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Annual Big Sale


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Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

If the present you receive bears this label



Fine Cutlery and Plated Ware

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Lamps, China, Furs, Sweaters, Table Covers, Curtains, Skirts, Opera Shawls

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Mrs. G. W. Goff

CUT BOTH THUMBS.

Stanley Hulburt received severe cuts in both thumbs last week in a peculiar manner. He was engaged at the time in caring for the stock on the farm of his uncle, John Spurgeon, Jr., and while he was cutting the cord which bound a bundle of fodder in one of the mangers, the animal became in a hurry, and pulling at one end of the bundle, drew the knife blade across both thumbs cutting them quite badly. Hereafter Stanley thinks he will cut fodder strings with iron gloves on or else let the cattle chew the cords.

The Ostrander store and rooms above to rent. Enquire at Cass City Bank. 11-10-11

The undersigned will sell at

Auction

Every second Saturday afternoon

Horses, cattle and other stock, farm implements, buggies and wagons and household furniture. The first of the sales will be held at

Agar's 10c Barn

Saturday, December 30 at 1:00 p. m.

Any parties wishing to dispose of any property should call or write me at least one week before such sales.

A. A. MCKENZIE,

Auctioneer.

See next week's paper for list of articles.

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insure in the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, the farmers' company. Assets invested only in farm mortgages and government bonds. No Wall street stocks or railroad bonds. Inquire for rates, etc., of

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

The festival of Christmas will be celebrated in appropriate style by the members of the Sunday schools of the various churches in town by programs and Christmas trees.

The following program which is being prepared by the M. E. Sunday school will be given Sunday evening:

- Opening Song, "Welcome Christmas Morning"..... School
- Responsive Reading, "A Savior Promised," Song, "Hosanna, He Cometh"..... School
- Prayer..... Pastor
- Dialogue, "The Shepherd's Vision".....
- Responsive Reading, "Things of Great Joy," Duett..... Four Young Men
- Dialogue..... Grace Meiser and Lila Fritz
- Dialogue..... Four Young Men
- Song, "Messengers of Joy"..... School
- Dialogue, (in verse) "Herod and the Wise Men"..... Supt. and Class
- Recitation, "Christmas Welcome" Lila Fritz
- Solo..... Helene Gallagher
- Class Exercise, "Gifts for Jesus" Infant Class
- Selection..... Orchestra
- Recitation, "Merry Christmas," Seva Whitney
- Duett..... Two Girls
- Recitation, "Like Jesus" Joseph McDowell
- Class Exercise, "Days We Love Best".....
- Seven Children
- Exercise, "Dolly's Rock-a-by" Six Little Girls
- Recitation, "Feeling Sorry for Santa Claus"..... Lloyd McKim
- Solo..... C. H. Wood
- Song, "Giving for Jesus"..... School
- Collection
- "Good Night" Song..... Chorus of Girls

At the Evangelical church on Monday evening there will be a Christmas tree and the following program:

- German Song..... School
- Prayer..... Rev. Berge
- Response.....
- Recitation..... Willie Bien
- "Messages of Christmas Bells" Infant Class
- Recitation..... Eddie Buehly
- Vocal Solo..... Bertha Benkelman
- Recitation..... Maggie Striffler
- "Stars for the Christmas Tree" Five Boys
- Recitation..... Cecil Patterson
- German Song..... School
- Recitation..... Willie McDowell
- Recitation..... Katie and Luella Striffler
- Song..... Ruth Benkelman
- Instrumental Trio.....
- Recitation..... Elsie Buehly
- "Jesus' Birthday" Four Girls
- Recitation..... Gladys Lenzner
- Vocal Solo..... Clara Lenzner
- Recitation..... Hazel Lauderbach
- "No Room" Class of Girls
- Recitation..... Mary Akerman
- Selection..... Orchestra
- "Good Night" Song..... Class of Girls

On Monday evening a Christmas tree will furnish entertainment at the Presbyterian church. There will not be a program.

A program and Christmas tree will be given in the Baptist church on Monday evening as follows:

- Musical..... School
- Address of Welcome..... Antoinette
- Recitation..... Zella Hall
- Christmas Carol..... Ida Yakes
- Recitation..... Class No. 4
- Recitation..... Ray Yakes
- Recitation..... Earl Sommerville
- Dialogue..... Clayton Wright, Kenneth Yakes
- Musical..... School
- Exercise..... Primary Class
- Recitation..... Wm. Lazenby
- Recitation..... Samuel Riker
- Christmas Star Drill..... Class No. 3
- Duett..... Lillian Yakes and Bessie Wright
- Recitation..... Nico Hitchcock
- Recitation..... Hugh McColl
- Song..... Class No. 2
- Recitation..... Ruth Elliott
- Recitation..... Earnest Post
- Musical..... Class No. 8
- Santa Claus.....

Undoubtedly these services will be largely attended as in former years. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

A LETTER FROM SEATTLE.

We take pleasure in publishing a letter received last week by a resident of this place from Mrs. J. W. Young, formerly of this place but now of Seattle, Washington.

Seattle, Washington,
5602-14th Ave., N. E.
December 7, 1905.

Dear Friends: It seems almost incredible to think that over three months have passed since we left Cass City, but when one starts out on new fields of adventure time slips by almost unconsciously.

We had quite a moist morning to start out on our trip, but when we arrived in Detroit the sun had claimed the ascendancy. We boarded our elegant steamer at three o'clock and set sail (?) for the north. We had fine staterooms outside so if we did not want to be on deck we could see out of our rooms. The weather was superb for sail and the scenery changing and picturesque enough to keep us all entertained. We reached the locks at the Soo towards evening of Monday. That was all novel and new to us as we had never been through the locks before. There was a vessel in the locks before we arrived, so we had the pleasure and education of watching her get through before the ponderous gates swung open and we were being swiftly and silently lifted to the level of the lake.

The sun was just setting as the great gates again swung open and we glided out on the placid bosom of the lake, burnished with the golden hues of the setting sun. We watched the changing panorama until the gong sounded for dinner. Tuesday morning broke a little cloudy, but soon the sun burst forth and we found that we were in Portage River, where American engineering has done so much to dredge out a channel for the great excursion boats to make a much shorter passage to Lake Superior than formerly and here also the scenery is charming. The channel is very narrow and one vessel, too heavily laden for the shallows, lay right across our path; but another boat was busy helping her out and in about thirty minutes we moved serenely on, and about nine o'clock we caught sight of Lake Superior. How fittingly named! The day was ideal; the waters rolling in clear, dancing waves apparently chasing one another in rollicking, majestic abandon. The breeze so clear and bracing one is filled with new enjoyment of existing. The waters such a clear deep blue one could imagine their immense depth. Surely this has been rightly named "Lake Superior." After a day of intense pleasure we arrived at Duluth at nine o'clock and leave our magnificent floating palace for our hotel. * * * * * Thursday evening we catch our first view of the "Grand Old Rockies." How the mountains stand out in bold relief against the clear blue skies, enveloped in a deep purple haze that renders their roughness indistinct in the gathering twilight. In places the

mountains present a fine display of pyrotechnics on a somewhat larger scale than those of the 4th of July in Cass City, as the forests are on fire in several places and looked grand as we passed along. The sunset amid such scenes is something inspiring.

Friday morning we wake up amid Washington scenery. From Spokane, to Wenatchee the country is farming with some barren spaces. We cross the magnificent Columbia River near Wenatchee and then the Cascade Mountains appear to view. From

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I will be in Deford on Jan. 2, in Novesta on Jan. 4, and at the Exchange Bank, Cass City, on Jan. 6, to collect taxes for Novesta township.
12-22-2 D. LIVINGSTON, Treas.

We can offer nothing more enticing for a

Xmas Present

for your wife and family than

An Art Laurel Range, an Art Laurel Base Burner, or an Art Laurel Soft Coal Heater

Of course we have any number of other things that would please such as

- A Universal Three minute Bread Mixer.
- Savory Granite Lined Roasters.
- Food Choppers, large and small sizes.
- French Percolate Coffee Pots, Stag Horn handles.
- French Tea Pots, Stag Horn handles.
- Carving Sets, Stag Horn handles.
- 1847 Rogers Bros. Knives and Forks.
- 1847 Rogers Bros. Tea and Table Spoons.
- Nut Pick Sets.
- Nickel Plated Asbestos Lined Sad Irons.
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J. B. COOTES.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We have the best assortment of useful gifts yet. Bibles, Books, Fountain Pens, Toilet Sets, Perfume, Medallions and a fresh stock of Lowncy Chocolates.

Ask us for the best calendar you ever saw for 1906.

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Will prove a satisfactory investment to you. I have a fine line of samples to select from.

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Jas. Gannon, the Shoemaker

has moved his shop from Goff's Harness Shop to the basement of the McLellan Hotel. I am now prepared to supply your needs in

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Repairing of shoes and rubbers; also sewed work. I am a

First class mechanic and guarantee my work.

The Pictures at Lenzner's Furniture Store make nice Xmas Presents.

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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN

The "telephone heart," of course, is the kind that always answers with the busy signal.

Health alarmists are starting a crusade against the use of tea. Beware of the green peril.

Sh-h-h! Don't tell it out loud, but nobody seems to have thought of forming a cranberry trust.

It remains to be seen whether Mr. Morgan's new gold brick will turn out to be another Ascoll cope.

W. K. Vanderbilt must have literary ambitions. He now writes his name William Kissam Vanderbilt.

A Boston paper asks: "Are there any honest men in the City of New York?" Well, Mark Twain is there.

Just by way of showing its superiority to other Latin-American republics, Cuba has held a critical election peaceably.

After all, the man who exercises the most graceful self-restraint is the one who could have told us so, and didn't.—Puck.

A good deal of near-poetry was sent to Mark Twain on his birthday. Fortunately he is a rugged man in spite of his years.

News from Russia cannot be guaranteed, but it is said that the empire's retiring minister of finance is a Tschipoff the old block.

Mark Twain says a man over seventy is an "honorary citizen." Yes, and we know a lot of men under seventy who are ornery citizens.

Mrs. Chadwick implies that she will tell everything, if she is given any other chance in court, even to the disclosures of the actual age of Ann.

The emperor of Korea, having accepted the Japanese terms, is now allowed to get up and put on his hat and brush the litter off his clothes.

If Gen. Bates, the new chief of the army staff, is anywhere near as fierce as he looks in his pictures it will go hard with any foreign foe that may attack us.

That farewell dinner to Charles Dana Gibson was attended by a dozen of his friends, but they were all mere men, and the original Gibson girl was not present.

A mob hooted at the oldest daughter of King Edward in the streets of London the other day. The outlook for the royalty business is anything but promising.

Harvard will play no more football until the rules are changed. Some of the Yale partisans claim, however, that Harvard will not be likely to play football even then.

Also, now is the time to find that nice little savings bank in which you were going to put a certain sum every day this year. Have you seen it since the 10th of last January?

J. P. Morgan says he was cheated in a recent railroad deal. The other fellow might almost be justified in fixing up dates for the purpose of going out to lecture about it.

A woman in Newcastle, Pa., caused the arrest of her son for talking in his sleep. She knows that something must be done to cure him, if his married life is not to be a failure.

Mrs. Chadwick has had ample time to think it over, and she is unrepentant. She would do it over again if she had the chance, but she would improve on her methods next time.

Under a new policy of the war department, officers of the commissary department are to be taught to bake bread and to cook. This will make them especially desirable as husbands.

Japanese gendarmes fired on a mob in Seoul, Korea, the other day, and in Tokio anti-imperialists filed forty-three speeches, twenty-seven newspaper articles and a protest with the mikado.

Mark Twain says he never did a day's work in his life. This is calculated to remove the impression that piloting a Mississippi river steamboat in the old days was anything like work.

The sultan's general uprising of Islam in a holy war for the green flag of the prophet seems to be petering out into the usual version of the proposition of Crockett's coon, "Don't shoot, I'll come down."

According to a German paper, Chile is about to order a battleship, two cruisers and four destroyers from German shipbuilders, the price to be paid being \$15,000,000, presumably with the intention of insuring eternal peace.

Another noted actress has abandoned the stage to take up married life, but the comfort that may be found in the news is largely offset by the knowledge that some other woman, at about the same time, abandoned married life to take up the stage.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

SHREDS OF TORN FLESH ALL THAT REMAINED OF FIVE MEN.

MARQUETTE DYNAMITE WORKS BLOWN UP, CAUSING DEATH AND GREAT DESTRUCTION.

The Whole City Shaken.

A quick, sharp detonation, louder than the combined report of many cannons; a distinct tremor that shook Marquette; the sound of falling glass, and a dull, rumbling roar that vibrated among the hills. These were the accompaniments of the disastrous explosion when 1,300 pounds of nitroglycerin and a quantity of dynamite let go, which wrecked the plant of the Eastern Dynamite Co., three miles distant from Marquette, Saturday morning. The scene at the works is one of dire havoc. The nitroglycerin house is a total wreck, also the "dope" house. The packing houses look as though they had been bombarded with heavy guns, and the engine room and other buildings more or less damaged. Great holes were torn in the roofs, the walls were bulged in or shoved out, and in some instances the buildings had collapsed utterly.

Of the mixing house, located on the bank of Deer river, not a vestige remains. It was here that the explosion of the deadly nitroglycerin had occurred—how, will never be known, for all five men in the building at the time were blown into atoms. Torn into splinters, the timbers had been scattered in all directions, some smaller fragments being picked up a mile distant. Parts of the flywheel were found several hundred feet away on the ice of the river. Large pine trees had been broken in two, and in general the scene was one of devastation, for which, however, thanks are due that it was no worse. Had the nitroglycerin house gone too, and it is regarded as remarkable that it didn't, the horror possibly would have been magnified many times over.

Of the five men killed, only enough shreds of their blackened flesh to cover the bottom of a small powder box had been found in the snow in the nearby woods up to late this afternoon.

The plant comprises about 30 buildings, scattered over 80 acres. Some structures were wrecked, others badly damaged, the property loss running well into the thousands. It will be necessary to rebuild practically the entire plant.

Burned to Death. Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ingersoll, ranging in age from 3 to 6 years, were burned to death in their home near Five Lake, Thursday. The father was at work and the mother went to visit a neighbor, leaving the children in the house alone. The youngest child was cremated and the other two died shortly after being taken from the burning house.

The fire was started by the children playing with kerosene oil while the mother was absent looking for another child which had wandered away from home.

East Paris Tragedy. Webb Clark, aged 45, a prosperous farmer of East Paris township, shot his wife in the right temple at an early hour Thursday morning. She will die. After defying the efforts of the neighboring farmers to enter his home to give aid to his wife he returned into the house and sent a bullet into his own right temple. He cannot live and was unconscious when two deputy sheriffs reached the scene, after driving ten miles from the city.

Clark is said to have been insane. His three children declare that he spent a sleepless night, having terrific pains in the head, and that at an early hour Thursday morning he began to rave. About 5 o'clock, as nearly as the children figure it, Clark called his wife to his side and with her head almost against his bosom and in the act of caressing her, he pulled his revolver and put a bullet into her temple.

The three children were unharmed. One, the oldest boy, named Fred, escaped from the house at 6 o'clock, and conveyed the news to a neighbor, who called the sheriff.

Young Hangmen. Two 14-year-old boys, Earl Bowman and Arnold Pittsburg, of Traverse City, tried to emulate the hanging of Mrs. Rogers. They put a noose around the neck of a playmate, Will Hoxie, after knocking him on a stick of wood, and then kicked the wood away. Willie was nearly dead when he was rescued by another playmate.

It is reported that Cressy L. Wilbur, chief of the department of vital statistics, will resign the first of the year. He has been in the department 13 years.

A married man by the name of Gorman, living in Sandstone, Jackson county, left his horse and buggy in Jackson, came to Ann Arbor by electric car, looked up some legal matters in the probate court, Wednesday, and is now missing.

The game warden's department has seized 52 deep water gill nets at Beaver island, in Lake Michigan, which belong to the Michigan and Wisconsin fishermen, and are valued at several thousand dollars. This is the biggest single seizure in the history of the department.

The acquittal of Fred Harris, charged with murder because of the death of Henry Wieck, Jr., during the street car strike in Saginaw last July, has led to the discharge of William Johnson, Charles Hulbert, James Sullivan and Anton Tubac, charged with murder jointly with Harris.

REBELLION SPREADING

THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE RISING TO AVENGE WRONGS.

MUTINY IN THE ARMY GROWS DAILY AND FIRE, PILLAGE AND BUTCHERY CONTINUE.

Burning Everything.

Mutiny Spreading.

Found Guilty.

More Jews Killed.

Retaliation For Exclusion.

The Money Was Bogus.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Unless we despise a woman when we cease to love her, we are still a slave without consentment of intoxication.

Capt. Samanski, of the 22d regiment, stationed at Kalguga, has declined to obey the order of his colonel to use his company in breaking up the strike, declaring in writing that he regarded police work as outside the duties of officers and soldiers.

It is probable that Michigan's artillery organization may be the first of the national guards of the country to receive the new light field pieces to be issued by the government and which are said to be the deadliest weapons of their kind yet devised.

In view of the serious news from Riga and Reval, Chancellor von Buelow has authorized the president of the province of East Prussia to charter steamers for Riga, Reval and Libau and to place them at the disposition of the German subjects in those cities.

Employees of the Newcastle, Pa., pottery works are fined or discharged for swearing.

A number of offers for the old frigate Constitution are pouring into Secretary Bonaparte. A Boston man will give \$10,000. The secretary says he cannot legally consider the offers.

The greatest secrecy is thrown over the government's answer to Lnevitch, which was sent via Vladivostok.

The mob has plundered and set fire to some of the Jewish houses in the Moscow suburb of Riga. The Jews have organized armed patrols, each a hundred strong, to guard the Jewish quarters at night.

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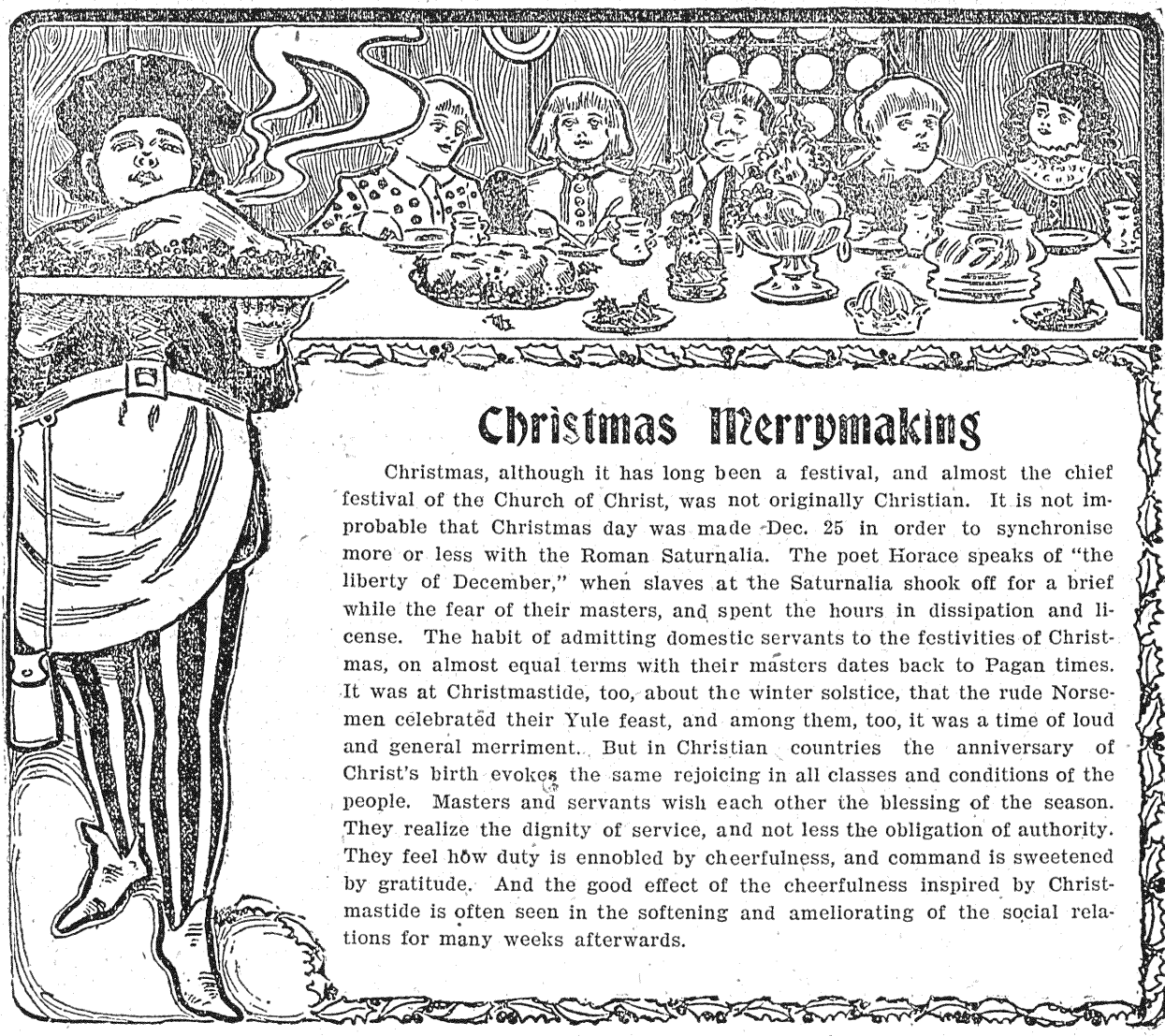
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Christmas Merrymaking

Christmas, although it has long been a festival, and almost the chief festival of the Church of Christ, was not originally Christian. It is not improbable that Christmas day was made Dec. 25 in order to synchronize more or less with the Roman Saturnalia. The poet Horace speaks of "the liberty of December," when slaves at the Saturnalia shook off for a brief while the fear of their masters, and spent the hours in dissipation and license. The habit of admitting domestic servants to the festivities of Christmas, on almost equal terms with their masters dates back to Pagan times. It was at Christmastide, too, about the winter solstice, that the rude Norsemen celebrated their Yule feast, and among them, too, it was a time of loud and general merriment. But in Christian countries the anniversary of Christ's birth evokes the same rejoicing in all classes and conditions of the people. Masters and servants wish each other the blessing of the season. They realize the dignity of service, and not less the obligation of authority. They feel how duty is ennobled by cheerfulness, and command is sweetened by gratitude. And the good effect of the cheerfulness inspired by Christmastide is often seen in the softening and ameliorating of the social relations for many weeks afterwards.

A Christmas Heart-to-Heart Talk

PARTICULAR beauty of Christmas is that it is not only the day that is valuable, but all the days that go before have their special worth. Those who think least about the spiritual significance of Christmas often follow out its teaching closely, though unconsciously. The time is the time of gifts and thoughtfulness for others, and so fittingly celebrates the birth of the King, who came disguised in poverty, and began in the manger to live for, as He died for, others. Now, as of old, it is not always those who have His name most frequently upon their lips who best obey His commands. The deeds, and not the speech, declare the heart, and, since every good instinct and desire is from Him, it is a joy to remember how many millions are on His side, practicing without any idea of their virtue the graces of love, unselfishness, faith, hope, and charity. The small and great economies of self-denial, the little acts of labor and patience, the thousands of good wishes, the unnumbered and unseen benevolence of this happy season, must be an incense of worship rising to Heaven and acceptable in the sight of the Love that dwells there. Christmas, 1905, is another milestone on the road of the world's progress towards righteousness.

took out of a drawer a card that was wrapped in silver paper. Just a common little penny card, it was, till she told the story: "I was a workhouse girl in my first place, and it seemed nobody cared for me. I most cried in the morning one of the lodgers, a nice lady, gave me this with my name written on it. I took it down to the kitchen and read them verses—I often wish I knew her as made them—'God grant thee but a due reward, A worthy portion fair and just, And then ne'er think thy lot too hard, But work, my girl, work, hope, and trust!' I stood there and cried for joy. It seemed to put heart into me, and I'll keep that card as long as I live!"

by poverty-stricken women indignant at her silken attire. The missionaries wondered at her calmness, but she marvelled at the patience of the poor. The outcome was a "Christmas Day for the Lonely," and when the solitary shop assistants, clerks, and office-workers met to first carry her gifts to the poorest, and then to feast at a real Christmas table and spend a happy day together.

We cannot all afford such a quantity of happiness as that wealthy woman, though it is strange to see how much gladness can lie within the circle of a sixpence given by genuine sympathy. The Jews at their feasts leave a place and cup of wine for the prophet Elijah, in the hope that he may honor them when he again visits the earth, and at their Sabbath meal any stranger is welcome. Could we not set a place for the Lord, whose earthly birthday we celebrate, and invite a lonely stranger to be His guest?

Not the Gift but the Thought. **H**UMANITY is not difficult to please. It is the trifles with the big motive behind them that make the sweetest presents. The crusty old bachelor sniffs contemptuously at the gorgeous bull table presented to him by the head of the firm, and softens into a smile as he sees the bunch of Christmas roses offered by a niece who honestly tries to make the grumpy old fellow's Christmas a happy one. Father says in public, "What, Christmas again? This nonsense of present-giving will ruin me!" but privately certain that the hugs and kisses, the mufflers and bric-a-brac, bestowed upon him by the family, and especially the neat pen-wiper in crimson, yellow and green wool, made with infinite pains by the youngest hopeful, fill up the vacuum in his banking account satisfactorily. The thought behind the gift enhances its value, and no one, from king to peasant, can resist the dear delight of affection's offerings. It is commonly the rich who are best pleased by ordinary presents, and the great by childish ones. The poor have the wondrous gift of finding pleasure in what more fortunate folk despise. A woman

Christmas Sunshine. **"S**UNSHINE" and "comfort" are two rosy words expressing degrees of joyousness, and if among our friends we have any of those delightful individuals who radiate warmth and good-fellowship, we instinctively apply the terms to them. There are comparatively few persons endowed naturally with a sunny temperament, yet the world wants all the sunshine it can get. Why should not happiness be cultivated? It is happy anywhere, and increases by dividing itself. Christmas is the season for the starting of a Sunshine club. The rules are simple, but will be found productive of many smiles and much love. Members agree—1. To keep all their woes and grievances to themselves. 2. To make somebody smile at least once every day. 3. To be sunny twelve hours a day in spite of all provocations.

Old Chimes, Old Loves, Old Times. **W**HEN the Christmas bells ring out they ring in a flood of golden memories. The dreams of youth, the romance of spring, the poem of the bride and of the first child, the autumn of content, and now—it is Christmas again, there are empty chairs and vanished faces, the web of life's mingled sorrow and joy is fastened about us, we have known love and peace, and grief and pain, and still, thank God, it is a good world, we are glad to be alive, and able to look forward in hope to a yet brighter life beyond. Memory is a strong rope that binds the soul to good or ill. A man can never become utterly bad while there remains with him the memory of the beautiful home Christmas. A woman cannot grow callous who has the recollection of the dear old mother and the kind father who made the center and loveliness of the Christmastide holiday and merriment. Let us be kind and loving to each other, for memories all round the world are busy with past Christmases, and this one will abide with those who yet may wander across the seas.

Do Not Forget the Lonely. **E**ARS ago a woman, whom some thought immersed in worldliness and frivolity, drove to a little house in a West End slum. An astonished pair of missionaries welcomed her rather frigidly and waited to hear the reason of her visit. She was embarrassed. "You see," she hesitated, "there must be dozens of people, not quite poor, who have no homes or friends near. I thought perhaps you would show me how to do something for them. I have seen the loneliest faces in the streets." "Dozens! There are hundreds!" said the missionary's wife. Then they took her with them through their daily routine in the depths of "humanity." The toiled up long flights of dark, dirty stairs, descended into cellars, and had the doors slammed in her face

Christmas Greeting

Let the bells ring out, hang up the mistletoe, bring on the smoking turkey, and join in the frolics of the youngsters—anything, everything, so that the day be merry and all hearts the lighter because Christ the Lord was born. Forget for the time the cares of business, the pressure of hard times, the threatening future. Lock up the family skeleton and with it all frowns and harsh words, and the petty tyrannies and jealousies of common days. If you can lose the key of the closet, so much the better. If not, even the brief respite from ugly cares will leave its benediction in your heart. If you have no fireside of your own

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me

with an orange and a picture book would be a foretaste of heaven. Play Santa Claus to some child, and you will find your Merry Christmas in the reflection of its innocent delight; or carry your greeting and your gift to some aged and lonely creature whose last Christmas it will be on earth, and earn a blessing that will repay your effort an hundredfold. There is, happily, no monopoly of the joys of Christmas. If they do not come to us, we can go to them. We have but to open our hearts and stretch out our hands and the messengers of peace will come gladly trooping towards us. It will be our own fault if we do not, each and all, have A Merry Christmas.

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Some strains of laughter, heard in guileless youth, before care came to us, seem caught in the web of memory and will recur again and again in the human heart, like the melody of a song, that sounds up from childhood, in the depths of one's being, says Elizabeth Washington Wirt in the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Who would be without the benison of laughter? It is the glorious gift of an all-wise God and susceptible of infinite culture. The first genuine music we learn should be the gamut of laughter; once learned it is never forgotten and aids materially in the formation and discipline of character. Nothing more swiftly disarms convulsive passion of anger than the gamut of laughter. Try it the first time you find yourself swayed by tumultuous anger. Anger arises from an idea of evil having been inflicted or threatened and the moment you feel it surge through you, like a breaker, my word for it, take a deep breath and laugh the gamut; it will completely subdue the senseless storm. It is a subtle victory that comes without blood. We will remember when we first discovered the possession of a temper like lightning on a Damascus blade and realized the only remedy to be in the strenuous cultivation of womanly amiability. The first resolution was self-discipline from morning until night and a vow to write down how often anger conquered per annum. After becoming a student of music seldom were we "filled with wrath."

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Mr. Whittemore went once to the restaurant then on the corner of Hanover and Court streets, and ordered veal. He waited patiently till all his neighbors had been served, even those who had entered the restaurant after him. At last he called the waiter and asked him how soon his order would be filled.

"Right away, now, sir," was the reply; "they're just carving, sir."

"Just carving! Just carving!" echoed Mr. Whittemore. "Well, I thought I heard something bleat, but I hoped my order was further along than that!" And with a sign of resignation he again settled himself back in his chair for patient waiting.—Boston Herald.

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Probate of Will.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office in the Village of Caro in said county, on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1905. Present: Hon. John M. Smith, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hopley C. Cole deceased. This day having filed in said court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said court be admitted to probate, and that the administration with the will annexed of said estate be granted to Daniel P. Deming the person named in the will or to some other suitable person. It is ordered that Wednesday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Tri-County Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JOHN M. SMITH, Judge of Probate, 12-15-5

Order of Publication.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. In the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola, in Chancery. Daisy B. Crosby vs. Peter W. Crosby. Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola in Chancery, at Caro on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1905.

In this case it appearing from affidavit on file, that the Defendant, Peter W. Crosby, is not a resident of this state, but resides at Pittsburg in the state of Pennsylvania, on motion of T. J. Eveland, Complainant's Solicitor, it is ordered that the said Defendant cause his appearance to be entered herein, within four months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance, that he cause his answer to the Complainant's Bill of Complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within fifteen days after service on him of a copy of said bill, and notice of this order; and that in default thereof the said Defendant, as confessed by the said non-resident Defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Tri-County Chronicle, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or until the said Defendant is ordered to be personally served on said non-resident Defendant, at least twenty days before the time above described for his appearance.

ABRAHAM J. RANDALL, Circuit Clerk, Tuscola County, Michigan.

T. J. EVELAND, Complainant's Solicitor, Business address Mayville, Mich. 11-29-7

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A LETTER FROM SEATTLE.

(Continued from first page.)

here on to our destination the scenery is fine. I never saw the Cascades in such a beautiful light. The lights and shadows on the sides of the mountains reminds one of fairyland. Our train speeds by the rushing mountain stream so turbulent that we hear the rush of waters above the roar of train. We enter the tunnel at six o'clock. It is nearly three miles long and takes twenty minutes to go through. Then we emerge on the western slope of the Cascades in the midst of a panorama of wild beauty and awe inspiring grandeur seldom equaled.

The different peaks of the mountains rise in serried ranks towards the setting sun. We skirt the edge of mountains at a perilous height and looking downwards we see a serpentine trail far away down the opposite mountain side and the porter pointing to a big black-hole away off in the mountains, tells us we will emerge from that and spread along that serpentine-like trail in a short time. We watch the scenery until eye and mind seem satiated with so much beauty and grandeur, such dizzy heights and stupendous depths, such magnificent gorges, such gorgeous colorings in the setting sun! At once the artist's paradise and his despair. But darkness hides the view and we are soon in Seattle. "Queen City of the Sound," where the scenery, if not so grand, is just as interesting to us.

We have a lovely home where we get the view of the Olympic Mountains and also of Green Lake from the front of the house.

This is a magnificent city of 150,000 population and the rush of business is in startling contrast to living on a farm in Michigan. It is a great place for an energetic person with some capital looking for a position I think it would be best to have something in view before arriving as there are so many people here ready to accept positions.

The weather is very comfortable yet. The grass green, some flowers still blooming.

Your sincere friend,
Mrs. J. W. Young.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The students all a buzzing round. You think it's very queer. If you should ask the question why, Examination's here!

Orinda Stocks has entered the third grade.

The Congressional Record is received at the high school daily.

Leon Lauderbach was hurt in the gymnasium Tuesday noon.

Mr. McKenzie amused the little folks by drawing a picture of Santa Claus.

Miss Brown, Rev. Mulholland and Chas Young attended the theatricals Friday.

Ethel McGregory and Lena Fairweather were absent Tuesday on account of illness.

Visitors this week are: Jas. McKenzie, Miss Schell, Miss Osborne and Frank Hutchison.

Two of our very smallest lads and lassies were seriously (?) injured by the advent of the kissing bug.

The American Literature class are preparing last year books of quotations from American authors.

Wonders will never cease. Not a pupil was absent or tardy from the high school department Wednesday forenoon.

The song about Santa Claus given by Vernita Treadgold, Marian Fritz, Earl McCallum and Herman Doerr was pleasing to everybody.

The brave skaters should wear charms to keep away the ghosts, especially the live ones. Old men should be better employed.

The rooms of Mrs. Fritz and Miss Robber have "Christmasy" looks and mysterious airs on account of the coming of Santa Claus. Fathers and mothers are invited.

Squeer's Method Modernized—Cough medicine is being handed out with a spoon to the little folks in the lower rooms and it wouldn't be an inadvisable thing to have it in the high school.

That ever venturesome 'Mischief

What are you going to give your children for a

Xmas Present?

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Cupid has been abroad with his little bow and quiver full of arrows and struck deep into the heart of one of our popular school teachers. Wedding bells later.

During the holiday week, the State Teachers' association will convene in Lansing. Governor Warner is planning quite extensive welcomes on the part of every department. A full and inspired program is prepared.

Before the columns of school notes appear again 1905 will have closed his accounts with every individual and given to each a clean sheet for 1906. How about those New Year's resolutions? Good ones; made to keep, too.

We think it would be a good plan for the school board to provide electric lights in the hall so that the honorable Board of Editors might not break their necks when coming down the stairs after writing up the school notes.

Christmas vacation, cheer and good fellowship abound among our students. We hope the good patron Saint will forget no one in his trip this year. We think from the size of his back somebody's stockings will be full to overflowing.

The Teachers' Club held their meeting at the home of Miss Somerville last Friday evening. The members responded to roll call with current events. Mr. Jones gave a very interesting talk on "The patron and the teacher" and Miss Somerville one on "The school teacher in society." The recitation and solos given by the Misses Stevenson, Fritz and McGregory were enjoyed very much by those present. Miss Perkins was chairman of the meeting and conducted a pronunciation drill.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor Chronicle:

I notice in last issue that the well meaning but misguided correspondent of Pingree cannot fully take to his bosom the idea that there is no Christian societies among us at the present time, so let me endeavor at least to turn his head to the right.

Good correspondents, 'tis the frailty of the majority of mankind to take the existing conditions around them as evidence of right or wrong when we should search out the true values regardless of fear or favor, biases or applause.

The business manners of the Jews were like unto the customs among us today—get all you can, keep all you get. Two thousand years of sharp practice passed and one came to earth to form a sinful man that the Ten Commandments were not enough—that a new one, "Love one another," was required to make them fit for a life of happiness beyond this probationary state. He told those that accepted Him as their leader that if they had His spirit they were His, if they were without that spirit they were of the world. To His disciples He made all things plain in connection with the lives they were to lead here on earth, for we are told that although He spoke figuratively at times to the multitude He explained all things to His disciples in private.

Apostles and disciples were His scholars, tutored by Him in person, and none except those that would dispute against the sun can doubt but they carried out his instructions when they organized their first society after his departure. (Read Acts 2, 3 and 4) how they received the spirit.

The multitude that believed were of one heart and one soul neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed were his own, but they had all things in common. There was no individual grasping ownership among them, no rich no poor. They carried out the teacher's commandment, "Love one another," without semblance of a sham.

Years after, Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, continued the work giving caution to the men that believed at Corinth, "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth."

(Cor. 10: 24.) How long the people carried out the Savior's teachings it is hard to say, but it is supposed they began to fall into the ways of the world after Constantine had given them strength and growing popularity, just as some churches of today drop a Christian tenet after another till all is changed.

Think you if our good old grandmothers could return and we would take them to the M. E. church and say "these are the Methodists now," how astonishment would fill their eyes. Would they not declare "these are not Methodists?" So if you find a church today patterned after the original Christian society call them Christians, but until that time reverently without the sacred title.

JOHN McCracken.

Correspondence

BEAULEY.

Everybody is ready for Christmas. Lillian Thompson of Traverse City will spend Christmas at home.

Beauley M. E. church has a splendid new soft coal heater which warms the church splendidly.

The members of the Sunday school are preparing for their Christmas tree on Friday evening.

J. G. Stinton is among those from here who have gone to Ontario to spend a few weeks.

The company shredder is doing business still shredding cornstalks for the many farmers here. Everybody thinks it pays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Myers passed through here from their home in People's rate to Chicago to spend the holidays with relatives there. George Jennings, who has closed a very busy season's work with J. Williamson on his farm, has come to his home here for a few days before going to Dutton, Ont., to spend Christmas with his family.

Donald J. Thompson, who for the past year and a half, has been traveling through British Columbia, Washington and Assiniboia, has returned home for Christmas to the delight of his relatives and many friends.

Jas Henman of Unionville spent Saturday with his daughter, Mrs. W. Moore, returning home on Sunday.

XMAS GIFTS

The Place to buy is at the Closing Out Sale

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Get around early for the best values.

J. S. McARTHUR

taking with him Mrs. O. Campbell, who has for the past two weeks been staying with Mrs. Moore. We are pleased to chronicle that Mrs. Moore is convalescent.

John R. Brown, builder and contractor of Cass City, who is so successful and thorough in his work, has just taken the contract to build a basement barn 48x64 ft. for Thomas Jarvis in the early spring. The wall is to be cement with cement floors in the stable, everything to be finished complete for \$1,500. Last summer Mr. Brown and crew built six large barns and two houses in this vicinity. Everybody is pleased with his work.

WILMOT.

Mrs. Burt Barton is on the sick list at this writing.

Frank Wood's father visited him Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Westery will spend the holidays with their son and other friends at Kingston.

The children are practicing for a program to be given in connection with a Christmas tree.

Floyd Hawkins and his mother attended the funeral of Mr. Graves at Carsonville.

Mrs. Gasford, while returning from prayer meeting Friday night, fell and hurt her arm very badly.

Eb Teskey carried the mail on Route 2 Monday in the absence of F. Hawkins.

Frank DeVal of Imlay City is buying beans in this vicinity.

Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin of Detroit is visiting at her parental home at this place.

Wm. Weldon of Cass City is visiting in this vicinity.

Thos. Graves and his mother have returned home from Carsonville where they have been visiting for the past three weeks.

ELMWOOD.

John Leisman was in Caro Saturday.

P. W. Stone was in Caro Wednesday to get a load of goods.

Jas. Walters started for Bay City on Friday with a load of pork.

M. R. King stayed at the home of W. A. Lockwood Friday night.

The hay pressers have been employed in this vicinity the past week.

Fred Hitchcock did not attend school Friday on account of his horse being sick.

Jas. Peddie made a trip near Caro to get his brother's goods; his brother is moving on a farm south of here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Doerr, from north of Cass City spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lockwood.

Some of the Cedar Run Sunday school people gathered at the schoolhouse Thursday evening to arrange for a Christmas entertainment.

NOKO.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cameron are visiting with friends in Canada this week. Jesse Collier has returned home from Caro.

J. Sutton has returned home from Richmond where he has been in attendance at the bedside of a sick brother the past week.

An entertainment will be held at the Fox school this evening.

C. J. Beers has a fine new cement block hen house erected.

H. Mollaskey of Port Huron was a caller in this vicinity last week.

A number from here marketed their clover seed at Deford on Tuesday.

WEST GREENLEAF.

Mrs. J. Pryke of Cass City spent Tuesday at F. Wright's.

Wm. LePla made a trip to Uby last week.

Philip Wright, Sr., and son, John made a business trip, to Caro the first of the week.

DYING OF FAMINE.

Is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at L. I. Wood & Co's. drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.

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CUMBER. A. Schiestel has returned home from Caro.

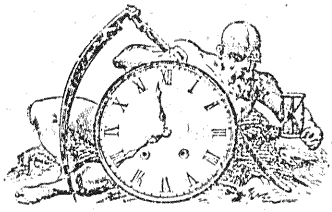
Mrs. Jos. Schiestel is sick with rheumatism.

Born to James Bonser and wife of Holbrook, Dec 18, a son.

A. Schiestel intends to go to West Branch to spend Christmas.

There will be a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse Friday, Dec. 20. Our genial merchant, L. D. Mills, has his store filled to overflowing.

Wanted—Ten men in each state to travel, post signs, advertise and leave samples of our goods. Salary \$75 per month. \$3 per day for expenses. ROYAL SUPPLY CO., Dept. W, Atlas Block, Chicago. 12-8-5



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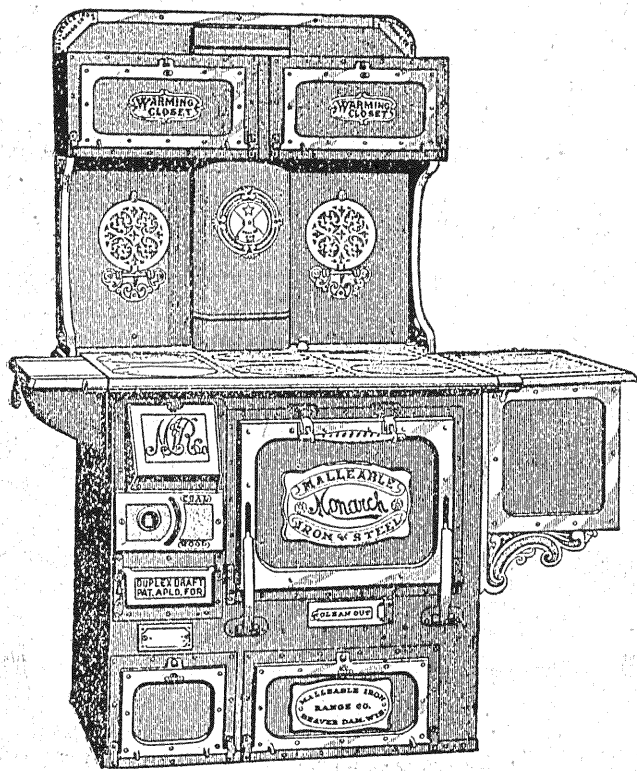
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Thanking you for the liberal patronage for the year, I solicit a share of your trade for 1906.

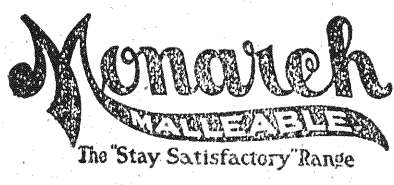
Yours respectfully,

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KINGSTON.

Dr. Kellor of Clifford was in town last Thursday.

J. G. Constable of Detroit was in town the first of the week.

John Veit is at the home of his son, George, to spend some time.

The M. E. Sunday school will render a program Sunday morning.

The Misses Anna Ferrell and Marie Beckman were Caro visitors last Friday.

Mrs. G. C. Veit and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hunter are visiting friends in Canada.

Mrs. John Roy and sons spent Sunday with her husband at their home near Deford.

Miss Marie Beckman entertained her mother, Mrs. Beckman from Bay City last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford of Mt. Pleasant are guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. Newman.

The Baptist Sunday school will celebrate Christmas by having a supper, program and tree at the church Friday evening. Supper to begin at five, program at eight.

Very sudden death came to Mrs. Amenza Moyer last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Moyer was in attendance at the Baptist Ladies' Aid society at the home of Mrs. Thorington during the day and was apparently in very good health. The evening she spent at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ross, leaving for her own home about nine o'clock. She was taken sick on her way home and Dr. Hanna, going for his mail, found her by the meat market. He summoned Arthur Legg, who assisted in getting her home, where she died about 9:30, about half an hour from the time she left for home. The funeral services were held from the Baptist church Saturday afternoon, Rev. Curry officiating. Mrs. Moyer leaves a husband, five sons and three daughters to mourn, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral. Madison Moyer and wife of Wolverine, Mrs. Warner and Milton Moyer and wife of Inlay City, Frank Moyer, a grandson, and Lena Clark, a granddaughter of Gaylord; and a sister of Mrs. Moyer from Saginaw were the out of town relatives who were in attendance. She was a member of the Lady Maccabees and Circle, also active in church work though not a member. She was a very highly respected lady and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

HUGE TASK.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes, "My kidneys were so far gone I could not sit on a chair without a cushion and suffered from dreadful backache, headache and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by L. I. Wood & Co., druggists, price 50c."

ELLINGTON.

George Parker spent a few days last week in Caro.

Slade Lazelle lost one of his work horses one day last week.

James Fessler, who went to Ohio, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley and children of Caro spent Wednesday here.

Mrs. Augusta Campbell and daughter, Ella, were Ellington callers Wednesday.

Joseph and Robert Hutchinson of Caro attended the funeral of their uncle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young of Silverwood were Ellington visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Bert Perry, who had his hand injured in a corn shredder, has had to have the same amputated.

Mrs. Carrie Snell went to Caro to spend a few days with friends before returning to her home in Swartz Creek.

Miss Myrtle Seekings, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Seekings of this place, for several weeks, has returned to Watrousville where she is working.

Died, December 15, at the residence of his son, Robert Smith, aged 76 years and 6 months. The deceased was a resident of this township for many years. He was the father of five children. Only one son, Fowler, and two sisters survive him. The funeral services were held at the Ellington M. E. church Sunday, Rev. Mulholland presiding.

NO SECRET ABOUT IT.

It is no secret that for Cuts, Burns, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Sore Eyes, Boils, etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It didn't take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. K. for sore eyes," writes D. L. Gregory of Hope, Texas. 25c at L. I. Wood & Co's. drug store.

SHABBONA.

A Merry Christmas to one and all. Orion Pangman returned one day last week from Wolverine.

Mrs. R. Cameron is visiting friends and relatives at Aberfoyl, Ont.

Chas. Keyworth was a business caller at Snover last Thursday.

John Lorentzen and family moved back from Caro last Wednesday.

Christopher Pangman is rapidly improving from his recent illness.

Ed Davis of Deckerville was a business caller here one day last week.

George Wood had an auction sale of his household goods last Thursday.

Elder Davis of Uby called on friends here Friday and Saturday.

Jas. McDonald spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Burnside.

Mrs. A. W. Truesdell is quite sick at this writing and is confined to her bed.

The Sisters of Help met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Frank Phetteplace.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cook returned on Tuesday from visiting friends at Bell River.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ferguson are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son at their home.

There will be a Christmas tree and program given Saturday evening in the M. E. church.

Belle Brown, after spending a few days with friends here, returned on Monday to Snover.

Frank Neville of Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest of A. Lorentzen and family on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cook, who have been visiting friends here the past few weeks, returned Wednesday to Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hall, who have been the guests of the latter's son, G. W. Ferguson, returned this week to their home in Saginaw.

NOTICE—The treasurer of Evergreen township will be at the Shabbona postoffice every Friday for the purpose of collecting taxes.

ARGYLE.

Jennie Fullmer is employed at Sandusky.

John McPhail transacted business at Snover Monday.

Samuel Little and Frank Geister have gone to the north woods.

Pearl Darr has returned from Sandusky where she has been employed.

Jas. Mitchelson of Sandusky was the guest of friends in town on Sunday.

Calvin Simmons of Deckerville was a guest at the home of John Brooks on Saturday.

Andrew Wilson and Mr. Smith of Greenleaf passed through here Monday enroute for Sandusky.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson King of Port Huron, formerly of Argyle, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mrs. King is reported very ill at this writing.

On Saturday last about fifteen of the Shabbona boys came over to play foot ball. We said boys, however, some of them were married men. Of course they started in with excuses, feigning not to have practiced but were nudging and whispering to each other, "What easy victims!" However, they went home with the same excuses, as they were badly defeated not getting one score. To console themselves they said four of their best men were tracking rabbits that day and could not be present. Now, boys, any time you want to seek revenge, come over. We are here for that purpose.

DEFORD.

Merry Christmas to all.

The new lumber shed is nearly completed.

Art Stevens is building an addition to his house.

Mrs. Cook, who has been to the hospital, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Peter Dougherty returned to her home here Tuesday night.

The bearny has had to close on account of the scarcity of beans.

Grandma Dougherty of Novesta has gone to Marlette to spend the holidays.

Mr. McCallum and daughter, Nellie, started for Canada on Friday, where they will visit friends.

Christmas tree at the church Monday night. A good program will be given. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts and children have returned home from a visit in Oakland county.

"Your paper always arrives here about Saturday and finds a good welcome" writes Louis A. Holtz from Reed City to the Chronicle. Mr. Holtz was formerly a resident of Deford and has many friends here. He says that he expects to make Cass City his home in the near future.

KARR'S CORNERS.

Mrs. Jane Gage called at Geo. Clara's Thursday.

Mrs. Franklin LaForge of Gagetown visited her parents here Saturday.

Jas. McDonald, who has been seriously ill, is slightly improved at this writing.

Miss Florence McDonald spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. M. Freeman, at Gagetown.

Miss Mayme Marshall arrived home Saturday evening from Traverse City where she has been employed in the asylum.

Quite a number of our young people enjoyed a dancing party at the Forrester hall at Gagetown Thursday evening.

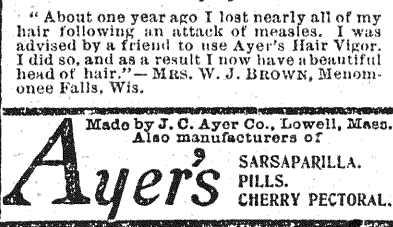
We are glad to see Miss Viola Martin's smiling face in our midst again. Miss Martin has but recently returned from Battle Creek where she spent the summer.

A BAD SCARE.

Some day you will get a bad scare when you feel a pain in your bowels and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure for all bowel and stomach diseases, such as headache, biliousness, constipation, etc. Guaranteed at L. I. Wood & Co's. drug store, only 25c. Try them.

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THE COLONEL'S WIFE

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CHAPTER II.—Continued.

Bending a keen look upon the prisoner, the planter addressed him.
"I presume there is little need of my telling you, my man that you are in a fair way of stretching hemp. Caught within our lines, there is but one conclusion to be drawn—that is, you are a Federal spy. Of course you will deny this, but it matters little. We are justified in acting upon this supposition. These are times for action, and our policy is to reduce Sherman's army at every chance."
"Under these circumstances I might as well prepare to meet my fate," remarked John, coolly.
"What! are you anxious to die?" ejaculated the planter, with considerable surprise.
"Not at all. On the contrary, I have every reason for desiring to live, but as a soldier I long ago made up my mind to face the worst manfully when it came."
"But there is a peculiar stigma attached to the fate of a spy—unmerited, I admit. It has always been so. To fall in battle is honorable—to be hung a disgrace."
"Granted—yet not being a spy I take little interest in the controversy. You have not come here to engage in an argument, squire."
"Ah! you know me?"
"That is the penalty for being a prominent man, sir. Every one has heard of Squire Granger and his lovely home."
"It has been my pride. You can imagine my distress at the prospect to come. What is your name?"
"John Emmett," replied the prisoner, which was true enough as far as it went.
"Then listen to me. I am about to give you one chance for your life. Refuse it if you like, but the penalty is death."
"Go on—I am ready to hear you," said Emmett, calmly.

"Listen to me. You fail to grasp the situation. Under ordinary circumstances I would as soon see my child dead as the wife of a Yankee. To save Lyndhurst we are ready to do even this. If you consent I have a solemn contract here which you must sign."
"A contract—kindly tell me its nature. It may put a different face on the matter."
"It is simply an agreement by means of which you swear never to claim Mollie as your wife—in fact, to be a stranger to her unless she of her own free will decides otherwise."
"And you tell me she has consented to this?"
"I have said so. Expect nothing but coldness from her. She is a Georgia girl and bitterly opposed to all Northern soldiers. Make up your mind that you will never see her after this night. Allow this strange romance to fade out of your mind. Lyndhurst will be saved and in twelve months the courts will set you both free again. This is a marriage of business and convenience—no dancing, no blushing bride, no happy hearts. The growl of Sherman's heavy guns is the only music, and that sad enough to Southern hearts. Decide in five minutes whether you care to live a Benedict or die a bachelor."
John walked up and down. Life was sweet to him, for he had much to accomplish, duties to perform. Besides, what mattered it under these peculiar circumstances? As yet the romance in the affair did not appeal to him.
"Before I decide one way or the other, will you allow me to see the young lady who has offered herself a sacrifice in order to save Lyndhurst?"
"I don't see why you show any curiosity in the matter, as she will be your wife in name only. However, I am disposed to be lenient. Step this way—she stands by the table in

as though a terrible suspicion had entered his head that this good-looking Yankee whom he was using as an instrument for saving his property might at some future time give them trouble.

It was by accident that John's hand touched that of the girl. He was amazed at feeling a strange thrill shoot through his frame, and ready to laugh at himself for such foolishness; but it gave him a sensation he had never experienced before, and which he would remember.

Again he was left alone with the planter.
"Allow me to congratulate you," said the other, with a sneer in his voice.

"I can hardly realize that I am no longer a single man. An hour ago I had not dreamed such a destiny was in store for me," returned John, with a careless laugh.

"I have a little more writing to be done. Sit down, please, and fill out these documents. Then the bargain will be complete."

John did as requested. Of course the papers concerned the one movement in which the squire was deeply interested. When John came to sign his name and his regiment, he managed to so manipulate the pen that the word Ridgeway was obscured, and a casual glance would only reveal plain John Emmett.

When the squire discovered that his new son-in-law had placed the word "colonel" before his name, he smiled grimly, not because of pleasure in being related to a Yankee officer, for he hated the whole army of invasion from Sherman down to the humblest drummer boy in blue, but simply on account of the more favorable prospect ahead in saving the estate from the torch and the pillager.

As it now stood Sherman would be compelled to put a guard around Lyndhurst. In case any damage was done, the government would be responsible, for the whole property belonged to the wife of a Federal officer.

"Are you satisfied, squire?" asked the prisoner, as the other put the papers away.

"I believe it is all right."
"Then allow me to depart in peace."
The squire raised his heavy eyebrows.

"My dear colonel, you certainly must have misunderstood me. I said nothing at all about giving you liberty. It is against my principles to assist the enemy."

"Sir, I understood that the reward which was to follow my—er—sacrifice of bachelor principles was to be freedom."

John showed some signs of annoyance, though too diplomatic to even raise his voice above the ordinary pitch.
"I gave you the choice between marriage and the death of a spy. You have chosen wisely, colonel. We will keep you here over night, and when the morning comes send you under guard to headquarters. Your life was in question, and you have saved it. Say no more—words would be useless, and might bring on trouble."

Closing abruptly, the squire clapped his hands, and again his satellites entered, each with an exasperating grin upon his face, as though they appreciated the humor of the situation.

"Gentlemen, kindly show Colonel Emmett, my Federal son-in-law, to his boudoir. I hold you responsible for his appearance in the morning."

As the squire spoke a hand was laid upon each of John's shoulders.
"I will go with you quietly, gentlemen. No violence, if you please, or you will find yourselves handling a desperate man," was what the Federal said, and his manner impressed them so far that they used no undue familiarity.

The sarcasm of the squire's words could be plainly seen when the prisoner was ushered in the "boudoir" in question—a strong room that had evidently served as a prison on more than one occasion, perhaps for refractory slaves.

(To be continued.)

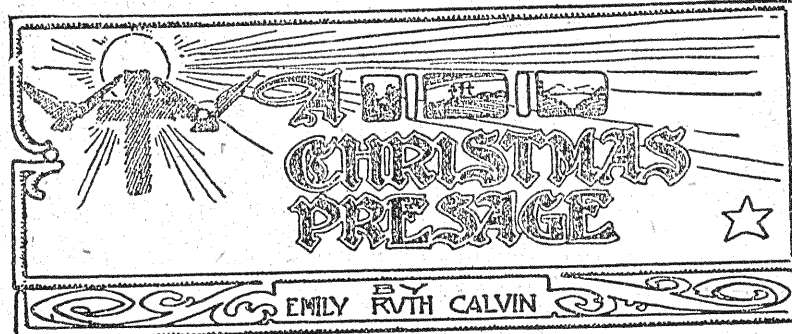
Why She Yielded.

A small man sat in the corner of a Subway car. An extremely thin and very well dressed woman sat down next him, but placed herself exactly on the line dividing two seats. The car, filled up and strap-hangers were much in evidence. A man tried to sit down between the woman and the man in the corner. He gave it up. Another tried on the other side, with the same lack of success, and he, too, joined the strap brigade. At fourteenth street more people crowded into the car, but the thin woman serenely held her position. At length the man in the corner said, mildly:
"Madame, you are occupying two seats." The woman gave him a scornful look and, glancing at her attenuated proportions, said very emphatically: "Certainly not, sir."

"I did not say you were filling them," answered the man.
A smile rippled from face to face like a summer wave on a sandy beach. The woman slid hastily away from the man in the corner and incidentally landed in the middle of a seat, whereupon the fat man clinging to a strap sank slowly and heavily into the vacant space, with a deep sigh of satisfaction, and peace reigned once more.—New York Press.

Another Great Reform.

"Yes, lady," said the man at the back door, "I am one of the leaders in a great reform movement."
"Ah! I am glad to hear you say so. What is the nature of the reform which you are endeavoring to bring about?"
"We want to put an end to de iniquitous practice dey have in saloons of limitin' de privileges of dey free lunch to dem wot buys drinks."



Soft-sandaled and with awe upon her face
Came Dawn, and bent to gaze upon the Child.
Although a star, enamored, pierced the face
That hid her bosom, cool and undefiled.
Yet lingered, tho' the rose of opal gleams
Flushed her pale brow, whilst slept the Babe new-born
THU, starting from His soul's prophetic dreams,
Behold! He wakes and smiles at trembling Dawn.
Then o'er the heavens spread a tressed light,
As Dawn, illumined by His smile, soft kissed
The purple jewel of the Orient night
To snow-plumed morn, enwreathed in amethyst.
And, lo, the silent chambers of the world
Were stirred to life by that far-reaching smile!
The waves of Galilee, prophetic, peared
A silvered path, a sacred temple-aisle.
And sages who foretold the Christ's advent
Came hast'ning to the humble manger fold.
And, dazzled by the Infant's smile, low bent
To touch the swaddling robe as tho' 'twere gold.
And came a woman tired, for many a mile
Her feet slow trod to reach the royal inn.
And in her arms she bore her only child
That he might see the Christmas Babe within.
And in the hallowed light the woman's eyes

Gazed on the blue-veined hands and pondered why
Marked keen the beauty of the Infant King,
Kings
Then lay in each a scarlet-tinted ring.
Then fervently she prayed that God might guide
The Babe in ways secure from strife,
And holding forth her child she meekly cried:
"Unto the Christ I consecrate this life."
And Mary, in her pure benevolence,
Low thanked the woman for the homeward done,
And with a touch of tender reverence,
Soft laid Christ's hand upon the woman's son.
The timid boy by heavenly hand caressed
Stood gravely silent, then as tho' impelled
Quick knelt and on the brow of Jesus pressed
His lips—then all the earth in wrath rebelled.
And thunder crashed and lightning stole
And upward whirled the winds in tongues of flame,
Enrapturing all the firmament on high—
And Calvary hid her face in bitter shame.
Oh, Mary, trusting, thou didst never know
The boy the woman to the manger brought,
Who knelt to kiss the babe in bearing low,
Dear God! was Judas of Iscariot!
The earth now weakened by her loyal wrath
Lay trembling; but athwart the muttering sky,
Leaps swift a rainbow—gem set after gem—
For lo! the Babe again doth smiling lie!



The holiday times bring to those of us whose memories go back a half century or more thoughts of the days before the Civil War, when life was so different from that in the hurrying world of the present, writes Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake in the Philadelphia Public Ledger. I was born in the South. My father, Mr. Devereux, owned a large plantation on the banks of the Roanoke river, in North Carolina. My earliest remembrances are of the kindly faces of the dusky people who were the only inhabitants of miles around us. As a little tottering child I went with my nurse into the cotton fields, carrying a small basket and picking such tufts of the white fluff as my small arms could reach. I recall the kindness of the dark friends and how dearly I loved my attendant, Linda, and Gabriel, my father's personal servant, who so often carried me in his arms.

The Soft Southern Winter.
After my father's early death my mother made her home near her own people at the North, but each year we visited the old plantation and the Carolina relatives. How sweet was the soft Southern winter! How beautiful the early spring! As I write I seem to see the deep forests of odoriferous pine trees, the broad savannas that were gay with flowers, the tall stalks of "the Roanoke belle," the pink blossoms of the scented Hawthorn, the grass spangled with violets and "eye-brights," and to hear once more the wild songs of the birds echoing down the wide reaches of the river.

All the glory of that scene and that time have gone forever! Years have passed and changes have come, but most vivid of all the recollections of those far-off days are the scenes of Christmas time.

The celebration began on Christmas eve when there was a grand ball for the slaves. It took place in a wide barn, which had been decorated for the occasion with great branches of pine and holly. All present wore their best attire, the simple gowns of the women often showing much taste in their construction. A negro fiddler led the music, which was reinforced by the rhythmic clapping kept up by the men; "Clapping Juba," it was called, and was made by striking the hands together on the leg or chest. What a merry scene it was! The gay crowd swaying and whirling in the intricate convolutions of the dance, with the constant pulsations of the regular beats and shrill notes of the fiddle leading the wild chorus. The "white folks" did not stay late, but the ball was kept up till long after midnight brought in Christmas morning.

Yuletide on the Plantation.
Of course, this was a holiday, and all day groups of our people came to the "great house," as the planter's residence was called, to wish Massa and Missis a merry Christmas. Sometimes they brought small gifts of eggs or flowers or little red birds that had tamed. Sometimes they danced or performed athletic feats. Sometimes they only said "Howdy Massa," but always with a "Howdy, Missis," but always with a look of affection. Ah! those dusky friends of long ago! How deep and strong in my memory! How deep and strong was the affection which existed between these simple people and those in whose hands was the great responsibility of their welfare! Of course, gifts were distributed lavishly. No one was forgotten, and at night there were gay parties gathered for the feasts.

Years have passed since then, and these "wards of the Nation" have long been possessed of "the boon of freedom." This was for the best, no doubt, and yet many a time in my visits to Washington, where so many of the newly enfranchised gathered, my heart was wrung at the desperate poverty of these poor children of the South, who knew not how to struggle with the world and were bereft of the protection to which they had been accustomed. My eyes were full of tears often, as I looked in the dusky face of some poor old man, and I had my trunk taken to the hotel in a wheelbarrow by some ragged ex-slave, long after an efficient express service made it absurd.

Holidays in New England.
After we dwelt in New Haven our Christmas days were spent at the home of my grandfather, Judge Johnson, at Stratford, where were held delightful feasts of reunion of the family, when around the great table were gathered nearly all of the sons and daughters of the house, with their children. Cold! Ah, those winter days were cold, indeed. I remember well when we children went off one morning for a sleigh ride. Away over the snow, "the boys" driving, the crowd of youngsters packed closely with bearskins tucked about us to keep out the bitter chill. It had rained during the night and all the trees and bushes were coated with ice that sparkled like diamonds in the pale sunlight. What a fairy land it was! That wood where the evergreens were decked like brides with white masses of snow and gay chains of pearls. How the bells jingled as we slid over the smooth ground!

Memories of the Dinner.
Home after a while to the great feast of the day, the Christmas dinner. In the diningroom the long table was set with old china and silver. At one end sat my dear grandfather, his noble face glowing with kindness, while my stately grandmother, with her keen dark eyes, presided opposite. The dinner was not served as it would be to-day, but was in the finest fashion of that time. After the soup there came a great turkey at one end of the table, a pair of ducks at the other, a chicken pie on one side, and a ham on the other, flanked by a variety of vegetables. But the dessert was the portion that interested me most deeply. Plum pudding and mince pie were the substantial, but the glory of the day was the great glass bowl of syllabub that stood high in the center of the table, flanked by dishes of preserves and candied fruit. Since that happy time I have sat at many feasts, but never where there was anything so delicious as grandma's syllabub with peaches.

A Festival of Other Days.
After dinner the "grown-ups" sat in the great drawing-room with the octagonal end and the peacock paper on the walls that was brought from France by a great-uncle. A mighty wood fire blazed on the hearth, lighting up the old pictures and the stately furniture. There our elders held solemn convalescence, as it seemed to us, though I doubt not they had a good deal of fun among themselves. We young folks went to a big room that was called "the nursery," though it was long years since there had been any babies there. We played all sorts of games, making as much noise as we could without a word of remonstrance; until, tired of pleasure, we sank to sleep in the deep feather beds. How far away is all this now! How many long years since those vanished days! Yet as I write they seem to live once more, and
Like the echoes faint and far
Of music's fading chime,
I hear the laughter and the songs
Of that light-hearted time.

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

"You are a bachelor, I am told."
"That is true."
"Then hark! in half an hour from now you will be a married man, or have ceased to live."
At this strange remark John turned and looked squarely into the face of the planter.
"Pardon me—if I say that under ordinary circumstances of the two evils I might choose the latter."
"Oh! I see, you are a woman hater."
"Hardly that. I have grown somewhat cynical regarding the happiness of those who wed, and long ago resolved to remain single."
"Perhaps we can batter down the walls of your prejudice, especially when it is a case of giving up your bachelor freedom, or meeting a fate that usually makes men shudder."
"Explain yourself, squire, for you must admit this is a remarkable proposition you bring me."
"Then listen, and weigh well the consequences before you decide. This estate has been my pride. It would kill me to have it ruined by the Yankees, which must come about unless I can secure immunity. I have one child, a daughter, whose heart is the same as mine. She is ready to sacrifice herself in order to save Lyndhurst."
"Go on—I am still unable to grasp the matter."
"You are a Federal soldier—my men tell me they believe you to be an officer."
"It is true."
"If I can show proof that this estate is the property of my daughter, and that she is the wife of a Federal officer, Lyndhurst will be saved from the torch."
John was electrified by the proposition, and looked curiously at the man whose shrewd brain had evolved it. One glance at that determined face told him Squire Granger meant all he said, and that a refusal to accept the contract would be the signal for a hasty execution.
"What is your daughter's name?"
"It does not matter—still, you would have to know—it is Mollie Granger."
"She cannot be twenty, as yet."
"Just eighteen. Allow me to add you are showing a curiosity that is unpleasant to me."
"Well, my dear sir, you must confess it would only be natural for a gentleman to ask the name of the lady who was to be his wife."

the other room under the light. Tell me, Yankee, will you accept and live?"
John had not expected to see such a charming girl as the one who raised her head and looked coldly, yet with some little show of curiosity, toward him.
"I will sign the paper, squire," he said, quietly, while to himself he muttered: "If I have to be sacrificed on the altar of connubial folly, I could hardly wish for a more interesting partner in the ceremony."
CHAPTER III.
Mollie.
Squire Granger was a man of business, as he proved by producing the document in question. At a signal a couple of John's captors entered to act as witnesses, and in signing he was careful to put down only so much of his name as he had already given.
It was evident that all preparations were made for the event, even to a parson, before the expedition was sent out to capture a bachelor Yankee.
John aroused himself to take some interest in the case. Perhaps the novelty of the situation had something to do with this departure from his usual nonchalance, or it may be, the presence of Mollie Granger aroused a peculiar sensation within his bachelor heart.
The girl was as cold as ice, and beyond one contemptuous look, never vouchsafed him a glance.
John found himself smiling at the ridiculous nature of his position. Life is sweet to nearly every human being, and few men would have refused to accept it, even though the inevitable result was a sacrifice of personal liberty.
She stood beside him while the parson went through the service hastily, as though a little ashamed of the part he took, but ready to assist the squire in his scheme to save Lyndhurst.
When the words "to love, honor and obey" were read, John saw her scarlet lip curl in contempt, while the color momentarily left her face; but she gave a little affirmative nod.
Some spirit possessed him on his part to exclaim with more than usual emphasis "I will" when the usual question was put to him, and the girl turned a startled look upon him, while her father scowled like a pirate,

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The Swell Christmas Dinner on the Yukon

In the winter of '93 at a brand new mining camp on the Yukon there was a select society. One dark afternoon just before Christmas, with the mercury standing below the zero mark at some 20 odd, and a bitter wind sweeping down the river, the host blew into the cozy office of the agent.

"I want you to do two things for me."

"All right," said the agent, with ready courtesy, "what do you lack?"

"In the first place," said the host, "I want you to take Christmas dinner with me."

"That's easy," said the agent. "In the second place, I want you to help me out with the dinner."

"Take the whole house if you want it."

"No, I don't quite want the house," said the host, "but I want that little Frenchman, your cook—what's his name?"

"Louis is yours," said the agent. "And I want a whole lot of other things," said the host, with a sigh. "I'm afraid I'm up against it hard."

"What's the game?" said the agent. "Well, you see, it's this way," said the host. "I've invited the governor and his son, and the general and his wife, and you and I make up the party. Further, I have asked each guest to choose some dish he would like for dinner, and, however difficult, I have agreed to provide it."

"Well, I admire your nerve," said the agent, "you must imagine that San Francisco or New Orleans is just around the next bend in the river. Do you know what the word Yukon means?"

"No," said the host, despondently. "It means, 'nothing to eat.'"

"Before we go any further," said the host, entirely ignoring the agent's triumph, "what is yours?"

"Rum omelet," said the agent, without a moment's hesitation. "Hum!" mused the host, "rum, of course, but that means fresh eggs, with nothing but scrambled eggs in the town. Canned eggs won't omelet; I've tried 'em."

"Blackie's got a hen," suggested the agent, "she roosts on the foot of his bed to keep from freezing to death."

"Yes, I know," said the host, "but she laid her last egg on the steamer just before it reached town. No hope at all there."

"He's up against the real thing now," sang the agent with delight. "By the way, what did the others choose?"

"To begin with the easiest, the governor's son wants some dish cooked in the French fashion."

"Why not let Louis make a caribou saute?" suggested the agent. "Just the thing."

"What next?"

"The general's wife wants fresh potatoes. No evaporated or granulated spuds go."

"Got any?" asked the host anxiously. "Frozen ones," said the agent. "Will they do boiled?"

"No, mashed," said the agent, "whip 'em up with a little butter and canned cream and then brown 'em in the oven."

"Bully," said the host, lapsing into the vernacular of the west and rubbing his hands together.

"What does the governor want?" asked the agent. "Marrow on toast," said the host dubiously. "Holy smoke!" exclaimed the agent. "Not a cow brute this side of Dawson, and that is 775 1/4 miles up the Yukon. Better start an airship for Seattle at once. There are two horses in town, yoz might buy one and—hold on a minute," as the dawn of an idea appeared in his eyes, "wait till I go out and look on the roof of the cabin." He stepped out of the door and returned in a few moments looking mysteriously triumphant.

"What's on the roof of your old cabin?" said the host skeptically. "The agent tiptoed dramatically up to him, put his hand to his mouth and said in a loud stage whisper, "Moose shanks."

"What?" said the host. "Frozen moose bones full of marrow," explained the agent, beaming. "You see I have had several moose hams this fall, and as fast as the meat was cut off Louis threw them on the roof of the cabin, intending to make soup for the dogs. Now what will be the dogs' loss will be the governor's gain, for those bones are full of marrow, everyone of them."

"Shake," said the host as he extended his right hand. "Now let's see," said the agent musingly, "what's next? O yes, the general. Bet you the drinks I know what he wants. He wants booze."

"You're not so much," said the host, laughing. "I guessed that myself. When I asked him, he put the whole proposition in as few words as possible; all he said was, 'lashin's o' champagne.'"

"That means plenty, I suppose," said the agent. "Of course; got any?"

"I've some extra dry, \$75 a case,"

replied the agent in his most business-like tone. "Send up two cases."

"Now," said the host briskly, "these matters being settled, how about eggs?"

"There are the suicide's eggs," murmured the agent. "What," said the host incredulously, "did that man who hanged himself with a wire from a beam in his cabin have fresh eggs?"

"Why, didn't you know," said the agent with surprise, "it was brooding on 18,000 eggs that caused him to commit suicide. He thought they were all bad, you see."

"But they weren't all bad, only he didn't find it out until after he was dead," protested the agent with a grin. "I was a member of the coroner's jury that sat on the case, and when we investigated the effects of deceased we found sixteen barrels of fresh eggs worth \$2 a dozen."

"Let me tell you what to do when you go to buy your eggs," continued the agent, not noticing the interruption. "Take a pocketful of money, a cold chisel and a hammer."

"What's all that for?" asked the host with a show of interest.

"Well, you see the eggs are in lard, like holes in a cheese, and the lard is frozen solid as a rock. The probate court has charge of the matter and they sell the eggs for \$2 a dozen in the lard, purchaser's risk. You have to get 'em out yourself. If you get six whole eggs out of a dozen you are a dandy. They won't let you use a steam thawer because it would boil all the eggs. I want to tell you that the probate court of this town is strictly on its job."

"Is there anything else that you want that you don't see?"

"Yes," replied the host. "I want roses. They are my choice. But in latitude 64 degrees north, and in the dead of an Arctic winter, one might as well wish for a chunk of Polaris."

"O I don't know," said the agent encouragingly, "how would a dozen 'jacks' and a dozen American beauties do, with a few sprays of apple blossoms to lay on the table?"

"What's the use of trying to be funny," said the host in an injured tone. "It's not in the least becoming."

The agent made no reply to this but quietly stepped into the other room and returned presently with a birch-bark vase in each hand. One contained a large bunch of magnificent jacquemints and the other an equally handsome lot of American beauties.

"Well, I'll be—jiggered," said the host, catching himself just in time, "you could knock me down with a feather."

"That's what they are," said the agent complacently. "Spray a little perfume on 'em and after about two of the general's 'lashin's' nobody could tell 'em," said the agent.

"Where did you get them?" asked the host with interest. "O," said the agent, who was inclined to be poetical, "they fluttered down from the wings of Aurora!"

"Fluttered down from the wings of geese," replied the host, who was not in the least so.

"Well, they are goose feathers," admitted the agent reluctantly, "but you needn't be so disgustingly matter of fact about it. Besides I've got the apple blossoms upstairs in the store."

"I must be getting home," said the host, worming himself awkwardly into his squirrel skin parkie. "Dinner at 6 o'clock sharp, and don't forget to send up all the stuff, including Louis, the marrow bones and the roses. Good night," and off he went.—Samuel Hubbard, Jr., in Sunset Magazine.

Christmas Table Charades. These charades may be "acted" with the ordinary utensils to be found in kitchen or dining-room, using the dinner table for the stage. Put an orange seed at the left side of a chair and they will represent Sedan Chair (seed and chair). Put the charred head of a match to the left of a raisin stone and you have Coal Pit. Lay four toothpicks, an oyster, a napkin ring and several knives in a row. They will represent Four Roystering Blades (four oyster ring blades). The cayenne pepper castor alongside of a watch stands for A Hot Time. A watch and a tray stand for Watch and Wait. A bit of cheese laid on a chair seat signifies The Seat of the Mighty (mity). Open the door and lay a china plate in the threshold. It means The Open Door for China. Hundreds of funny combinations can be made, and everybody can take a hand at presenting a problem.

First English Christmas Tree. The Christmas tree was first heard of in England about 1444. A tree was then set up in the middle of a pavement and decked with ivy as well as with other green leaves. From this use it was finally taken into the home, decorated with candles, and eventually with anything which glistened and enhanced its brightness.

LONG WAIT FOR VINDICATION.

Women's Innocence Discovered After Six Years in Prison.

One of the strangest of stories of false imprisonment comes from France. A woman was sentenced to imprisonment for life for having caused the death of her husband and brother. The three lived together at Malauay, near Rouen, in a cottage, the lower part of which was used as a wineshop. When the woman was sent to prison other people took the wineshop, but the new tenants suffered, the man from fainting fits, his wife from nausea, from which she died. Another couple tried their fortune, but they, too, were overcome by the "spell of the accursed place," as they thought it. They were subject to fainting and loss of memory. At last a scientific examination of the premises was made. Then it was found that adjoining the inn was a lime kiln. In the wall dividing it from the cottage were many fissures, so that whenever lime was burnt monoxide of carbon escaped into the inn. This was the secret of the deaths for which the woman was suffering. She was brought out of prison after six years of servitude.

Derivation of "Luncheon."

A "lunch," etymologically, is just a lump; in the sixteenth century a "lunch of bacon" meant merely a slice or hunk of it. So Burns speaks of bread and cheese "dealt about in luncches," and Scott records that "little Benjie was ramming a huge luncheon of piecrust into his mouth." While in modern times "lunch" is an abbreviation from "luncheon," the latter was originally an elongation of "lunch." A philologist shows how the old "noon-shenk," noon-drink, came to mean noon-eating, and to appear as "nuncheon;" and the development thereafter of "luncheon" from "lunch" was very natural.

South African Game Reserve.

Threatened disappearance of the wild fauna of South Africa has led the Natal government to form a reserve of some 20,000 acres in extent on the slopes of the Drakensberg. In the deep "kloofs" of these secluded mountains patches of berg cypress and other natural forest afford good cover for the eland, of which only some 130 specimens now remain in Natal. The reserve also contains herds of blue buck and klipspringer. In this game reserve are also found many valuable specimens of early Bushman paintings and drawings, many of which are disappearing owing to the rapid disintegration of the rock surfaces.

How Birds Destroy Insects.

The chickadee will destroy plant lice, for it sometimes eats 5,500 lice for breakfast. The woodpecker gets after the borers. The flicker eats some wood-boring insects. The cuckoo is needed greatly, for it eats the hairy caterpillars that prey on trees. It sometimes eats so many that its gizzard is often fuzzy with the hairs. The grosbeak eats potato beetles, and two of them will keep a quarter of an acre free. But aside from all utilitarian considerations, bird music is enough to pay us for our care and protection.—Exchange.

Words of Wisdom.

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special).—All who are suffering with Bright's Disease, should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. G. L. Good of this place. He says:—

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

Oil Paints Kill Germs.

Oil paints have a marked deterrent effect upon various bacilli of disease, as tests made in Paris have shown. The germs of tuberculosis, especially, are much affected by paints. They do not thrive or live on a painted surface as they do where there is no paint to cover wood or metal.

AGONY OF SORE HANDS.

Cracked and Peeled—Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain—Could Do No Housework—Grateful to Cuticura.

"My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water I was in agony for hours; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. And now after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment my hands are entirely well, and I am very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

How True.

How true is the old proverb that birds of a feather flock together—why, only a pair in two little fingers (belonging to separate persons, of course) may unite their owners in a bond of friendship.

In Brief.

"You know Mr. Phinnypheller, who always prides himself on answering remarks with one word? Well, I met him to-day, and when I told him I had just come across our doctor at the friends' I had been calling on, he smiled and said, 'Metaphysician.' Then I asked him if he could guess at what hour we had breakfast and morning, and he nodded his head and said, 'Attenuate.' To change the conversation I inquired what he thought of peroxide as a hair bleach, and he said sharply, shaking his head, 'Dynasty.' I invited him to come home with me and take a bite at least, and he replied with an accepting nod, 'Dynamite.' But he capped the climax when I asked him if he might hope to hear a speech from him at that public dinner next week by proudly saying 'Expectoration.'"—Baltimore American.

How Bear Escapes from Trap.

When caught by a paw in the jaws of a trap a bear will drag the heavy apparatus and its clog, until the latter is caught in the brush or trees, and then, if the paw is not in too far, will often pull out or chew off the captive member.

Important to Mothers.

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Linen Doilies and Centerpieces

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Christmas Handkerchiefs

No pains have been spared in securing a most complete line of Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs for the holiday trade. We have about 800 dozen for you to select from—in silk, cotton and linen.

Children's school handkerchiefs at 6 for 10c. Ladies' handkerchiefs at 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, and 75c each.

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In cotton fleeced and wool, extra values, at 10, 15 and 25c. Infants' wool hose in blue, pink, white and black. We have a line of ladies fine wool hose, bought for the holiday trade, to sell at 50c and \$1.00 a pair.

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Children's Coats

We wish to close out every Child's Coat in stock during month of December. We offer great reductions in price.

Child's \$12 Coats.....\$8.00
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Child's \$6 Coats.....4.50
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One lot Child's \$5 Coats at \$2 each. We have about 15 Children's Coats that sold at \$2.25 and 2.75, we offer at 1.00 each.

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We have about 20 Ladies' Short Coats that sold at \$5 to 12.00 each; as long as they last you get them at about one-half price. The kind that never go out of style. They are certainly a great bargain.

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We no doubt have what you want in our big assortment of Ribbons and Laces. We have placed on our bargain counter a quantity of Laces that sold at 5c to 8c yd; to be closed out during the holidays at 2c and 3c yd. Remnants of Ribbons at cut prices.

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Men's Knit Gloves and Mittens.
Children's Knit Gloves and Mittens.
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All go to make up our list of useful holiday presents.

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Salt Pork.....8c
40c Tea.....35c
35c Tea.....30c
Tea Dust in pkg.....15c
Prunes.....5c
Granulated Sugar.....5c

LOCAL ITEMS.

Merle Rowley has been quite ill this week.

John Lenzner of Gageton was in town Tuesday.

Roy Rice spent Sunday with friends at North Branch.

C. D. Striller was in Detroit this week on business.

Joseph Rondo is employed in Ball & Bailey's barber shop.

Wm. Karr was in Pigeon one day last week on business.

Mrs. John Leslie and son, Lynn, of Gageton spent Monday in town.

M. Seeger and W. A. Seeger made a business trip to Detroit last week.

Miss LaFance of Bay City is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Rondo.

Miss Gertrude Rohrer left today for her home in Millington to spend a few days.

Chas. McCue returned home this week from Lansing to spend the holidays.

C. P. Miller of Detroit will spend Christmas with friends and relatives in town.

Clayton McKenzie of Detroit spent a few days last week at his parental home here.

R. F. Wellwood of Marlette spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. J. N. Dorman.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Balkwell has been quite ill but is better now.

Wm. R. McCallum of Alma will arrive here tomorrow for a short visit with friends.

Miss Tena McCallum spent Sunday with friends at Greenleaf, returning home Monday.

Miss Alva Phillips of Shabbona was the guest of the Misses Mae and Pearl Landon Monday.

Mesdames Morris, Morrison and Hemerick of Gageton were callers in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Armstrong and Mrs. Julia Dann and little daughter were in Caro Saturday.

J. A. Blackburn and Miss Lucy Coffron of North Branch were in town Friday on business.

H. Talmage and the Misses Murray spent Sunday at the home of the latter in Wickware.

Miss Myrtle Wickware has returned home from Lewiston where she has been teaching school.

W. H. Peer of Juniata was the guest of his daughter, Miss Martha Peer, on Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Wickware has returned home from Lewiston where she has been teaching school.

Miss Gracy of Wickware is assisting in the tailor shop of W. H. Ruhl during the holiday rush.

Mrs. M. Seeger spent several days this week with friends and relatives in Pontiac and Detroit.

Mrs. Jesse Withey, who resides northeast of town, has been on the sick list the past week.

Mrs. Barber of Caseville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Grigware, the first of the week.

Herb Frutchey has gone to East Bangor, Penn., to spend a few weeks with friends and relatives.

John Ball has sold an interest in his barber shop to Lester Bailey. The firm name is Ball & Bailey.

Miss Beryl Koepfen, who attends college at Alma, is expected home today to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Thos. Fritz and Miss Blanche Hawley of Caro were guests at the home of T. H. Fritz Saturday.

Miss Edna McNall will leave tomorrow morning for Lapeer to spend the holidays at her parental home.

Miss Pearl Gooden of Detroit will spend a few days with her cousins, the Misses Mae and Pearl Landon.

Miss Edna Matzen, who attends college at Ypsilanti, is spending a few days at her parental home here.

Mrs. Wm. Murphy left Thursday morning to visit with relatives in London and other points in Ontario.

Miss Florence Tanner of Karr's Corners is assisting in Mrs. G. W. Goff's store during the holiday rush.

Leonard Zinnecker of Owendale was the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zinnecker Tuesday.

Earl Eno will leave tomorrow for Detroit to spend Christmas with his brother, Percy, and sister, Miss Violet Eno.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown and family left this week for Cadillac to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr and Mrs. Jas. Dorman left today for West Branch where they will spend a week with friends and relatives.

John Marshall left Monday afternoon for Chicago where he will attend the stock show held in that city this week.

Grant Fritz of Jackson will arrive here tomorrow to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Fritz.

Money to loan on real estate at Cass City Bank. 11-10-1f

Mrs. A. Moore of Owendale was the guest of Miss Addie Murdock over Sunday. On Monday she went to Marlette.

Mrs. Caroline Robinson left last Thursday morning for Preston, Ont., where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wager went to Elkton Wednesday where they will spend several days with friends and relatives.

Ernest Reagh, who has been attending the Owosso Business college, is spending a few days at his parental home here.

H. Wettlaufer has returned home from Mt. Clemens where he has been receiving medical treatment for rheumatism.

Miss Lucy Hatton of Detroit is expected here tomorrow to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Schwaderer.

Ed Wettlaufer returned home this week from Detroit where he attends Detroit College of Medicine, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hayes of Flint are expected here tomorrow to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Striller.

Mrs. Julia Niendorf of Saginaw is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crocker, and other friends and relatives here.

Miss Harriett D. Tanner, who has been teaching school near Lewiston arrived here Tuesday evening for several weeks' vacation.

Rev. J. H. Callender has been quite ill for several days and no preaching services were held in the Baptist church last Sunday.

Mrs. Champion, mother of S. Champion, has been very ill the past week and owing to her advanced years she improves very slowly.

On Christmas day the carriers on the rural routes will make their usual trips, but on New Year's day they will take a well earned holiday.

Mrs. Stevenson, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Wooley, for several weeks, returned to her home in Bay City this week.

Miss Ella Cross, who teaches school in Ellington township, arrived home today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cross.

Miss Violet Gillies, who teaches school at Uby, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jane Gillies, and other friends in town during the holidays.

F. Sykes expects to leave tomorrow morning for Detroit where he will spend a few days with his daughter whom he has not seen in eight years.

C. H. Wood, who attends college at Evanston, Ill., is expected here tomorrow to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wood.

Miss Mamie Marshall, who has been employed in Newberry, returned to her home here last week. She expects to visit friends and relatives in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bennett and children, Thelma and Helene, of Detroit will arrive here tomorrow to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moore.

Mrs. A. L. Foster and children returned to their home in Bad Axe on Saturday after spending a few days with Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. Mary Walters.

The M. E. Sunday school bazaar which was held in the Ostrander building last Saturday, was quite a success, the proceeds amounting to over \$12.

W. A. Fairweather, M. Sheridan and A. Doerr went to Bay City last week in Mr. Fairweather's auto, and attended the annual banquet of the Elks on Thursday evening.

Consignments of goods are still being received by the local committee for the aid of the cyclone sufferers and on Saturday the articles will be distributed from the headquarters in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Grigware were called to Sheridan Saturday owing to the serious illness of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. T. Grigware. Mrs. Grigware does not improve in health.

The following are the unclaimed letters in the Cass City postoffice for the week ending Dec. 18: Bert Charlton, Poseltha A. Clark, Mike Ellice, Mrs. B. S. Johnson, Mrs. D. McKeehan.

Wm. Smithson has leased the barber shop of John Riker at the corner of Main and Leach streets, which will be conducted by Ausey Smithson. Peter Decker of Shabbona will be employed in the shop.

Mrs. John Ball went to Pontiac last Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pitcher. She will visit relatives in Detroit before returning home. Mr. Ball will also spend Christmas in Pontiac.

Mrs. A. A. Jones and son, Paul, left Monday morning for St. Clairsville, Ohio, to spend a few weeks with relatives. Her little son, Park, who has been staying with relatives in Ohio for several months, will return home with her.

J. Bildstein held the number which drew the picture at the contest at the town hall last Thursday evening. W. W. Bender and F. R. Smithson were

close contestants, the former coming within one and the latter within two of the desired number.

A meeting of the Elkland Grange, No. 1017, is called for Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, at which time the election of officers will be held and other business transacted. The meeting will be held in the Wright school house, northeast of town.

Roy Rice, who has been employed in the Enterprise office for some time, has accepted a position in the Tuscola County Courier office at Caro and left for that place Wednesday. Miss Alice Currie of Crosswell is the new compositor in the Enterprise office.

The Misses Margaret Zinnecker and Ruth Callender went to Argyle Tuesday to visit friends. They returned home Wednesday accompanied by Miss Mary Zinnecker, who has been caring for her sister and niece who have been ill with typhoid fever.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Berge were called to Brown City on Saturday owing to the death of the former's brother at that place. Rev. McGregor, who has been conducting revival services at Wickware, occupied the pulpit in the Evangelical church Sunday morning.

Uby Courier: "Mrs. Gillies of Cass City was the guest of her daughters, Mrs. X. A. Boomhower and Miss Violet Gillies, Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday morning she left for Glencoe and London, Ont., where she expects to make an extended visit with relatives and friends."

A small blaze occurred at the home of John Atwell Tuesday afternoon by some clothing being left near the stove. When the fire was discovered, the clothing was nearly destroyed, also a chair and some wood in the wood box. By prompt action the fire was extinguished.

Mrs. Jas. N. Dorman entertained ten little girls last Friday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. Little Miriam Fritz was the guest of honor, Friday being her birthday also. A sumptuous supper was served at five o'clock. The little folks had a merry time and left several nice gifts for their hostesses.

Last Thursday evening Elkland Arbor, A. O. O. G., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. G., A. D. Gillies; V. C. G., Mrs. I. Maxwell; Sec. and Treas., Jas. Reagh; Chaplain, Mrs. M. Seeger; Conductor, Walter Anthes; Conductress, Miss Belle Ross; Lecturer, Henry Hulbert; I. G., Dana Losey; O. G., A. McBerney.

Auctioneer A. A. McKenzie reports a good crowd and a first-class sale at W. A. Lockwood's Wednesday which once more proves the efficiency of newspaper advertising. Mr. Lockwood having taken advertising space in the Chronicle as well as distributing plenty of auction bills. Mr. Lockwood's farm was sold at the auction to Jas. G. Quinn.

A new club which has been named the Weekly Social Club, has been organized by the ladies of the neighborhood west of town for the purpose of becoming better acquainted. The meetings of the club are held once a week at the homes of the members. On Tuesday afternoon a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Eno where all spent a most enjoyable time.

B. F. Benkelman has moved into the residence he recently purchased of E. McKim on the corner of Grant and Pine streets, and Mr. McKim has moved into his new farm residence west of town. Mr. Benkelman has sold the building which he has just vacated to M. A. Parent, who will use part of it for his marble works and the remainder for residence rooms. Mr. Parent expects to make some alterations before he moves into his newly acquired property.

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Wheat, No. 2 red	78
Eye No. 2	61
White oats No. 3	30
Choice Handpicked Peas	130
Alsike	6 50 7 00
June	6 50 7 50
Barley, per cwt.	75
Peas	75 90
Corn	56
Hay	15 00 7 00
New Potatoes	59
Live hogs, per cwt.	14
Eggs per doz.	18
Butter	4 25
Beef, live weight	3 00
Sheep live weight, per lb.	3 1/2
Lamb	6 00
Live Veal	5 50 6 00
Dressed Hogs	5 25
Dressed Beef	5 00 6 00
Chickens	6 1/2 7 1/2
Ducks	08 10
Geese	08 09
Turkey	14 15
Hides, green	08

ROLLER MILLS.

White Lily, per cwt.	2 25
Ceresota, per cwt.	3 00
Economy per cwt.	2 00
Graham flour per cwt.	2 00
Granulated meal, per cwt.	2 00
Feed per cwt.	1 20
Meal per cwt.	1 50
Bran per cwt.	1 00
Middlings per cwt.	1 10
Oil Meal per cwt.	1 75
Buckwheat, per cwt.	3 00

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One top buggy, one road wagon, rubber tire; one single harness, rubber mounted.
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Spotted heifer calf, red and white, strayed from my premises one mile south and one-half mile west of Cumber. Finder will please inform me and I will pay charges.
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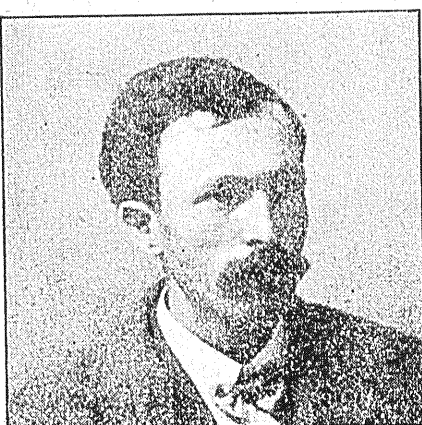
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