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Christmas in a Shoe and Clothing Store

is usually a dull time—a few more Gloves, Collars and Neckties; a little less shoe and clothing trade. No reason for it. There's nothing so good for a Christmas gift as a nice suit, a pair of shoes, an overcoat, a raincoat, a fancy vest, a fur coat—there isn't a thing in our store which wouldn't make the nicest kind of an Xmas gift.

We want some Xmas trade as well as our neighbors. We have been getting ready for it—watching for a chance to get hold of some good clothing which would enable us to offer some

EXTRA XMAS INDUCEMENTS

We've got it—half a carload of fine clothing from a couple of manfacturers whose trade ran short of their expectation. They had to dispose of it at any price they could get. We secured what we wanted at our own figures.

Our advantage is your advantage. We are giving you the benefit and just at the time that the extra Xmas expenditures make every dollar count.

At $12 We have high grade fancy worsteds and fine all wool cheviots and cassimeres. This gathering shows light and dark grays, browns, black, blues and also mixed colors. All tailored by experts and from two of the best manufacturers in the country.

Christmas comes but once a year. A foolish present is remembered but a day; solid, substantial, serviceable gift is remembered thankfully for a year. We have

House Slippers, Gloves, Neckwear, Shirts, Collars, Suspenders, Mufflers--Everything that is new and attractive for the outfit of all well dressed men, boys and children.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR XMAS.

The ideal way of presenting a pair of Shoes to a friend. You buy the certificates of us for any price pair of shoes and present it to your friend as the gift. The person receiving it may then come at his or her convenience, make the selection and be properly fitted.

Worth remembering. Ready when you are.

Think it over, then come and see.

J. D. CROSBY & SON

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

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We have a fine assortment of these famous candies arranged in fancy boxes of artistic and novel designs. A most suitable gift to a lady friend. We also have a fine assortment of the Lowney Box Candies.

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J. C. Lauderbach.

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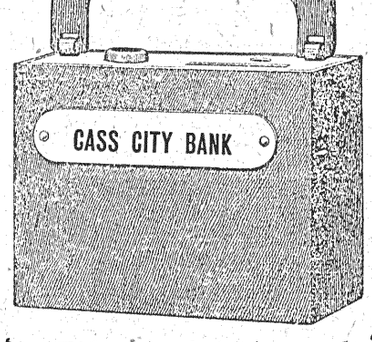

The saving habit is a good quality to develop and means much to you in the future.

You should begin NOW; it's easy after you once get started. Who can tell what this little bank may do for your child.

...IN SELECTING YOUR...

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

GET SOMETHING USEFUL

BOOKS, BIBLES, TOILET SETS, ALBUMS, FOUNTAIN PENS, ETC.

GIVE US A CALL.

L. I. WOOD & CO., Druggists

See the advertisement of the

New York Cash Dept. Store

ON FOURTH PAGE.

"MISMATED" A SUCCESS.

"Mismated" played at the opera house Tuesday evening under the direction of B. M. Garfield of Buffalo, was well attended and was a big success. The play was divided into five acts and ten scenes and was well dramatized. Comedy throughout the entire play was strong, there being seven funny parts and many exciting situations. All the actors played their parts well, and like most local productions, the play was thoroughly enjoyed.

The waits between acts were short and were admirably filled by specialty artists. The play was given under the auspices of Echo Chapter, O. E. S.

LOCAL TEAM WINS.

Possibly one of the most exciting and interesting contests presented for some time in athletics was the basket ball game between the Pontiac and the local high school teams at the town hall Friday evening, when the latter won at a score of 31 to 18. While both teams played remarkably well, it was evident throughout the entire game that the locals were outplaying the visitors. When a score of even twenty points is made by either of two teams, it is evident that a fine game is being played. Therefore from the final score in Friday's game it may be inferred that the playing of both teams is something to be proud of.

It might also be mentioned that both teams were playing under rather adverse circumstances. The visitors were somewhat worn out by their tedious ride and in addition were playing on a field entirely new to them and in the presence of an audience favoring the home team. The average height of the Pontiac team being less than that of the home team was another thing in our favor. On the other hand some of the members of the visiting team have played previous to this year, whereas not a member of the local team had ever played until about October 20, and it usually requires at least one year's playing before a team is in shape for meeting outsiders. The locals were somewhat embarassed from the fact that they had not played in their new suits and they were further handicapped by having only a limited experience of playing before spectators.

All in all the teams had about equal chances. Throughout the entire game Pontiac exhibited very skilful passing of the ball.

The outcome of the game has decidedly changed the attitude of a number of the mothers and already a number of citizens, both young and old, have announced their intention of accompanying the team to Pontiac to witness the return game which will undoubtedly be played sometime in February.

The line and score are as follows:

PONTIAC.						
		1st Baskets	2nd from field		1st Baskets	2nd from foul
B. Stevens (capt.)	G					
E. McHenry	G					
L. Huffman	C					
M. Stevens	C					
S. Fink	F	1	4			
L. Heazlet	F	1	1			
CASS CITY.						
F. Hill (capt.)	G					
E. McGregory	G					
F. McGillvray	C					
F. Stevenson	C					
L. Schenck	F	8	3			
M. Akerman	F		1		3	4
Score, end of 1st half				8-19		
Score at end of game				18-31		

Much credit for the success of the locals is due to G. Thomas, the coach, who has devoted considerable time and effort in training the team. After the game Friday C. W. McKenzie and B. M. Garfield treated both teoms, their managers and coaches to an oyster supper at Hartman's candy kitchen. The visitors stayed until Saturday afternoon and all declared that they are anxious to come again.

It is expected that the local team will play at least two games with Caro and two or three games with Bad Axe.

NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED.

A corporation known as the Cass City Telephone Company was organized at the council rooms Friday, with a capital stock of $5,000. J. C. Corkins was chosen president, E. H. Bradfield secretary and H. L. McDermott treasurer. The officers and B. F. Benkelman and J. D. Brooker constitute the board of trustees. The number of stockholders is now over 50 and their names may be found in an announcement of the new company which may be found in another column. The company has already ordered a switchboard and 100 telephones and the same are expected to reach Cass City in a short time.

A meeting of citizens was held at the council rooms Wednesday evening at which time Mr. Moore offered for sale to the new company his telephone exchange in Cass City. Mr. Moore would not name his price but stated that he was willing to submit the matter to arbitration. He also stated that he would make a consession in the present rate of business phones for a term of years providing that the same were placed on party lines. A committee consisting of E. A. McGeorge, Wm. Gaugherty and H. T. Elliott was appointed to confer with the trustees of the new company and with Mr. Moore to ascertain if the present telephone troubles could be adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Magazines at Ruhl's. 3

DEATH OF GEO. H. TURNER.

The residents of this community were grieved to learn of the death of George H. Turner, at Hickory, North Carolina, last Sunday, December 16, where he had gone for the benefit of his health only a few weeks ago. The particulars concerning his death are very meagre. His illness which at last proved fatal, has extended over a lengthy period and his friends have known for some time that there was no hopes for a complete recovery, but every possible aid was secured to mitigate his sufferings. At last, a few weeks ago he and Mrs. Turner went to North Carolina to reside hoping the change might bring renewed health. Last week he was taken worse and his mother, Mrs. J. S. McArthur of this place was summoned to his bedside.

G. H. TURNER.

Mr. Turner was a former prominent business man of Cass City, having at one time been a member of the company named "The Model Shoe and Clothing Company." He and H. B. Outwater, now of Toledo, Ohio, conducted the business for the company. He is the only child of Mrs. J. S. McArthur, and has been a young man of fine personality. He was twenty-eight years of age. Three years ago last August he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Bader of this place.

The funeral occurred Thursday at Port Huron where his remains were brought for burial and were interred beside his father.

Through the death of Mr. Turner the community has sustained the loss of a good, industrious young man and the friends have sustained a sorrow which time alone can heal. The mourning friends have the sympathy of all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brooker went to Port Huron this week to attend the funeral.

SCHOOL NOTES.

CASS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The sixth grade is studying Dickens Christmas stories.

Miss Chrystal Read visited the high room Monday afternoon.

Mrs. S. Benkelman visited the high room Wednesdy afternoon.

Grace Meiser has returned to school again after a week's absence.

Pat Hennesey and Leo Tyo are absent from school this week.

The fifth grade is preparing for a Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

Friday afternoon the high room sang for the benefit of the basket ball team.

The third grade celebrated Whittier's birthday with a special program.

Cassie Miers of Kalamazoo visited the fifth and sixth grades Tuesday morning.

The girls of the sixth grade are making use of their spare minutes at school by making Christmas presents.

In behalf of the athletic association we wish to thank Messrs. Garfield and McKenzie for their loyal interest in our sports.

On Thursday morning Supt. Tiedgen favored the high room with a selection from Mark Twain on New England weather.

The members of the First Basket Ball team covered themselves with glory last Friday evening. They scored 31 to 18 against Pontiac.

Old Probabilities forgot to give his weather early enough that the sophomore class might visit the beet sugar factory. Too late now until next year.

If anyone has an over plus of Christmas toys or anything in that line, please leave at desk 98, high room, where they will be greatly enjoyed by M. A.

We are justly grateful to the public for supporting the home basket ball team so loyally. We are confident that the honors won in athletics redounds to the good of the high school.

The third grade are going to have some curtains for the blackboard. They have also made some Christmas booklets with a shepherd on the cover.

On Tuesday afternoon while in the modern history class Supt. Tiedgen, who was discussing the schools of ancient Rome, forgot to dismiss his class until reminded that the rest of the school had left the building,

One day last week one of our sophomores and a charming young lady from the juniors were "united" in the presence of the high school. The school was detained for a moment to watch the ceremony. Alas! the knot was to be untied. Sympathies were not generally extended for it was only an accidental entanglement of the "shoe strings" of the contracting parties.

Before ye editorial committee meet again to struggle over this column and strive to glean the wit and humor, sense and nonsense of school life for you, Christmas for 1906 will have come and gone and old Father Time will have ushered in another year. We hope for you the merriest kind of a Christmas, a sock brimful of good wishes and reminders of friends, and return to school for the best year of your life.

There will be another informal program Friday afternoon beginning at three o'clock. Miss Nellie Brian will recite; music will be furnished by the high school. The debate, "Resolved, that the government of the United States should uphold San Francisco in her efforts to exclude the Japanese from her schools." Lewis McGeorge, Stanley Wickware and Mabel Cleland will strive to convince the people of the truth of the statement while Miss Thompson, Miss Copland and Burt Meade will combat them. We invite your presence. Your attendance will help to encourage and inspire the pupils to better effort.

FRACTIONAL DISTRICT NO. 6.
Elkland and Novesta.

Knowledge is the only jewel that will not decay.

Park Jones was absent the latter part of the week

The seventh grade is laboring under the difficulties of diagraming.

Bennie Crocker entered school on Monday after an absence of a week on account of sickness.

A Christmas entertainment will be given on Friday evening, Dec. 21, in the school house beginning at 7:30.

The report for the fall term is as follows; Boys enrolled, 12, girls enrolled, 6; average daily attendance first month, 14; second month, 15; third month, 16; number of pupils in first grade, 6; second grade, 3; third grade 2; fourth grade, 3; fifth grade, 1; seventh grade, 5; eighth grade, 1.

Ethel Gallagher, Teacher.

GAGETOWN SCHOOLS.

Alma Wooley is absent on account of sickness.

Archie Ackerman has re-entered the fourth grade.

Clayton and Leland Terbush have returned to school after an absence of a week.

Owing to the kindness of Lloyd Karr who brought us a battery Monday all the pupils of the senior room experienced how electricity acted.

School closes Friday night for a vacation of eleven days. We hope that everyone will come back to work with a resolution that the remaining part of the term will be a better success.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

A large number of the friends of Miss Mable Anderson gathered at the home of H. H. Wilson at Deford on Monday evening, the occasion being a "farewell" to Miss Anderson, who has recently resigned her position as teacher of the Deford school.

Miss Anderson has given excellent satisfaction in this position which she has held for the past year and a half and leaves many friends in that community who will remember her devotion to her work and the interest she has taken in the welfare of the pupils.

At the reception she was presented with a large lamp and other tokens, and the best wishes of the district go with her. Miss Anderson has highly recommended her successor, Miss Cecil McKim, who will begin her duties on Jan. 2.

Two Carloads of Poultry Wanted.

We want to buy two carloads of poultry. One car is to be delivered at the Gagetown depot on Dec. 21 and the other car is to be delivered at the Cass City depot on Dec. 22. We will pay 7c for hens, chickens and geese, 8c for ducks and 10c for turkeys.

YOUNG & BENKELMAN.

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Dentistry.

I. A. FRITZ, RESIDENT DENTIST.

Office over E. Ryan's drug store. We solicit your patronage when in need of dental work.

Henry Butler,

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Solicitor in Chancery and Notary Public. Office at residence, 1½ miles west of Cass City.

H. T. Elliott,

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Office in Ale Bldg. Residence, one block south of opera house. Free 'phone.

Elkland Arbor, No. 31, A. O. O. G.

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A. D. GILLIES, C. G.
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9 15	5 12	8 28	Eames*	7 15	10 27	3 32
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	5 35	8 55	Oxford	7 00		1 50
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11 25	5 50	9 12	Leonard	6 22	9 46	1 20
11 55	6 05	9 32	Dryden	6 05	9 32	12 55
12 30	6 20	9 44	Imlay city	5 35	9 19	12 30
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1 55	6 55	10 16	N'th Branch	4 53	8 45	11 20
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6 30	8 43	12 15	Pigeon	2 45	7 00	7 00
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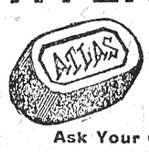

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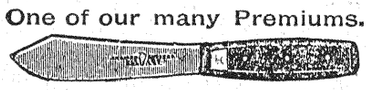

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BIG BANKS TO UNITE

Detroit's People's and State Savings Institutions Will Combine.

DIRECTORS AGREE TO THE PLAN

Only Awaits Sanction of Stockholders —Becomes Largest of Its Kind Between New York and Chicago—All Officials to Be Retained.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18.—Detroit is to have the largest commercial and savings bank between New York and Chicago. The boards of directors of the Peoples' Savings bank and the State Savings bank have voted in favor of a merger of the two institutions to form a new bank to be called the Peoples' State bank, and now all that remains is the approval of the stockholders, who will meet at an early day to pass on the matter.

The new bank will be capitalized at $1,500,000, and will have a surplus of $1,500,000. This comparatively small sum does not indicate the enormous strength of the new institution, however. The commercial deposits will amount to a sum in the neighborhood of $15,000,000, and the saving deposits will reach a total of $19,000,000, making a grand total of $34,000,000 in deposits. The People's State bank, with resources of over $30,000,000, will be one of the strongest banks in the country.

Under One Roof.

It is the intention to ultimately combine the business of the new bank under one roof in the handsome quarters of the State Savings bank.

One of the directors of the People's Savings bank, when asked as to the reasons prompting the merger, said it was brought about largely as a matter of convenience and economy, explaining that in an institution like the new one, a much greater quantity of business could be done at a much less expense.

All the directors and officers of the two old institutions will be taken care of in the new People's State bank. George H. Russel, president of the State Savings bank, will be at the head of the new concern, with M. W. O'Brien, president of the People's Savings bank, as vice-president and chairman of the board.

The other officers are: Vice-president, H. C. Potter, Jr., George E. Lawson, R. S. Mason and F. A. Schulte; cashier, A. E. Wing; assistant cashier, H. P. Borgman, J. R. Bodde and R. E. Mason; manager of credit department, R. W. Smillie; auditor, Frank W. Blair.

The Directors.

The present directors of the two banks will compose the board of directors of the new institution, as follows: R. A. Alger, G. H. Barbour, W. T. Barbour, W. K. Bixby, H. M. Campbell, C. A. Ducharme, Jeremiah Dwyer, Haley Fiske, F J. Hecker, G. E. Lawson, H B. Ledyard, R. S. Mason, W. C. McMillan, F. T. Moran, M. J. Murphy, M. W. O'Brien, H. C. Potter, Jr., Sigmund Rothschild, G. H. Russel, Henry Russel, Hugo Scherer, F. A. Schulte and Peter White.

If the proposition is ratified by the stockholders in their coming meeting the consolidation becomes operative Jan. 8, 1907. There is little doubt the stockholders will give it their hearty approval.

The stockholders of the State Savings bank will be allotted $1,000,000, and those of the Peoples' Savings bank $500,000 of the capital stock.

Mail Pouch Was Stolen.

Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 18.—Several hundred letters which had been opened, were found under a timber pile here Monday in close vicinity of the Ann Arbor depot. Most of the letters were dated Nov. 20 to 22, and were from Detroit and Toledo to parties in towns between Cadillac and Frankfort. Mail pouches are left in the Ann Arbor depot at night, and one must have been stolen. Postmaster Smith has taken charge of the letters and notified Postoffice Inspector Martin and the department at Washington. Several money orders were found in the open letters.

Admits His Auto Killed Man.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18.—Irwin S. Scrimger, manager of the Auto Express Co., says he is the man who ran down and killed Simon P. Rote at Woodward and Willis avenues Sunday night. He made the statement voluntarily to Capt. McDonnell, of the detective bureau, Monday. Mr. Scrimger asserts that the unfortunate man was to blame for the accident, because he walked right into the path of the machine, despite the warning notes of the automobile horn.

Three Women Pioneers Die.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 18.—Three deaths of Saginaw's women pioneers took place Monday morning. Mrs. Houghton Bray, aged 81 years, for 57 years a resident of this city; Mrs. Lucy A. Annis, aged 83, for 30 years a resident of this city, and Mrs. Christiana Reinke, aged 68 years, for 41 years a resident of this city, were the ones to succumb. They were all widows.

While Judge Marshall of Jackson was conducting service in the A. M. E. church, of which he is pastor, Sunday, he left William Walker, an ex-convict, in the house. When he returned he missed his watch and Walker was gone. Walker protested his innocence when arrested.

"MOLLY M'GUIRE" ESCAPES.

Woman Digs Hole Through Mason Jail Wall and Gains Freedom.

Mason, Mich., Dec. 18.—Cutting a hole through the solid brick wall of the county jail and descending a rope ladder from the second story, "Molly Maguire" made her escape some time during Sunday night. "Mally Maguire" is the woman arrested in Lansing, charged with shoplifting, and believed by the police to be a criminal of importance in her line of work. Her real name and identity have never been revealed. She is a clever and nervy individual, and baffled the officers who arrested her.

The woman was being held for trial here She had been in the jail three weeks in charge of Sheriff Steel and Turnkey O. L. Lathrop. Sunday afternoon religious services were held in jail, as is the usual custom, by a band of religionists of the city, for the benefit of the 17 prisoners confined in the men's ward. "Mollie Macguire" was the only prisoner in the women's ward.

It was a song service, down on the first floor of the jail. Up on the second floor, over the heads of the worshippers, the noise she made being drowned by the sounds of worship, "Mollie" picked away at the brick wall of her cell with a couple of iron chisels. The point of attack was the outer wall next a window. In the evening she concealed the evidences of her work by hanging her silk wrapper alongside the window. During the night she evidently finished the breach in the wall.

"The woman had no visitors," says Deputy Charles Weidenberg, who part of the time does service at the jail, and who was in charge with the turnkey in the absence of Sheriff Steel Monday morning. "She got her tools and the rope ladder from outside, through the window, evidently.

Rescue Tots From Fire.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 18.—While Mrs. Fred Keuhn was visiting neighbors the wood back of the kitchen stove caught fire, and before the blaze was discovered the four children whom she had left in the house were nearly overcome by smoke. Neighbors discovered the fire and made heroic rescues, bringing the four children out in a fainting condition.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

Within three hours after Andrew Seeley's barber shop was burglarized at Port Huron, Sunday night, a suspect was arrested in Battle Creek and returned to Port Huron. Goods valued at $18 were taken.

Shubael Hammond, sheriff of Ingham county for two terms, ending two years ago, is dead at his home near Lansing. He was 53 years old. Cancer of the liver caused his death. A widow and one son survive.

Kingston T. Burrell, of Alpena, while slightly deranged from nervous trouble, left the house, wandered half a mile Sunday and walked into the river. His son followed, but arrived too late. His body was not recovered. He leaves a widow and four children.

With his hands and face bleeding, James O'Connor, a Crosswell farmer, came into Port Huron the other night and told of an alleged attack by two highwaymen as he was driving home. He said that he was pulled from his buggy, but fought off his assailants. His horse went home during the fight. Sheriff Tom Moore is investigating.

The production of beet sugar in Michigan this campaign is estimated at 200,000,000 pounds, as compared with 142,000,000 pounds last year. The average production this year was 10 tons, compared with seven tons in 1905 and 4 1-2 tons in 1904. The acreage this year was between 85,000 and 90,000, as against 78,500 last year. An increased acreage is expected in 1907.

Rev. John H. Brownell, a Detroit evangelist went to Lynn, Mass., recently to start a mission, as he understood it When he reached there the ministers' union took the position that no agreement had been made with him, and that his terms were not acceptable. He and his wife, therefore have started a mission on their own hook.

A large chunk of plaster falling from the top of the elevator shaft in Grace hospital in Detroit, Sunday afternoon, struck the top of the elevator with an ominous thud, frightened the elevator boy out of his seven senses, and caused him to throw his lever around in a hurry taking a half dozen badly frightened passengers on a hurry trip to the basement. At the bottom there was another thud, and all received a bad shaking up, but luckily no one was hurt.

Operator Blamed.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The official investigation of the Southern railway, into the rear-end collision which occurred at Lawyers, Va., on Thanksgiving day, and in which President Spencer, of the Southern, and six others, including a number of prominent people, lost their lives, has been concluded, and the responsibility for the wreck placed on G. D. Mattox, block operator at Rangoon station, Va. General Counsel A. P. Thom, of the railroad, issued a statement announcing the official conclusions.

Bishop McCabe Dying.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bishop Charles C. McCabe, of the Methodist-Episcopal church, is dying at the New York hospital. The end was said to be a matter of hours only. Last Tuesday the bishop was stricken with apoplexy while passing through this city on the way to his home in Philadelphia, and was removed to a hospital. He is 70 years of age.

HE FLAYS SLANDERERS

President Sends to Congress His Panama Canal Message.

'TIS AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT

He Pays Tribute to French For What They Have Done—Legislators Also Get Public Land and Naval Personnel Messages.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt's promised message on the Panama canal was submitted to congress Monday. Summarized, it is a strenuous defense of everything connected with the building of the canal.

The president, on his trip to the isthmus, was three days ashore, and spent from 12 to 18 hours a day inspecting everything there was to be seen, which included but one lone mosquito. He states that he purposely delayed his trip until the advent of the rainy season, that he might observe condition under the worst possible auspices, as the French canal company found them. He pays a tribute to the work done by the French company; says many of its buildings are still in excellent condition, and declares that the United States never made a better investment than the $40,000,000 which it paid to the French company for work and betterments, including especially the Panama railroad.

He expresses himself as delighted with the rapidity and efficiency with which the work is progressing under American control.

Contempt For Slanderers.

In the course of his message, the president takes occasion to express his contempt for those who had slanderously attacked the nation's policy in carrying on the canal work. In part, he said:

"Where the slanderers are of foreign origin, I have no concern with them. Where they are Americans, I feel for them the heartiest contempt and indignation; because, in a spirit of wanton dishonesty and malice, they are trying to interfere with, and hamper the execution of, the greatest work of the kind ever attempted, and are seeking to bring to naught the efforts of their countrymen to put to the credit of America one of the giant feats of the ages.

"The outrageous accusations of these slanders constitute a gross libel upon a body of public servants, who, for trained intelligence, expert ability, high character and devotion to duty, have never been excelled anywhere. There is not a man among those directing the work on the Isthmus who has obtained his position on any other basis than merit alone, and not one who has used his position in any way for his own personal or pecuniary advantage."

The president's messages containing recomendations relative to changes in the public land laws and naval personnel were also given to congress. Relative to the land laws, he said:

"The developments of the past year emphasize with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to recast the public land laws and adapt them to the actual situation. The timber and stone act has demonstrated conclusively that its effect is to turn over the public timber lands to great corporations. It has done enormous harm, it is no longer needed, and it should be repealed.

"The desert land act results so frequently in fraud and so comparatively seldom in making homes on the land that it demands radical amendment. That provision which permits assignment before patent, should be repealed and the entryman should be required to live for not less than two years at home on the land before patent issues. Otherwise the desert land law will continue to assist speculators and other large holders to get control of land and water on the public domain by indefensible means."

His message about the naval personnel, advocates changes in the laws, so that officers on the sea-going list will reach the grade of captain at 45, and rear-admirals at 55.

The measure will assure their serving seven years in the grade of captain, and seven years in the grade of rear-admiral, thus enabling them to become thoroughly skillful and efficient in these grades.

The bill also establishes the grade of vice-admiral.

Save $5,000,000.

"If the proposed plan of promotion is carried out," says the president, "it will, as compared with the existing law, make a saving of more than $5,000,000 during the next seven years, by stopping the voluntary retirement of young lieutenant-commanders with the rank and pay of commanders upon the retired list.

"I am firmly of the opinion that unless the present condition of the higher commissioned personnel is rectified by judicious legislation, the future of our navy will be gravely compromised."

The Panama message was pictorially illustrated, portraying conditions as he found them on the Isthmus. Printed copies, handsomely bound, were placed on the desk of each senator and representative, and the reading of the document was closely followed. The pictorial feature of the message afforded an opportunity for good-natured comment, the innovation of cuts in a statement being looked upon with favor

ARSENIC IN STOMACH.

Doctors Partially Solve Mystery of Many Deaths in Chicago Family.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Arsenic was responsible for the death of at least two members of the Vrzal family, six of whom died within a few months of each other, according to a chemical examination just completed. Herman Billik, a fortune teller, is now in jail on a charge of having administered poison to the family, so that the mother of the dead children could collect insurance money. Mrs. Vrzal was found dead in her home two weeks ago, a few hours after an investigation into the cause of the death of the other members of the family was begun. At first it was believed she committed suicide, but the police are of the opinion that she was killed to conceal the cause of death of the children.

The bodies of Ella and Mary, daughters of Mrs. Vrzal, were exhumed last week. Prof. Haines of Rush Medical college and Dr. Lewke, of the coroner's staff, found arsenic in the liver and the stomach of both girls in sufficient quantities to cause death, according to the doctors. The bodies of the other four members of the family will now be exhumed.

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt have issued invitations for a dinner on Friday, January 4th, which will be followed by a musicale.

The Louisville & Nashville railroad has given notice that it has increased the wages of its shopmen about four per cent, effective Dec. 1. The increase affects about 2,000 men.

By the terms of the will of the late Daniel B. Shipman of Chicago, the bulk of his estate, amounting to $1,300,000, will be held in trust, the income to be divided equally among five charitable institutions in that city.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad is to build a new $20,000,000 station in Chicago, west of the Chicago river, if the mayor signs an ordinance passed by the city council Monday night, permitting the building of the station.

A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the British channel, has been deposited with the British parliament. It is estimated that this sceme will involve an expenditure of $80,000,00 It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels 24 miles long.

During a heavy fog on the British channel Monday, the British steamer Arlington, 1,986-tons, collided with and sank the eBlgian steamer Capt. Juby, 652-tons, from Antwerp, for Newport, off Dungenes. Twelve of the crew of the Capt. Juby were drowned, but the captain and five members of the crew were saved.

President Roosevelt told a committee of the National Editorial association, Monday, that he would make a speceh before the association on the occasion of his visit at the dedication of the Georgia building at the Jamestowns exposition in June. The editors held their annual convention at Jamestown on the 13th, 14th and 15th of that month.

Disturbances In India.

Calcutta, India, Dec. 18.—A band of raiders, composed chiefly of Zakha Khel Afridis, apeared at Badabher on Dec. 5, captured seven persons, including two Sepoys attached to the board of police, and ran off a number of camels and cattle. Two days ago the raiders looted the police post at Rabbi, where they secured a number of rifles.

Receive Advance In Wages.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Cotton mill operatives numbering about 30,000, employed in different sections of New England, received an advance in wages Monday, or a promise of advance at an early date.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Tuesday, December 18, 1906.

DETROIT—Wheat: No. 1 white, 77c; No. 2 red spot, 77¼c; Dec., 77¼c; May, 82c; July, 79½c. Corn: No. 3 mixed, 45c. No. 3 yellow, 46c. Oats: No. 3 white, 37¼c. Rye: No. 2, 70c. Beans: Spot, $1 28; Feb., $1 28. Clover: Spot, $8 30; Feb., $8 42.

CHICAGO—Wheat: Dec., 73⅞c; May, 74¼c; July, 77½c. Corn: Dec., 41¾c; May, 43⅜c. Oats: Dec., 34c; May, 36c. Pork: Jan., $15 90; May, $16 30. Lard: Jan., $8 72; May, $8 82. Ribs: Jan., $8 50; May, $8 70.

Live Stock Markets.

DETROIT—Cattle: Choice steers, $4 75@6; choice handy killers, $4 25@4 60; light to good butchers' steers and heifers, $2 50@3 75; light butchers' and heavy sausage bulls, $2 50@3 25; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 25. Sheep and lambs: Higher; choice lambs, $7 30@7 50; light to fair, $6@7; common to prime sheep, $3 50@5 50; mixed sheep and lambs, $5 50@6 50; common killers, $2 75@3 50; culls, $2@2 50. Hogs: Prime mediums and fat yorkers, $6@6 05; light yorkers and pigs, $6@6 05; roughs, $5@5 75.

CHICAGO—Cattle: Beeves, $4@7 15; cows and heifers, $1 65@5 20; stockers and feeders, $2 40@4 50. Hogs: Mixed and butchers, $6@6 35; good heavy, $6 20@6 35; light $5 90@6 35; pigs, $5 60@6 20. Sheep: Lower; sheep, $3 90@5 75; lambs, $4 75@7 85

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Best heifers, $4 50@5; fat cows, $3@4; butchers, $3 75@4. Hogs: Yorkers and heavy, $6 45; pigs, $6 60. Sheep: Slow; best lambs, $7 65@7 75; fair to good, $7@7 60; yearlings, $6@6 50; ewes, $5@5 50; wethers, $5 50@5 75.

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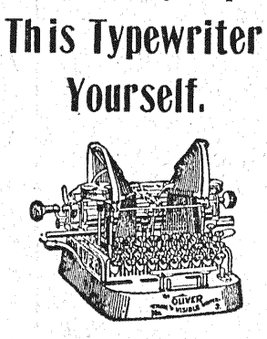

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Children's Letters to Santa Claus

Cass City Mich Dec 15, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus: I thought you might find it handier to have my letter so here it is. I would like a new book and some candy and nuts. My little brother wants some candy and nuts too. I would like a new dress and a new pair of shoes well I guess I don't want any more So good bye
Your loving friend
Edna Colwell

Dece 10, 1906 Cass City Mich
Dear Santa Claus I am a little boy 10 years old I belong to the Baptist Sunday school and I would like a new suite of clothes so I can go I would like a cap and a pair of mittens and if you have room in your sleigh would you mind bring me a coasting sley and I would like a few toy's and some candy from Artemus E. Root
to Santa Claus

Cass City Mich December 15, 06
Dear Santa Claus iceland pleas Bring me a storey Book and a little axe and a little saw i want ask for much this time so good by
George Dodge
to Santa Claus

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I will write a few lines to you to tell you what I want. I would like some furs, a book of Hiawatha, And a piece of sheet music. This is all I want for xmas.
Yours lovingly, Hazel Summers.

Cass City, Mich Dec 11, 1906
Dear Old Santa Claus:—It is not very long till Christmas and I thought I had better write and tell you what I want before you get started away from home. I would like a locket, some dolls clothes, some books, a sterling silver spoon, a string of beads and a sled. My doll is twenty-six (26) inches long so be sure and make the clothes to fit her. She looks best in pink and I would like them that color. As for the books I like almost any kind. Well Santa I suppose you are very busy and if I write too long a letter you will not have time to read it. Be sure and come to my house and you will receive a hearty welcome.
Your Little Friend
Carola Fritz

Cass City, Mich. Dec. 10, '06
Dear Santa, As it is now just two weeks from to-morrow till Christmas I will write and tell you what I want. I would like a sled, a pocket-book and two yards of red silk ribbon for a set of hair ribbons. Well Santa I suppose you are on your way for Cass City to supply the children here. Well Santa I hope that their is enough snow for you to take your sleigh and reindeers. Will old Santa I guess this will do so good-bye Your Friend
Carrie Keating

Cass City, Mich. Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear old Santa:—As it will soon be Christmas time I thought I had better write and tell you what I wanted. I would like a nice big doll with curly hair and with a nice blue and white dress on, a string of be ds, a pair of gloves and a book by the name of "Stories of Fairyland." Now Santa don't forget to come to my house on Christmas eve. There is a hearty welcome waiting for you. I have two brothers and one sister don't forget to bring them something.
Your little Friend
Ethel Carson

Cass City Dec 15, 1906
Dear Santa Claus I am going to have a Christmas tree in the sitting room at my home and I thought I would tell you about it so that you would know where to find it. I am a little boy eight years old. And I ned a new suit of clothes pretty bad.
Good bye Slanta
Calvin Lauderbach.

Cass City
Dear Santa Please bring me a set of paints and a doills trunk and a drawing book and a painting book and a story book candy and peanuts
Anna Hallack

Cass City Dec 11, 06
Santa Claus nuw soot of clothes and a sled pear shoes and a gun and a fut ball and a little tren and a over coat and a little trunk and a pair of skates and a drum and a cart with a rak and a hammer and a jalk knife and some candys and a organ and a bank and a whistle and a mouth organ
August Schenk

Cass City mich
dear Santa Claus as it is nearing Christmas again I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I would like to have you bring me a airgun and a musicbox and a engine a game and a pair of skates well I think that will be all for this Christmas
your loving friend
Willie Henry
to Santa Claus

Dece 10, 1906 Cass City Mich
Dear Santa Claus I am a little boy 7 year old I go to school. I would like a sled nuts candy cap pair mits
from Jerome A Root to Santa Claus

Cass City Mich Dec 10th, 1906
Dear old Santa I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas please bring me a sleepy doll and a set of dishes and a droum and a little Elsie a sleepy doll and a little chair and a sled and some furniture and parsol and a lamp
you little friend
Jessie Boyd

Dear Santa Claus I will have you bring some toys This year pleas bring them to me I would like them xamas night if you can I would like a doll Ribbons Peanuts candy cup Doll Dresses shoes, Rubbers watch Ring Dog waggon House Piano chair Rugs fur up staire in House windows and Doors Desk Rocke Picture books couch.
good bye
From Ellen Hallack

December 10, 1906
Dear Santa Claus Will you please bring me a black board and some chalk And dont forget my little brother Carl Bring him some thing that pleases little boys. I dont want for much because know you have so many to remember on Christmas
Your little friend
Ruth Robinson

Cass City Mich. Dec 12, 1906
Dear Santa Claus I want a doll, carrage, shetland pony blue waist blue long skirt blackboard locket and chane Bible Miriam Fritz

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Cass City Mich Dece. 11
Dear old Sanata Claus Will you please bring me a baby doll with a long dress. A black board and I want a long skirt and waist And a shetland pony. Also a little table to have tea-parties.
From one off your little Friends
Vernita Treadgold

Cass City.
Dear Santa—I want lots of things for Christmas. I want a airgun, and a horn. a drum a sled and lots of nuts and candy. I will be a good boy. I am in the first grade good by. I am 7 years old. Benny Benkelman.

Cass City, Dec. 11, 06
Santa Claus John wants a soot of clothes and a pair of skates and a drum and a tren and a cart with rack and a hammer and a jack knife and some candys and a gun and a over coat and a trunk and a organ and a bank and whistle and mouth organ.
John Schenk

Dear Santa Claus I would like a sled and a airgun and a horn and a rifle a story book Grey Lenzner
I am 7 years old am in the first grade

Herman Doerr
Cass City

Dear Santa Claus as it is nearing Christmas again I thought I would write you. I want a engine and a musickbox. The engine is at hunts store. The musickbox is at durst store.

Cass City, Dec. 11, 06
Mary wants a doll little cradle and a sled and a set of dishes and a shoal of red thred. Mary Schenk

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Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, Will you come down our chimney on Christmas eve and bring me some presents. I wish you would bring me an air-gun, a sled, sweater, magic-lantern, all kinds of story-books, lots of candy, a new suit of clothes and a new pair of gloves.
Well that is about all I want this Christmas. So good-by.
Yours-lovingly,
Dugald M. Duncanson.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus:—, I thoght that I would write and tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a story-book, pair of skates, sleigh, toilet set, pair of furs, picture, and a dish of candy and nuts if you please. Yours lovingly,
Dorothy Geitgey.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus:—I woud like a sled, a big doll-buggy, a big doll, new dress, new cap, two story books, and have a Christmas-tree a locket and chain, and lots of candy and nuts and peanuts.
and do not forget the poor children, and come down our chimmy the night before Christmas.
Yours lovingly
Anna Pettit.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I hope you will bring me a little engine that runs with alcohol.
And a twenty-two rifle and some bullets to shoot with.
I would like a goat and a little sleigh. I would like a little pony and a saddle. A pair of skates I would like a sleigh to go coasting with. And a pair of little rabbits and a dog, a very pretty one.
Yours lovingly,
Clifford Gemmill.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I would like a big doll for my other one has lost its hair and besides it is not a nice one. I would like clothes for it, too. Now before I write any more I must thank you for the things you brought me last year. Well I would like some bed slippers, a bracelet, a sled, a pair of overshoes, and a doll coat and hat. I don't know if I deserve them all or not but you may bring some of them. Well I am afraid if I ask for too much I won't get any-thing so I won't ask for any more so good-bye,
Your loving little friend,
Helen Campbell.

Dear santa claus I want to write you a letter to tell you what I want For christmas I want a horse a gun and a game of Dominoes i guess thats all mamma says I am her mischief I need such a lot to amuse me
justin mcDermott

Cass City Mich grade I
December 12, 1906
Dear Santa caus will you send me a sled and a cup sucer
Claud gibbard

Cass City, Mich. Dec., 12, 1906.
Dear Santa, Iceland. Please Santa when you visit my house will you bring me a story book and a doll's cab and some candy and peanuts. and nuts and I guess I want a new hair ribbon.
I guess you will find my stocking on the table and do not forget to fill it with goodies from your pack of toys. Well I will leave the door unlock for you. Good by Santa
from your friend
Effie Brown.

Cass City, Mich. Dec., 12, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to visit my house and bring me a toy train and two cars on it, and a toy mail-wagon with a black horse on it, some candy, peanuts and a sack of nuts. I think my stockings will be lying on the table. I will leave the door unlucked so you can come in the door and not get all black coming down the chimney.
Will you visit my room on Friday be fore christmas if you are here I am in the Kindergarden. Good by Santa Claus from your friend.
Robert Brown.

Cass City, Michigan. Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus:—I write you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas.
I want a game of dominoes, a book called Uncle Tom's Cabin, some handkerchiefs, and a picture Album.
I will be pleased if you bring me the things I mentioned and if you have something else you think I would like want to bring it too I will be glad. I think this is all I have to say this year so I will close. From
Belle McDermott.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 11, 19'6.
Dear Old Santa Claus:—It is not very long before Christmas and I thought I had better write before you start away and tell you to be sure to come to my house on Christmas eve. I want a book, a game of flinch, a pair of overshoes, a ring, and a pair of light blue hair ribbons, a pair of skates, and lots of candy and nuts. Please bring my sister some nice things too. She is too small to write so I will write for her. She would like a doll all dressed up in pink, some cards and blocks, a set of little dishes and a doll carriage. Do not forget to visit our house Christmas eve, for we will all be so glad to meet you again. We will be sure to go to bed early so you will not have to wait. Good Bye, Santa. From Your Little Friend,
Lila Fritze.

Cass City
Santa claws I wont a shot gun and a pair of sKats. Please bring Andy a Pair to. candy and nuts.
Frank Champion
P. S. dont for get lottie our post misses

Cass City, Dec 10 06
Dear Santa claus Iceland please Ill want a engen for I love him I want a story book to. And a bass drawrm and a to stecks to. And I am going to put my stockings buy the stove so he will find them. I want a nife to so Ill want to milk a cow Eber Gale and a pair good skets to sket with

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Cass City Dec 16,
Dear Santa Claus, please bring me some books for Xmas. please bring Lydia doll a bed. you can bring me some candy too. if you think I am asking for to much you need not bring the bed. please dont for get the poor little boys and girls.
good by Santa Clause
Lydia Irene Frutchey

Cass City Mich Dec 17, 06
Dear Santa please bring me a sled and that will be all for this time just leave it on the stoup out side thed or
good by dear Santa
Hazin Patterson

Cass City Dec 15 06
Dear Santa claus Iceland I want a pair of skates and a story book and nuts & candy Dear Santa
Stanley Muntz

Dear Santa Claus Will you please bring me a watch that will tell time and a pair of nice shoes size 13 and a pair of leggings. My little sister Beatrice can not write so I must write for her She wants a sleeping doll Mildred wants a rocking chair.
Dalvin Schneider

Dec 15 1906 Cass City Mich
Dear Santy Clas I want a doll and a wagon and lots of nuts and candy and a new pipe For my Grandpa an I wil try an go to slep right afer super an I wold like a orgin
Gud By
Mae Bradshaw

Dec 15 1906 Cass City Mich
Dear ole Santy Clus I want a big dol an a slay an a slate an some pencels and I wod like a Bok and Bank and candy an nuts and please bring Grandpa som slipers
Gud By
Grace Bradshaw

Cass City Dec 17. 06
Dear Santa Claus Iceland I want a airgun and a pair of skates a drum candy and nuts and a story book and dont forget the baby
Your little friend
Homer Muntz

Cass City Mic dec 17
North Pole
dear santy Claus I want som peanuts and som kndy nuts and gum and handkerchief horn and anything that will Be nice for Boys and som thing for my Big Brothers. Good By
Bennie Crocker
Box 67 Rfd Cass sity mick.

Cass City Mich Dec 17, 06
Dear Santa, Please bring me some toys that are nice for boys. I like books that Mr. Longfellow wrote, you will find me where it says A. A. Jones on the mail box. Paul Jones

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Cass City, Mich., Dec. 17. 1906
Dear Santie Close: I want some pea-nuts and some candy. popcorn and some nuts, top story-book and sled and a dinner-pail and a picture of santy close and some thing for my little sister Alice.
Willie Wagner
Cass City, Mich.

Cass City Mish December 25 1906
Dear sandy clos please bring me a gack nife bicyle poney moth orgen pencle candy popcorn book sled cuttre sled all in part red Good by
Bennie Wagner

Cass City Mich 1906
Deare old sanlaus I will write you a few lines to you and tell you what I want a sled and a horn to blow and a mouth organ and some candie and some peanuts put them on the Christmas tree. good by you will find one at the school house
From Eugene Strickland

Cass City Mich Dec 14, 1906
Dear Santa Claues Iceland
please bring me a big doll I live out on the farm. please bring me a dolls gocart the fire won't be out and so you will have to come in the door please bring me a story book please bring me a ring don't forget mamma. please bring me a stove please bring me a pair of side combs.
from Laura Wooley

Deckerville Des. 15, 06.
Dear Santa Claus Iceland
Pleas dear Santa Claus brean me a Magic Lantrn and a pear of skates. Pleas Dear Santa Claus brean me a set of blocks and a big engine Please dear Santa Claus brean my little cousin Hazel a rubber doll for she is to little to write and tell you what she wants. I will put some oats in my shoes for your raindeers to eat and a bunch of hay on the porch. I will hang my socking bye my tree.
Good bye dear Santa Claus from
Harry Bullock

Gagetown dec 16, 06
dear santa claus Iceland
santa claus please bring me a picture book and a doll and a doll hat please bring me a little lamp please bring me a little stove and a clock please bring me a bed for my dolly a doll chair for my dolly. Bring Harold something. well I will say good bye dear Santa Claus Gladys Jackson
Gagetown Mich

Deford Mich. Dec 15th 1906
Dear santa Clause Iceland
Santa Clause please bring me a train of cars, a small automobile, and a gasoline engine. A horn, a monkey-mobile, a hillclimber fire-engine, and a handcar. My little sister is to small to write, so I will tell you what to bring her. She wants a doll, and an organ. If you bring us these few things we will be quite satisfied.
Good-bye,
Foster Van Blaricom

(More letters on sixth page.)

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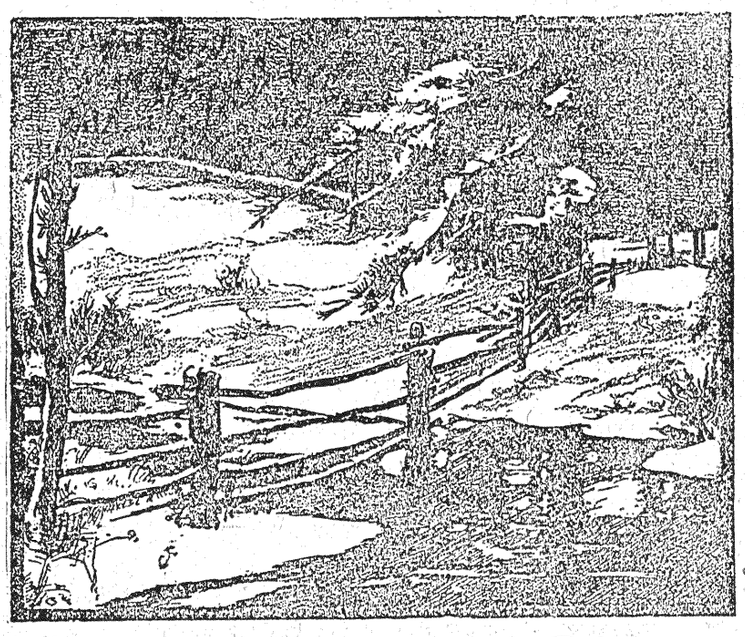

The Christmas Stars

WITH whisper and rustle and start and bush
The dry leaves murmur on tree and bush.
On sombre pines with boughs bent low,
Forsaken nests are piled with snow.
The chickadees, alert for seeds,
Chatter and cling to the swaying weeds.
The snow drifts deep in the country ways,
And short and cold are the cheerless days.
Yet, fair on the brow of the frozen night,
The Christmas Stars shine, large and bright.

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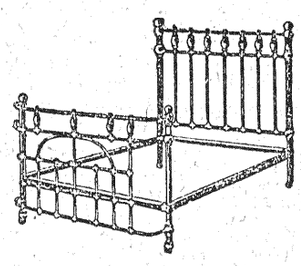

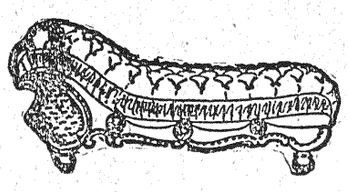

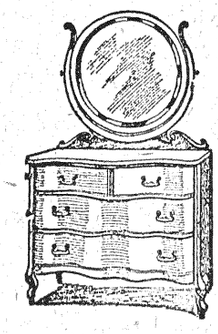

It is impossible to name all the good things that we are offering for the Christmas trade, but we want you to call and see the articles yourself for we are certain that we have the goods that are bound to please you.

Something for every member of the family. Call early while the stock is at its best, for the early buyer is wise.

H. P. LEE,

'Phone 15 WEST MAIN STREET.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Grandma Champion has been very ill this week.

Get your tickets for the winter's lecture course.

The Chronicle wishes all of its readers a Merry Christmas.

Thos. Quinn has returned home after several uonths' absence.

W. F. Ehlers, of Shabbona, was a business caller in town Wednesday.

R. F. Willwood visited his daughter, Mrs. J. N. Dorman, this week.

W. W. Bender was in Bad Axe and Port Austin last week on a business trip.

Miss Lillian Goff has returned home from Brown City after several months' absence.

Miss Eva Wilson goes to Saginaw tomorrow to visit for a few days with friends.

Miss Leila Lee, a student at Cleary Business College, Ypsilanti, is home for the holidays.

Miss Myrtle Brewer leaves tomorrow for her home in Washington to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Graves, of Bad Axe, spent last Sunday with friends and relatives in town.

Miss Rosa Fairbanks entertained her mother Mrs. Caleb Fairbanks, of Marlette the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Leek and Mrs. Daniel Ashley of Northwest Kingston were callers in town Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Doerr left Tuesday morning for Hickory, North Carolina, to visit Miss Tillie Doerr for a few weeks.

Mrs. N. Bigelow and granddaughter, Laura, returned home Saturday from a visit with friends in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Castle and little son, of North Branch, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Striffler Sunday.

Miss Chrystal Read, who resides several miles east of town, has been the guest of friends in town a few days.

Miss Beatrice Cochrane leaves Saturday for her home in Hartford to spend the holidays with her relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Helwig have taken up their residence in the M. G. Flynn house, corner of Ale and Third streets.

Mrs. D. J. McArthur and children have returned to Cass City after spending several weeks with relatives in Saginaw.

Ray Riker, who has been employed in Kalamazoo for several months, is spending the holidays at his parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kile and daughter, Leone, of Caro, were the guests of friends in town over Sunday, returning home Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Metcalf expects to go to Detroit this week to spend a couple of weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Thatcher.

For the convenience of patrons of the postoffice, Postmaster Wickware will keep the office open next Monday evening, Christmas eve.

Dana Losey was called to Oxford this week owing to the serious illness of his mother, who has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Mrs. H. McColl left Thursday for Downington to visit her daughter, during the holidays.

Miss Lucile Hoffman, of Pontiac, was the guest of Miss Lucile Lincoln last Friday evening.

John Zinnecker went to Argyle Monday to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Striffler.

Oliver Lazenby, of Pardeeville, Wis., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. A. Buchanan and Miss Inabell Lazenby.

Mrs. J. D. Brooker and daughter, Marie, returned Friday evening from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. W. D. Schooley and other friends in Saginaw.

Mrs. W. W. Bender and Mrs. A. W. Traver leave today for a visit with friends in Vermont and Quebec. They expect to be gone a week or ten days.

Archie McPhail, of Novesta, recently purchased the house and lot owned by A. A. Hitchcock on South Seeger street and is taking possession this week.

While F. Sykes was in Detroit a few days ago someone with a spirit of mischief upset the cage containing a pet hawk in Mr. Sykes' yard and the bird escaped.

Rufus Everson King, lecturer, will give the second number of the lecture course next Tuesday evening. Tickets for the course may be secured at the Cass City Bank.

Mrs. Archibald McVannel and her granddaughter, Miss Maggie Leitch, leave this week for a visit with relatives in West Lorne, Ontario, the former home of Mrs. McVannel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Striffler have moved to town and occupy their recently purchased prorerty on Pine street. Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Kenyon have also moved into their residence on Houghton street.

Mrs. Wm. A. Seeger and little son and Mrs. M. Seeger left Wednesday morning for a visit with friends in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seeger expect to visit with relatives in Harrison before returning home.

Loyal Hays, of Hastings, Nebraska, has been the guest of his brother, Dr. J. H. Hays, for a few days, returning home Monday. He was accompanied here by his mother, Mrs. Foster, who has been quite ill and came here to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pryke left Wednesday for London, Ont., to visit with relatives until after Christmas and then they will go to Peru, Illinois, where they will make their future home. They will be missed by a large circle of friends here as they have been residents in this vicinity for the past fifteen years and loyal good people.

Miss Lucile Hatton, of Detroit, is expected here to-morrow to visit her mother, Mrs. Wm. Schwaderer, and sister, Mrs. Hersey Young, and other friends here. She will be accompanied by her cousin, Miss Mae McArthur, also of Detroit, and also Miss Griffith, of Ann Arbor, who is a cousin of Mrs. Schwaderer. They expect to remain during the holidays.

At the last regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors the following officers were elected: Oracle, Mrs. C. W. Heller; vice oracle, Mrs. Eva Hartwick; chancellor, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell; recorder, Miss Cerlistia Crawford; receiver, Mrs. T. L. Tibbals; marshal, Mrs. C. E. Fritz; inner sentinel, Mrs. N. McPhail; outer sentinel, Mrs. A. Doerr; manager, Mrs. J. H. Hays; physician, Dr. J. H. Hays; past oracle, Mrs. Thos. Powell.

Considerable interest was taken in the replevin suit of Thos. Murphy vs. Wm. Gaugherty to recover possession of a number of turkeys, which was held in the council rooms Monday. The suit was held before Justice Landon who decided in favor of the plaintiff, the defendant paying $13.04 and the costs which amounted to $10.00. The council rooms were crowded dur the day, many farmers as well as townsmen attending.

The Lady Foresters of Court Davenport, No. 254, have elected officers as follows: Chief ranger, Mrs. M. H. Eastman; vice chief ranger, Mrs. Geo. Perkins; recording secretary, Mrs. I. K. Reid; financial secretary, Mrs. Thos. Powell; treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Heller; orator, Mrs. H. T. Elliott; senior warder, Mrs. A. A. Brian; junior warder, Mrs. D. Hutchinson; senior beedle, Mrs. Rushlo; junior beedle, Mrs. Somerville; physician, Dr. J. H. Hays.

The many friends of Fred Palmateer of Novesta, who formerly attended school in Cass City, will be pleased to learn of his recovery from a severe attack of typhoid fever. He has been ill for seven weeks, but has so far recovered that his nurse, Miss Mary Greer, returned to Cass City Saturday. She has been caring for him for the past four weeks and also took care of his little brother, Clyde, who was ill with the fever. He, too, is getting better.

Messrs. Hartwick and Woodfield of Grayling, who have two retail lumber yards in the state, were in town Tuesday considering the advisability of establishing another yard at Cass City. They expressed themselves as being very favorably impressed with the town and are considering a deal for a suitable site. This they expect to complete very soon and then they expect to place a stock for the spring trade. This firm is also interested in mill in Grayling, Lewiston and Johannesburg.

Attorney and Mrs. Henry Butler and family left Tuesday for Pinner's Point, Virginia, their former home after a residence in Cass City of several years. Mr. Butler and family came here a few years ago to care for the former's mother, who resided one and one-half miles west of town. After her death which occurred a short time ago the family decided to return to Virginia, where they have property interests, and where they may also be near the sons and daughters who reside there. Mr. Butler takes with him the best wishes of all for prosperity in their change of surroundings.

Petty thieving has come to be the popular thing in Cass City this winter as several thefts have come to light the past few months. Last Sunday while Mrs. E. G. Fancher was at church someone entered her home on West street and helped themselves to $1.75 in change which she had been saving for church collection. The money had been placed in a small handbag and laid on the dresser in the bedroom and when Mrs. Fancher came

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Combination Safes, regular price 75c, our price.....40c
The Polar Bear; Jack and Gill Alphabet Blocks.....8 to 20c

For Girls

Pickanniny, wood, rubber, china, bisque and kid body Dolls, dressed and undressed.....5c to $4.53
Bisque head Doll 19 in. long, kid body, opens and closes eyes, undressed, regular price $1.50, our price.....75c
Beautiful Dressed Doll, 18 in. long, opens and closes eyes, regular price $1.50, our price.....75c
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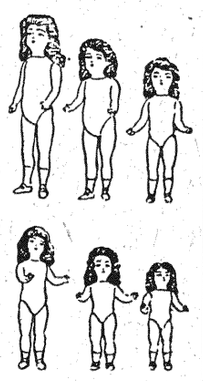

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home from church she noticed it was lying on a chair and on examination she found that the contents had disappeared. As she had left the door unlocked the person found easy entrance to the house. The loss is felt keenly by Mrs. Fancher as she is a widow and works hard to earn her money, and a person who would stoop to do her an injury in any way is unworthy of a place in a respectable community.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the Cass City Bank on Jan. 5 and at Deford Deford Bank on Jan. 7 to receive taxes for Novesta township. LOUIS L. WHEELER,
12-21-2 Treasurer.

Wanted.

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Business Pointers

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Owing to the continued ill health of the occupant, the E. C. Poppleton farm of 120 acres, three and one-half miles northwest of town is for sale. If not sold, might be rented. Might take a smaller farm near Cass City in part pay. This is a fine property. See Laing & Janes or write E. C. Poppleton, Birmingham.
11-2-10

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SHABBONA.

The Rev. R. Stephenson will preach as follows on Sunday next: Wickware 11 a. m. Subject, "A wonderful victory." Greenbank 3 p. m. Shabbona 7:30. Subject, "A divine Savior." Special offerings for aged ministers. All services commence on time.

John Jackson and Mrs. Harriman were united in marriage on the 12th (Wednesday) at the Shabbona parsonage. The bride was attended by Miss Maude Gracy and the groom by James Jackson. The happy pair left for Detroit where a few days were spent. We wish them a happy married life.

GREENLEAF.

Too late for last week.

Herbert Gibson of Columbiaville who has been visiting at Jas. Robertson's for the past ten days returned to his home Monday.

Order of Hearing.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Tuscola, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office in the Village of Caro on the 24th day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and six.

Present, John M. Smith, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Isabella Haines, deceased, Nolton Bigelow, executor of said estate, having filed his final account, prays this Court to fix a day for examining and allowing the same, and for assigning the residue thereof to the persons entitled to the same. It is ordered that Saturday, the 29th day of December next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate office be assigned for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. JOHN M. SMITH,
[Probate Seal] 11-3*-4 Judge of Probate.

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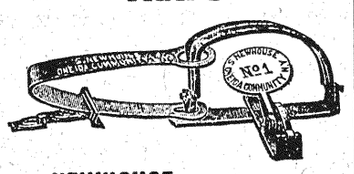

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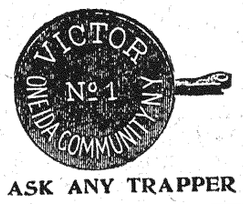

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To the People of Cass City and Surrounding Country:

Owing to the statements made through the columns of this paper in its last issue by W. J. Moore and by oral statements made by his walking delegate, Mr. Hanson, regarding the Cass City Telephone company and its promoters, the writer feels that there should be something said, not only in defense of the company but its promoters as well.

The telephone movement in Cass City dates back several months and its origin, as Mr. Moore would have you understand it, is by the reason "of a local man of some influence being paid a snug sum by an opposition telephone company to agitate the people and dissatisfy them with their present telephone service," but this is not the case; the real reason for the movement, as a great many of the readers already know, is due to the fact of the insincerity of Mr. Moore himself. Four years ago his telephone exchange seemed to be doing nicely with but a few subscribers, at a rate of $15.00 for business places but in spite of the protests and remonstration of the subscribers in Cass City the rate was advanced to $20.00 for business places. At that time dissatisfaction prevailed among the subscribers and a movement sprang up to put in a local telephone exchange; this movement was finally quieted by Mr. Moore in his own diplomatic way, to some he granted free phones, to some special privileges and to all he faithfully promised not to raise the rates again and when the number of the subscribers reached 100 to install a night service. Some of the subscribers had no faith in the promises of Mr. Moore and very wisely insisted upon a written agreement for five years at $20.00 per year for it was during the month of October last that all were notified that telephone rates would again advance to $24.00 per year and the rates have gone up accordingly and those that have the written agreement are paying $20.00 per year for their phones while the others having business phones are paying $24.00 per year, and this is the reason that a telephone movement has sprung up in Cass City and the only reason.

The writer cannot refrain at this time from saying a few things regarding the status of Mr. Moore from a legal standpoint as it appears to him. It is obvious that whatever right a telephone company has to place poles and wires in the public streets and highways of this state must come from the statutes of the state and under the statute relative to telephone companies, being Act 129 of the Public Acts of 1883, entitled "An act for the Organization of Telephone and Messenger Service Companies," found in Compiled Laws of 1897, Section 6697, which reads as follows:

"Every such corporation shall have power to construct lines of wire or other material for use in transmission of telephonic messages along, over, across or under any public streets and highways and across or under any of the waters in this state with all necessary erections and fixtures therefor. Provided, that the same shall not injuriously interfere with other public use of said places, streets and highways and the navigation of said waters, etc."

Now, Mr. Moore is an individual owning and operating a telephone exchange in Tuscola, Sanilac and Huron counties and not a corporation and it is the contention of this writer that Mr. Moore as an individual has no right to place telephone poles or wires in the public streets or highways of this state.

Furthermore, Section 6695 of the same Act provides that any corporation organized and doing business under this act shall be subject to taxation, etc. But again, this is not Mr. Moore's case for he pays no tax excepting upon his building and real estate in Caro. He has a telephone exchange in Cass City and Elkland township which he estimates to be worth several thousand dollars and upon which he pays no tax. If his exchange was owned and operated by a regularly incorporated telephone company the articles of incorporation would be on record with the Secretary of State and Mr. Moore would be called upon to pay his portion of the state taxes upon his entire telephone system, but as it appears, the various local assessors, believing that he stands upon the same footing as other telephone companies and believing that he is paying his taxes to the state, like other telephone companies, have from time to time left his name off from their assessment roll and he pays no tax upon his property in poles, lines and wires, etc. yet he insists that he has a right to place his lines of poles and wires in the public streets and highways, that he has the exclusive right to charge his subscribers for the use of phones any old price that he may see fit, that he has the exclusive right to advance the same whenever he may feel so inclined, and gives to his subscribers as a reason that material has gone up 40 per cent. Is it not a wonder that he doesn't say it is on account of his excessive rate of taxes?

The Cass City Telephone company is a corporation organized under the laws of this state, with a capital stock of $5,000.00 The names and number of stockholders are given below. These are not possible subscribers or prospective users of phones but bona fide holders of stock who have each subscribed his name and expressed his willingness to become such.

It is the object of the Cass City Telephone company to install a complete exchange in Cass City and vicinity, owning and operating its own system and furnishing phones to its subscribers at a reasonable price, viz: $10.00 for private dwellings and $15.00 for business places.

It has made a ten years' contract with the Saginaw Valley Telephone company by which the two companies will join lines, thus furnishing a toll line service to outside points, and by this manner the people of Cass City and vicinity will no longer be held up at the will of Mr. Moore or any other individual.

Farmers desiring a telephone connected with an exchange at Cass City are requested before making contracts for the same to investigate the utility of the exchange to which they are to become attached, for a telephone would be of no use to a farmer unless it was connected with the business places of the town.

In conclusion I would call the attention of local assessors as a matter of law to the fact that it is their duty to assess all the lines, telephones, poles and switchboards and other property owned by W. J. Moore in their respective assessing districts.

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A STOCKHOLDER.

CASS CITY MARKETS.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 20, 1906.

Wheat, No. 1 white		70
Wheat, No. 2 red		70
Rye No.2		63
White oats No. 3, new		32
Choice Handpicked Beans		1 00
Alsike		6 20
June		7 40
Barley, per cwt		80
Peas	60	70
Corn		50
Hay	7 00	10 00
Potatoes		20
Eggs per doz		20
Butter	20	22
Live hogs, per cwt		5 50
Beef, live weight	3 00	3 55
Sheep live weight, per lb	3½	4
Lambs	6 00	6 50
Live Veal	5 50	6 50
Dressed Hogs		7 00
Dressed Beef	5 00	6 00
Chickens		07
Ducks		08
Geese		07
Turkey	14	15
Hides, green		09

ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt		2 20
Seal of Minnesota, per cwt		2 50
Economy per cwt		1 75
Fanchon per cwt		2 40
Graham flour per cwt		2 00
Granulated meal, per cwt		2 00
Feed per cwt		1 25
Meal per cwt		1 25
Bran per cwt		1 10
Middlings per cwt		1 20
Oil Meal per cwt		2 00
Salt, per bbl	75	85

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FOR SALE—Cheap a brood mare to foal last of May, weight about 1200. Might exchange for horse about that weight to work on farm. Inquire at this office. 12-21-5*

FOR SALE—One Jersey cow, 4 years old, due Jan. 15. Jas. McKenzie. 12-21-2

EIGHTY ACRES of land for sale very cheap; eight miles east of Cass City. Enquire of E. B Landon. 12-21-10*

LIMITED number of desirable building lots for sale, located at the south end of Woodland Avenue. Enquire of Rev. O. Y. Schneider. 9-28-tf

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WANTED—A GOOD MAN in each county to represent and advertise co-operative department, put out samples, etc. Old established business house. Cash salary $21.00 weekly expense money advanced; permanent position. Our reference, Bankers National Bank of Chicago, Capital $2,000,000. Address, The Columbia House, Chicago, Ill. Desk No. 1. 12-7-4

WANTED—Lady to advertise our goods locally. Several weeks home work. Salary $12.00 per week, $.100 a day for expenses. Saunders Co., Dept. W. 46-48 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. 12-7-8

NOVESTA CORNERS.

Leah Pratt is sick.

Maggie Moshier spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. William Patch.

Commissioner Bush was a welcome visitor at the Crawford school one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wentworth visited at Chas. Cook's on Sunday.

Mr. Francis has moved his family into the Sim Pratt house.

Grover Pratt has recovered from the measles.

Miss Hattie Ashby visited the Crawford school one day last week.

Mrs. William Patch is entertaining her father, David Moshier, of Wilmot, this week.

Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree at the Baptist church on Christmas eve.

The Taking Cold Habit

The old cold goes; a new one quickly comes. It's the story of a weak throat, weak lungs, a tendency to consumption. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral breaks up the taking-cold habit. It strengthens, soothes, heals. Ask your doctor about it.

"I had a terrible cold, and nothing relieved me. I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and it promptly broke up my cold, stopped my cough, and eased every part of my body. It did wonderful work for me."—MR. J. F. LUTZ, Toledo, Ohio.

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Ayer's SARSAPARILLA. PILLS. HAIR VIGOR.

Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills, just one pill each night.

The Cass City Roller Mills

Grind Buckwheat every day.

Try us. We grind feed promptly and to suit you. Our White Lily Flour for fine pastry and bread. Our brands of spring wheat flour will suit, in exchange for wheat or cash cheap.

Ask your grocer for our brands of flour and buckwheat flour.....

They are the best and warranted. Also have on hand all kinds of feed, bran, middlings, corn meal, fine meal, oil meal, etc.

Promptly delivery. 'Phone No. 1.

We invite you to call and see our complete lines of

Outings, Underwear, Gloves, Mittens, Warm Felt Shoes and Rubbers.

GENERAL LINE OF GROCERIES

We treat you right. Goods delivered to any part of town.

B. F. BENKELMAN.

CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

J. F. Hendrick

The Cass City Jeweler

Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To make yourself happy, come and look over my large stock of

Christmas Goods

Sterling Silver, Flat Wares, Silver Plated Goods, and China Ware of the best grade. My Cut Glass is of an extra quality and prices low.

Our Jewelry Dept.

is complete with Ladies' and Gents' Watches, Ladies' Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Lace Pins, Stick Pins, Hat Pins, Gold Rings and Mantle Clocks.

A pair of Gold Spectacles or Eye Glasses make a nice Chaistmas gift. Call and look over my goods and you will find what you are looking for.

J. F. HENDRICK,

The Jeweler.

Christmas Shoppers.

Have you seen our display of Lamps, Fancy hina, Dinnersets, Chamber sets, Toilet sets, Tobacco jars, Dolls and Doll abs, Sleds, Books, Henty and Alger's works.

Our Grocery stock is always Complete.

Fruits, nuts and candies at the lowest prices.

Call and see us before buying elsewhere.

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The Baptist Ladies Aid of Novesta will serve an

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at the home of Wm. Johnson on New Year's night.

Counting the Minutes.

The "Longest" Day of the Year.

Children's Letters to Santa Claus

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write you a letter to tell you what I would like for Christmas, Dear Santa, please bring me an engine, magic-lantern, story book, sled, watch a pair of skates, a riddle book, and a game. Well I think that will be all I want for this Christmas.
Yours lovingly,
Roy Henry.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I would like a nice large doll and doll-cab, and lots of clothes for it. I want a new fur, some games and books. My sisters and brother want something too. Well I don't know of any thing else I want. Good-bye
Your loving friend,
Pauline Elliott.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write and tell you what I would like for xmas yow have always been kind to me. Oh you are the dearest old man I ever saw. How I love you! So I will tell you what I would like for Xmas, Doll, skates, ring, locket, and knife. now, Santa, do not forget. Your lovingly,
Laura Maier.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write a few lines to tell you to bring me a nice pair of skates, a suit of clothes and a new cap too. But do not forget the other children and take them as much as you bring me. Well that is all. So good-by.
Yours lovingly,
H. D. Fritz.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I am going to tell you what I want for Xmas. I suppose you know I want lots of things. I would like a nice doll-cab, locket and chain, some doll clothes, a box of candy, and a nice little spoon. And dear Santa, take something to the poor children that have no Xmas so they will have a happy Xmas this year.
I will be a good girl and go to sleep Xmas eve so you will bring me some of these things. Yours lovingly,
Ruth Fritz.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus. I thought I would write and tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a big doll, a ring, new dress, pair of shoes, locket and chain, a big sack of candy and peanuts, and a sled.
Well, Santa, I guess this is all I can think of. I guess I will close so good bye, Your lovingly friend,
Mae Benkelman.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought that I would tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a new suit, a pair of skates, a riddle book, a Rifle for Christmas and a magic-lantern, too.
And Santa, don't forget the poor children and bring them lot of things for Christmas.

I think that is all for this time. Good bye, Santa, Yours lovingly,
George Wright.

Cass City, Mich , Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought that I would write you a letter and tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a new cap, fur, coat, story book, and a new sled.
Yours lovingly,
Amy LaCroix.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me a pair of skates, a sleigh, a drum, a horn, an engine, and some games, some checkers, some story-bocks, some candy and peanuts, some candy dogs and cats, an automobile. That is all.
Good by, Santa,
Alfred Seeger.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write and tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a doll's buggy-cab, a bible, a game, and a riddle book. and dear, Santa, give the poor children something that will make them happy.
Yours lovingly,
Myrl Rowley.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Santa, I would like very many things for Xmas.
I would like a book with Xmas stories in it, a testament, a box of chocolates a cup and saucer with evergreen and berries on it and a ring.
Santa, please help the poor children to be happy on Xmas Day.
Dear, Santa, I suppose you don't care to bring me so much. But you can bring me what you wish.
Yours lovingly,
Helen McGregory.

Cass City. Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you what I want for Xmas. I would like a pair of skates, sled, some candy, nuts and a magic lantern. and don't forget the poor children. Bring them lots of presents to make them happy.
Your little friend,
Fred Lutze.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write to you and tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a sleigh, goat, little wagon, candy, peanuts, and many other things. I guess I will have to close So good-by.
From your lovingly little friend,
Charles McLellan.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus—I wish you would bring me a magic-lantern, ring, an air gun, story book, a pair of skates, a sled, and some nuts and candy and a ball. Yours lovingly,
Russell H. Gillies.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I write you a few lines to tell you what I want. I would like a gun for Christmas and a drum and if you have a pair of skates I would like to have them and I would like a suit of clothes. If you have a magic lantern for me I could have some fun at night. Yours lovingly,
John Crawford.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa:—I wish you would bring me a pair of skates, a muffler, a ring, a sleigh, a story book, a gun, a watch, a wheel, a banjo, a snow shovel and a magic-lantern. If your raindeers can't draw it all leave some of it till next Xmas then bring it to
Your dearest friend,
Earl Somerville.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me lots of candy and peanuts. I can think of so many things I would like but I haven't much time to write. But if you would please bring me a sleigh to ride on coming up to school. And I wish you would bring me a new suit of clothes and anything else you think that you could spare. Thats all I think for this time. Yours lovingly,
Hazen Carson.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 11, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write to tell you what I would like for xmas. I would like a engine with a whistle on it, two dozen magic-lantern slides, and a watch and chain, Some books and lots of candy and peanuts. Your lovingly friend,
Niclo Hitchcock.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.,
Dear Santa Claus, I thought I would write You a letter to tell you what I would like. A doll and doll cab, a little bed, a game of Checkers a little bible, a pair of bed slippers, a lot of doll clothes a pair of mittens.
Your loving little friend,
Flossie Koppelberger.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I would like some peanuts, Can you bring them to me?
I would like a sled, engine, suit, hat shoes, a book, gun, twenty, five-cent lead pencils, a magic lantern, thirdy pictures, a half dozen books, a nice watch, a chain, some pictures, a pen, one stocking full of nuts, and the other full of candy.
From your ture friend, Ernest Root.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me an air gun and when you go leave a note telling how you are feeling. I should think you would get tired of riding so much Remember all the poor children and bring them toys as well as the other children. Please bring me a pair of skates, also.
Yours lovingly, Harry McLaren.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10. 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have you bring me a nice big doll-buggy that the back and the front will let down, and a lot of clothes for my big doll.
I would like some pictures book and some games, a locket and chain, ring, and wath.
And if you can carry them bring some candy and some popcorn, and My little sister a nice big doll.
Don't forget the poor children. I think that will be all.
Yours lovingly, Helene Janes.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I would like a big doll, a game, story-books, locket and chain, set of furs, ring and some candy. And anything else that you want to bring me, So goodby.
Yours lovingly, Hazel Gable.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would bring ne a twenty-two riffle, a pair of skates and a long coasting sled, lots of candy and nuts a game of checkers and a story-book and a gold watch and chain. Yours lovingly,
Willie Ward.

Cass City, Mich., Dec. 10, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me a pair of mittens, a gun, some skates and a tablet of writing paper and a pencil, I can't think of any more. I guess that will be All.
Yours truly, Merton Geno.

Cass City, Mich. Dec. 15, 1906.
Dear Santa Claus:—I wish on Christmas Eve that you would come with your large pack and put these things under the Christmas Tree for me to get in the morning. I would be pleased to have you bring me a doll dress, some kind of a toy, a game of Flinch, a pair of mittens for Sundays and if you have anything handy bring it along.
From your little friend
Grace Meiser.

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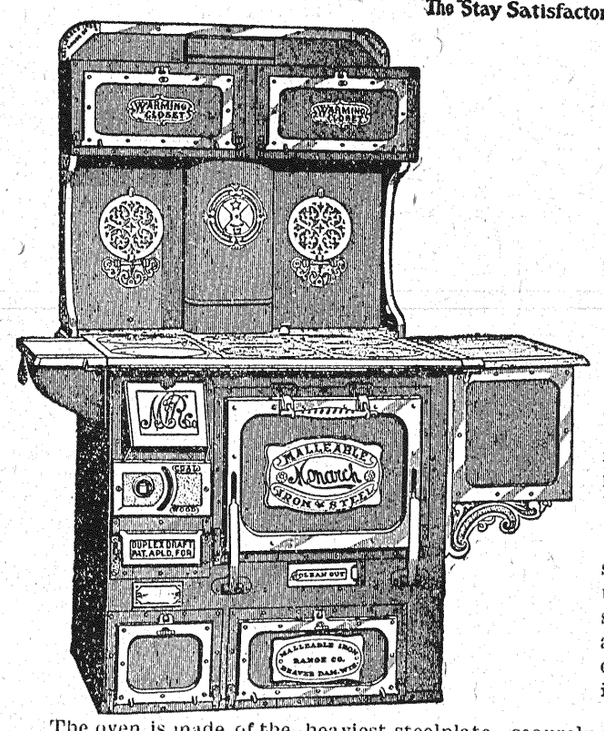
doll legins ribbons buggie candy peanuts-nuts Barn pony coller Horse cow cat Dog top stove spider set Dishes Pig Doll Dresses watch Ring Rug chair couch fur House with up stairs Windows and Doors in it Desk Piano Pair shoes Morse chair Doll bed Picture book Paints
good bye from
Clara (Hallack)

Cass City Mech Dec 15, 06
Dear Santa Claus I am so sorry that I did not get my letter in before but I hope I am not to late Now Santa I will tell you what I want I would like a Sled a cup and saucer and a story book That is all I want but my to little sisters want a doll and a buggie and a set of dishis They each one want that and my little brother he is only three years old he wants a a rocking horse I bope Dear Santa I have not ask to much for I know you have so many little children to take to I cant promise the fire will be out as we burn coal and keep a fire all night but I will ask my papa to leave the door unlocked
from one of your little freends
Willie Schneider

Cass City
Dear santy Claus I wood a sleigh please. I wood a book please dool. I wood a dress. Nina Oathout.

There is nothing better for a Christmas present than one of our

Monarch MALLEABLE
The "Stay Satisfactory" Range



Nothing is nearer a good housekeeper's heart than a good range. We can tell you some things about good ranges because we are sole agents for the best.

Monarch Malleable Ranges are an accumulation of new ideas, valuable improvements in stove-construction on a scientific basis.

Malleable iron is used in those parts which in the ordinary range are made of cast iron. Cast iron is crystalized and is very susceptible to contraction and expansion caused by heat, often cracking at inopportune times. In the production of malleable iron the metal is subjected to 3600 degrees of heat and afterward annealed so as to give it the quality of **toughness** This toughness permits the use of rivets, making absolutely tight joints. There are no bolts or screws to work loose in a Monarch.

The tops being of the same material, will stand a tremendous amount of heat and hard usage without cracking. They are ground smooth and polished before leaving the factory and with use turn permanently steel-blue. To clean them use a damp cloth and **no blacking.**

The oven is made of the heaviest steelplate, securely riveted to the body of the stove. The seams, are air-tight and dust-tight. The relative size of the flues surrounding it has been fixed upon only after exhaustive experiment. The result is an even heat on all sides of the oven and baking temperature with an ordinary cooking fire.

It can easily be proven that for every extra dollar spent in buying a Monarch Range, you will receive **$2.00 additional value** in higher grade construction, economy of fuel, and perfect satisfaction in use.

An examination will interest and cannot fail to convince you of the superiority of Monarch Ranges. The are reasonable in price.

We also have a complete line of Silverware, Copper and Nickelplatedware, it will pay you to get our prices before you buy elsewhere.

EHLERS & NIQUE,
GENERAL HARDWARE, SHABBONA, MICH.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
To the People of Shabbona and surrounding country

The Santa Claus Shabbona is named after

I desire to give notice that our large store is full of useful Holiday goods. Our regular stock has been increased to meet the demands of the gift season. In this store you will find that only which is good and serviceable. We desire to bring to your notice a few articles that cannot fail to please you.

Best mixed Candy	5c lb.
12 Bars Ark Soap	25c
A Dollar box of Toilet Soap	25c
2 Bars Defender Toilet Soap	5c
7 Pkgs. Scrapno Tobacco	25c
8 " Flying Eagle Tobacco	25c
1 Pound Square Deal	25c

Our Stock of Men's and Boy's Rubbers is better and more complete than ever before. WE SELL BALL BAND AND BOSTON FIRST CLASS QUALITY RUBBERS.

HOW ABOUT THAT OLD SUIT?
Remember that you can get a new one here at a price that will surprise you.

Don't select your Xmas presents until you have seen our stock. It is the largest, best, and most complete ever shown.

Toilet sets, Manicure sets, Dinner sets, 4 piece sets, Albums, Games, Jewelry, Novelties, Toys, Handkerchiefs, etc., etc.

We pay highest market prices for BUTTER and EGGS and we are headquarters of the Thumb for DRESSED POULTRY.

Wm. F. EHLERS,
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This way for Christmas gifts

Rockers	Clockshelves	Dressers
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See our line of "Eigene" Pictures framed in 16x20 gilt and black frames and Ovals with gold burnished ornaments. Picture Frames made to order.

LENZNER'S FURNITURE STORE.

The Manager Of the B. & A.

By VAUGHAN KESTER

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CHAPTER XV.

THE first weeks of the strike slipped by without excitement. Harvest time came and went. A rainless August browned the earth and seared the woods with its heat, but nothing happened to vary the dull monotony. The shops, a sepulcher of sound, stood silent and empty. General Cornish, in the role of the avenger, did not appear on the scene, to Oakley's discomfiture and to the joy of the men. A sullen sadness rested on the town. The women began to develop shrewish tempers and a trying conversational habit, while their husbands squandered their rapidly dwindling means in the saloons. There was large talk and a variety of threats, but no lawlessness.

At intervals a rumor was given currency that Oakley was on the verge of starting up with imported labor, and the men, dividing the watches, met each train, but only familiar types, such as the casual commercial traveler with his grips, the farmer from up or down the line, with his inevitable paper parcels, and the stray wayfarer were seen to step from the Huckleberry's battered coaches. Finally it dawned upon the men that Dan was bent on starving them into submission.

Ryder had displayed what for him was a most unusual activity. Almost every day he held conferences with the leaders of the strike, and his personal influence went far toward keeping the men in line. Indeed, his part in the whole affair was much more important than was generally recognized.

The political campaign had started, and Kenyon was booked to speak in Antioch. It was understood in advance that he would declare for the strikers, and his coming caused a welcome flutter of excitement.

The statesman arrived on No. 7, and the reception committee met him at the station in two carriages. It included Cap. Roberts, the Hon. Jeb Barrows, Ryder, Joe Stokes and Bentick. The two last were an inspiration of the editor's and proved a popular success.

The brass band hired for the occasion discoursed patriotic airs, as Kenyon in a long linen duster and a limp, wilted collar presented himself at the door of the smoker. The great man was all blandness and suavity—an oily suavity that oozed and trickled from every pore.

The crowd on the platform gave a faint, unenthusiastic cheer as it caught sight of him. It had been more interested in staring at Bentick and Stokes. They looked so excessively uncomfortable.

Mr. Kenyon climbed down the steps and shook hands with Mr. Ryder. Then, bowing and smiling to the right and left, he crossed the platform, leaning on the editor's arm. At the carriages there were more greetings. Stokes and Bentick were formally presented, and the congressman mounted to a place beside them, whereat the crowd cheered again, and Stokes and Bentick looked, if possible, more miserable than before. They had a sneaking idea that a show was being made of them. Ryder took his place in the second carriage, with Cap Roberts and the Hon. Jeb Barrows, and the procession moved off uptown to the hotel, preceded by the band playing a lively two-step out of tune and followed by a troop of bare legged urchins.

After supper the statesman was serenaded by the band, and a little later the members of the Young Men's Kenyon club, attired in cotton flannel uniforms, marched across from the Herald office to escort him to the rink, where he was to speak. He appeared radiant in a Prince Albert and a shiny tile and a boutonniere, this time leaning on the arm of Mr. Stokes, to the huge disgust of that worthy mechanic, who did not know that a statesman had to lean on somebody's arm. It is hoary tradition, and yet it had a certain significance, too, if it were meant to indicate that Kenyon couldn't keep straight unless he was propped.

A wave of fitful enthusiasm swept the assembled crowd, and Mr. Stokes' youngest son, Samuel, aged six, burst into tears, no one knew why, and was led out of the press by an elder brother, who alternately slapped him and wiped his nose on his cap.

Mr. Kenyon, smiling his unwearied, mirthless smile, seated himself in his carriage. Mr. Ryder, slightly bored and wholly cynical, followed his example. Mr. Stokes and Mr. Bentick, perspiring and abject and looking for all the world like two criminals, dropped dejectedly into the places assigned them. Only Cap Roberts and the Hon. Jeb Barrows seemed entirely at ease. They were campaign fixtures. The band emitted a harmony destroying crash, while Mr. Jimmy Smith, the drum major, performed sundry bewildering passes with his gilt staff. The Young Men's Kenyon club fell over its own feet into line, and the procession started for the rink. It was a truly inspiring moment.

Since an early hour of the evening the people had been gathering at the rink. It was also the opera house, where during the winter months an occasional repertory company appeared in "East Lynne," "The New Magdalen" or Tom Robertson's "Caste."

The place was two-thirds full at a quarter to 8, when a fleet courier arrived with the gratifying news that the procession was just leaving the square and that Kenyon was riding with his hat off and in familiar discourse with Stokes and Bentick.

Presently out of the distance drifted the first strains of the band. A little later Cap Roberts and the Hon. Jeb Barrows appeared on the makeshift stage from the wings. There was an applausive murmur, for the Hon. Jeb was a popular character. It was said of him that he always carried a map of the United States in tobacco juice on his shirt front. He was bottle nosed and red faced. No man could truthfully say he had ever seen him drunk, nor had any one ever seen him sober. He shunned extremes. Next the band filed into the balcony and was laboriously sweating its way through the national anthem when Kenyon and Ryder appeared, followed by the wretched Stokes and Bentick. A burst of applause shook the house. When it subsided the editor stepped to the front of the stage. With words that halted, for the experience was a new one, he introduced the guest of the evening.

It was generally agreed afterward that it had been a great privilege to hear Kenyon. No one knew exactly what it was all about, but that was a minor consideration. The congressman was well on toward the end of his speech and had reached the local situation, which he was handling in what the Herald subsequently described as "a masterly fashion, cool, logical and convincing," when Oakley wandered in and, unobserved, took a seat near the door. He glanced about him glumly. There had been a time when these people had been, in their way, his friends. Now those nearest him even avoided looking in his direction. At last he became conscious that some one far down near the stage and at the other side of the building was nodding and smiling at him. It was Dr. Emory. Mrs. Emory and Constance were with him. Dan caught the fine outline of the latter's profile. She was smiling an amused smile. It was her first political meeting, and she was finding it quite as funny as Ryder had said it would be.

Dan listened idly, hearing only a word now and then. At length a sentence roused him. The speaker was advising the men to stand for their rights. He rose hastily and turned to leave. He had heard enough, but some one cried out, "Here's Oakley!" and instantly every one in the place was staring at him.

Kenyon took a step nearer the footlights. Either he misunderstood or else he wished to provoke an argument, for he said, with slippery civility: "I shall be pleased to listen to Mr. Oakley's side of the question. This is a free country, and I don't deny him or any man the right to express his views. The fact that I am unalterably opposed to the power he represents is no bar to the expression here of his opinion."

Oakley's face was crimson. He paused irresolutely. He saw the jeer on Ryder's lips, and the desire possessed him to tell these people what fools they were to listen to the cheap, lungy patriotism of the demagogue on the stage.

He rested a hand on the back of the chair in front of him and leaned forward with an arm extended at the speaker, but his eyes were fixed on Miss Emory's face. She was smiling at him encouragingly, he thought, bidding him to speak.

"This is doubtless your opportunity," he said, "but I would like to ask what earthly interest you have in Antioch beyond the votes it may give you?"

Kenyon smiled blandly and turned for one fleeting instant to wink at Ryder. "And my reply is this: What about the twenty million dollar specimen of American manhood who is dodging around London on the money he's made here in this state, yes, and in this town? He's gone to England to break his way into London society, and, incidentally, to marry his daughter to a title."

A roar of laughter greeted this sally.

"That may be," retorted Oakley hotly, "but Antioch has been getting its share of his money too. Don't forget that. There's not a storekeeper in this audience whose bank account will not show in hard American dollars what General Cornish does for Antioch when Antioch is willing to let him do for it. But, granted that what you have said is true, who can best afford to meet the present situation, General Cornish or these men? On whom does the hardship fall heavier, on them or on him?"

"That was not the spirit which prevailed at Bunker Hill and Lexington! No, thank God; our fathers did not stop to count the cost, and we have our battles today just as vital to the cause of humanity, and I for one would rather see the strong arm of labor wither in its socket than submit to wrong or injustice!"

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The Obstinate Cook.

Father—Cooking schools are of some use after all. This cake is delicious. Daughter—Is it? I thought it would be a terrible failure. Father—Why? Daughter—I told the cook exactly how to make it, and she went and made it some other way.

The Announcement.

Christmas in Bethlehem

How the Glad Holiday Is Celebrated in Christ's Natal Town.

The little city of Bethlehem is set upon a hill which is crowned by the Church of the Nativity, writes Marion Harland. The Grotto, which all sects of believers have agreed upon as the birthplace of our Lord, is directly under the church and entirely dependent for light upon artificial means. A silver star is let into the pavement of a semi-circular niche, above which is an altar adorned with the usual churchly symbols. By the light of 15 colored lamps suspended under the altar we read the inscription in Latin:

"Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary."

The long line of pilgrims prostrated themselves, one by one, and kissed the star, some with dropping tears—all, silently—solemnized beyond the range of speech. It did not add to our solemnity to be shown the manger, decorated with lace and an embroidered altar-cloth.

The really impressive things were occasional glimpses of the rough stone walls and roof of the ancient stable, visible here and there between the gaudy decorations.

The service of Christmas Eve began at half-past ten at night and concluded at half-past two in the morning. At midnight a lullaby from the organ preluded the supreme moment of the occasion—the sudden folding back of a curtain above the altar, revealing a manger-cradle and a box wax doll. The exultant outburst of organ and choir in a magnificent Gloria in Excelsis accompanied the stately processional of the entire staff of priests and acolytes, chanting and swinging censers while they bore up one aisle and down another, back to the high altar, the same doll, dressed in cambric and lace, and nestling in the embrace of the richly appareled bishop.

Every incident of our last night in Jamal's camp in Bethlehem recurs to me with peculiar distinctness. How, as the darkness deepened, the red, blinking eyes of the charcoal craters of the wonderful portable stove presided over by our accomplished chef in the door of the kitchen tent—the night being breezeless—shone upon the under side of the olive boughs over our heads, while our quiet talk went on of what had happened in the old town behind us.

We spoke longest of David's Greatest Son, and of the Birth that was to draw the eyes and thoughts of all nations to the little city on the hilltop in the land of Juda.

At midnight, kept wakeful by the rush and burden of thought, I arose to look from the tent door upon the watchful stars that here have a conscious majesty I had never recognized elsewhere, and wondered anew where, amidst the glittering hosts "marshaled on the nightly plain" had flashed the Star of Bethlehem. For the last time in our eventful series of journeyings we saw the dawn redden the mountains of Moab, the thin crescent of the waning moon dying, while we gazed, before the brightness of the coming sun.

Madonna and Child.

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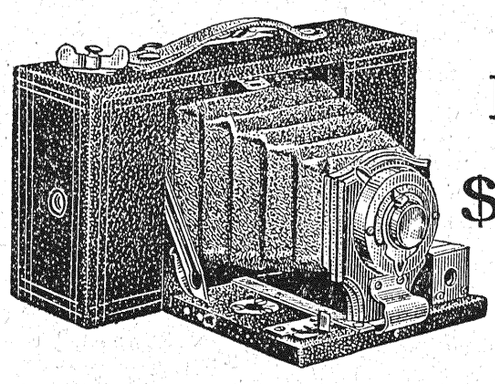

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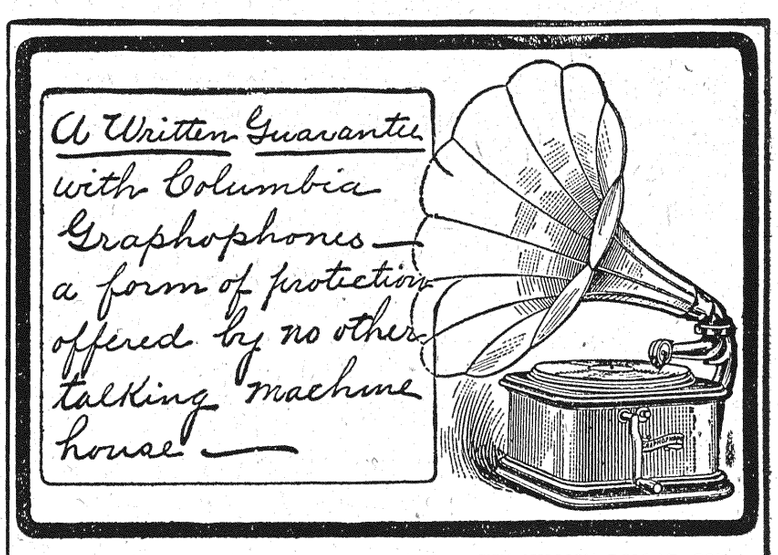

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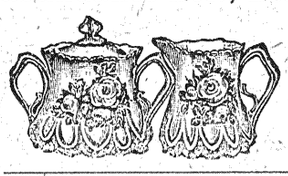

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RESCUE.

S. Herron was a Cass City caller on Monday.

Henry Finkle is now settled in his new home.

Edward Knight has purchased Wm. Muma's farm.

Wm. Lowe was a business caller in Elkton Monday.

We hear wedding bells ringing in the far distance.

Miss Gladys Duffield entertained friends from Greenleaf Sunday.

Mrs. J. Brackenbridge is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. Geo. Hopkins and daughter, Reva, are visiting in Cass City this week.

Mrs. J. Ashmore is on the sick list.

Wm. Muma and family leave this week for their future home in Washington.

We erred last week in the item concerning the health of F. Burnham. He wishes to inform his many friends that he is in as good health as he has been for some time.

Danger in Asking Advice.

When you have a cough or cold do not ask someone what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. L. I. Wood & Co.

WILMOT.

Merry Christmas to all.

N. Harbin is once more able to be out after his long illness.

Mrs. John Hawley is visiting her daughter at Mt. Pleasant.

Claud McCallum is home from Springs Arbor for the holidays.

Gladys Hoffman is staying at Wm. Moulton's and is going to school.

Mrs. W. Moulton and Mrs. R. Hawkins were Caro visitors Tuesday.

Miss Aelthea Clemmons is some better but is still confined to her bed.

Miss Evelyn Withey spent the last of the week at her parental home here.

Miss Bertha Dingman has been having a severe cold but is better at this writing.

Chas. Powell, on going out to the barn last Saturday morning, was surprised to find one of his horses dead.

The one-year-old baby of L. Day and the three-year-old boy of Frank Evo both have the whooping cough.

Albert Ihrke's sale took place Monday. The family will go to Detroit at once where Mr. Ihrke expects to find work.

Wm. Moulton, since his return from the north, has suffered more or less from what might be termed a "deer" sore on his heel.

All the latest magazines and fashion plates for sale at Ruhl's. 3

DEFORD.

In our competitive system, love for others must die,
For the lust of the gain prompts men to lie—
Well we all know in the scramble for pelf
The motto will ever be-"Look out for yourself."

The Francis family have moved into the Sym Pratt house.

Chas. Wethey has moved to Imlay City.

Eber Retherford now lives on the Wethey farm, section 3, Kingston.

Mrs. John McCracken is suffering from rheumatism.

School district No. 6 frl, Kingston, is preparing for a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

Frank O'Rourke has gone to Millersburg to labor in a saw mill.

Ben Hicks has sold the Hackett place at Novesta Corners to Ben Chapman. Chapman is a stranger here.

The residence of "Dick" Wilkinson one and one-half miles south of here, burned last Wednesday. Most of the household goods was saved and the family have gone to live in Sanilac county.

Chicory in heaps on the ground here makes us think that the Lovejoy railroad across country to Port Huron is badly needed.

R. Courless is siding his house.

A baby girl at John Hicks'.

Clyde Palmateer of Center line is a new typhoid fever patient.

Geo. Cooper is helping in McCaughna's store during the holiday rush.

A. G. Houghton, your muse in last issue of the Chronicle, touched a sympathetic chord in our breast. We congratulate you on being able to express truth so poetically well.

Our customs are foolish. Each store is filling up with candy for Christmas because there is a call for the stuff. If children were given porridge and milk their physical conditions would be stronger, their heads more clear and hearts more loving and thankful.

We have a neighbor who has sent fifty dollars out of the state this summer and fall for goods. He robbed our home stores of that amount of trade and yet he says he wants our country to advance. Still the man is helping build up Chicago and starving neighbor merchants.

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We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. L. I. Wood & Co.

ELMWOOD.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Leach spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Leach at Shabbona.

Mrs. Cutler and daughter are visiting in Flint.

Quite a number from here attended the basket ball game in Cass City Friday evening.

Edgar Shay went to Detroit last Thursday where he has secured employment.

The oyster supper at Chas. Seeking's last Thursday night was well attended in spite of the bad weather. All report a fine time.

A. A. Hargrave of Cheboygan is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bearss have returned to their home here from Newberry where they have been employed for the past year.

Jas. Walters went to Bay City Monday.

Chas. Watson of Shabbona has hired out to Jas. Wilson for the coming year.

Orville Ware is our new milk man.

Mrs. W. Ostrander of Saginaw visited in this vicinity last week.

P. W. Stone and Bertha Faust visited at H. Becker's of Novesta Sunday.

Chas. Hammond sold one his horses to W. Ware last week.

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CUMBER.

Fine weather.

Herb Clark has grown taller. Why? Because of another young daughter Dec. 9.

Albert Schiestel has gone to West Branch to spend the holidays.

Mesdames Bradburn and Buckly have gone to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Franzel have gone to Canada to spend Christmas.

No Christmas tree at Cumber this year.

Luther Sowden has gone to Grand Rapids to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Jas. F. Brown has gone to Canada to visit relatives.

John Bookie called on friends here recently.

Calvin McCullough of Ubly is working for M. McIntyre this winter.

Henry Clark's sale was well attended.

A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Texas, that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough and doctors gave me up to die of consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured. Only sure cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by Ryan's Drug Store and L. I. Wood & Co., druggists. 50c and $1. Trial bottle free.

DEFORD R. F. D. 3.

We are having quite wintry weather.

Elvin Balch has returned to his home here after his hunting trip up north.

Mr. Davis and family have moved onto the Fox farm.

Mrs. A. W. Adams has a very sore foot that has troubled her for some time.

It is expected that there will be a wedding here in the near future.

A. W. Adams, who has been suffering with a sore hand, is getting better.

D. Schumer lost one of his horses last week.

There seems to be considerable moving this winter in this vicinity.

The year 1906 is fast drawing to a close. A few more days and the year 1907 will be here. May it be a glorious and goon year for the whole country and its inhabitants is the wish of the writer. I wish a Merry Christmas to every reader of the Chronicle.

ARGYLE.

Earl Herdell transacted business in Gagetown on Tuesday.

I. Seeder was a caller in Ubly Monday.

Warner Stevenson, of Arenac, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Matthews, the latter part of the week.

Mr. Zinnecker, of Cass City, visited his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Striffler, this week.

Mrs. A. McLachlan and daughter, Mayme, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Crook, Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer, accompanied by the former's mother, have gone to Canada to spend the holidays.

Argyle merchants all have a very fine display of Christmas goods this year.

There was a very enjoyable gathering at the home of Rev. John Willerton on Monday evening, it being the eve of their departure from the old farm, to take up the ministerial work at Novesta. There were about sixty of his neighbors and friends, old and young there, to bid them farewell and to show the high esteem in which they were held. They brought with them, "all" that satisfies "the inner man," and as a token of friendship, presented them with a beautiful rocker, fruit set and cream pitcher, a fancy parlor lamp and a cap for Mr. Willerton. After supper Mr. Willerton gave them a few well chosen farewell remarks, and thanked their friends for their kind rememberance, to which Messrs. John and Edward Austin responded, "God be with you till we meet again," and the Doxology was then sung by all present, and then departed for their homes remarking that it was an evening, "well spent."

Angus McPhail accompanied by his sister, Cass, and Lillie Striffler attended the play at Cass City on Tuesday evening.

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KINGSTON.

Dr. Bates returned home Monday evening from Canada where he went to attend the funeral of an uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Payne returned home Monday faom Wayne.

Ted Snelling and N. Karr were Imlay City callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Pattan will leave this week to spend the winter with their daughters in Pontiac and Detroit.

Miss Margaret Sherwood visited in Cass City Tuesday.

J. B. Curtis, for many years a resident of this place, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. Ealey, Friday last. The funeral was held at the Baptist church under the auspices of the I. O. O. F., and interment made in Newbury cemetery. Mr. Curtis' illness was a lingering one and death came as a relief from suffering, although bringing the sadness of separation from loved ones, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

L. D. Moyer lost a horse last week.

Mrs. L. Hill is slowly recovering from her illness.

Mrs. Sarah Reddon and Mrs. John Gray, of Pontiac, attended the funeral of their father, J. B. Curtis, Sunday.

Miss Orpha Hickie, of Pontiac, is visiting relatives here.

Arthur Flynn, of Cass City, visited friends here last week.

A Christmas cantatta and tree will be given at the Baptist Church Monday evening.

NOKO.

All are expecting a feast Christmas.

J. Bartles returned to his home in Imlay City Saturday after spending a week with his daughter, Mrs. E. Philpot.

Willie Heronemus is preparing to attend the high school at Sandusky after Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Fox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fox at Shabbona.

James Cook returned to his home in Saginaw Tuesday after spending a few days with friends here.

Mrs. W. Lefller, who was under the care of Dr. Williams of Marlette, is now convalescent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Vining left on Tuesday for northern Michigan.

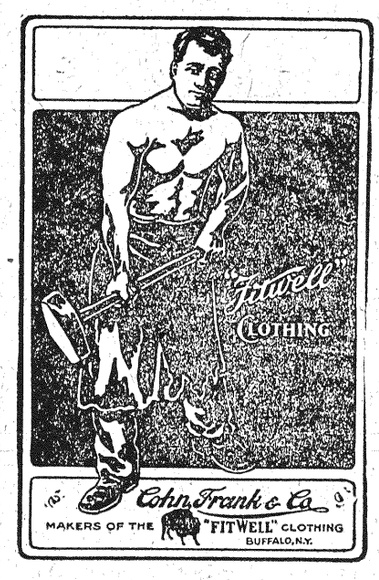
W. F. Ehlers of Shabbona did business here Monday.

W. J. Hardy of Deckerville, agent for the Watkins Medical Co. of Winona, Minn., passed through here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutton returned home Tuesday after spending a few weeks at Romeo.

J. A. McKenney made a business trip to Sandusky Thursday.

SPECIAL SALE.



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Wishing you one and all a Merry Xmas.

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