

Twenty-First Annual Clearing Sale



December 26

We commence our Twenty-First Annual Clearing Sale, and until February 1, our annual stock taking time, we will offer the following line (for cash only) as well as many others at the extreme low prices named.

- All Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- All Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- All Fur Coats at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- All Fur Gloves and Mittens at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- All Soft and Stiff Hats at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- All Men's and Boys' Pants at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- All Men's and Boys' Underwear at 20 to 30 per cent discount.



- All Men's and Boys' Caps at 20 to 30 per cent discount.
- 37 pair Ladies' Pingree Co.'s Gloria \$3.50 shoes at \$2.75
- 28 pair Ladies' Pingree Co.'s Composite \$3.00 shoes at \$2.40
- All \$2.50 Ladies' Shoes at \$2.00

Others may give you mere discounts but not the values.
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

J. D. Crosby & Son,
Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

The Cass City Grain Co.

Buys All kinds of grain at the highest market prices.

Sells Grain, Hay, Coal, Lime, and Cement.

Delivery Will deliver anything you buy from us in the city.

Western Corn Have just received a car load of western corn which is for sale in small or large quantities.

Bean Pickers We want a few more that are steady and reliable. No others need apply.

The Cass City Grain Co.

Long Distance Phone No. 9.

Cass City Roller Mills

Are the Best Equipped Mills in the Thumb.

Our Brands Are

White Lily, Economy and Best.

White Lily always leads. Try it and you will buy no other.

Mill Feed? all Kinds always n hand.

C. W. HELLER,
Proprietor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ostrander will entertain Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bradley and family of Hay Creek on Christmas day.

Miss Ella Cross entertained her pupils at her home last Friday afternoon instead of at the schoolhouse as had been planned. After a sleighride party the little folks were given a supper. All enjoyed the affair immensely. They presented Miss Cross with a handsome toilet set.

SPLENDID PROGRAMS

Have Been Arranged at the Several Churches.

JOYOUS SEASON OF YEAR

Is Being Celebrated in a Fitting Manner by the Residents of this Vicinity.

An air of mystery and good cheer seems to surround the community just now which plainly reveals that Yuletide is here with all its pleasant anticipations. The shops are filled to overflowing with purchasers in quest of "something for Christmas," and mysterious looking packages are delivered to the homes which disappear suddenly as soon as they have reached their destination. Preparations have been in progress for some time for the celebration of Christmas at the several churches in town. The exercises promise to be very entertaining.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
It was decided to give the members of the Sunday school a Christmas supper on Wednesday evening instead of having a Christmas tree and entertainment. Everybody enjoyed the good things to eat and Santa Claus arrived a little earlier than usual and remembered all the boys and girls with a treat of candy and pop-corn.

BAPTIST CHURCH.
Tonight the members of the Baptist Sunday school will hold their Christmas exercises. Supper will be served about six o'clock, followed by an impromptu program. Instead of the usual method of receiving presents the children intend to give presents. A box will be made up and the contributions sent to mission fields in Northern Michigan. A pleasant time is anticipated.

METHODIST CHURCH.
A program and tree are the order of things at the M. E. church tonight and Santa Claus has promised to distribute the gifts. Following is the program:

Anthem by Choir.
"The New Born Hope."
Invocation Rev. Gifford
Song "Christmas Joy"

Miss Bradley's Class
Recitation "Christmas Candles"
Six little boys and girls
Anthem Anna Adair
Anthem "Sing Unto the Lord" Choir
Recitation Four little boys
Recitation "Two Little Stockings"
Fern Stevenson
Song "Merry, Merry Xmas"

Miss Brown's Class
Recitation Lila Fritz
Recitation "A Christmas Hymn"
Four little girls
Recitation Cecil McKim
Anthem "Down the Ages Afar" Choir
Tableau.

Distribution of presents.
Benediction.
EVANGELICAL CHURCH.
The following splendid program has been arranged for Thursday evening at the Evangelical church and a good time is anticipated by the young folks.

Organ Voluntary. Choir
Song "Welcome" Rev. Soldan
Scripture Lesson Rev. Soldan
Song "Joy to the World" by the Congregation

Prayer.
Song "Christmas Response" Choir
Recitation Inez Soldan
Vocal Solo Mabel Ahr
Recitation Lillian Alder
Recitation Alice Klump
Vocal Duet Clara Lenzer
Lydia Klump
Eleven Children
Ella Wallace

Exercise Primary Class
Recitation Thekla Soldan
Song "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht" By the Congregation
Exercise "Christmas Secrets"

Seven Children
Annamda Muck
Vocal Duet Bertha Zinnecker
Bertha Benkelman
Lydia Klump
Elsie Buchrly
Amateur Orchestra.
Song "Joy, Joy, Joy" Choir
Distribution of presents.
Closing Song.

A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.
The following distressing accident is chronicled in the Harbor Beach Times:

Steven Coaster, age 19 years, who has been employed for some time on the farm of Rudolph Shulte, five miles west of this village, noticed Wednesday afternoon that the shaft in a windmill on the barn had become loose. With his usual industry he climbed to the roof of the barn from which he proceeded to tighten the proper screw to remedy the defect. The repairing was done and the young man was about to descend when he lost his balance and reached for the nearest support, which proved to be the shaft of the windmill. His right arm was caught, drawn in and terribly crushed and mangled. This completely stopped the mill and the poor victim was pained there until released by Mr. Shulte. He brought young Coaster to this village and early in the evening the arm was amputated just below the elbow. The patient displayed wonderful grit.

One of the best things sprung lately was by a Wayne editor. In addressing a Sunday school class he said: "Fame has taken men from the forge, the plow and the carpenter's bench, but she was never known to reach over a picket fence and snatch a dude out of a hammock."

Mr. E. Burget's little daughter at Marlette came near death on last Wednesday from swallowing a couple of medicinal tablets left at the house by a "distributor." The little one picked them up and had them in her mouth before she was discovered. Prompt action brought her through, but the dose was a heavy one and came near fatal results.

A BIG FIRE AT CARO.

A blaze which started from the furnace in the basement shortly after six o'clock on last Sunday evening, resulted in a disastrous fire which destroyed the residence of Dr. L. M. Ryan at Caro, together with the household goods and wearing apparel of the family, who managed to save only the few clothes which they wore. While the house is still standing, it is completely eaten out inside with the fire and what of the contents were not burned up, were lost as the result of smoke and water.

UNDER ABLE MANAGEMENT.

C. W. Heller, who is again at the helm at the Cass City Roller Mills, does not need an introduction to the people of this vicinity, for he is well known to every farmer and business man for thirty miles around Cass City. He has won for himself an enviable reputation as a thorough business man and a "hustler." It is his intention to make a better quality of flour now than has ever been manufactured in the Thumb and thus win new customers and retain the old ones. Here's success to him.

CONSUMPTION CURABLE.

According to the Statement of an Eminent Physician.

In view of the fact that consumption is spreading in this community and that some of our citizens have been stricken down with the dread disease, the following communication, coming from such able source, may prove beneficial to Chronicle readers:

"Consumption is easily curable for any person who has a good physician, Dr. Victor C. Vaughan of Ann Arbor, asserts.

"Tuberculosis should be recognized long before the presence of the bacillus is manifested," he says. "When so recognized consumption is easily cured by simple hygienic treatment and entirely without the use of medicine. In this treatment there are four requisites: Proper food, proper clothing, fresh air, rest.

"It is not so easy to recognize consumption before the bacillus appears in the sputum. I know, however, one method of detection which is easy and accurate. Every person who has any suspicion that he is weak or inclined to consumption, should have his lungs examined by a competent physician at least once a year. At the first suspicion of tuberculosis, he should begin hygienic treatment.

"This means, first of all, absolute rest—the dropping of all work by proper food, I mean that the diet should be regulated by the scales; that the proper proportion of fats, carbo-hydrates and albuminates should be weighed out. These foods are not antidotes for consumption, but merely the means of building up the system and strengthening it by natural methods till it can resist consumption. Proper clothing can usually be left to the judgment of the individual, and fresh air also.

"The difficulty with this treatment is that so many people will not, and so many more cannot, follow it. A poor washerwoman came to me while in the first stages of consumption. When I advised her that rest and proper food would afford almost certain hope of recovery, she said:

"But how can I, Dr. Vaughan? I am alone in the world, and my children will starve if I rest."
"She went back to her home, sadly resumed her work and passed quickly into a worse and an incurable state, in which her children were constantly exposed to the disease, and society endangered thereby. If consumption is to be cured, there is need of a state hospital to which consumptives, such as this poor woman, can go."

TRUST AFTER FORDNEY.
The following item appeared in the Detroit Free Press this week:

"It begins to look as though the sugar trust is going to try to get even with Representative Joe Fordney, of Saginaw, for the persistent fight he put up against the Cuban reciprocity treaty in the interests of his beet sugar constituents, by trying to wind up his career as a statesman in defeating him for a re-nomination. Fordney was the most consistent beet sugarist in either the house or senate and stood by his convictions, refusing to straddle the fence as some of the members did. Threats had no effect on him and intimidation pressure only made him stronger. Even when beaten Fordney said some very tart things about the sugar trust and its emissaries, with the result that they are going after him in his own district and trotting out an opposition candidate in Watts S. Humphrey, of Saginaw. The trust has acquired an interest in a number of Michigan factories, and among others Humphrey disposed of his stock in the Sebe-waig factory. Under the circumstances it is hardly likely that Fordney will elect to be sidetracked."

BIG STOCK SALE AT PONTIAC.
The big Combination Sale of Michigan premium live stock was held at Pontiac on Tuesday and Wednesday. The attendance was good but the poor prices offered shows that the day of fancy prices for blooded stock is a thing of the past. This has a very depressing effect on the stockmen. Many purchased stock a few years ago when prices were high and have lost considerable money because of the low prices that now exist. Many are embarrassed financially over the slump in prices. It is quite commendable that farmers keep good stock, yet it is wise to make careful investments on account of the variable prices. John Marshall and C. S. Karr, of this place, attended the sale and the latter succeeded in disposing of two fine Short-horn bulls—Golden Luster, at \$75; and Matchless Hero 2nd, at \$105.

Miss Kathern Miller, who teaches the Deford school, is spending the week at her parental home here.

DIED VERY SUDDENLY

Old Resident of this City Passed Away Wednesday.

AN INQUEST WAS REQUESTED

Jury Returned the Verdict that the Deceased's Death Came from Natural Causes.

John Etherinton, known as "Dr." Etherinton, who resides on South Seagrass street, died very suddenly Wednesday morning after about twelve hours' illness. He had been away from home all day Tuesday selling his medicines, and came home in the evening. He complained of being cold and some liquor was procured and he drank some "sling." He retired about ten o'clock and afterward complained of being thirsty. Mrs. Etherinton gave him a cup of water, but it did not slake his thirst and he got up and it is not known how much he drank. He grew worse and M. D. Mills, who resides in the same building, was awakened and went after Dr. Treadgold, who came immediately. He found the patient very ill with nausea and was frothing at the mouth and nose. He gave him some medicine which relieved him and in a couple of hours Mr. Etherinton felt so much better that it was thought he was out of danger. Dr. Treadgold called to see him again in the morning and he had rallied considerably. About nine o'clock he was taken suddenly worse and died in about twenty minutes, before the doctor could be procured again.

As the circumstances of the illness and death seemed rather suspicious, it was deemed advisable to make an investigation. Coroner Chase of Caro was summoned and arrived in town about three o'clock. After a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the case, Coroner Chase deemed it advisable to hold an inquest and the following jury was impanelled: John Profit, Sr., Samuel Benkelman, Samuel Champion, J. W. Heller, T. H. Fritz and A. A. P. McDowell. After viewing the remains the jury adjourned until seven o'clock Wednesday evening.

They convened in the evening and under the management of Coroner Chase the examination of witnesses proceeded. In the absence of the prosecuting attorney, J. D. Brooker took the testimony of the witnesses and Mrs. Geo. Turner acted as stenographer. The following witnesses were sworn: Mrs. Etherinton, M. D. Mills, Geo. Perkins, Dr. Treadgold and Dr. Hays. Nothing of importance was gleaned from the testimony. The physicians stated that his death might have been caused from catching cold. They would not swear that he died from anything but natural causes. After a short deliberation the jury brought in the following verdict:

"We, the undersigned jurors impanelled in the case of John Etherinton, deceased, find that according to evidence given that he came to his death through natural causes."

John Etherinton was born in England seventy-eight years ago, and came to Michigan about forty years ago. He cleared a 100-acre farm in Grant township and his first wife and daughter are buried in Grant cemetery, his daughter being the first person buried in that cemetery. He was married three years ago last July to Chrysta Donaldson at Standish, who is left to mourn his departure. The funeral will probably be held tomorrow.

BEQUEST FOR LIBRARY.

The Bullard Property Bequeathed to Village of Vassar.

Through the death of one of Vassar's most respected ladies, Vassar is to have a public library building and the Pioneer tells the story in the following manner:

"The will of the late Emma F. Bullard was read after the funeral on Saturday last at the home of the deceased, and revealed provisions made for a public library building and gymnasium for the village of Vassar. It had been in Mrs. Bullard's thought for some time to establish a memorial to her late husband, Edwin A. Bullard, and before her death she gave expression to her purpose by declaring through her will that she designed her home and surrounding grounds on Huron Avenue West, and bequeathing the property to the village of Vassar for a public library and park, to be known as the "Bullard Library," and the grounds in the rear with the building thereon for a gymnasium. A board of managers and an executor were mentioned in the instrument to carry out the intentions of the deceased.

This property has a desirous situation on the hill on one of the main avenues of the town, and the grounds have a fine row of maple trees across the front and quite a grove of black walnut trees dotted over the premises, which the deceased planted herself. The building is a ten-room house, gothic style of architecture, heated with hot-air furnace, substantially built and in good state of repair.

The gifts should be valued at probably \$25,000, and the thought that prompted such a liberal donation, shows the keen interest the deceased felt in the community. While neighboring towns are taxing themselves heavily for purposes similar, the citizens of Vassar may indeed congratulate themselves on securing such a happy and valuable nucleus for educational and recreative purposes far-reaching in its possibilities."

Robert Little of Indiana is in town.

WILL BE A HUMMER.

The Farmers' Institute which is to be held in Cass City on January 16th, promises to be one of the best in the state. Among the many good things on the program it is expected that there will be an address by Senator Brown on "Primary Reform; also an address by H. P. Bush, on "Rural Schools." Other features are being planned which will entertain and instruct all who attend. Farmers, this institute is being planned for you and you will miss an intellectual treat if you don't attend.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Cass City Pickle company held its annual meeting last Monday evening in the council rooms. The report of W. J. Campbell, secretary and treasurer, showed that the total receipts for the year were \$777.27; disbursements, \$630.47; leaving a sum of \$146.80 to be divided equally among the share-holders. After the report, A. A. P. McDowell stated that he had communication with a Mr. Carpenter of Port Austin, who desires to establish a canning factory in Cass City, the cost of which is estimated at \$10,000. Mr. Carpenter is willing to assume the management of the concern and take \$1,500 worth of shares. Mr. McDowell was instructed to notify Mr. Carpenter to meet the citizens here some evening in the near future.

ELECTRIC RAILROAD.

It Has Been Practically Assured by the Promoters.

A Detroit dispatch Tuesday morning says: Detroit financial institutions have of late been receiving a number of inquiries regarding the market value of the bonds of the Detroit Pontiac, Lapeer & Northern. The inquiries come principally from the east. The road is an electric proposition, incorporated under the above name, and the route by which it is slated to go is: Pontiac to Lapeer, to Mayville, to Caro, to Bay City, with a stub line from Flint to Hadley.

"We have sold out to an eastern syndicate," said O. J. Price, the promoter of the line, yesterday, "and made a contract with those to whom we sold to have the road built by December 1 this year. Owing to the state of the New York money market this was impossible, and the time for the completion of the road has been extended. The parties to whom we have sold the line were here last week and showed me a contract with one of the largest electric concerns in the country for the construction of the road. Active work on it will commence April 15 next. I think it will be a paying proposition. We own a private right of way and the line from Caro to Bay City runs through a territory underlain with coal and very active in the growing of sugar beets. There will be an arrangement with the steam trains to run nights and the trolley passenger cars during the day. There were \$1,000,000 worth of bonds issued, but I was informed last week that none of them had been sold. The same parties who bought our line also purchased the Silsby proposition known as the Flint & Saginaw." This road which has been "hanging fire" for some time is practically assured.

HEALTH OFFICERS WILL MEET.

The health officers of Michigan will meet for their annual conference at Ann Arbor, Jan. 7 and 8, of the new year. All the sessions will be held in the new medical building of the University of Michigan. Four sessions will be held: Jan. 7, 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.; and Jan. 8, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. The following papers have been promised:

Address of welcome by President James B. Angell.
Statement of the objects of the convention, by the Hon. Frank Wells, president of the State Board of Health.

"The Sanitation of Michigan Summer Resorts," by Dr. Arthur G. Owen, of Petoskey, Mich.
"The Disposal of Waste, and the Prevention of Typhoid Fever at Michigan Summer Resorts," by Dr. B. B. Godfrey, health officer of Holland, Mich.

"Further Remarks on the Increase of Pneumonia Problem," by Dr. Arthur R. Reynolds, commissioner of health of Chicago.
"The Relation between Human and Bovine Tuberculosis," by Professor M. P. Ravenel of the University of Pennsylvania.

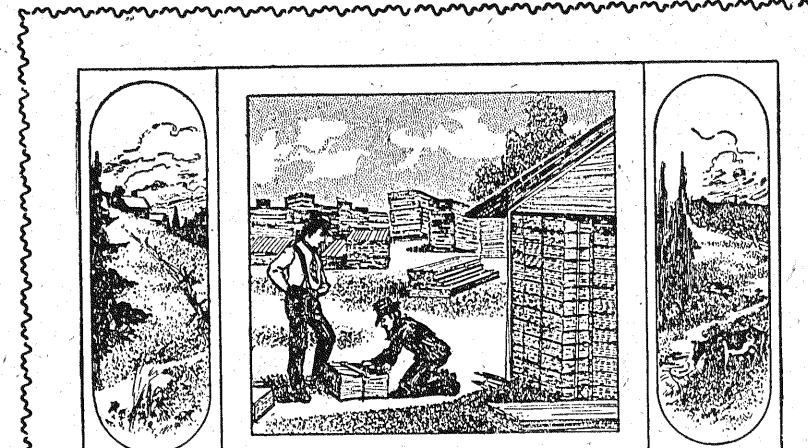
"The Inspection of Meat," by the Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane, of Kalamazoo.
"The Artificial Cultivation of Trypanosomes," by Dr. F. G. Novy, of Ann Arbor.

"How to Make out Certificates of Causes of Death," by Dr. C. L. Wilbur, in charge of vital statistics of Michigan.
"Some Lessons to be learned from studying European Meat inspection," by Professor Charles E. Marshall, of the Michigan Agricultural College.

"The Restriction of Diptheria," by Dr. Guy L. Keefer, health officer of Detroit.
"The Causation and Restriction of Typhoid Fever," by Dr. Thomas M. Koon, health officer of Grand Rapids.
Dr. D. P. Deming, health officer of Cass City and Elkland Township, expects to attend the convention.

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Break Open Any Bunch.

Break open any bunch of Shingles you buy from us, and if you don't find them just as we represent them—the best shingles for the money—no matter what kind or grade you buy—bring them in and get your money back. That's the way we do business. An inspection of our stock of Building Material will save you \$ if you contemplate any building or repair work.

GRANITE HARD WALL PLASTER,

The best and cheapest on the market. Call and see sample.

CASS CITY LUMBER AND COAL CO.

Dealers in the latest styles and in all kind of Building Material.

A Happy New Year

To all of my Customers and the Public in General.

When in need of a nobby, well-fitting and well-made suit of clothes call on me. I am at your service.

W. H. Rubl, Merchant Tailor.

Above Tennant's Store on Main St.

The Time to Buy

We do not care to carry over any more of our stock than is absolutely necessary, therefore if you are in need of anything in the implement line now is the time to buy at a very low price. Remember we have the best line of

Cutters, Sleights, Feed and Root Cutters, Tank Heaters, Feed Cookers.

We carry the most complete line in the city.

Striffler & McDermott,

IMPLEMENT DEALERS.

It Will Pay You

To Buy Your Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shee.....

From me. In every pound you buy there will be 16 ounces, full measure, good goods at the right price. We have some bargains like the following:

8 bars of Soap for 25c
90c Wool blankets for 75c

And others too numerous to mention. I have a complete line of

UNDERWEAR, SWEATERS, MITTENS, GLOVES, FELTS, RUBBERS, SOCKS and a fine line of CORSETS

All at right prices. Our grocery stock is fresh and complete. Call in and see us.

B. F. BENKELMAN,

DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

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Mrs. Etta Kaufman, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. S. Wickware, spent Sunday with her sister at Oxford.

A Merry Christmas

And

A Happy New Year

To the Public

J. F. Hendrick, The Cass City Jeweler.

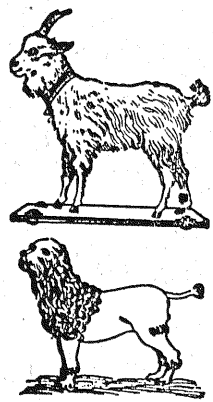
Stevenson's Holiday Emporium

The goods we have this year are a marvel in the variety and magnitude of the stock such as



Fancy Celluloid Novelties,
Imported China, Japanese Ware,
Parlor Lamps,
Elegant Glass Water Sets,
Jardiniers,
100-Piece Semi-Porcelain
Dinner Sets,
10-Piece Decorated Bed Room Sets

Toys of Every Description
Doll Cabs and Go-Carts,
Hand Sleds,
Child's Little Red Chairs and
Rockers,
Shoe Flies and the
Largest Variety of Dolls ever
Shown in Cass City.



5 and 10 cent Tables Loaded to the Limit.

With every dollar's worth of the above you buy we have got some elegant bargains for you in groceries. Just call and see what it is.

Yours for a Merry Christmas,
GEORGE STEVENSON,

FOR A NEW YEARS GIFT

Buy a stove that will benefit the
entire family

Have you seen the

20th Century Laurel Soft Coal
Heating Stove

If you intend burning soft coal it will pay you to examine it. It will give you the nearest results to a hard coal burner of any soft coal stove made. It burns the poorest grade of coal with fully better results than it does the best. The fire pot in this stove is guaranteed for five years.

See our range, the only

TWO-FLUE RANGE

On the market. Also one of the finest appearing stoves made Oil Cloth Rugs and Binding, Stove Boards, Coal Hods, and everything in the stove furnishing line.

Come and pick out your stove and we will set it up.

J. B. COOTES,
Central Hardware Store.

Holiday Goods Sale

We have had a large Christmas sale of holiday goods, but have still a fine line of novelties to dispose of. These must be sold before New Years. We cannot keep them over and hence will sell at

Greatly Reduced Prices

You will want to make a New Years present. Here are just a few things to choose from.

FANCY CHINA WARE, TOILET SETS, FANCY BOXES, 100-PIECE DINNER SETS and a great variety of NOVELTIES

It will pay you to call at the Cass City "Cash" Bazaar before buying elsewhere.

Mrs. G. W. Goff,
Gilles Block.

ADVERTISE IN THE CHRONICLE

Correspondence

WICKWARE.

Sleighting is good again. Corn husking isn't completed yet. Geo. Burt went to Greenleaf Monday. Lee Smith started to school Monday. Little George McPhail is on the sick list. Auction sale at Mr. Sidney's next Monday.

F. E. Sansburn went to Canada Saturday. Mrs. G. Fulcher called on Tillie McPhail on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith visited at Caro Saturday. Vida McConnell, of Cass City, visited her grandma Monday.

Mrs. Henry Bigelow returned home from Ann Arbor a week ago. Mrs. Wm. Marshall and son, Arnot, of Hay Creek, went to Canada Saturday.

Mrs. Jos. T. Wilson and two daughters, Ellen and Lizzie, went to Canada Saturday.

WORST OF ALL EXPERIENCES.
Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For liver, kidney, stomach and bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co. Druggists.

CUMBER.

R. Pearson called on Cumber friends on Friday last. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt visited friends at Caro a few days last week.

Miss C. Warren, of Uby, was the guest of Mrs. John Baker last week. The ladies enjoyed a good visit at the quilting bee at Mrs. Clark's on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Oliver expect to spend the holidays with the former's parents at Columbiaville.

Quite a number attended the birthday party at Mr. Baker's on Wednesday evening. All enjoyed themselves.

Quite a number from here are spending the holidays in Canada, Mrs. J. B. Pettigrew being one of the number.

Amos and Jap Clark are having good success hunting rabbits. When they can't shoot them they simply run them down.

The Christmas tree on Thursday afternoon, gotten up by our teacher, Mrs. F. Brown, was a success every way and well attended.

A. C. Graham's holiday goods have arrived and they are fine. There is no need of driving to any other town for presents for friends; he has what you want.

Last week's issue of the Chronicle was a hummer; far ahead of anything in the newspaper line published in the Thumb. The editor spares no expense to please his subscribers and they appreciate it. Here's to a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

THAT THROBBING HEADACHE.
Would quickly leave you if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by L. I. Wood & Co.

NOVESTA.

Wedding bells are ringing. M. Handley was a caller in Cass City last Saturday.

Anna Mae Weeks is visiting relatives in Port Huron.

Frank Crawford is husking corn for the farmers in this locality.

Mrs. Len Sharrard was the guest of Mrs. M. Snover one day last week.

F. Barber of Shabbona was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. M. Snover one day last week.

The Lady Macabees of Shabbona have are selling tickets on a quilt to be drawn in the near future.

Earl, the eldest son of Frank Deen, was badly bitten about the face by one of their horses last week. Dr. Howell was called and found it necessary to take several stitches.

STARTLING EVIDENCE.
Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland, Bentonsville, Va., serves as example. He writes, "I had bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all lung and throat troubles, consumption, pneumonia and grip. Guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co. Druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c and \$1.

KINGSTON.

Jas. Matthews was in Marlette Sunday. L. Threeshouse was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. N. Hartt of Wilmot was in town Thursday.

Mrs. A. G. Millikin has gone to Oxford to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and family visit at West Branch Christmas day. Bessie Boyd went to South Haven Wednesday to spend Christmas.

Miss Zella Graves visits at Charles Baker's at Clifford for a few weeks. S. Matthews drove to Silverwood Monday to see his mother, who is very ill. Hattie Matthews has returned home from visiting friends in Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. Swales and family spend Christmas with friends in Port Huron.

Miss Wanda Randall will be home this week and remain during the holidays.

Mr. Brodt of Oxford has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brodt.

Miss Bird Harris is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hanna, and will remain over Xmas.

Herman Gabert and wife will occupy the rooms vacated by Mrs. Taylor in Mrs. Thorington's house.

L. D. Townsend's mother, who has been visiting him for several weeks, returned to her home in Caro Saturday.

Next Sunday will be the re-opening of the Baptist church, and will also end Rev. Waller's labors as pastor of the church and in the ministry for a time owing to poor health. Rev. Mr. Hinzman of Cleveland will take up the work here and is expected to arrive Dec. 30. The church and community greatly appreciate the work done by Rev. and Mrs. Waller and are very sorry to have them leave.

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.
Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, cuts, wounds, ulcers, etc. Lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at L. I. Wood & Co.'s drug store.

PINGREE.

Wm. Gardner called in Pingree this week. Bean threshing is about completed in this locality.

Chas. I. Cooke made a business trip to Cass City Saturday.

Philip Sheard and J. Watson are pressing hay in this vicinity.

E. Fisher and Miss Jennie Bartell were united in marriage recently.

Quite a number are contemplating a trip to Canada during the holidays.

James Armstead and Mr. Robinson of Argyle were in Pingree this week.

NOTICE—To the taxpayers of Evergreen township, I will be at Shabbona postoffice every Friday in the month of December to receive taxes. John Towle, Treasurer.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WATSON, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

AKRON.

Mrs. Mamie Pemberton is visiting at Rev. Davy's.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Walter Hess last Friday.

Miss Lizzie Preston and Harry Dower were united in marriage last week.

Dwight Misner wears a smiling face over the arrival of a daughter at his house.

Duncan McArthur was called to Dutton, Ont., on account of the illness of his brother, Malcolm.

SHABBONA.

Leslie school has closed for a week's vacation.

Mrs. Lewis Travis is visiting friends in Saginaw.

Celia Lorence visited friends at Snover last week.

Friends from Almont are visiting Esther Morrison.

Mrs. Anna Dean of Vassar is visiting relatives here.

Elythe Towksbury spent Sunday with Celia Lorence.

Mrs. Wm. Phetteplace is visiting at B. F. Phetteplace's.

Herb Ehlers is home from Cass City for Xmas vacation.

Walter and Will Hoagg left last Monday for Wolverine.

Maggie Davidson is home from Marlette to spend the holidays.

Leslie Phillips made a business trip to Gageton last Wednesday.

Wm. Phetteplace returned Tuesday from the woods owing to sickness.

WILMOT.

Edwin Teskey is home from Chicago. Mr. Molton was in Caro Wednesday.

David Moshier was in Cass City last week.

Mrs. Jane Graves has returned home.

Edwin Maul and wife were in Caro Saturday.

Frank Heartt is able to be in his store again.

Mrs. Tobe Clark from Kingston was in town last week.

E. Hartt shipped two car loads of pickles to Detroit.

Minnie Shoemaker made a trip to Kingston last week.

Mrs. Dan Ashley was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs. Dr. Simenton of Marlette visited her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCallum from Deford were in town Monday.

John Minnis of Deward, formerly of this place, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shaw from East Dayton visited at W. B. Westerby's Saturday.

Miss Nora Mosher has a severe cold and will not be able to teach until after the holidays.

John Heartt and A. Jeffery attended the funeral of their nephew at Carsonville last week.

George and Carl Westerby of Kingston visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Westerby here.

R. Rayworth is home from the southern part of the state where he has been working on a railroad.

KARR'S CORNERS.

Miss Mamie O'Brien is home for the holidays.

Miss Augusta Butler has returned from Detroit.

Geo. Charter and John Marshall entertained visitors from Canada last week.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parmer Karr last Thursday when Arthur Karr and Miss Minnie Compton were united in marriage.

XMAS AND NEW YEARS EXCURSIONS
Via Grand Trunk Railway System. One and One-third Fare for the Round Trip on all trains December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1903, also January 1st, 1904. Tickets valid returning to and including January 4th, 1904. For further particulars call on local agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Advertising Dept., Chicago, Ill.

CANADIAN HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS
Via Grand Trunk Railway System. One Fare for the Round Trip to certain Canadian Points on all trains December 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th, 1903, valid returning to leave destination to and including January 9th, 1904. For further information call on your local agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Advertising Dept., Chicago, Ill.

Grand Trunk-Lehigh Valley Route to New York and Philadelphia.
Convenient terminals in Chicago and New York; stopover at Niagara Falls; magnificent scenery. Descriptive literature, timetables, etc., will be mailed free on application to Advertising Department, Grand Trunk Railway System, 135 Adams St., Chicago, Gen. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., 12-18-03.

WANTED—Faithful person to call on retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary, \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago, 12-18.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to tender our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, James Ramsey.

Mrs. Jas. Ramsey and children.
12-18-03
KANDY KITCHEN.

**Merry Christmas
to All**

T. H. Fritz.

FROM THE DECEMBER LADIE'S HOME JOURNAL

"Somewhere in your town, in a store you pass every day is some one who is hoping for a chance to show you this "Oneida Community Quality" silver-plated ware. You will find that store very easily. If not, write us,

N. BIGELOW & SONS' IS THE PLACE.

This ware is guaranteed for twenty-five years and carries the heaviest plate ever put upon plated ware.

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

To the People of Shabbona and surrounding country.

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.

Women's wool-lined Shoes worth \$1.25 now 80c
Women's wool-lined Shoes worth \$1.00 now 70c
Men's Felt Shoes at prices that will take.
Boys' Rubbers worth \$1.00 now 60c.
Fixed candy 5c pound.
Best roasted peanuts 6c pound.
High grade tea dust 9c pound.

A large stock of men's rubbers at the lowest prices. Men's and Boys' ready-made clothing. All kinds at prices that will surprise you. Novelties and Jewelry for children and young people. You can buy nowhere else as cheap. We want dressed poultry and pay the highest market prices.

Wm. F. Ehlers,
Shabbona's Merchant.

Headquarters

—For—
**Harness
Blanket,
Robes,
Trunks,
Suit Cases**

Merry Xmas to all my Customers and Friends

W. FALLIS

The New Sheridan,
M. Sheridan, Prop.

Handsome new brick building. Centrally located and up-to-date in all its equipments.

\$2.00 PER DAY.

Why Not?

Patronize Home Industry,
Encourage Home Manufacturers,
Increase Prosperity in Your Own Town.

Think it Over

Buy Christmas Sweets at the Candy Kitchen.
Have them made to your order--just as you like them

Plenty of Fruits Nuts, Cigars
and other fat things.....

Thankful for past and future favors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Candy Kitchen

OUR FIRST ANNUAL MID-WINTER CLEARING SALE

Began SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th
And will continue for THREE WEEKS

1-4 Off or 25c Saved on Every Dollar

Clothing and Shoes

THE MODEL.

The Home of Good Values.

None will be reserved. Don't forget this grand opportunity to secure your wants in our line, which was never more complete, at 1/4 off regular price. Think of it, 25 cents saved on every dollar.

Don't sit and think about it, but come early and get the first selections. Then, too, the early ones will have the best opportunity to examine.

We have arranged to make this the greatest sale of the year. Let us prove it to you.

Strictly cash, no goods on approval.

THE MODEL
Cass City, Mich.

Local Items.

Mrs. J. C. Laing is quite ill.

I. B. Auten was in Detroit Saturday.

John Morrison is working in Fritz's pharmacy.

Tuesday was pay-day for the city firemen.

Mrs. A. A. McKenzie spent last week in Novesta.

Mrs. M. Sheridan has been in Ann Arbor this week.

F. A. Bigelow was in Caseville on business Monday.

Frank Hart, of Wilmot was in town on Tuesday.

H. P. Lee made a business trip to Gagetown Thursday.

Chas. McCue is home from Lansing to spend Christmas.

Ernest Reagh is assisting in the Cass City Roller Mills.

Mrs. C. W. Heller has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Elta Schenck is home from Pigeon to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Dorman are visiting relatives in Ontario.

Miss Jennie McFarlane returned to her home at AuSable Monday.

Mrs. A. Randall, west of town, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke are spending Christmas with friends at Caro.

J. E. Thatcher, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his family in town.

J. A. Morrison will spend the holidays with friends at Whitmore.

R. E. Fisher of Chicago, Ill., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. Bader.

Miss Ella Sheridan is home from Monroe, where she attends school.

Mrs. G. A. Striffler is visiting at her parental home in Manitowish, Wis.

Earl McIntyre of Lansing is the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. G. Beebe.

Miss Alice Predmore will lead the Epworth League next Sunday evening.

Miss Mary Sommerville of Standish will spend the holidays at her home here.

Miss Elsie Murphy is assisting at H. L. Hunt's store during the holiday rush.

Ed Wettlauffer and Calvin Striffler are home from Detroit for the holidays.

Little Pauline Elliott is spending the holidays with relatives at Pontiac.

Miss Emma Burg, who teaches school at Gifford, is the guest of her parents.

The Cass City Grain company wants ten girls to pick beans at three cents a pound.

Miss Myrtle Orr returned home from Alma last Friday to spend the holidays.

Roy and Arthur Gifford are spending the holidays with friends in Hamilton, Ont.

Miss Lucy Hatton is expected home this week from Detroit to spend the holidays.

Jas. Schwaderer of Purdue, Indiana, is the guest of his father, Wm. Schwaderer.

George Zinnecker, who has been employed at Owendale, is very ill at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hayes, of Flint, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. C. D. Striffler.

Mrs. Fred Ballard of North Branch is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Treadgold, of Uby, will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. L. E. Karr.

Miss Minnie Atwell, who has been at Pontiac for some time, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Tuckey of Mitchell, S. D. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Randall, west of town.

A. W. Traver and daughter, Mrs. W. W. Bender of Gagetown, were in

C. W. McKenzie, H. Frutchey, P. A. Schenk, E. Pinney, R. Crosby, and P. Fritz spent Sunday at Caro.

Mrs. A. Schwegler has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Gregor, in Morriston, Ont.

Miss Nellie Perkins, who has been attending college at Oberlin, Ohio, arrived home Monday evening to spend the holidays.

Miss Bertha McKinzie, who teaches in the Gaylord public schools, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKenzie.

Misses May Landon and Pearl Gooden are visiting at the latter's home in Detroit. Miss Gooden will remain at home for some time.

Rev. M. W. Gifford preached a Christmas sermon Sunday evening to a large audience. Special music was furnished by the choir.

Geo. Cole, who has been in the employ of Parke, Davis & Co. of Detroit, returned here Saturday and is now with L. I. Wood & Co.

P. S. Rice and family are visiting friends at Imlay, City and Attica. They are accompanied by Mrs. Rice's mother, who will remain.

The T. H. & S. District Fair Directors will hold their annual meeting on January 5th, 1904, at which time will occur the election of officers.

Miss Hannah Stevenson, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, returned to her home in Kingston the first of the week.

Grant Fritz, of Jackson, and Miss Cecil Fritz, of Bad Axe, are expected home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Fritz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fairweather and daughter, Lena, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fairweather and daughter, Joyce, are visiting with relatives at Imlay City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Moore and children went to Elmer City Tuesday to attend the wedding of Mr. Moore's sister, Daisy. They will remain until after Christmas.

S. W. Davis, who resides six miles east of Cass City and one mile west of Wickware, will have an auction sale on Monday, Dec. 28. Striffler & McKenzie, auctioneers.

Wm. Gougherty, who resides north-east of town, was hurt Saturday while riding horseback. The animal started to run and threw Mr. Gougherty off and then stepped on his leg.

Mrs. Jas. Tennant and daughter, Miss Viola Patterson, are spending the week with friends in Detroit and Walkerville, Ont., and Mr. Tennant will spend Christmas with them.

The latest industry to be talked about and to be located at Millington is a canning factory to employ about 40 hands and require about 900 acres of peas, beans, tomatoes and corn.

Monday afternoon, while working in the Marvelli factory at Harbor Beach, John Hickens got his left hand in a machine called the mixer and lost the four fingers. He had not been working on the machine but a few hours as he was simply taking the place of his brother, the regular operator, for a short time.

The K. O. T. M. of this place elected the following officers at their regular meeting last Friday evening: P. C., A. A. P. McDowell; C., P. S. Rice; L. C., C. Robinson; W. K., A. Bond; F. K., M. L. Moore; Phys., M. M. Wickware; C. Jas. McKenzie; S., F. Pitcher; M. at A., W. Marshall; S. T. Cross; P., A. D. Mead.

In recognition of the merits of the Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills for the relief of headache and pain, to which nearly everyone is subject more or less, arrangements have been made whereby the Dr. Miles Medical Co. will furnish a trial package of these wonderful little tablets free to the subscribers of this paper. Any reader of this paper who is subject to aches and pains of any kind, may avail themselves of this free sample by sending a postal card, giving their full address, and mentioning the name of this paper, to the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Miss Madeline Auten, who is attending college at Granville, O., is home for the Christmas vacation.

Blanche Hansler, of Detroit will spend the holidays with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ostrander.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wickware and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendrick are spending Christmas with relatives near Gagetown.

Miss Virgie Stevens, who returned to her home in Pennsylvania this week, entertained a company of young people at the home of her aunt, Mrs. DeWitt, last Saturday evening.

Tha many friends of Levi K. Bridges will regret to learn of his death which took place in Washington, D. C., on December 5th. He was an old resident of Novesta. He leaves one son, Nathaniel W., at whose home he spent the last years of his life. He was a member of the church of Christ and died rejoicing in the work of the Master.

The fifty-first annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' Association will be held in Ann Arbor, Dec. 29, 30, and 31 next. Special railroad rates of one fare for the round trip, though not less than one and one-half cents per mile where the regular fare is two cents per mile, have been made on all Michigan railroads. In the lower peninsula tickets will be sold Dec. 28 (evening trains), and Dec. 29, and 30, with a return limit of Jan. 1. In the upper peninsula tickets will be sold Dec. 28, with a limit for return of Jan. 2.

ELKLAND REMINISCENCES

The town of Elkland was organized by the board of supervisors at a meeting held Oct. 14, 1857, and comprised the territory of townships 13 and 14 north, of range 11 east. The names of the freeholders of the township to be organized, who signed the petition, are as follows: Hiram Bailey, Alden Bird, H. F. Cooper, A. Walmsley, William Edgar, Hugh Seed, J. W. Sausbury, William Jacobs, William H. Winton, David Winton, John Bird, A. P. Cooper, Lorenzo Teachout, Burton Himes.

At a special town meeting held at the house of H. F. Cooper, June 23, 1858, Charles W. Smith was chosen moderator, Wm. H. Winton and Andrew Walmsley, inspectors; H. F. Cooper, clerk; and John H. Bird, assistant clerk. The meeting then proceeded to election of town officers. The total number of votes cast was fourteen and the following was the result of the election: Supervisor, John H. Bird; clerk, Chas. W. Smith; treasurer, Andrew Walmsley; school inspectors, John H. Bird and H. F. Cooper; overseers of the poor, David Winton and William Jacobs; commissioners of highways, Chas. W. Smith, S. P. Ramsdell and Wm. H. Winton; justices of the peace, John H. Bird, Hugh Seed, Andrew Walmsley, David Winton; constables, Robt. H. Winton, S. P. Ramsdell, Lorenzo Teachout, William Edgar. Chas. W. Smith was chosen overseer of road district, No. 1, and David Winton of district, No. 2.

"It was voted to divide the town into two road districts, north and south, through the center of the town, the east half to be designated as Dist. No. 1, the west half as No. 2. The sum of \$600 was ordered to be expended on roads designated, and \$150 to be raised by tax for township purposes. The treasurer was allowed four per cent. on all taxes collected by him. It was voted that the next annual town meeting be held at the house of Chas. W. Smith. The voters present at this town meeting were Wm. Edgar, Wm. Jacobs, Burton H. Himes, John H. Bird, Andrew Walmsley, David Winton, Robt. H. Winton, S. P. Ramsdell, Chas. W. Smith, Hugh Seed, Lorenzo Teachout, Wm. H. Winton, H. F. Cooper and A. P. Cooper.

The first recorded meeting of the town board was held Dec. 21, 1858, the only business transacted being the auditing of various bills to the amount of \$84.50. At the annual meeting of the board the following March the accounts of Andrew Walmsley, treasurer, were audited as follows: Money received, \$260.63; paid out, \$250.11; collecting fee, \$10.42; receipt from county treasurer for, \$1,384.53; cash on hand, ten cents. The amount charged to the treasurer was \$1,587.83.

At the annual town meeting for 1859 it was ordered that \$100 be raised for opening the State road east of the line of sections 14 and 15, or 10 and 11, to the county line of Sanilac county; also \$100 for a road between sections 27 and 28, and 27 and 22; also \$100 for a road from the southwest corner of 27 to the corner of 5; and \$100 for contingent expenses. The number of voters at this election fifteen. At the annual election in 1860, the poll list showed ten voters.

At a meeting of the school inspectors held at the house of John Anyon, April 16, 1860, school district No. 1

was designated, comprising sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 22, 33, 34 and 35, and a meeting of qualified voters of the district for the purpose of electing officers and choosing a site for a schoolhouse. The second district comprising the northeast nine sections was formed April 23, 1860.

The inspectors of election in 1861 met at the house of Chas. W. Smith, but adjourned the town meeting to the building known as the County building, on the southwest quarter of section 34, of township 14 north, range 11 east. The register being missing, and supposed to be stolen, the supervisor, John Anyon, demanded a search warrant, which was issued by John H. Bird. Mr. Anyon, assisting the constable in the performance of his duty, found the missing record in his own coat pocket. The whole number of votes cast at this election was nineteen. Considerable progress was made in the direction of opening and improving highways, \$800 being appropriated for that purpose.

The board of registration, meeting April 5, 1862, was presented with the names of George Katahkeoons, Joseph Katahkeoons and Jacob Wandababong, but from the fact that they were Indians who had come into the town simply for the purpose of hunting, and not "civilized" within the meaning of the statute, they were not allowed the privilege of voting. It appears, however, that one Indian, whose name is not given, perhaps from the difficulty of spelling it, did swear in his vote at that election. An appropriation of one-half of the two mill tax was made for town library purposes. The whole number of votes cast at this town meeting was twenty-nine.

NOTICE—To taxpayers of Novesta Township. I will be at the following places to receive taxes: Jan. 5, at A. A. Livingston's; Jan. 6, at Novesta; Jan. 7, at Exchange Bank, Cass City; Jan. 9, at Deford; from 10 to 4 o'clock, 12-25-26.

Geo. A. Martin, Treasurer.

THE NEW YEAR'S TABLE.

Dishes Hot and Cold Suitable For the Day.

Following is a list of hot and cold dishes suitable to be served informally on New Year's day:

Hot—Chicken consommé, beef tea, clear green turtle soup, chicken okra in cups, oyster poutlette, chicken, lobster, Newburg, croquettes and patties, lobster Newburg, meringue Cold—Pickled oysters, roast turkey, partridge, quail, boiled ham, tongue.

Salads—Chicken, lobster, potato, crab, sandwiches—Ham, chicken, tongue, sardine, cheese, nut, beef, turkey.

Sweet Dishes—Ice cream, biscuit, toni, biscuit glace, cafe parfalt, strawberry, charlotte, russe, meringue, chocolate, lemon, orange and jelly layer cakes, fruit cake, mince, apple and pumpkin pies, fruit tarts, all varieties of fresh fruits, varieties of cheeses, crackers, biscuits, wafers.

Beverages—Lemonade, tea, coffee, chocolate.

New Year's Cookies.

Beat to a cream three-quarters of a pound of butter and a pound of sugar. Add three eggs and beat them through the butter and sugar till thoroughly mingled. Then add half a pint of sour milk and a level teaspoonful of saleratus dissolved in a tablespoonful of hot water. Next put in a gill of caraway seeds and a level teaspoonful of nutmeg. Stir in flour till the dough is stiff enough to roll out thin. After it is rolled as thin as pie crust cut the cookies out with a scalloped round cutter, lift them with a pancake knife from the pastry board, put them in a dripping pan, sprinkle over each cookie a little sugar and bake them in a moderate oven.

The New Year's Wassail Cup.

Throughout all Europe the wassail cup in one form or another is a feature of the day. In old times one cup of gigantic size served the entire company, and when a man arose and took the huge vessel in both hands to drink to the guests a trusted friend rose with him and with drawn sword stood by his side lest he should be traitorously stabbed in the breast while drinking—Selected.

One second hand couch, 30 inches wide, deep tufted. Price \$5. Miss Emma Lenzer 11-27-11

Lenzer's Furniture Store.

Candy made to order. Try them. 11-20-11 Kandy Kitchen.

FOR SALE—About 12 tons of clover hay. 12-18-11 A. A. McKenzie.

Notice.

I will begin my office at Striffler & McDermott's every Friday beginning Dec. 4 until Jan. 10, to collect taxes. 12-4-11 G. A. STRIFFLER, Treasurer of Elkland Twp.

For Sale.

Eight-year-old horse, weight 1300, or exchange for good driver. Also a good family horse. A. A. McKenzie. 12-11-11.

For Sale.

A big work team well matched. Enquire at this office. 12-11-11

For Sale.

A fine Durham-Jersey heifer calf. Enquire at the Chronicle office.

FOR SALE—A small house and lot. Will sell cheap and on reasonable terms. Inquire of Edward Pinney at the Exchange Bank.

Morton's Shaker Bread, Rye Graham and Cream Bread. Candy Kitchen. 4-17-11.

Heaps of sweets for holiday trade at the Kandy Kitchen. 11-20-11

Storage to Rent.

Pea Harvester building, West Main street, Cass City. A. D. Mead. 11-27-11

Rabbits bought at the Cass City Meat Market. 11-20-4.

SHOE REPAIRING.

H. L. Sage repairs footwear at reasonable rates. Shop in little red fern next to Tyo's barber shop. 12-5-11

Hardwood for sale.

STRIFFLER & McDERMOTT.

The Influence of the Youth's Companion.

The gospel of good cheer brightens every page of The Youth's Companion. Although the paper is nearly seventy-seven years of age, it does not look back on the past as a better period than the present.

The Companion believes that the time most full of promise is the time we are living in, and every weekly issue reflects this spirit of looking forward and not back.

To more than half a million American families it carries every week its message of cheer. Its stories picture the true characteristics of the young men and women of America. Its articles bring nearly three million readers in touch with the best thought of the most famous of living men and women.

Annual Announcement Number fully describing the principal features of The Companion's new volume for 1904 will be sent to any address free.

The new subscriber for 1904 will receive all the issues of the Companion for the remaining weeks of 1903 free from the time of subscription, also The Companion Calendar for 1904, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

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 23rd day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and three. Present, John M. Smith, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of John H. Walker deceased. J. C. Laing the administrator of said estate represents to the court that he has now prepared to render his final administration account. It is ordered that Monday the 18th day of January next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court be assigned for examining and allowing said final account, and for ascertaining the residue of said estate to the persons entitled thereto. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Tri-County Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. [Seal]


JOHN M. SMITH, Judge of Probate.

FOR YOUNG MEN

Every man is the architect of his own fortune.

Have You Begun Yours?

If not start the new year by getting one of our Savings Banks.



Ask those who have them what it has done for them during the past year.

Portrait Painting

I make a specialty of portrait painting in water colors and oil, and should be pleased to have you call and see a sample of my work.

Herb Tablets

I am also agent for the celebrated Rival Herb Tablets manufactured by the Rival Herb Co., of Montreal. The medicine is guaranteed. No cure no pay.

JOHN WALKER

West Main Street, Cass City.

Try a liner in the Chronicle. It pays.

Drugs Wall Paper

BOOKS, GAMES, BIBLES, TOILET SETS

Any one of which would make a splendid holiday gift. Call and see them. If you don't see what you want ask for it.

L. I. WOOD & CO.

Stationery Successors to A. Bond. Window Shades

CHRISTMAS.

"Christmas is coming," says Hiram Sleet.

"And what will we do for Turkey to eat?"

Julia loves them, hence I can't bear

That others should have them and she not share.

So a gunning I'll go for the genuine stuff

And Julia'll be happy as in the days of young love."

So, Hiram, elated, tramped through the snow

In quest of a Turkey; his Julia to show

That his heart was still young, tho' his feet might be slow.

"But what will I do to cover my feet

From this awful snow and terrible sleet?

Oh! I'll go to Ostrander's and get me a pair

Of snag proof rubbers they're splendid to wear.

Be wise and do like Hiram.

We have a fine line of slippers suitable for Xmas presents.

OSTRANDER'S UP-TO-DATE SHOE STORE.

Cass City's Meat Market

OUR STOCK OF

Meats, Fish, Oysters and Table Delicacies

Is complete and we are prepared to give our customers the best there is on the market.

Quality, Quantity, and Price

Are three things which the purchaser must consider. We can satisfy you in every particular.

REMEMBER

We want your eggs butter and poultry for which we pay the highest market price.

YOUNG & BENKELMAN

THE PEOPLES SUPPLY HOUSE.

Every house should have one of our

SCREENS

At 89c Regular Price \$1.25

They are finished in oak with assorted colors of fine Pongee, silk panels, and is an ornament as well as a useful article in every home. Supply is limited, so get one early for a Christmas present.



See our elegant line of FASCINATORS, WAY'S MUFFLERS, GOLF GLOVES, ETC., for Christmas.

We have a few COVERT COATS that we are moving at a cut price, get one NOW.

We are headquarters for BLACK CAT WOOL HOSIERY.

W wish you a Merry Christmas.

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