon.

Owing to the bad weather it has caused some delay in paving, but the work has been resumed.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mumford in honor of their daughter, Miss Mable, it being her seventeenth birthday. Many were present, and all report a delightful time.

Misses Evella Clark and Ola Bagley of Tuscola visited at the home of Miss Mable Mumford Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Nelle Peel of Decatur is visiting at the home of Miss Katie Reeder and is expecting to stay until after Christmas.

Miss Lily Griffith has been visiting in Arthur for several days.

Miss Effie Sinclair was a visitor at the home of Miss Nellie Mallicote near Chesterville recently.

The new building recently erected or the racket store is completed, and they are now moving in.

Miss Edith Roberts of Arcola visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dolph Fulfer, recently.

Allenville.

Ted, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Butler, who has been seriously sick has about recovered.

One of C. W. Fay's daughters is visiting him now.

Chris Sutton has moved to Alva Pettit's property in the north part of town.

Joe French has moved to the property vacated by Chris Sutton.

Rev. Dudley did not come to preach last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Cuffer filled his appointment.

We made a mistake in one of our items last week. Mrs. E. J. Stewart was just here looking after business, and her farm. She returned to her home in Washington, Ind., last Friday.

J. B. Tabor is having an ice house built near the Nelson bridge.

Every body is invited to attend the Union Sunday school at the Christian church every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

DUNN.

Cash Shipman has moved his family here from Broadland, and will keep house for his father, Charles Shipman.

James Bathe of Sullivan was a caller here Monday morning.

James Harsh and family who moved to Temple, Oklahoma, about a year ago, has sold out his interests there and will move back to this vicinity in the near future.

Mayhew Rhodes and wife of Sullivan visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rhodes, over Sunday.

Walter Dahm and Chris Monroe are visiting friends in Indiana.

Logan Linder of Kirksville was a caller here last Wednesday.

Dave Shipman has a force of men working at his sawmill near Todds Point this week.

Todds Point.

Fred McKinney of Moweaqua, is spending a few days with his uncle, W. H. McKinney.

The ladies interested in the Christmas tree met at the home of Mrs. Dave Perry and made bags for the candy on last Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served at 4 p. m. and all report a merry time.

R. W. Noble and wife of Bethany

and J. W. Atkinson and wife of Findlay spent Monday with Thomas Fleming and wife. The men spent the afternoon hunting.

Mrs. Sarah Wright has been staying the past week with her niece, Mrs. Frank Nuttall.

James and Walter Nuttall were in Bethany, Saturday.

Jonathan Creek

Robert Collins was shopping in Sullivan Wednesday.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be given at the Two Mile school house.

Within a week the babe of Robert Collins and wife, a small child of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert and their sister Mrs. Mand Wright have died. A severe affliction on the family.

Mrs. Robert Collins and sister, Rose Davis, attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Richard Wright at Martinsville, last Thursday, and have extended the visit with relatives in Wayne and Jefferson counties.

MAUD (PURVIS) WRIGHT.

Mrs. Maud Wright, wife of Richard Wright, and daughter of Wesley Purvis and wife, died of consumption at their home near Martinsville last Wednesday. She was about twenty-five years of age, was married to Richard Wright seven years ago. They are both well known in this county having lived near Sullivan and in Jonathan Creek township most of their lives. The funeral and burial were near Martinsville Thursday of last week.

Some Home-Made Christmas Presents.

The housewife who wants to give Christmas presents to her friends and who has not money to spend on them will find some valuable suggestions for solving the problem in the Christmas Woman's Home Companion.

ORANGE MARMALADE—Slice very thin, rind and all, three large seeded oranges and one lemon. Pour over the sliced fruit eleven tumblers of cold water, and set away for twenty-four hours. Then boil slowly for one hour. After boiling add four pounds of granulated sugar, and set away for twenty-four hours longer, then boil for one hour and twenty minutes, or perhaps a little longer. Pour into jelly glasses. This amount will fill eight glasses. Cover with paraffine. The total cost of the marmalade is not more than seventy-five cents, glasses included, and here are eight presents provided for that ridiculous small sum.

FRUIT CAKE—Cream together one and one half cups of powdered sugar and one cupful of butter. Add the well-beaten yolks of six eggs, and one and one-fourth cupfuls of sifted flour, one-half teaspoonful of ground cloves and one teaspoonful each of powdered cinnamon and nutmeg. Then add the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and another cupful of flour. Add one-half pound of raisins, seeded and chopped, one-half pound of citron, one-half cupful of chopped almonds and a little chopped orange peel. All these had been dredged with flour. As a last touch add a cupful of mixed preserves—strawberries, cherries, peach and quince—all chopped and well drained of their syrup. Divide the fruit-cake dough equally in four small pans, steam for one hour, then bake for half an hour in a steady oven.

COFFEE FUDGE—Boil together two cupfuls of granulated sugar and one cupful of strong coffee. Add either one teaspoonful of butter or one tablespoonful of rich cream. Boil until a spoonful of the candy stiffens when beaten. Then take from the fire, beat hard with a big spoon until the candy begins to grow stiff, quickly beat in one cupful of broken hickory or pecan nut meats, and pour out into a buttered tin. This is an extremely toothsome candy and not well known.

We wish to call your attention to the new schedule on which our Chicago merchandise car has been placed. This car leaves Chicago at 8 a. m., arrives in Sullivan at 3:30 p. m. and is open for early morning delivery to the drayman. This service will enable you to have your Chicago merchandise in your store at 7 a. m. or earlier if so desired. I have had a very difficult task in securing this service on our fast St. Louis freight and hope you will give us your patronage for this car. In ordering goods from Chicago merchants always insert (ship via C. & E. I.) then your shipment will catch this car. W. H. WYCKOFF.

CHURCH SERVICES.

PRESBYTERIAN.

We were glad to welcome eight new members last Sunday, making in all since the meeting, ten.

Please come prepared next Sunday morning to make an offering for worn-out ministers, and for the families of deceased ministers. Right in the midst of our Christmas enjoyments let us remember others so that they may be happy with us.

The services next Sunday will be appropriate to the season. In the morning the sermon will be on this text, "Now When Jesus Was Born," showing what it meant to the world when Jesus was born. In the evening the subject will be, "Jesus, Son of God and Savior of the World born in a Manger." Some lessons from the humility of Jesus' birth. We are expecting some special music at these services.

The Aid society met again this week with Mrs. Dunscomb.

There will be a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school next Sunday afternoon to plan and arrange for the next year. Let all the Sunday school workers be on hand. There are special reasons why every member of the Sunday school should be there next Sunday. Come and find out the reasons.

CHRISTIAN.

Last Sunday was C. W. B. M. day. Some of the women began the day by observing an hour for prayer for the success of the work in foreign and home lands for the coming year. The pastor preached at night on the work and took an offering. There has been this year nearly 4000 conversions by the work of this organization alone.

The children are making good progress with the Christmas exercises under the directions of Mrs. J. W. Patterson and Gertrude Hill. Mrs. Frank Drish will decorate the church. The exercise is a good one, in which the regulation Santa Clause plays his part.

The janitor has been having difficulty warming the church on account of the heating plant, but that has been repaired and at present is giving good satisfaction and the building has been warm.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The subject for the Wesley Brotherhood, Friday night will be: "Our debt of gratitude to some of our great leaders."

Roy Seright..... Abraham Lincoln.
Willis Cochran..... Alexander Hamilton
Prof. Rodman..... George Whitfield.

The Christmas exercises are progressing finely. The cantata, "Doings of Santa Claus," is an unusual fine program. It will be given on Christmas eve.

The sermon at 10:45 Sunday will be on the subject: "Christ and Christianity;" at 7:30 the subject will be, "The Unity of the Church of God." The male quartette will sing two numbers Sunday night.

Pearce—Shea

The famous Pearce-Pearce-Layton gambling case came to an end in the city court about 10 o'clock on Friday evening when Judge Cofer decided that the notes in question were obtained by Pearce from Shea in a gambling transaction and that they could not be held as binding in a court of law. The notes amounted to \$288, made on August 25, 1905, bearing 5 per cent interest, and they were returned to Shea by the court.

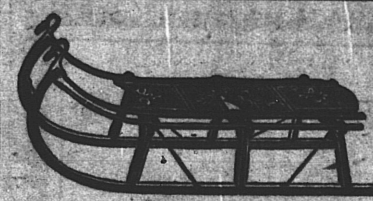
The suit has been hanging fire in the courts for some time. The notes in question were given to Shea on August 25, 1905, by W. T. Layton in a real estate deal. On November 18, of that year, Shea, according to the evidence brought out in the hearing, in a game of cards with Tom Pearce and Homer Musgrove in the Broadway hotel, lost the notes to Pearce. When the proper time came Pearce brought suit on the notes with W. T. Layton as defendant. Layton was ready and willing to pay the amount called for when it was decided by the courts as to who should receive the money, Shea or Pearce, as in the meantime Shea had filed a cross bill claiming that the notes were given by him in a gambling transaction, and that they could not be held legal.

The case was called in the city court on Friday morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Cofer, and in the taking of the testimony many fine points of law were brought out.

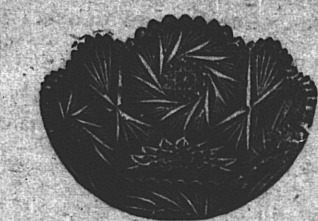
Bryan H. Tivnen represented Shea, John F. Voigt and Henley & Hughes represented Pearce and I. B. Craig represented Layton, who was in the case on neutral ground.—Mattoon Journal-Gazette.

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January a Home Sewing Number.
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Insincerity in a man's own heart must make all his enjoyments, all that concerns him, unreal, so that his whole life must seem like a merely dramatic representation.—Hawthorne.

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