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Don't Fail to Read the Last Item in this List of Holiday Surprises

Ladies' Toilet Sets, in Austrian Court Trays,
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Local Correspondence

NEWBURG.

The L. A. S. met at the hall Friday last. Christmas selections were read by Mrs. Ida Stoneburner and Mrs. Maggie Chilson. Scripture reading by the vice president, Mrs. C. Ryder, a chapter on Christ's birth. Hymn, "More Abott Jesus." Mr. Schrader brought samples of carpet for the ladies to select from for the church. The carpet question will be decided upon at the January meeting. An excellent dinner was served, a few guests and school children partaking. Patch work was commenced, several aprons cut and given to members to make.

Earl Bennett is slowly improving from lung trouble. Joy and Ralph are also recovering from a troublesome cough.

Harmon Reimer and Frank Kendall are working in the Ford Motor Works in Detroit.

Mrs. Alice Laing and son Stanton of Detroit attended the aid society dinner Friday.

Mrs. Kate Barlow was called to Detroit Tuesday by the illness of her little grandson, Geo. L. Barlow.

Mrs. Mackinder's class will give a shadow social at the hall Friday night, Dec. 17th. Proceeds to buy candy for the Xmas tree, which will be in the hall Dec. 24th. A good program is being prepared. Every one welcome to come and bring presents for their families, which will be hung upon the tree.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

LIVONIA CENTER.

Mrs. John Stringer visited her mother at Salem a couple of days the past week.

Mrs. E. S. Rice of Oklahoma visited at Palmer Chilson's a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amiel Larden were on our street Sunday.

Mrs. Brown came home from Northville Thursday, leaving her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Garfield, somewhat better.

Mrs. Fred Rice and son Walter of

Leavenworth, Kan., are visiting friends in these parts.

Will Pankow was home over Sunday. Will Bauman worked a few days in the city last week but got disgusted with town life (or work) and came back to the old farm again to stay.

G. F. Smith was in the city Monday on business.

Report says Barney Tuck has rented the Harmon Wolgast farm.

WEST TOWN LINE.

Eugene Spehcer was home from Ann Arbor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma Heeney of Bunker Hill is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Spencer, this week.

Mrs. A. Stout and Mrs. J. C. O'Bryan were Detroit visitors last week.

Miss Helen O'Bryan is spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. W. D. John, of Detroit.

Mrs. George Innis and Alfred Innis were in Detroit Wednesday.

The Helping Hand met Wednesday with Mrs. Thomas Thompson.

At the Grange meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spicer's last Thursday, our Mrs. Chas. Smith was re-elected Secretary for the ensuing year. This office is perhaps the most taxing in the entire list of offices and much satisfaction was expressed for the faithful manner in which Mrs. Smith has performed her duty during the past years. The grange will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Packard the first Thursday in January.

"There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather," and Christmas is in the air and good cheer and good will and why growl?

Mrs. S. M. Johnson, who has made her home with her daughter at Findlay, O., for the past few months, leaves for Los Angeles, Cal., this week, where they will remain for the winter.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

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The largest assortment ever. Remember we are the Stationery people of Plymouth.

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Riggs' Christmas Announcement!

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That will surely be appreciated by any one. Everything here to wear. No trash or toys. Large variety. Easy prices. Every department offers special values.

**Ladies', Misses' and Children's Christmas Cloaks, Suits,
Skirts, Raincoats, Waists and Beautiful Furs.**

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Dress Patterns, Silk Waists, Silk Waist Patterns, Gloves, Mittens, Hosiery, Umbrellas, Neckties, Mufflers, Ladies' Head Scarfs, Suspender and Garters in Christmas Boxes, Ladies', Gents' and Children's Sweaters, Fancy Shirts, Underwear, Belts and Fancy Buckles,

Gents' Cuff Buttons and Pins to match, beautiful Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Shoes and Rubbers, Dressing Sacks and Kimonos, Hats, Caps and Tams, Rugs, Pillow Tops, Leggings, Night Robes, Draperies, Table Linen, Napkins, Trunks, Suit Cases.

Hundreds of fine useful things too numerous to mention. Do your Christmas shopping at home. Take a look through our store, you're sure to find the very thing you want at easy prices. We stand ready to serve you.

Yours truly,

E. L. RIGGS

WHY THEY MISSED THE BEAR

Officer's Story of a Volley Fire That Went Wide of the Mark—"Bear Ague."

This being the middle of the open season for deer, the subject of big game is frequently discussed just now at the various gatherings of men in this city.

"That reminds me of something worse," said a hunter the other day. "It reminds me of 'bear ague.' Never heard of it, eh? Well I first encountered it in Wrangell narrows, Alaska, a number of years ago.

"Just as we rounded a point of land not more than 200 yards distant a big black bear was seen on the beach looking at us. Eight men took up rifles at once and were about to shoot when I told them to wait and fire all at once in a volley when I gave the order. They all took careful beads on the beast. 'Ready, fire!' I shouted.

Tourists in Cuba.

"Cuba, and especially Havana and Santiago, expect the greatest number of tourists from the United States the coming winter that has ever visited the island," said Jose Morales of Havana.

"Improved transportation facilities from the United States, and the greater ease with which tourists can travel through Cuba, together with the better hotel accommodations to be had, are other factors that will enter into a big increase in the number of visitors.

Peddler to Peach King.

Down in the state of Georgia they have peach orchards where one can walk a mile in a straight line and not get beyond the end of a row of peach trees. After the civil war any one could go through the same country and see nothing but cornfields.

A Fish Story.

"Speaking of fishballs," remarked an ardent New England admirer of that form of food, "I will tell you the sad, sad truth about them.

Fool and His Money.

"Flaherty is an extravagant chump." "Faith, 'an how is he so?" "Spint twist hard-earned dollars for a new-fangled flat iron for his wife."

High Prices for Hats.

Extravagance in hats is growing daily in Paris. The big shops which rarely sold a hat costing more than \$60, are now asking from \$400 to \$500 for their models.

WIRE MERGER IS HIT BY COURT

Mandamus Against Secretary of State Refused.

WERE DENIED A CERTIFICATE

Secretary Martindale's Contentions That It Would Be Violation of Law to Do Business Under One Head Upheld.

Lansing.—Michigan's supreme court dealt the first blow at the big wire merger in a decision denying the petition for a writ of mandamus in the case of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of New York against Secretary of State Martindale.

When the companies applied to the secretary of state for a certificate to do business in this state under a single head their request was refused by Martindale, as he held such a procedure would be a violation of the laws of the state governing the admission of foreign corporations.

"For more than a quarter of a century the legislature has seen fit to keep separate these two lines of activity. This course has been followed, too, during a period in which the telephone business of the state has grown from an insignificant enterprise to one of great magnitude.

"We are of the opinion that the legislative enactments touching the question indicate a policy on the part of the state to afford its people a choice of two agencies of independent ownership."

Mortality Record is Lowest.

Laws providing for the registration of deaths, and the systemized war which is being waged on disease throughout the state were chief factors in making this year's mortality record of Michigan one of the lowest in the union, according to Health Officer Dr. Guy L. Kiefer of Detroit.

"The Michigan state board of health has been in existence longer than similar institutions of many other states," said Dr. Kiefer. "Then there are some states where it is not a practice to register deaths. Death registration is one of the greatest reasons for low mortality records, because health officers can work more effectively when deaths and their particulars are classified.

Hold Reunion at Lansing.

The members of the constitutional convention of 1908 met at Lansing in their second annual reunion.

Lawton T. Hemans was toastmaster at the banquet and responses were made by a number of the delegates.

E. C. Nichols of Battle Creek was elected the new president, and Richard C. Flannagan of Norway, vice-president, and James F. Barnett and Paul H. King were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. Resolutions of regret on the death of Lawrence C. Fyfe of St. Joseph, member of the convention, and Alex. H. Smith, journal clerk, were adopted.

Has \$18,000 and Didn't Know It.

The state treasurer's department has turned over to Michigan Agricultural college \$18,000 in agricultural college land interest money. When the state went broke last June, the college, with other state institutions, was thrown on its own resources and was bothered to a considerable extent to secure funds on several occasions.

"During all this stress the \$18,000 has been lying idle in the treasury, the college authorities supposing the money had been expended and that reports showing it simply represented a 'paper fund.' When the college authorities learned that the real cash was in the vaults there was a lively scramble to draw it out.

Fewer Deer This Year.

Game Warden Pierce gave out statistics as to the number of deer hunters have shipped south across the Straits of Mackinac, where his deputies have been keeping tab on hunters. There were 3,402 deer shipped from the hunting grounds this year, as compared with 3,600 last year and 4,000 in 1907.

Canadians Must Buy License.

Hereafter Canadian automobilists who visit Detroit will have to take out a Michigan license, which costs three dollars.

This license fee is much smaller than is charged by the Canadian government, and Secretary of State Martindale believes that it should be dropped in the interests of fair play to every American machine taken into Canada.

Under the new law all automobile owners must take out licenses January 1 for a year.

Causes Stir Among Clerks.

In accordance with the act passed at the last session of the legislature, the salaries of the employees in the auditor general's department will be graded the first of the year, according to a statement made by the auditor general. He stated that a record of the efficiency of each clerk had been closely kept and he will endeavor to obey the provisions of the law, grading their pay from \$800 to \$1,200, as is prescribed.

"That was certainly the intent of the legislature, and I think this law better than civil service, which may follow if the provisions of this act are not carried out," said Fuller.

"All our clerks are worth at least \$1,000 a year," said Deputy Land Commissioner Carton, in speaking of the new law and that department, "and we shall not cut the salary of some to raise that of others."

Farmers' Clubs Flourish.

Some interesting figures were presented at the State Association of Farmers' Clubs convention at Lansing in regard to the membership of the association and the representation of the different counties. There are 7,000 members of the 116 clubs, in 31 counties.

The distribution of the clubs is somewhat surprising, as some of the counties, considered as being the best farming districts in the lower peninsula, are not represented at all, while others have but one or two clubs. Bay, Genesee, Huron, Kalamazoo, Lake, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola, Saginaw and Wayne have but one club each.

Jackson is first, with 14 clubs, while Livingston, Oakland and Shiawassee come second with ten each. St. Clair has six, and Calhoun, Clinton, Gratiot, Isabella, VanBuren and Washtenaw have five each. In Hillsdale and Tuscola there are four clubs each, and Ionia, Lenawee and Macomb boast three. In each of the three following counties there are two clubs: Barry, Lapeer, Ingham and Monroe.

Bird Stands Pat on Flats Policy.

It is the intention of Attorney General Bird to stand by his statement that there must be a supreme court decision regarding the rights of the state to deed the St. Clair Flats lands before he will permit the commission to proceed in the matter.

"The legislature has fixed the policy," said he, "but the question is as to what title, if any, the state can convey, as these lands are simply in trust under a recent decision of the supreme court. I am looking after the interests of the state the same as I would those of a private client and I want the court to settle this question. If the other members of the commission will not take the short route to a decision we will have to take the long one. This matter involves the rights of more people than the claimants to the Flats."

State Marines Eager for War.

Saginaw's naval reserves are itching to go to Nicaragua and assist in putting a quietus on President Zelaya and anything else that happens to come within range. The lake marines here have never had any real war experience and they are hoping that events in Central America will require their services. Owing to the fact that only marines, and not troops, are wanted, they believe that if the situation grows more serious there will be a chance for some of the few state organizations to go and they will make application early if the opportunity is offered. There are 40 men in the local company.

Not Sure It's Leprosy.

"I am quoted as having stated that the man, Szappa of Calumet, is a victim of leprosy," said Dr. A. S. Warthin of the University of Michigan medical department. "This is a mistake. I am not certain of that fact as yet. I was called a little time ago by Dr. Yarrington of Calumet to investigate the case. The clinical appearances all point to a case of leprosy, but until I have had a chance to make a laboratory examination of the tissues I cannot give a positive assertion that the man is afflicted with the disease."

Abolish Private Banks.

Banking Commissioner Zimmerman, speaking of the resolutions adopted by the State Association of Farmers' clubs favoring legislation placing private banks under state supervision, said that in his opinion the only satisfactory way to legislate for banks of this class would be to place them on the same basis as state banks, or in other words to abolish private banks in the state.

"Sausage with Cereals" Wins.

Under a decision of the supreme court Armour & Co. sausage, manufactured with cereals and water added, is admitted for sale in Michigan providing the company labels all packages. Some time ago the state dairy and food commission ruled that the addition of cereals and water to sausage constituted an adulteration prohibited by the state law. He was opposed in the lower courts, but the supreme court decision favors the manufacturer. The sausage must be labeled, however, "Sausage with cereals."

MICHIGAN STATE NEWS

Jackson.—The prison board of control looked over the farms of Jud Blake and Mrs. James Blakely, both about two and a half miles north of the prison, with the view of converting one of them into a convict farm.

It is the idea to lease some land and employ thereon a portion of the unemployed prison population, whose disposition is giving the board considerable concern. There are 200 acres on the Blake farm, and a proposition for its lease has been submitted to the board. No decision was arrived at, but it is likely some deal will be closed at the next meeting.

Ashley.—The destruction of a house occupied by George Skutt, three miles east of here, disclosed that Skutt was ill with smallpox. He had recently returned from the north part of the state where the disease prevailed, and is supposed to have contracted it there. Skutt mingled with neighbors and school children attracted by the fire, and at least a score were exposed. He and his wife have been quarantined in a vacant house, and the district school has been closed for two weeks as a precaution against a spread of the disease.

Kalamazoo.—Because he tried to investigate the reason for agonizing cries from a cat on an express wagon and to rectify conditions for the feline, Carl M. Kleinstuck, an officer in the local humane society, is suffering from a fractured nose and a number of bruises on his face. When Mr. Kleinstuck stopped the expressman and asked about the feline, the driver knocked him down. The driver, Otis Pfeiffer, was arrested.

Bad Axe.—This town has gone "chicken crazy." A few years ago a few enthusiasts organized a poultry association and the wise ones sneered and said they were counting their chickens before they were hatched. But the members of the association have swelled to such an extent that, in the words of Fra Elbertus, there is now "enthusiasm plus" among them.

Lansing.—The next annual reunion of the members of the constitutional convention will be held in Battle Creek as a compliment to E. C. Nichols, who was elected president. The latter extended a very cordial invitation to his fellow members to accept the hospitality of his home city and an exception will be made to the rule of meeting outside of Lansing.

Benton Harbor.—Lewis Sutherland, a pioneer and well-known Mason of this city, passed away here. He had lived in Michigan for nearly three-quarters of a century and made a fortune out of fruit growing. He was one of the first farmers to engage in horticulture. Sutherland built the Masonic temple in this city, timbers for which he had saved 50 years.

Muskegon.—Poverty revealed by the cold snap that now has the city in its grasp was instrumental in causing the reorganizing of the Muskegon Associated Charities, which accomplished much in relieving the distress of the poor last winter. Mrs. Charles E. Moore, formerly of Kalamazoo, was placed in charge of the work.

Flint.—After traveling all the way to California in the belief that a man in custody of officers at Auburn, that state, was Ernest A. Christian, alleged matrimonial faker, wanted here, Sheriff Parkhurst has found that the prisoner is Christian's brother.

Battle Creek.—Edward Simiting, aged 19, was too proud to ask for aid when he lost his job and slept in a box car. As a result both of his legs were frozen and had to be amputated.

Saginaw.—Henry J. Breternitz, one of the city's pioneer contractors, who erected many buildings of note here, died at the age of 74 years, at his home on Van Buren street. He had lived here 40 years.

Menominee.—Fire in the Grand department store destroyed a toyland window. The north pole was destroyed and Santa Claus had a narrow escape. The financial loss is small.

Mt. Clemens.—Emil Ladrum, a local saloon keeper, was found guilty of stealing ten dollars from a patron and sentenced to jail for 30 days. He gave notice of an appeal.

Durand.—Oscar Anderson and James Flynn, the two oldest passenger conductors on the D. & M. railroad, have been retired. Both were popular with patrons of the road.

Dimondale.—The general store of F. M. Sloan was badly damaged by fire, which was started by a mouse exploding at some fireworks until they exploded.

Menominee.—The sale of the Wisconsin & Michigan railroad for taxes has been postponed by Deputy Auditor General Simpson until January 11. Lapeer.—The explosion of gasoline under a coffee urn started a fire in Myers' restaurant that practically destroyed the interior of the building.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Pacific fleet sailed from Manila for ports in China and Japan. Dogs valued at \$100,000 are on exhibition at the dog show in New York. Because of the high price of cotton, mills in the Manchester district of England will begin short-time schedules next week.

Importations of hides and skins into the United States will aggregate approximately \$100,000,000 for the present calendar year. Only sugar shows higher figures.

Three men died of suffocation and 21 others were overcome and rescued with difficulty as a result of an accident at a mine of the Shoemaker Mining Company, near Johnstown, Pa.

Julius Gillemo, a Swiss, while riding on a west-bound train near Reno, Nev., became suddenly insane and made a headlong plunge through a window while the train was going 40 miles an hour.

John Duley, 53 years old, formerly president of the National State bank of Maysville, Ky., committed suicide in a boarding house at Lexington, by shooting himself through the head and heart.

Mark Hanna, a Russian who took an American name and sought a license to wed at Newport, Ky., had to wait two days because he forgot the name of the prospective bride. Her name was Fannie Demozhrov.

Estill county remains "dry" as a result of a local option election held in Kentucky. Every precinct in the county voted against a return to saloons, which were abolished by an election held three years ago.

Steve Moskier, giving his residence as Chicago, was arraigned at Pontiac, charged with burglarizing the post office at Ancona, Ill., on the night of December 9. Thirty dollars' worth of stamps were found on his person.

Mrs. Ellen F. Read, recently convicted of assault with intent to black-mail Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phipps of Denver out of \$100,000, was sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 18 years in the penitentiary.

Commissioner Cabell of the Internal revenue bureau in Washington has issued an economy order of wide scope. One feature is that taxicabs are to be used only in cases of absolute necessity and then their use must be explained.

Dr. N. D. Hills of Brooklyn would rather be a preacher than a millionaire. Recently he discovered a rich coal vein in a ranch he owned in British Columbia. He sold the property to western men at a profit of \$75,000. Now the coal is said to be worth \$5,000,000.

Horse tracks made last June are being preserved by the prosecutor at Lyons, Kan., in the case of Ora Turner, whose trial on the charge of murdering Roy Snyder opened. The state will try to prove that the tracks near the scene of the murder are those of Turner's horse.

William Lake of Richwood, O., a student in the Ohio state university, and George H. Reed of Bowling Green were indicted at Toledo for counterfeiting. They were arrested last summer while working as bell boys at a hotel in Put-in-Bay, charged with manufacturing imitation quarters, with which they played the slot machines.

Herne Home is Burned.

Southampton, L. I., Dec. 13.—The handsome home of James A. Herne, actor and playwright, was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Catherine C. Herne, the widow, and her son "Jack," with the servants, got out hastily without injury, but saved few of their effects. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Swifts Plan Plant in West.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—Swift & Co., through the manager of their real estate department, announced today that a packing plant, to cost \$1,500,000 and to employ when fully developed 2,000 men, will be built near Seattle to handle Alaska's meat trade.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various commodities like LIVE STOCK, FLOUR, WHEAT, EGGS, etc. Columns include item names and prices.

COUGHING BURST

Says Danger Avoided and Cures Coughs in 5 Hours. A writer for the medical press states that coughing is responsible for the bursting of blood vessels quite frequently. A cough or cold means inflammation (fever) and congestion, and these in turn indicate that the body is full of poisons and waste matter. Simple relief, as found in patent cough medicines, and whiskey, often result in more harm than good; as they cause more congestion. A tonic-laxative cough syrup will work marvels and here follows a prescription which is becoming famous for its prompt relief and thorough cures. It rids the system of the cause, except it be consumption. Don't wait for consumption to grasp its victim, but begin this treatment, which cures some in five hours. Mix in a bottle one-half ounce fluid white cherry bark, one ounce compound essence cardiol and three ounces syrup white pine compound. Take twenty drops every half-hour for four hours. Then one-half to one teaspoonful three or four times a day. Give children less according to age.

The Vacant Chair.

What sad memories linger around the old vacant chair. Sitting in the middle of the floor, with a plaintive look about its frayed and seemingly weary back, it brings back a tumultuous riot of sad recollections that time can never efface. Volumes of bitter anguish come to me when I arrive home in time to catch the milkman swiping the loose furniture around the place, and take off my shoes to avoid publicity, and strike my best toe against the rocker of the old vacant chair. Then, forgetting for the moment my unclad feet, I kick the chair on the other rocker. That is when the sadness and suffering that lingers around the old chair comes out with an extra edition and great chunks of gloom settle over me like a herd of ill-natured flies.—Oregon Journal.

AGONIZING ITCHING.

Eczema for a Year—Got No Relief Even at Skin Hospital—In Despair Until Cuticura Cured Him.

"I was troubled with a severe itching and dry, scurfy skin on my ankles, feet, arms and scalp. Scratching made it worse. Thousands of small red pimples formed and these caused intense itching. I was advised to go to the hospital for diseases of the skin. I did so, the chief surgeon saying: 'I never saw such a bad case of eczema.' But I got little or no relief. Then I tried many so-called remedies, but I became so bad that I almost gave up in despair. After suffering agonies for twelve months, I was relieved of the almost unbearable itching after two or three applications of Cuticura Ointment. I continued its use, combined with Cuticura Soap and Pills, and I was completely cured. Henry Berle, Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 8 and 10, 1907."

Fishing Extraordinary.

Representative Flood of Virginia tells a good story in which one of the characters was Gen. Reuben Lindsay Walker of the confederate army. On one occasion the general was waiting for his breakfast, and his faithful negro servant had gone to catch some fish for the feast. When the servant was away an unusually long time the general called to him impatiently: "Why don't you come here with that fish, Sam?"

Sam in the meantime had caught a flounder, which is white on one side, with a whiteness that looks like raw fish meat.

"All right, Massa Reuben!" called out Sam. "I see comin' des ez soon ez I ketch de uvver ha'f o' dis here fish." —Washington Times.

His Retort.

Newzance—Do you know, young man, that five out of six people who suffer from heart trouble have brought it upon themselves through the filthy habit of smoking? Karmley—Really! And possibly you are aware that nine out of ten people who suffer from black eyes can trace the complaint to a habit of not minding their own business.—Pearson's Weekly.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Catarrh is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Dr. J. C. Cheney's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and eradicating the patient's suffering by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: J. C. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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"Your wife's new hat makes her look like a queen," said the man who tries to be complimentary. "Don't bother her you say that," answered Mr. Higgins: "I have looked through the histories and I never yet saw a picture of a queen who looked as if she enjoyed a first-class milliner."

Rheumatism and Neuralgia never could get along with Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Wizard Oil always drives them away from the premises in short order.

It's better to deserve success and not have it than to have success and not deserve it, although less pleasant.

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We help ourselves when we help others.—W. J. Bryan.

Everyone can do his best thing for his neighbor.

SERIAL STORY

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum

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SYNOPSIS.

Dorothy lived in Kansas with Aunt Em and Uncle Henry. A cyclone lifted their house into the air, Dorothy falling asleep amidst the excitement. A crash awakened her. The house had landed in a country of marvelous beauty. Groups of queer little people greeted her to the Land of Munchkins. The house had killed their enemy, the wicked witch of East. Dorothy took the witch's silver shoes. She started for the Emerald City to find the Wizard of Oz, who she was promised, might find a way to send her back to Kansas. Dorothy released a scarecrow, giving him life. He was desirous of acquiring brains and started with her to the wizard to get them. The scarecrow told his history. They met a tin woodman who longed for a heart. Dorothy joined them. They came upon a terrible lion. The lion confessed he had no courage. He decided to accompany them to the Emerald City. The woodman killed the witch in pushing the raft became impaled upon his pole in the middle of the river. The scarecrow was rescued by a friendly storm. They entered a poppy field, which caused Dorothy to fall asleep. The scarecrow and tin woodman rescued her and her dog from the deadly flowers. The lion fell asleep and being too heavy to lift, was left. On the search for the road of yellow brick which led to the Emerald City, they met a scarecrow, a tin woodman, and a lion. The woodman killed the wild cat. The queen woman became friendly. She sent thousands of her mice subjects to draw the lion away from the poppy field. Dorothy awoke from her long sleep. They started again on the Emerald City road. They came to a fence, painted green. There were farmers of green, houses of green and people dressed in green. It was the Land of Oz. They met the guardian of the gates. He described the wicked witch of the East. All put on green spectacles as the brightness and glory of Emerald City blinded them. The wizard decided to receive one of the party each day. All were put in green rooms. Dorothy went to the throne room. In a chair sparkling with emeralds she beheld an enormous man with out body, legs or arms, bigger than the biggest giant. "I am Oz, the great and terrible," said the head. Oz told her that when she killed the wicked witch of the East he would send her home. The scarecrow, admitted to the presence of a beautiful lady, who said she was the wizard. The witch saw the party when it entered her domain and caused a pack of wolves to attack it. The woodman killed the wolves. She sent crows with the scarecrow scared and killed. Dorothy dispatched next, but the woodman received the stings. Finally winged monkeys took them prisoners and conveyed them to the witchery. Dorothy threw water on the wicked witch, destroying her. Dorothy rescued the lion, woodman and scarecrow. She found a charmed golden cup and started back to Oz. She became lost. She used the cup to call the winged monkeys who took them to the Emerald City. The wizard's cup was told. Dorothy discovered the wizard to be a humbug. He told his life story.

CHAPTER XV—Continued.

The wizard continued his life story. He said: "The balloon came down gradually, and I was not hurt a bit. But I found myself in the midst of a strange people, who, seeing me come from the clouds, thought I was a great Wizard. Of course I let them think so, because they were afraid of me, and promised to do anything I wished them to. "Just to amuse myself, and keep the good people busy, I ordered them to build this city, and my palace; and they did it all willingly and well. Then I thought, as the country was so green and beautiful, I would call it the Emerald City, and to make the name fit better I put green spectacles on all the people, so that everything they saw was green."

"But isn't everything here green?" asked Dorothy. "No more than in any other city," replied Oz; "but when you wear green spectacles, why, of course, everything you see looks green to you. The Emerald City was built a great many years ago, for I was a young man when the balloon brought me here, and I am a very old man now. But my people have worn green glasses on their eyes so long that most of them think it really is an Emerald City, and it certainly is a beautiful place, abounding in jewels and precious metals, and every good thing that is needed to make one happy. I have been good to the people, and they like me; but ever since this palace was built I have shut myself up and would not see any of them. "One of my greatest fears was the Witches, for while I had no magical powers at all I soon found out that the Witches were really able to do wonderful things. There were four of them in this country, and they ruled the people who live in the North and South and East and West. Fortunately, the Witches of the North and South were good, and I knew they would do me no harm; but the Witches of the East and West were terribly wicked, and had they not thought I was more powerful than they themselves, they would surely have destroyed me. As it was, I lived in deadly fear of them for many years; so you can imagine how pleased I was when I heard your house had fallen on the Wicked Witch of the East. When you came to me I was willing to promise anything if you would only do away with the other Witches; but now that you have visited her, I am

ashamed to say that I cannot keep my promises. "I think you are a very bad man," said Dorothy. "Oh, no, my dear; I'm really a very good man; but I'm a very bad Wizard, I must admit. "Can't you give me brains?" asked the Scarecrow. "You don't need them. You are learning something every day. A baby has brains, but it doesn't know much. Experience is the only thing that brings knowledge, and the longer you are on earth the more experience you are sure to get. "That may all be true," said the Scarecrow, "but I shall be very unhappy unless you give me brains." The false wizard looked at him carefully. "Well," he said, with a sigh, "I'm not much of a magician, as I said; but if you will come to me to-morrow morning, I will stuff your head with brains. I cannot tell you how to use them, however; you must find that out for yourself." "Oh, thank you—thank you!" cried the Scarecrow. "I'll find a way to use them, never fear!" "But how about my courage?" asked the Lion, anxiously. "You have plenty of courage, I am sure," answered Oz. "All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. True courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty. "Perhaps I have, but I'm scared just the same," said the Lion. "I shall really be very unhappy unless you give me the sort of courage that makes one forget he is afraid. "Very well; I will give you that sort of courage to-morrow," replied Oz. "How about my heart?" asked the Tin Woodman. "Why, as for that," answered Oz, "I think you are wrong to want a heart. It makes most people unhappy. If you only knew it, you are in luck not to have a heart. "That must be a matter of opinion," said the Tin Woodman. "For my part,

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"I will bear all the unhappiness without a murmur if you will give me the heart." "Very well," answered Oz, meekly. "Come to me to-morrow and you shall have a heart. I have played Wizard for so many years that I may as well continue the part a little longer. "And now," said Dorothy, "how am I to get back to Kansas?" "We shall have to think about that," replied the little man. "Give me two or three days to consider the matter and I'll try to find a way to carry you over the desert. In the meantime you shall all be treated as my guests, and while you live in the palace my people will wait upon you and obey your slightest wish. There is only one thing I ask in return for my help—such as it is. You must keep my secret and tell no one I am a humbug. They agreed to say nothing of what they had learned, and went back to their rooms in high spirits. Even Dorothy had hope that "The Great and Terrible Humbug," as she called him, would find a way to send her back to Kansas, and if he did that she was willing to forgive him everything.

CHAPTER XVI The Magic Art of the Great Humbug

Next morning the Scarecrow said to his friends: "Congratulations. I am going to Oz to get my brains at last. When I return I shall be as other men are. "I have always liked you as you were," said Dorothy, simply. "It is kind of you to like a Scarecrow," he replied. "But surely you will think more of me when you hear the splendid thoughts my new brain is going to turn out." Then he said good-by to them all in a cheerful voice and went to the throne room, where he rapped upon the door.

Unreasonably Tough

Grinstead, who was a foreman in a New England factory, was visited one day by an old friend from the west. "Old man," said his friend, "how long have you been working in this mill?" "Nearly thirty-five years," he answered. "Isn't it customary in establishments of this kind, when a man has been in its employ as long as you have, to retire him on a regular stipend—a sort of honorarium, as it were?" "To put him on the pension list, do you mean?" "Yes, if that's what you call it." "Well, yes, it is." "When do you suppose they'll retire you?"

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UNDER SEAL

By ANNA ALICE CHAPIN

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The cure of the little village of M— in southern France stood at his window, looking out over the sun-bathed country-side and meditating pleasantly. On either end of the village were vineyards, with sun-kissed grapes ripening fronting the warm east. Two large rival establishments had their vineyards in M.—establishments renowned in the world of wine manufacturers. "Paul Foujon's is unquestionably the best," murmured the epicurean cleric, softly, "though Armand Clon's has a fine flavor of its own. It would be worth someone's while to find out the formula for the Foujon wine, that was handed down in secret from father to son, for so many years."

It was at this moment that he perceived his friend Foujon himself hastening along the slender path which threaded the cure's garden. "My friend," exclaimed the cure, advancing to meet him. "What is wrong with you? come, tell me quickly, that I may ascertain whether I may not be of service to you." Foujon sank into a chair and groaned. He was a young man, and a handsome one; just now every line of his face and figure indicated despair. "You must know," he said, "that Armand Clon has made many overtures to me, and has long and consistently endeavored to become my friend. I have continually put him off, having small confidence in his good faith. "Last night, however,"—he drew a breath weighted with grief, "I was greatly excited, having just arrived from Paris, where, to be quite frank, I had just become betrothed to the most charming and adorable of all women, Mlle. Eloise Graud. I met Clon at the door of the village inn, and when he begged me to have supper with him, I being in high spirits and disposed to greet every man as my friend, accepted, after but a brief hesitation. We went within where Jacques, you know him well, the excellent inn-keeper—served us with an appetizing meal and surprisingly good wine. The talk drifted to different vintages, and there my memory is blurred and fantastic. One thing, however, seems certain:— He leaned forward, speaking impressively. "Either I dreamed a marvelously strange dream, or am deluded by a most deceptive remembrance—or—I wrote out, with my own hand, the secret formula for the making of our wine, and gave it to M. Clon!"



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The cure was interested, even distressed, for he liked his young friend and realized the serious aspect of the situation. "But consider, my good Foujon," he said—"as you yourself say you may be the victim of a delusion or a dream. Foujon shook his head. "I should like to hope so," he said, "but alas! I am convinced that my impression is not an hallucination, but a fact. If it could be proved to me that I had not given the paper to Clon, I would be the happiest man on earth, but I fear that there is no likelihood of so desirable an outcome in the matter. "Then go home and rest," said the cure, kindly pressing his hand. "Think as little of the matter as you can for the present. But come to see me this evening. I shall try to have good news for you." The young man expressed his gratitude and confidence in impulsive superlatives, and left the house. "The poor lad certainly dreamed it!" was the comfortable conviction of the cure. Nevertheless, a little later he called for his hat and stick preparatory to making a call upon M. Armand Clon. At the door, however, he was amazed to meet the object of his intended visit, coming in, with a face almost as indicative of distress as Foujon's. "M. le cure!" he exclaimed. "My heart lights at sight of you. You are the never-failing counselor of us all, and I have come to you in great trouble and perplexity!" "Enter, my friend," said the cure tranquilly, leading the way back into his study. "I am, as ever, at the service of my flock."

Clon, a large, dark-browed man, with a heavy mouth and chin, twisted his hands together, in evident embarrassment, before beginning. "My story is a peculiar one, M. le cure," he said. "You must know that for some years Foujon and I have been friendly enemies. His vintage is acknowledged to be finer than mine, so on my part the rivalry has been particularly bitter. Try as I would, my wine was never so good as his. The desire to obtain the secret of his success became with me an obsession, and at last I resolved to have it, by fair means or foul. "I vowed to myself that the secret formula must and should be in my possession, and that I would leave no stone unturned toward the accomplishment of my purpose. "Last night was my first actual opportunity. Foujon supped with me in the village, and, under the influence of the wine, became talkative and confidential. It was a splendid chance, and I took it. I led him on—that I admit, but it was surely legitimate; he is not a child, and it was not my business to protect him! In the end, he wrote out the secret formula and gave it to me!"

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CHURCH NEWS.

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 Rev. O. Peters, Pastor.
 Services Sunday at 10 a. m.
 Christmas tree and exercises Friday evening, Dec. 24th at 7 P. M.
 Services Christmas day in the morning at 10 o'clock.

UNIVERSALIST.
 Rev. F. W. Miller, Pastor.
 Services at the usual hour next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Rev. O. F. Alvord of Sherman, N. Y., will preach. Subject, "A Duty of To-day." Sunday-school at 11:15 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.
 Next Sunday morning at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10:10 A. M. Subject, "Is the Universe, including Man evolved by Atomic Forces." Sunday-school for children 11:00 A. M. Wednesday evening testimonial service 7:10. Every one is welcome.

BAPTIST
 Rev. C. T. Jack, Pastor.
 Services next Lord's day as follows: Morning worship 10:30, sun time. The pastor will preach at both services, morning and evening. Sunday-school 11:45. B. Y. P. U. 6:00. Leader, Mrs. O'Bryan. Evening sermon 7:00. We were glad to greet so many last Sunday evening. Mid-week service Thursday night, 7:30. Christmas tree and entertainment Friday night 7:30. We cordially invite you to all our services.

METHODIST
 Rev. E. King, Pastor.
 The services next Sunday will be observed appropriately for the Christmas season. Morning service at 10 o'clock. Special music by the quartet. Sermon by the pastor. Sunday-school at 11:30. Epworth League 6 p. m., led by Mrs. P. W. Voorhies. Evening praise and preaching service at 7 p. m. Sermon by the pastor.
 The Christmas cantata will be given next Thursday evening. Seats will be reserved for parents, scholars and members of the congregation till 7:30, after which the public will be admitted.
 The following are the new Sunday-school officers for 1910:
 Supt., P. W. Voorhies; ass't. supt., W. O. Stewart; 2nd ass't. supt., Elmer Jarvis; sec., Gladys Passage; ass. sec.,

Ethel Gracen; treas., Earl Lauffer; missionary sec., Clara Reiman; librarian, Ethel Smitherman; supt. cradle roll, Mrs. Luther Passage; pianist, Czarina Penney; chorister, Evered Jolliffe.

PRESBYTERIAN
 Rev. H. N. Ronald, Pastor.
 Sunday, Dec. 19, 10:00. Morning worship. Christmas communion. The loose offering will be used to give a Merry Christmas in needy homes in Plymouth.

11:15, Sunday-school. Just one week 'til the "Giving Christmas," which will be held on Christmas eve. An admission fee of one potato will be charged everybody at the door and the potatoes and other gifts from the several classes and others who may wish to help will be sent to the Children's Hospital school in Highland Park.

6:00, Young People's rally. Miss Hanford will conduct a study of the life of David Livingstone. Find out all you can about him before the meeting.
 7:00, Evening worship. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Man who Missed the Meeting." You are most cordially invited to all these services. Also to the Christmas prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

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At the annual meeting of Case Tent, K. O. T. M. M., held Monday evening Dec. 13, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
 Past Commander—J. B. Pettingill, Commander—John Quarrel, Jr., Lieut. Com.—Matt. Fakner, Jr., Record Keeper—Myron Willett, Finance Keeper—Henry Wright, Chaplain—Lewis Schaal, Physician—Dr. A. E. Patterson, Sergeant—Ross Willett, Master at Arms—Max Hillmer, 1st Master of Guards—Frank Dix, 2nd Master of Guards—Ed. Bolton, Sentinel—A. J. Somers, Picket—Chas. Trombly.

We have a number of readers who kindly take the trouble to phone us or call in and tell us some news almost every week. We appreciate it and invite others to do the same. It not only helps us but makes a good showing for our city and community to have a newspaper. We want to add a word of caution however—don't put it off till Thursday. We have a lot of work to do on that day and can't guarantee that such news will appear if brought in late.

Dr. Campbell was an Ann Arbor visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jewell of Detroit were Plymouth visitors yesterday.

Games, toys, dolls, candy, tree ornaments, dishes, etc., at Variety Store.

Rev. O. F. Alvord of Sherman, N. Y., is visiting his niece, Mrs. F. W. Miller.

Regular meeting of Plymouth Chapter, No. 415, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.

Miss Jessie Bixby of Pontiac visited her aunt Mrs. E. O. Huston the first of the week.

Mrs. E. L. Riggs went to Richmond yesterday to attend a funeral and will remain over Sunday.

Mrs. E. Arnold of Carleton and W. D. Howard of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting Mrs. Charlotte Rathburn this week.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold a home-made candy sale at Todd Bros.' meat market next Thursday afternoon and evening.

Ice cream by the pint, quart or gallon at Murray's Candy and Post Card Store.

"A Priceless Gift" will be the subject of Rev. E. King's sermon next Sunday morning. There will also be special Christmas music.

We understand Monte Wood has signed with Hartford, Conn., ball club as pitcher. The Hartfords are in the Connecticut State league.

Miss Eva Bruner, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Patterson for the past three weeks, has returned to her home in Ruthven, Ont.

A cutting scrape occurred at the store of Brown & Pettingill, in which the clerks and proprietors were all implicated. But no one was seriously hurt, owing to the fact that Peary discovered our North Pole Christmas mixed candy; and as we have and over supply, we have cut the price to 5c a pound as long as it lasts—at the White Front Grocery.

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Ladies' Fur Trim Slippers, black, smoke or brown	\$1 to \$1.75		
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Commissioner's Notice.
In the matter of the estate of Helen M. Colvin, deceased. We, the undersigned, being the probate court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, commission to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the store of A. H. Dibble & Son, in the village of Plymouth, in said county, on Thursday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1919, and on Saturday, the 28th day of March, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock A. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 27th day of November, A. D. 1918, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.
Dated, November 27, 1918.
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The Children's King

A CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC.

CHRISTMAS is not only a mile mark of another year, moving us to thoughts of self-examination; it is a season, from all its associations, whether domestic or religious, suggesting thoughts of joy. A man dissatisfied with his endeavors is a man tempted to sadness. And in the midst of winter, when his life runs lowest and he is reminded of the empty chairs of his beloved, it is well he should be consoled to the fashion of the smiling face.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."—From the Gospel of St. Luke.

SANTA CLAUS remains, by virtue of a common understanding that childhood shall not be spoiled of one of its most cherished beliefs, either by the mythologist, with his sun myth theory, or the scientist, with his heartless distrust against superstitions. He who does not see in the legend of Santa Claus a beautiful faith on the one side, and the native embodiment of a divine fact on the other, is not fit to have a place at the Christmas board.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

The Christmas Tree.

Every time I see a Christmas tree studded with electric lights, garlands of tinsel gold festooning every branch, and hung with the hundred costly knickknacks the storekeepers invent year by year "to make trade," until the tree itself disappears entirely under its burden, I have a feeling that fraud has been practiced on the kindly spirit of Yale. Wax candles are the only real thing for a Christmas tree, candles of wax that mingle their perfume with that of the burning fir, not the by-product of some coal-oil or other abomination. What if the boughs do catch fire? They can be watched, and too many candles are tawdry, anyhow. Also, red apples, oranges and old-fashioned cornucopias made of colored paper, and made at home, look a hundred times better and fitter in the green; and so do drums and toy trumpets and wald-horns, and a rocking horse reined up in front that need not have cost \$40; or anything like it.—Jacob Riis in Century.

A Cure for All Evils.

In certain parts of Worcestershire and Staffordshire, in England, the idea prevails that a silver coin from the Christmas morning offertory is a sovereign remedy for any ill that human flesh is heir to. Accordingly, any household who happens to have an ailing child or other person in the house hires him to the clergyman of the parish on Christmas morning, and asks as a favor a sacrament shilling. The coin given in exchange has to be obtained by collecting a dozen pennies from as many different maidens, and then changing the coppers for a silver shilling. For this coin the applicant receives the coveted sacrament shilling, which, on being taken home, is hung round the ailing one's neck, and is popularly supposed to effect a rapid and complete cure of the complaint, no matter what it may be.

Where the Toys Are Made.

In Germany whole villages are devoted to the production of Christmas toys, and their busiest time is just about midsummer. By the end of August the receiving depots are crammed with Christmas clowns and Christmas mechanical puppets, Christmas drums and wooden horses—children's Christmas presents, in fact, of all sorts and kinds. And the travelers start out east, west, north and south with their Christmas samples about the time the corn is ready for the sickles of the reapers. In Holland, too, where more than one town is devoted, more or less, to the making of Christmas dolls, the same rule holds good. During May, June, July and August every man, woman and child in these places seem in some way to be occupied with the manufacture of miniature babies. Even at school during these particular months the sewing lessons are taken with dolls' clothes for makes.

SCHOOL NOTES.

[Printed as written by Pupils.—Ed.]
There is nothing that pleases a teacher more than to have pupils return to the school after they graduate for an occasional visit. Although new duties may absorb the time each year and interest in new students fill the throats, yet the alumni need not fear, their places are usurped. Though in the busy hour we may have only time for a word of greeting, yet to the teacher who values her student friends, the moment has brought the keenest pleasure. It does the school good, too, to realize the interest that its Alumni take in it. And for the visiting Alumnus, we believe he will be repaid for a visit to the familiar study hall and class rooms even tho students, teachers and all seem changed. Members of the Alumni you are always welcome in P. H. S.

The sixth grade are making hand painted candy boxes for Xmas.

Quite a number of the High School students attended the basket ball game held in the Northville rink last Friday night between Northville H. S. and Holly H. S. Everybody had a good time and saw a good game, the score being 29 to 25 in Northville's favor.

The Physics class sometimes meets twice a day now, at the regular class period and at chapel hour occasionally. It isn't because this class is especially dull but the regular recitation period is 40 instead of 50 minutes long as in previous years, and the class cannot cover the work they would like to do, "in the interest of science" it meets twice a day.

A pair of fine balances and an optical bench were received Tuesday for the physical laboratory.

CHILD MARRIAGES IN INDIA

Statistics Show That Infamous Custom Still Prevails in Britain's Great Dependency.

So many months—has it not more than months?—have passed without mention of child marriage in India that persons in other countries, notably the United States, have encouraged themselves in thinking that it has at last been really done away with by the strength of English rule. Unfortunately, this is not so. The Indian Spectator, as quoted by the London Daily News, reports the marriage of a man of 76 to a child of nine. It also quotes statistics to show "the number of female children in India married under four to be more than 200,000; of those married between the ages of four and nine to be over 2,000,000, and those married under 14 the lowest possible marriageable age in civilized countries, to be 800,000." Is not this horrible? The Brahmo Somaj and the Sanatan Dharma preachers, where are they? Can the teachings of Ramabai and her disciples, the efforts of the Sorabji sisters and others like unto these, do nothing among their own people? Do missionaries, does the arm of the law, not prevail? Why so put down the suttee, that it is rarely practiced and yet allow this worst of customs? India still remains what the Bible describes when it says: "The dark portions of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty."

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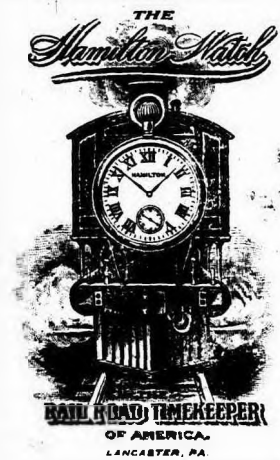
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PLYMOUTH MAIL

BY F. W. SAMSEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1909.

Local News

Missionary Echo Meeting.

The churches of Plymouth have been having a treat in the line of missionary lectures lately. A large delegation visited the great Laymen's Missionary Convention in Detroit. Last Thursday evening Dr. Moody of India and Dr. M. P. Fikes of the Woodward Ave. Baptist Church gave the most stirring and interesting addresses in this line Plymouth has had. A week previous Mrs. Badley, whose husband organized the Lucknow, India, College, gave an interesting address. The churches here are falling into line with a continent wide movement, and it will not be surprising if Plymouth shall give for foreign and home missionary interests nearly a thousand dollars this year.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Lord Jesus our Common Master gave to His people this last command, to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, and

Whereas, we believe that it is our duty to attempt to make the gospel known to every creature in this generation, be it

Resolved, That we, the laymen of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Plymouth, recommend

1. That a missionary committee be appointed in each church.

2. That under the guidance of this committee systematic and thorough instruction on the subject of worldwide missions be given through the pulpits, Sunday-schools, Young Peoples Societies and Women's Societies of our several churches.

3. That within 30 days a systematic canvass be made under the supervision of these committees to secure subscriptions for foreign missions from every family and so far as possible from the several members of families in our churches.

4. That the combined gifts of our three churches be increased at least sixty per cent so as to reach not less than four hundred dollars.

You Must Have

Something in the way of a condition powder for your stock, and why use any other when you can buy Harvell's for 25c per package, the standard for sixty years. Harvell's Condition Powders have established a world wide reputation as being the best on the market for horses, hogs, cattle, sheep and poultry. Absolutely no waste and full weight packages. Sold by John L. Gale and Beyer's Pharmacy.

Annual Grange Meeting.

The annual meeting of Plymouth Grange was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Spicer Dec. 9. After a bountiful dinner, the following were elected officers for 1910:

Worthy Master—John Quartel, Sr.
Overseer—Hervey Packard
Lecturer—Dr. S. E. Campbell
Steward—S. Spicer
Asst. Steward—James Gates
Lady Asst.—Steward—Mrs. Jas. Gates
Sec.—Mrs. C. F. Smith
Treas.—J. F. Root
Chaplain—Mrs. S. E. Campbell
Flora—Mrs. S. Spicer
Ceres—Mrs. H. Packard
Pomona—Mrs. J. C. O'Bryan
Gatekeeper—F. L. Becker
Pianist—Mrs. J. H. Hanford

Plymouth Grange has had a healthy growth during the year, new members having been received at nearly every meeting.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

W. C. T. U.

The meeting next week Thursday, Dec. 23, will be in charge of Mrs. Dr. Campbell, and will be held at the hall, beginning at 2 p. m., standard time. This will be our last meeting in this year and as it is very near Christmas let us make a special effort to be present. There will be a review of the victories of 1909 and miscellaneous readings.

Our State President, Mrs. Calkins, writing for the Michigan Union, wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She says, "you are planning your Christmas presents are you no? Please plan to present your local Union with one new member. Search for her. Bring her in. The W. C. T. U. is the standing army in this temperance warfare. If we gain state wide prohibition we must continue to increase the standing army. The battle is on. Let each one do her part and the victory will surely come."

Remember the lecture at the Presbyterian church next Monday evening, Dec. 20, by George W. Bain. All that have ever heard him will surely want to hear him again and those who have not should not miss this rare treat.—Supt. Press.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

Hearts United

By STUART B. STONE

In spite of his freckled face and his head of bristly tow, Tommy Burns was a sentimentalist. His leisure hours were devoted to the reading of "Wood and Wed" and the whole Heart of Heart series. Many's the time the lad dusted the shelving in a slipshod way, while in fancy he traveled along the Riviera with the rich Miss Dukenheimer, and Tommy had a name for every life-insurance-calendar beauty in the dingy quite.

Mr. Tommy Burns went one night to the play. The Grantham stock company would render "Whistler, the Noble Engineer," and Mr. Burns had been attracted by the panorama of a wild-eyed man grabbing a babe from iron wheels. Also, Miss Olive Bates would appear as Bertha, the Beautiful Knitting Needle Girl.

Now, while the minor lights drilled through the preliminaries to the great rescue scene, Mr. Burns read desultorily through the pages of "Why She Loved Him" and thrilled as much over the dilemma of Countess Helene, in the book, as at the sad plight of Maud Mumford, the dashing adventuress in "The Noble Engineer."

But now the great Bates was coming on, and Tommy slipped the yellow-backed book in his pocket. Here would be acting worth while, and Mr. Burns held in his dirty hand a bouquet of reddest roses. They were for the great Bates when she passed through the valley of the shadow of the great crisis.

There was a rattle from the snare-drum artist and a boom and rumble from the man with the bass, and red lights flashed and trains crashed in the painted scenery.

"Saved!" shouted the noble engineer.

"Saved!" repeated the great Bates.

"Saved!" echoed the audience. Tommy Burns made reply with his popy, and then a passage from "Why She Loved Him" flashed through his sentimental brain. He scribbled the words of the elegant countess on the tag of his red bouquet:

"All is forgiven. There is no one in the world but you and me."

After the burning words of Countess Helene, he wrote "Tommy." Then he hurled love's nosegay on the stage as the Scene-in-the-Alps curtain went down to music, fast and furious.

Mr. Thomas Burns went on with the beautiful idyl in saffron covers, but behind the Alpine curtain a gruff stage hand brought a bouquet of red roses to the great Bates in her circumscribed dressing room. It was a gaudy, tattered thing, and the leading lady at first elevated her dainty nose and wondered at the economical habits of certain Johnnies. But the fine gray eyes caught the name "Tommy," and the leading lady stopped short and read the scrawling message:

"All is forgiven. There is no one in the world but you and me."

"Oh, bless his heart!" babbled the great Bates, and she laughed, and cried and gave the grinning stage hand a dollar. "Dear old Tom," she chirruped, "I knew he would give in."

The leading lady sent a perfumed pink note by the grinning stage hand, and the note found its way to a very elegant gentleman in a box. Then the very elegant gentleman hurried down behind the scenes, and there was a drama in real life played right there in the mimic trappings. There had been differences between these two, and the very elegant gentleman—Thomas Wardley—had declared he would never look at the leading lady again. But he had regretted the words in the bitterness of his heart, and the pink note had brought him in very quick time.

"What I can't understand," murmured Miss Olive Bates, "is why you wrote in such a scrawly hand."

Thomas Wardley dissembled. "I merely wanted to see if you would know, dear."

But down in his heart he knew that Tommy Burns, the Romantic Office Boy—his office boy—had been at more of his "Thomas and Orange Blossoms" business, and he raised that gentleman's salary when next they met.

Salt as a Medicine.

I have in the past seven or eight years found the advantage of putting a little salt in all the water I drink. I also put a little salt, with sugar and milk, in every cup of tea, coffee or cocoa I use.

I have been a resident in the tropics for over 40 years, and except for a sprained ankle have not had occasion to call in a doctor or to take any medicine in the last 30 years. I believe every one's health in the tropics would be very much better if he used more salt. I find the benefit of drinking a tumbler of cold water with a little salt in every morning on rising at about 5 o'clock, before my bath or cup of cocoa, which I usually take between 5:30 and 6.

If people could be induced to try the easy and cheap method of taking a little common salt with the water they drink they would in the general-ity of cases find that they would seldom require other medicine.—F. N. Burn in Chamber's Journal.

The Beginning of a Past.

"The beauty about our candidate is that he has no doubtful past?"

"Then why," said Senator Sorghum feigningly, "should he insist on entering New York politics and starting one?"—Washington Star.

Once in a while there's a man who says: "That's so" to everything you say.

Some Social Problems

"Say, papa," began Bobby after dinner one night, "does a box of chocolates cost more than a scroll saw?"

"It depends a little on the quality of the chocolates," replied his father, laying down his paper. "Were you thinking of buying some?"

"No; you see, I haven't got any money," said Bobby hastily. "It seems funny the way they put prices on things, doesn't it?"

"It certainly does," sighed his father. "Here's milk gone up again."

"I don't drink much lately," said Bobby reassuringly. "And I don't really need it on my breakfast food."

"Bless your heart!" cried his father with remorse. "Don't think your dad wants to limit your allowance of milk."

"I heard a feller say prices are awful hard on the workin' man," said Bobby. "But, gee, doesn't everybody work?"

"It looks that way," said his father. "But how about the scroll saw?"

"Oh, I just said that 'cause I know how much they cost. I don't care about the candy, anyhow."

"Was the candy for your mother?"

"No," said Bobby. "You see, everybody's been having parties lately. Even Mamie Kelly's had one, and she's awful stingy. She's the funniest girl I ever seen—saw. There ain't any of the fellers likes her, but she ast 'em all to her party. The ice cream was the limit. Mine was most melted, and Jimmy's had salt in it. When people are going to give parties why don't they give 'em right?"

"I give it up."

"Well, anyhow," Bobby went on, "after Mamie Kelly's party Susie Herrick she gave one. It was a swell party, all right. Jimmy got four plates of ice cream. I didn't have but two, but I had five pieces of cake. We played games and there was a feller what could do tricks. Gee, he was some class, all right. He could keep four plates and two balls in the air an awful time and not smash one. His arms was all bunched with muscle. Billy he tried juggling when he went home 'n' he smashed two of his mother's saucers. I told him he'd oughter cut it out, but Billy's just like that. He won't listen to you, and then he gets sore when something happens and tries to make out like it was your fault."

"What's the trouble with Billy lately?"

"Well, I don't like to say it about a feller," said Bobby with fine reluctance, "but Billy's got the big head. You see, his mother lets him do anything and it's spoiling him. He stays up awful late nights 'n' everything. All the fellers is talking about it. Sometimes I thing maybe I'll tell him what Nellie Foster said."

"What was that?"

"Oh, well, it wasn't so worse, because Nellie Foster's awful kind-hearted," acknowledged Bobby. "But Billy oughter cut out a lot o' smart stunts. He gets sore so easy you can't say a word."

"People don't usually like to hear such things."

"I ain't going to say a word," said Bobby quickly. "Billy's all right, even if he does get sore easy. Every girl's ast him to her party Saturday afternoons. The next one's going to be an evening party 'n' mamma says I can go."

"Quite like real society. Who's giving it this time?"

"Nobody's giving it except us fellers, but Nellie Foster's getting it. It's a surprise party."

"Who's in it?"

"Well, me for one. I got it up."

"And Billy and Jimmy, I suppose?"

"Yeh. I didn't want Jimmy, but Susie Herrick did. She's in it, too, because she's a friend of Nellie Foster's. I had enough of Susie Herrick when she was in my room at school!"

"Why are you giving it?"

"Well, you see, Nellie Foster felt kinder bad about not having a party 'n' her mother's poor. Her father's dead. Nellie's father, I mean. So us fellers we met her mother on the street one day and we ast her when was Nellie's birthday, 'n' could we give her a surprise if we brought everything? So we're going to give it, 'n' it costs me 25 cents on account of Sam's backing out at the last minute and me having to pay his part."

"What about the chocolates?"

"Well," said Bobby sheepishly, "it's her birthday, and me and Billy we're going to chip in for chocolates together. It's his idea 'n' I don't know whether it's a good one. He's coming over to-night to talk about it. What do you think?"

"I like the idea."

"Well, I ain't got anything left out of my week's money, but—"

"Oh, I see," said his father, putting his hand into his pocket. "Now, suppose you take this and go to the store before Billy rings. I think I hear his whistle on the front porch."

Old Story is Repeated.

The reappearance of Halley's comet has revised the old calendar that Pope Calixtus III. launched a bull against the comet in his day. Historical facts in this case show that he ordered public prayers that, if comet were coming, God would turn it back. Turkey, then fighting a Christian nation. No bull or other document is found against either the comet or the Turks in authentic documents of the period.—Chicago Truth.

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Local News

George Houston is working at Pinckney's Pharmacy.
Louis Steele of Detroit visited his mother over Sunday.
The Methodist Ladies cleared \$80 at their dinner last week.
Mrs. Ina Mack visited friends in Ypsilanti over Sunday.
Miss Verna Root is clerking for J. R. Rauch during the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Drapes and children spent Sunday in Detroit.
Mrs. Robert Pickell of Northville visited her parents here Monday.
Miss Hazel McLean leaves next week for her home in Ridgeway, Ont.
Mrs. Wingard of Wayne visited her sister Mrs. Henry Fisher Tuesday.
Mrs. James Taylor of Northville spent Saturday with Mrs. Albert Gamsolly.
Miss Myra Dickinson of Salem visited in town the latter part of last week.
Don't forget Col. Geo. W. Bain at the Presbyterian church Monday evening.



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JOHN L. GALE

Local News on Supplement Page

Additional local will be found on last page.

A complete line of holiday goods at Variety Store.

The Tonquish Sunday-school have their Christmas exercises Christmas eve.

Geo. Kreger and Karl Everts of Detroit spent Sunday with their parents here.

Mr. Arthur Blunk is now attending the Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti.

A complete line of watches for ladies and gents at a bargain price at L. J. Fattal's.

Leonard Stark and family of Newburg have moved into the Lyons house on Depot street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred George have gone to Traverse City and Manistee to spend the holidays.

James Stewart of Detroit visited C. Springer and Geo. Springer and families here Wednesday.

Mrs. Emily Howlett attended a birthday party at Ypsilanti Saturday, 125 guests being present.

Mr. A. A. Graves, former Mayor of Port Huron was in Plymouth on business Friday and Saturday.

Christmas Bells, Holly Wreaths and Garlands at Murray's Up-to-date Candy and Postcard Store.

F. W. Chamberlain organizer of the Patrician Health and Accident Insurance Co., was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. F. J. Burrows entertained the teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday-school at her home Friday evening.

Miss Winnie Williams, who has been teaching at Holland, Mich., is home on account of scarlet fever in the school there.

A complete line of diamond rings for you to select from for your sweetheart at L. J. Fattal's.

Mrs. Fanny Coleman, who has been here for the past year, returned home with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hatch, Monday.

Rev. King D. Beach of the new Trinity M. E. Church, Detroit, spoke at the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Ice Cream Brick, any flavor, at Murray's Candy and Post Card Store.

Pay Your Taxes.

I will be at Harry Jolliffe's shoe store in north village on Thursdays and at Gittins Bros.' grocery on Friday of each week in the month of December and up to January 10th, to collect taxes for Plymouth township. Four per cent added on and after the tenth day of January. E. J. BURR, Twp. Treas.

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Christmas in the Old Days and Now

By Rev. REGINALD H. STARR, D.D.



ALL the world keeps Christmas day. From the land of the midnight sun to the sunny south of perpetual summer is a far cry. But in the long distance there is no land where Christmas is not kept. Its celebration is a part of the universal history of the human race. Whatever may have been its origin and whatever peculiarities may have gathered about it in its adaptation to different people and different circumstances, it is to us Americans to-day a practically national feast.

To keep it was at one time, and in our own part of the country, it is true, a penal offense. It was thought to savor of prelatry and to foster unpleasant memories of political servitude. But it has grown with our growth and the broad-mindedness of the American people is seen at its best in the hearty commemoration of the nativity of the Christ from year to year.

In some parts of the country, in fact, Christmas day bids fair to supplant Thanksgiving day, and it certainly may already claim an equality of recognition with the time-honored national festival of our New England forbears. People of every creed and every nationality within our borders delight to participate in the celebration of the Christmas feast, and many a scion of old-world stock finds himself back home again as the church bells peal and the candles glimmer on the Christmas trees. It is a time of universal peace and good will. It brightens homes, softens asperities and uplifts us as it brings "the light that never was on land or sea."

The Origin Unknown.
The origin of the festival is said to be lost in antiquity. If, as held by many, it is a Christian feast grafted on to a pagan one, its history is age long. The actual institution of Christmas as the celebration of the nativity of Jesus Christ dates from the second century of the Christian era. St. Chrysostom says that it was observed from the beginning, according to western practice, from Thrace to the Straits of Gibraltar, and he calls it "the most venerable, the mother of all the rest."

But as to the time of the celebration there was a diversity of observance. The early Christian church naturally kept Easter as commemorative of the resurrection of Christ, which the apostles were especially chosen and instructed to proclaim, and the feast of Pentecost, which became the birthday of the church, came next in order. Then to these were added two others, the one commemorative of the baptism of Jesus Christ and the other of his birth. The first of these, the Epiphany, or Manifestation, came from the east to the west. The second, Christmas, or the nativity, came from the west to the east. The two were officially recognized and quite widely kept in both the east and west in the fourth century. In a sermon preached by the Golden-Mouthed in Antioch on December 25, A. D. 386, he speaks of the festival of Christmas as having first become known there 10 years before and on another occasion he invites his hearers to participate in its approaching observance.

But, as to the reason for the selection of December 25 as Christmas day, first arrived at by the Hippolytes, there is much difference of opinion. It is held by some that the German name of the festival "Weihnacht," is a literal translation of the Hebrew "Chanuka," the Jewish festival of the purification of the temple by Judas Maccabeus, which begins on December 17, and that as the Passover and Pentecost were perpetuated in Easter and Whitsuntide, so the festival of the Purification was preserved in Christmas tide and the practice of burning candles on the Christmas trees has come from the old Hebrew feast.

Early Festivals.
But the Purification can hardly be numbered among the greater and important festivals of the Hebrews and, as Schaff says, there is really no Old Testament feast corresponding to our Christmas. The weight of opinion as to the time of year chosen by the Christian church in the west lies in another and entirely different solution of the question and links the Christian observance to the ancient practices of the heathen world.

It must be remembered in this connection that the particular date was first fixed upon by the Roman branch of the church; and at that season of the year a series of pagan festivals occurred which were closely interwoven with the civil and social life of the Roman people. These festivals had an import which lent itself to the growth of the Christian faith, and they may have been spiritually adopted by the church in order to counteract their evil tendencies and at the same time advance the cause of the new religion.

The Saturnalia, for instance, represented the peaceful times of the golden age and abolished sharp distinctions between citizen and slave. But it was a time of wild and unholy excess. Then the Brumalia—the feast of the shortest day, or winter solstice—was the commemoration of the birthday of the new sun about to return to the earth. It was the "dies natalis solis invicti." In the old mythology of the sun worshippers it was the birthday of Mithras himself, and, in fact, the time of year when from unnumbered ages before the Chris-



THE VASSAIL BOWL OF SWIMMING ROASTED APPLES.

tian era pagan Europe, in all its tribes and peoples, had celebrated its chief festival. So here we have the double truth of the golden age and the rebirth of the unconquered sun, as he breaks the power of darkness, refined and enriched in the Christian teaching of "peace on earth and good will to men," as coincident with the rising of the Sun of Righteousness in the birth into the world of the son of the peasant woman who was also the Son of God.

This view of Christmas accentuates the true place of the Christian religion in relation to the ancient and deep-seated religions which preceded it, and at the same time reveals a beauty of development in its culmination as the completed manifestation of God to man. In the infancy of the race the winter solstice was everywhere a season of rejoicing. No matter what the peculiar form which it assumed, it expressed the world joy of the time. So the very idea of the Child God which gives Christmas its meaning may not only have been foretold by sybil and seer and prophet, but prefigured by the infant gods of the Greek and Egyptian and Hindu and Buddhist forms of religion.

These to us imperfect and unsatisfactory conceptions of the Divine may have been the rude but honest efforts of the earlier days of the human race to group the idea of a God-man which has been made so real and so full of joy to us in the Nativity and the Epiphany of the Christ. In this sense the early church may have been wiser than she wot of. Her aim was to select the best features of the heathen feasts and embody them for their purification in Christian practices and sacred rites and to wean the converts from their old superstitions to the deeper and more real truths of the Christian faith.

But in so doing she may have been the unconscious instrument of a divinely guided evolution in religious practice and belief which has ennobled and enriched the world. The symbolism of our Christmas to-day certainly lends itself in many ways to this point of view. In the greenery with which we deck our houses and churches and in the gift-laden fir trees which gladden our children's hearts, we still retain the symbols by which our heathen forefathers signified their faith in the power of returning sun to clothe the earth with green and hang new fruit on the trees. The Christmas carol may be a new birth of the hymns of the Saturnalia. The holy and mistletoe came from the Druid

"Yule" of "Merrie England" is the old Teutonic name of the religious festival of the winter solstice, during which Celt and Roman could trace the movements of their deities as they walked abroad in the world.

The Story Christmas Tells.
The Christmas festival is not merely something built over the old ethnic religions as the church of St. Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome is built over the ruins of the old heathen temple of Minerva, or as the grove sacred to Adonis was planted by the order of the Emperor Hadrian over "the cave close to the village" which is now honored as the scene of the Saviour's birth. It had a larger and a deeper meaning. Christmas tells the story of a gradual but complete unfolding of the divine idea of religion as seen in the Christ Child, of its worship and its merry-making in its at once sacred and social feast.

The story is told simply but graphically by two of the four evangelists. St. Mark's gospel begins with the baptism of the Christ, so logically he had no need to tell the story of his birth and boyhood. St. John wrote near the close of the first century, and with the dominant idea of setting forth the divinity of Christ in opposition to the prevailing gnosti-



IN AUSTRIA CANDLES ARE SET IN THE WINDOWS.

clism of the time. But St. Matthew, whose narrative bears traces of having been gleaned from Joseph and St. Luke, who probably got his information from Mary, have given us the story with a directness and a humaneness which the grotesque and often meretricious wonder-tales of the apocryphal gospels have but served to accentuate as a dark background to a touching and reverent picture.

Around the story legends naturally gathered. It was the custom in early days to decorate in this way the graves of heroes and some of these legends are no doubt the offspring of the "vulgar tattle" of the apocryphal gospel stories. In some parts of the world the bees are said to sing on Christmas eve. The cattle kneel in honor of the manger-bed at Bethlehem. The sheep go in procession in commemoration of the angels' visit to the shepherds. The Indians creep through the winter woods of Canada to see the deer kneel and look up to the Great Spirit. In the German Alps the cattle are thought to have the gift of language, and the story is told of an Alpine farmer's servant who hid in the stable on Christmas eve and heard the horses talking about his own death, which followed a few days later.

A Bosnian Legend.
There is a Bosnian legend that the sun leaps in the heavens and the stars dance around it. A great peace comes stealing down over mountain and forest. The rotten stumps stand straight and green on the hillside. The grass is befowered with blossoms and the birds sing on the mountain tops in thanks to God. In Poland the heavens open and Jacob's ladder is set up between earth and sky. In Austria the candles are set in the window, that the Christ Child may not stumble when he comes to bless the home. In north Germany the tables are spread and the lights left burning for the Virgin Mary and her attending angel.

The English superstition is admirably voiced by the myriad-minded Shakespeare in "Hamlet:"

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Lord's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawn singeth all night long,
And then they say no spirit can walk abroad.
The nights are wholesome. Then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time."

If a man will compliment his wife upon her youthful appearance and tell her that he loves her, she will forgive other white lies.

SOUNDS LIKE A FAIRY TALE

THE FARMERS OF CENTRAL CANADA REAP WHEAT AND RICHES.
Up in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the provinces that compose Central Canada have such a quantity of land suitable for the growth of small grains, which grow so abundantly, and yield so handsomely that no fear need be feared of a wheat famine on this Continent. The story reproduced below is only one of the hundreds of proofs that could be produced to show the results that may be obtained from cultivation of the lands in these provinces. Almost any section of the country will do as well.

With the country recently opened by the Grand Trunk Pacific, the latest of the great transcontinental lines to enter the field of the development of the Canadian West, there is afforded added ample opportunity to do as was done in the case cited below:

To buy a section of land, break it up and crop it, make \$17,550 out of the yield and \$10,880 out of the increase of value all within the short period of two years, was the record established by James Bailey, a well known farmer within a few miles of Regina. Mr. Bailey bought the 640 acres of land near Grand Coulee two years ago. He immediately prepared the whole section for crop and this year has 600 acres of wheat and 40 acres of oats. The wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, and the oats yielded 4,750 bushels. The whole of the grain has been marketed and Mr. Bailey is now worth \$17,550 from the grain alone. He bought the land at \$18 an acre, and the other day refused an offer of \$35 an acre, just a \$17 advance for the time of his purchase. The land cost \$11,320 in the first instance. Here are the figures of the case.—Land cost, 640 acres, at \$18, \$11,320. Wheat yielded 19,875 bushels, at 84 cents a bushel, \$16,695. Oats yielded 4,750 bushels at 28 cents a bushel, \$855. Offered for land, 640 acres at \$35 an acre, \$22,400. Increase value of land, \$10,880. Total earnings of crop, \$17,550, together with increase in value of land a total of \$28,540.

It is interesting to note the figures of the yield per acre. The wheat yielded 33 1/4 bushels to the acre, and oats 118.7 bushels to the acre. The figures are a fair indication of the average throughout the district.

Agents of the Canadian Government in the different cities will be pleased to give you information as to rates, etc.

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Origin of the Oldest Christmas Hymn

IN EVERY Roman Catholic church and in probably ninety-and-nine out of every hundred Protestant churches throughout Christendom this is the season when is heard that grand old hymn whose tender and solemn strains find an echo in the universal human heart—"Adeste Fideles" (Come, All Ye Faithful). It is the anthem sung at high mass at Christmas tide for centuries past, calling Christ's worshippers to Bethlehem, where the new-born Savior lies.

This naive and beautiful Latin anthem is more ancient than its history, and goes back six or seven centuries. Saint Bonaventura, an Italian monk of the thirteenth century, who died in Lyons, France, in 1274, is credited with the authorship of the beginning:

Adeste fideles,
Laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethleem.
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.
Oh, come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem.
See the new-born Saviour, king of all the angels.
Oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ, our Lord.

Saint Bonaventura was a Franciscan scholastic philosopher, and was surnamed "Doctor Seraphicus." His preserved writings are of a dogmatic or didactic nature exclusively, and this hymn is not to be found among them. Doubtless it is to be referred to the seraphic side of his genius and temperament. Its classic Latin cadences are of such lyric felicity that one cannot help but believe they were written to the noble and touching melody on whose wings they have floated to our time. Surely this is not too fantastic a suggestion, when it is remembered that the original Greek music of the Delphic hymn to Apollo is preserved intact, and that certain familiar phrases of the Gregorian chant, used to-day in the Roman mass, are identified by Hebrew historians as the same which were sung in Solomon's temple many centuries before the time of Christ.

The hymn "Adeste Fideles" is not known to have been used in England earlier than the seventeenth century. The musical setting, as we have it in modern notation, is ascribed by Novello, to one John Reading, who was organist at Winchester cathedral from 1675 to 1681, and later at Winchester college. Its real origin is lost in the mists of antiquity which probably far antedates the middle ages and the Latin verses to which it has been inseparably wedded.

Word-language reaches but the one people or race to whom it is directly addressed. But the language of music is universal—it is "understood of the people," instantly all the wide world over—it needs not to be written in choice Latin nor translated into many tongues—it is caught up from the heart and echoes on forever. That is why the "Adeste Fideles" has become the Christmas hymn of all the world.



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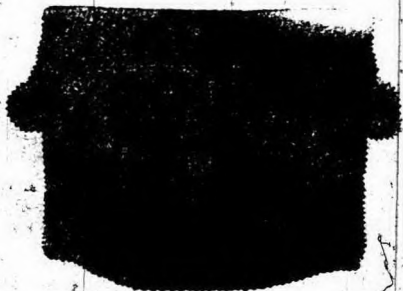
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MORE LOCAL

Miss Mada Wheeler of Detroit is visiting Miss Mary Conner.

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Robt. Walker attended the County Rural Carriers convention in Detroit last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Oliver Sage is expected from Fenton this week to spend the winter with Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Travis.

Ray Smith, Chas. Shattuck, John Gerst, Wm. Eckles, Jr., and Paul Melow are among the circuit court jurors drawn for the January term of court.

Henry Upholt has leased the Armstrong house on Sutton street. The Armstrong family leave for Los Angeles the first of January.

Mrs. John Gale entertained a few friends at her home Friday evening for Mrs. Dr. Hatch of Vineland, N. J. Mrs. Ella Safford entertained Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edson Huston gave a six o'clock dinner Monday night to about a dozen friends in honor of Mr. Huston's birthday. The evening was very enjoyably spent in playing finch.

Mrs. Joanna E. Herr, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. M. S. Weed of this place, was given a post card shower on her 82nd birthday the 12th of this month. The lady received 82 cards.

Miss Grace Campbell received recently from her grandmother in New York state, a spinning wheel that her great grandmother had used and a lace veil that had been in the family for eight generations; also some old dishes. They will be highly prized by the young lady.

The Degree of Honor will give a masquerade ball in Penniman Hall Friday evening, Dec. 31st. A prize of \$2.50 in gold will be given to the best costumed lady and gentleman on the floor; comic or fancy dress. Bill, 50c per couple, and 25c for ladies not accompanied by escort. Meldrum's orchestra will furnish music.

The Plymouth M. E. Sunday-school will give a cantata entitled "Santa Claus Junior" Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd. The doors will be open at 7 p. m. to admit all Methodist Sunday-school children, their parents and members of the congregation. After 7:30, if any seating room is left others will be admitted.

Miss Marie Root died at the home of a sister in Leslie, Mich., Wednesday. Miss Root was born in Plymouth and is one of the old residents of the village, but had lived in Leslie for some years, where she also taught school in former years. She was 76 years old. The funeral will occur in Leslie this afternoon at two o'clock. Burial at Leslie.

Fred Hubbard went down on the car to Wayne one day last week, and looking out of the car window when going by the swamp near Cady's corners saw a skunk. Last Monday he took his gun and went in search of the odoriferous animal with the result that he bagged five. Their pelts netted him \$18, and Fred thinks he made a good day's wages.

George Gittins was driving along leisurely on Sutton street Wednesday forenoon in his closed delivery wagon, when the king-bolt dropped out and the first thing George knew he was trying to stand on his head and the wagon also, as it were. He had to be assisted out of his dilemma "none the worse for wear." The horse continued on with the front wheels until he brought up at the store.

Rev. Dr. Caster has received a very tempting invitation to visit Ancon College, Panama and give the commencement address Jan. 2. This involves a trip of several thousand miles, going by way of New Orleans and Gulf of Mexico, and returning by way of Mexico City and El Paso. The elder has until next week to determine whether he will go or not.

Leroy Palmer, the milkman, had a narrow escape Wednesday morning, when he was about to cross the railroad track at the Commercial Hotel, and did not observe a freight coming up from the east at a lively clip. He had just time to turn his horse when the engine whizzed by. He was dazed for a moment as he realized how near he had been to possible death or injury.

Last Sunday was the 47th anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg, one of the bloodiest in the history of the civil war. Our old friend, A. N. Brown, was a member of a battery in that battle that did fearful execution against the enemy. But while death and destruction was going on all around him, there were ludicrous incidents also, and as Mr. Brown related one that happened to an Irishman of his gun crew, the tears rolled down his cheeks at the recollection of it. It was "grim visaged war," but there was also another side. Mr. Brown celebrated the memory of the day by eating a very nice pot-pie dinner, instead of the hard tack he had on the day of the battle.

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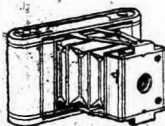
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