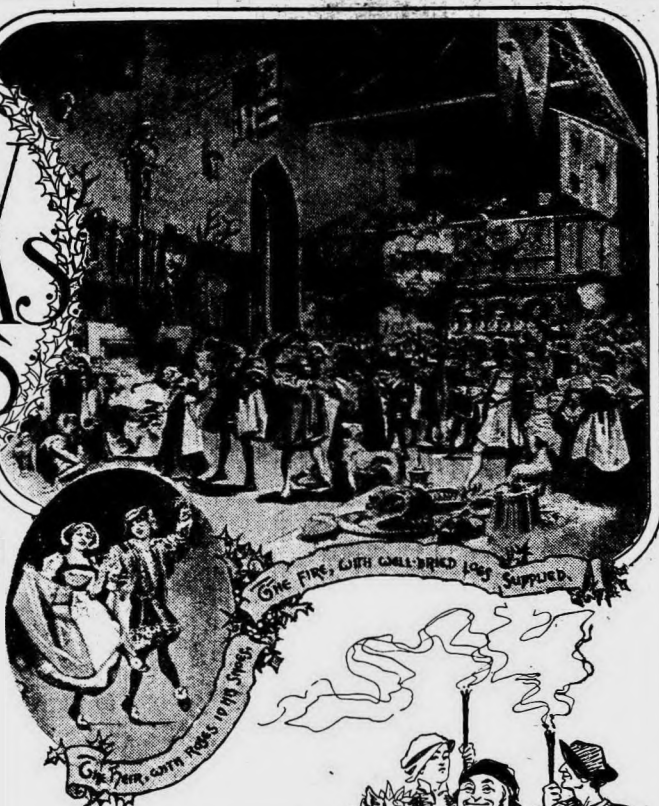


OLD NEW CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS



HERE are two days of supreme importance to all christendom when, no matter what the difference in creeds, the whole Christian world unites in the observance of what are rightly regarded as the most significant anniversaries in the year. On Easter and Christmas all the churches are at one.

The story of the first Christmas is so universally known that it needs no repetition, and one hesitates to repeat it for fear of marling the beauty and simplicity of the original narrative. The story of the origin of the observance of Christmas is quite another thing, however, and may be approached in a more mundane spirit. We take part in the time honored customs which are so intimately associated with the day without stopping to consider whether they had their inception in the Christmas idea or whether they ever had any other significance than "they now have. We trim the Christmas tree, distribute our presents, decorate with holly and mistletoe and sit down to a big dinner, and if we ever stop to think why we do these things (and it is more than likely that we don't) why, it is just the Christmas custom and that's all there is to it.

But it is very far from being all. The customs which seem such an integral part of the festival are inextricably tangled up with Roman, Scandinavian, German and Celtic ceremonials, in which very many of them had their origin. Our Christmas, when we investigate it, is found to be a melting pot of pagan traditions and practices without number, purged of their old significance and adapted to the higher faith.

The observance halts before the contemplation of the countless variety of customs associated with Christmas in all lands, both in the past and the present day. To describe them all would fill a good sized book, so we can only refer briefly here to some of the most prominent of them.

The early fathers of the church, however much they might have desired to banish all pagan practices from the exercises of religion, were perforce obliged to allow their converts to retain part of the old usages. It was an impossibility to put an end to them, so they wisely decided that it was better to let the people follow their bent along certain lines rather than to antagonize them by insisting too strongly on a course which they were bound to oppose. The more glaringly heathenish rites were eradicated, and those which remained were purged of their more objectionable features and infused with a new spirit.

Christmas was not observed at all, so far as we can find any record, for 200 or 300 years after the birth of Christ, and as the event had occurred in such a humble fashion men were quite unable to determine its date when they began to interest themselves in keeping the anniversary. There is not a month in the year for which some authority has not claimed the honor of the nativity. One thing is certain, and that is that it could not have occurred on the 25th of December, as this date is the height of the rainy season in Judea, as in California, and it is quite unlikely that the shepherds could have been watching their flocks by night under these conditions.

The first attempt on record to assign any date for the nativity was made in Egypt about 200 A. D. when May 20 was the date mentioned. From that time forward claims were made for various dates, January 6 and December 25 being the most in favor up to the time of Chrysostom in the fourth century, when the latter gained the preference.

This date was not chosen entirely without reason. The celebration of the winter solstice was one of the chief festivals of Rome, and among the Celts and Germans it was regarded with even greater significance. The sun, as the giver of light and heat, and consequently of life, has been an object of worship and adoration from the remotest times down to the present day; therefore the period of the winter solstice as marking the renewal of the power of the sun was a time of rejoicing among all peoples who either worshiped the sun directly or who regarded it as a manifestation of one of their deities. The 12 days between December 25 and January 6 were regarded as extremely important by the Teutonic races, who believed that at that time the influence of the gods was more powerfully directed toward the earth than at any other. Nothing could be more natural, therefore, than that these people, on turning to Christianity, should fix the commemoration of the appearance of the Saviour on the earth at the same time of year they had been accustomed to acknowledge the glory of the sun. The significance of the two events is parallel; the one heralds new life to the physical world and the other the deliverance of the human race from the powers of evil.

It has been pointed out that in the early period of the church it was considered wise to allow the converts to retain some of the old customs. The observance of Christmas was therefore encouraged as a substitute for the pagan festivals, in particular for the Roman saturnalia, which occurred in December and which was so popular that while it originally lasted for one day only (the 17th), it was first extended to three days and later, under the Emperor Claudius, to seven. The festival was opened by public sacrifice before the temple of Saturn, followed by a great public banquet, in which all classes participated. From this time all the people seemed to go mad; the complete liberty prevailed and it was a time of universal festivity and merry making. Crowds streamed through the streets shouting "To Saturnalia," a form of greeting similar to the modern "Merry Christmas." It was a holiday time in the widest sense; schools and law courts were closed and the senate adjourned; no criminal was executed and no war was proclaimed. The slaves enjoyed an equality with their masters, and even served them at the table. The people occupied themselves in calling on one another, in exchanging presents and attending banquets. There was always one day especially devoted to the children, a custom to which we may trace the particular significance of Christmas to children down to the present time.

Certain other practices of the Saturnalia which Christmas has preserved related to candles, images and cakes. Candles were always in evidence at this time, as were small images made either of baked clay or dough. The Germans today always make a practice of baking great quantities of all kinds of Christmas cakes, which are an important and indispensable adjunct to the occasion.

The custom of decorating with evergreens at Christmas has the tradition of some back of it. As far back as history goes people have been in the habit of using holly and greens in all sorts of festivals. The use of the mistletoe, however, is a survival from the ancient Celts and Scandinavians, to whom it was an object of particular veneration at all times and especially when it grew on an oak. When found growing on all three the Druids cut it with solemn ceremonies and used it in their sacrificial rites. It was believed to possess magic qualities of potent power. It is still potent, but only in the matter of conferring privileges.

The first historic mention of a Christmas tree was made in Strasburg in 1570, but the custom goes further back than that. They have a sweet old legend relating to the time when August first preached Christianity to the Druids, who is told how the Lord sent his three messengers, Faith, Hope and Charity, to help light the first Christmas tree. They sought for one that should be as high as hope and wide as love, and that bore the sign of the cross upon its trunk and that they finally found it in the balcony of a certain inn.

During the time when the Druids were generally so hard, and the Christians so soft, the latter introduced other practices into the old customs which were more in keeping with their own ideas. Such were the skit-like plays and dramatic representations and early events at Christ's Nativity which received great attention from the people, and of which the Christmas carols may be considered the most prominent. These carols were sung throughout all Europe, but particularly in the North. In England today it is customary for the children to go from door to door singing

carols for several nights before Christmas.

Similarly in some of the country districts in France the children make the rounds of the village, carrying a little cradle on their backs and singing carols for pennies.

Santa Claus is not as familiar a figure in France as he is among us. There, instead of hanging up their stockings to be filled by him, they place their shoes in front of the fireplace on Christmas eve, so that the Christchild may leave their presents in them.

In north Germany, however, it is not the Christchild who gives the presents, but his servant, Knecht Ruprecht. This individual is usually represented by a man who clothes himself in a white robe and high buskins, a mask and an enormous wig. So attired he presents himself at the door and announces that he is sent by the Christchild to distribute gifts among the children. The parents receive him ceremoniously, and he inquires whether each child has been good, and if the answer is in the affirmative the child receives his presents; but if not, Knecht Ruprecht gives the parents a stick with the advice to use it often.

In Belgium the children go about carrying paper stars with a lighted candle in the center from Christmas to Epiphany, to commemorate the appearance of the star of Bethlehem. There is a similar practice among some of the natives of Alaska belonging to the Greek church. A procession of men, women and children is formed, at the head of which is carried a large figure of a star covered with brightly colored paper. Two men also march at the head, carrying lanterns on long poles. The procession makes the rounds of the village, stopping at each house, where the marchers are invited to come in and take refreshments. They always accept and after singing a carol or two they march on to the next house. This performance is kept up through Christmas week, but after the second night it is varied by the introduction of a new feature. The star bearers are pursued by men and boys, who try to catch them and destroy their stars, and while the significance of the game is supposed to lie in the fact that it is a representation of the soldiers of Herod killing the children of Bethlehem, the players are mainly concerned in the opportunities for a frolic which it affords and bother themselves little about the event it is supposed to commemorate.

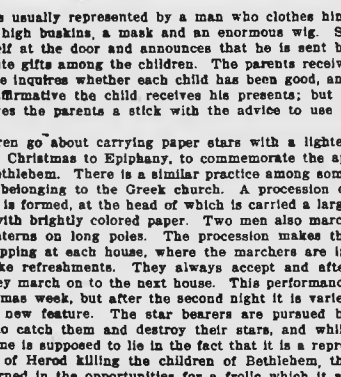
The old custom of burning the yule log still endures in certain parts of Europe. It is an outgrowth of the feast of Jul among the ancient Scandinavians, when every winter at the solstice they kindled enormous fires in honor of the god Thor. Among the Slavonians of southeastern Europe the bringing in and burning of the yule log is an elaborate ceremony. Some time during the week before Christmas, or on the day before, an oak or beech tree is selected, but on account of the superstition that such trees are endowed with souls it is necessary to observe certain precautions while cutting it down. The hewers must wear gloves throughout the whole proceeding and before they dare lay an ax to the tree they must face the east and cross themselves three times, and in felling it they must take care that it falls toward the east. Evil consequences will follow if they do not chop off a chicken's head on the fresh stump, using the same ax with which they cut down the tree. The first chip is the prize of the housewife, who preserves it to put under the cream dish, so that the cream will be rich and abundant during the year.

After sprinkling the newly hewn log with barley to insure good crops for the coming year it is ready to load on the ox wagon and the homeward journey is so timed that the house is not reached until after twilight falls. The housewife is on the lookout for it and as soon as she sees it coming she hastens to hide the table, the spoons, the fire shovel and the dining chairs, which are not brought to light again until the log has been kindled. It is generally about midnight when the log is brought into the house, and it is received at the doorway by the father, who wishes his family a "Good morning and merry Christmas" three times. They, on greeting him in turn, shake over him some barley and, this ceremonial having been observed, he drags the log up to the hearth by means of a chain wound around it. In case the log is brought into the house before evening three sticks are cut from it and leaned against the eastern wall, where they remain, crowned with ivy, until the log is burned out.

The log must be paid marked respect by everybody up to the very last if good luck is to be enjoyed during the year, and no one had better approach it harpogued unless he wants to condemn himself to a whole year's suffering with sore feet.

Christmas eve is distinguished by feasting and if a visitor appears he is sprinkled with grain from a sieve by the master of the house, in return for which greeting he places three candles wound around with gold and silver thread in the bottom of the sieve. These are lit at the beginning of the meal and when everybody has had his fill the master of the house extinguishes them with a bit of bread clipped in wine.

Much more could be told concerning the way Christmas is observed in different localities and many curious beliefs and practices would thus be brought to light. Some can be traced directly to a purely Christian source; the origin of others is unexplainable, and very many prove to be relics of the ages preceding the introduction of Christianity. The features which touch upon above are only the shimmings of innumerable usages relating to this one day. There is no other day in the year about which such a great variety of traditions and observances cluster, for there is no other day which people so delight to commemorate and some which is regarded with such deep and universal veneration.



GIVE THE FIRE WITH CALLED BIRD LOG SUPPLIED

FOLLY AS IT FLIES

By ELIZABETH SCHOEN COBB.

"Oh, such fun!"
"Let me try, Zilla."
"No, no—I know I can land a victim the first time!"

The three high class stenographers in the office of Huldane & Co. were grouped about a table where one of their number was filling a paraffined paper bag from a water bottle.

It was the 2d of September, the postponed "Straw Hat" day of the year. The sensible office girls of Huldane & Co. were usually precise and dignified, but they could not resist folly as it flies. All day long from the great skyscraper building, mischievous office boys and teasing typewriters had gazed from the window in quest of a belated straw hat in the passing throng. Once spotted, it became a target for all kinds of missiles, such as paper wads, soaked towels, and one unfortunate Panama went skittering from the head of its wearer, borne along by a well directed bar of soap.

The infection had spread to the merry group in the Huldane office. One of the ingenious trio of misses had thought of a new projectile. It consisted of a paper bag filled with water and tied with a piece of string. Miss Preciosa Huldane, who had just arrived in the family automobile to take her brother, Ransom Huldane, home, smiling indulgently at the excitement of the girls. Then moving to the window and gazing down, her eyes lit upon the crown of a neat but weather beaten straw hat, almost within dropping range from her lofty height. Its wearer was a brisk, erect and pleasing appearing young man. The spirit of mischief seized her unaccountably.

"Give me the bag, quick!" she called to the girls.

Preciosa drew back slightly in some dismay from the window frame as she witnessed the commotion her impulsive action had created. The weighted paper bag had grazed its destined target, the straw hat. This it had knocked promptly from the head of its wearer.

The bag had struck the stone pavement. It burst with a report like the explosion of an automobile tire. Its contents splattered over the owner of the hat. He naturally looked upwards, and Miss Preciosa caught a fitting sight of a reproachful but handsome face. Then Dale Winters



Had Knocked the Hat From the Head of Its Owner.

made a dash to recover his hat. This had rolled towards the curb. The wind sent it under the wheels of a passing truck, and it was crushed to atoms.

The crowd laughed, passing messenger boys "yah-yahed!" observers at the various offices windows tittered, and the outside street, was one broad smile. The young man put his hand to his head in an embarrassed way. Then he darted through the open doorway and into the lobby of the big building.

Preciosa looked serious as she drew back from the window, somewhat ashamed, sincerely sorry. That fitting glimpse of the face below had shown a seriousness not at all in accord with the reckless episode of the moment. A neat but threadbare suit of clothes made the gentle hearted miss wonder if she had not acted unwisely, nay, cruelly, in depriving the young man of a possession he could poorly spare.

"It's too bad—why did I do it!" she chided herself. Besides, the embarrassment, the inconvenience, and she passed out of the office regretfully.

Finally Preciosa took the elevator. She glanced timorously but eagerly around the vestibule. The elevator starter was just crossing from a store room to a hapless person standing in the shadow of a stone column. He bore in his hand an old battered cap. The latter accepted it. Some few words passed between them. The young man penciled something on a card, gave it to the starter, and hastened from the building.

Somehow a glimpse of the sensitive, rather sad face of the young man troubled Preciosa. Her conscience was upbraiding her. As she approached the elevator starter lifted his

hat politely to the sister of the successful young broker who tipped him generously.

"That young man who was just here," she said—"is he the person who lost his hat?"

"Yes, Miss Huldane," replied the starter. From what he says it was the only one he had, and he is without the money to buy another one. I loaned him a stray cap, I happened to have, and he insisted on giving me his name and address, so I would be sure to know it would be returned, which doesn't matter in the least.

"Will you show me the card?"

"Why, certainly," assented the starter, promptly, but wondering.

Preciosa felt like a guilty criminal. Her tender soul deplored the innocent mischief she had wrought. She was strangely unlike herself all the ride home with her brother. Within an hour she had made a confidant of her best friend, Mary Bird, and before two had passed by Mary's brother, Will, was taken into a conspiracy. He was deputized to visit this Dale Winters as the representative of "four giddy girls" who had destroyed his hat, and replace it with the best fall style money could supply.

More than that the clever young man did. He learned that Dale Winters was a most estimable and efficient young man, temporarily out of work. How the artful Preciosa worked it she told nobody, but within a week Dale was induced by young Bird to apply for a position with Huldane & Co. and was readily engaged.

It was a lucky day for the big bond firm. Six months later while the head of the house was absent, a near panic hit the money market. Forced to act on his own initiative, Dale did just the right thing, and saved the house from ruin.

That made him "solid" with Ransom Huldane. In the meantime poor, pitiful Preciosa found that in exercising sympathy and interest in behalf of Dale, she had learned to love him. So she came often to the office, and Dale called on the Huldane home occasionally.

It was the 2d of September, a year to the day, and Preciosa sat in the office ostensibly awaiting her brother's arrival when Dale entered.

Preciosa smiled as he took off his hat—a straw hat! He read inquiry in her eyes.

"Do not think that I am defying usage and propriety, Miss Huldane," he said laughingly. "I am defying the custom for this one day because it is an anniversary."

"Of what, may I ask?" spoke Preciosa, half guessing.

"Of the day of my life when with the loss of my hat there seemed to follow nothing but good fortune—and the greatest blessing of it all has been to know you."

He read her full realization of the sentiment expressed. Her eyes, quickly downcast, her brightening color gave his soul hope.

"You have something to tell me?" she said falteringly.

"Of the love I bear you," he replied clearly.

"Then first let me tell you a story and Preciosa did, of the straw hat, and what it had led to, and she looked up penitent to find only the glory of gratitude and love in his earnest eyes.

And every succeeding 2d of September these two, man and wife now, trim up the discarded straw hat of the year and go over the blissful memory of their first acquaintanceship.

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DRAINING THE ZUYDER ZEE

Will Be Costly Work, but Certain to Be Amply Repaid in the Value of the Land.

The proposal to drain the Zuyder Zee is before the government of Holland again, and in more ambitious form than ever. The last plan contemplated draining about 130,000 acres. The present plan proposes to unwater more than three times that much. Dikes are to be built, shutting off the sea from the famous bay. Then four great "polders" are to be walled off and pumped dry, while the rest of the area is left as a fresh water lake, with canals leading to various ports.

Whether the Dutch government undertakes this task now or not, the work is sure to be done. Holland is both rich and land hungry. The engineering problems involved are simple. The estimated cost is about \$75,000,000—a large sum for a small country, perhaps, but the land thus brought under cultivation will produce crops worth \$28,000,000 per year.

The Zuyder Zee as it stands today is the result of a terrific storm in the thirteenth century. Before that time a fresh water lake occupied part of the area now covered by the waves of this inlet and the rest was marsh and meadow. A great hurricane came, piling the waters of the North sea against the Dutch coast. The feeble dikes then in existence gave way, the ocean rolled in, the soil was flooded and then washed away, and a bay was established that cuts Holland almost in two.

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"P. S.—Poor Smith was inside the suit."

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"Then I won't contradict you," he returned.

"You don't love me," she asserted.

"I don't," he admitted.

"You are a hateful thing!" she cried.

"I am," he replied.

"I believe you are trying to tempt me," she said.

"I am," he conceded.

"And you don't love me!"

"I don't."

For a moment she was silent.

"Well," she said at last, "I do hate a man who's weak enough to be led by a woman. He ought to have a mind of his own—and strength!"

He sighed. What else could he do?

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CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.
First Church of Christ, Scientist holds services at church edifice, corner of Main and Dodge streets, Sunday morning at 10:10. Subject, "God the Preserver of Man." Sunday-school at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening, testimonial service 7:10. Everyone welcome.

BAPTIST
Rev. Archibald L. Bell, Pastor.
Baptist church notices for Sunday, Dec. 14. Morning subject, "The Pale Horse." Evening subject, "The Search for a Man."

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL MISSION.
On Sunday next, Holy Communion will be administered in above church at 2:15 p. m. Service will be conducted by a supply minister from Detroit. All members are urged to be present. Visitors and strangers heartily welcomed.

LUTHERAN.
Rev. J. J. Roehle, Pastor.
Services Sunday morning 9:30 standard. The pastor will take charge of this service. Sunday-school at 10:45. The public is welcome. The children of this church are very busy preparing for the Christmas exercises.

METHODIST
Rev. Joseph Dutton, Pastor.
10 a. m. public worship. Communion service. 11:30 Sunday-school. 5 p. m. Epworth League. 7 p. m. public worship. Sermon Subject, "The Courtship of Isaac and Rebekah." This is the first in a series of special addresses on "Home Life." Everybody welcome. Young people especially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. B. F. Farber, Pastor.
We return to our renovated church home next Sunday, December 14th. Services throughout the day as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor preaches. Theme: "The Silent Partner." Sunday-school at the close of the morning service. Presbyterian Guild at 6 o'clock. Subject, "Lessons from the Men and Women of the Bible." Leader, George Loomis. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Special music. Sermon theme, "The Measurements of Devotion." Love.
On Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock will be given another of our social evenings. Preparatory service for communion will be held on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

BIBLE STUDENTS.
Meeting again for Bible Students as usual Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. Subject, "The Kingdoms of This World." Query—Is the basic principle underlying these governments selfishness or righteousness? Have many great or good men been entirely satisfied with all the existing conditions? If so, why the political controversy, or why so many contending factions both in church and state. Would it be putting it too strong to say as the great apostle (Rom. 8:19-22) does, that the "whole creation" is not satisfied with present conditions, but "groans and travails in pain" waiting for something better even the "manifestation of the spiritual sons of God" in kingdom power and glory to bring order out of confusion, and all the "promised blessings" of earth now due to mankind as soon as the "curse" is rolled away.

Visit Shingleton's store.
A CARD—Miss Delila Kelley wishes to extend her most profound thanks to the friends of Plymouth, for the kindness shown her in the burial of her father.
Why the Name "Flag."
The name "flag" is given to the iris because of its flat fourteen leaves, which sway with the wind. Shakespeare's use of the word applies to any long-leaved water plant that is swayed to and fro by the stream.

W. C. T. U.
The last meeting of the year 1913 was held Thursday, December 4th, at the home of Mrs. E. O. Huston and was well attended. The topics were "Marriage of the Unit" and "Should Wives Have Wages?" The leader, Mrs. J. C. O'Bryan, made the meeting most interesting, giving some fine thoughts on the first subject and reading a very humorous story bearing upon the second topic "Should Wives Have Wages."

The first meeting of the new year will be held January 8th at the home of the Misses Polhem, and the new programs will be ready for distribution. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.
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18..... 3454750	82..... 3178535
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24..... 3040730	85..... 3068640
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30..... 3038015	97..... 3362795
32..... 3033430	100..... 3033740
35..... 3065010	108..... 3598020
37..... 4389990	107..... 4042710
	110..... 3040580
	115..... 3340525
	117..... 3496615
	124..... 3809645
	128..... 10677390
	133..... 3697890
48..... 3424775	141..... 3042710
49..... 9977890	147..... 3046780
56..... 3437045	151..... 1041380
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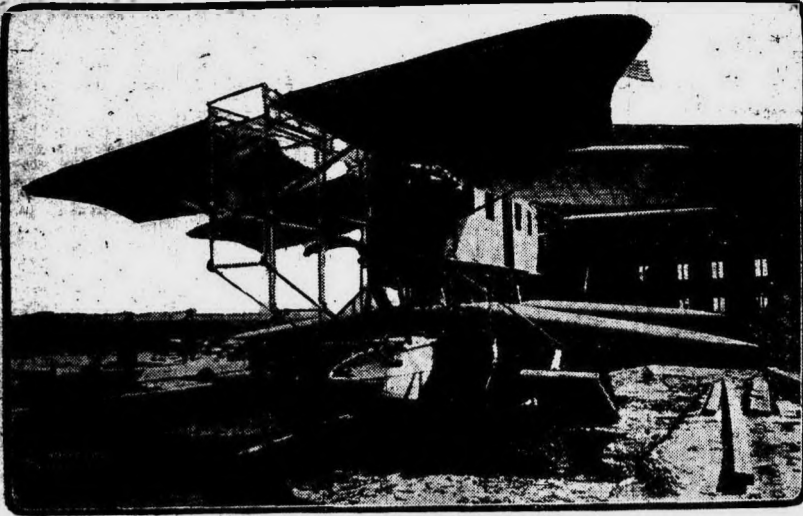
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MULTIPLANE THAT MAY FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC



Capt. Matthew A. Batson's "aeroyacht" or multiplane, which has been under construction near Savannah, Ga., is now completed and its designer is planning a trial trip from Savannah to New York. If that is successful he will try to cross the Atlantic ocean, probably next spring. The craft is 74 feet long and has 12 big planes and two 11-foot propellers, one at either end. There are three engines in a cabin swung amidships.

WILSON SEES WOMEN

PRESIDENT SAYS HE FAVORS "HOUSE COMMITTEE" ON SUFFRAGE.

HE CAN'T START ANYTHING

Chief Executive Asserts He Won't Write Message to Congress—Tells Suffrage Leaders Party Principles Prevent Urging Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The president on Monday told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association that he favored a standing woman's suffrage committee in the house of representatives, but he refused their request that he send a special message to congress urging the reform.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, summarized briefly their appeal to the president to assist the movement either by sending a special message to congress, by including reference to suffrage in any general message he might deliver or by using his influence to have a special committee of the house appointed to consider the subject.

"I want you, ladies," said the president to the delegation, "to realize just what my present situation is, if I can make it clear to you.

"Whenever I walk abroad I realize I am not a free man; I am under arrest. I am so carefully and admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets. That is, as it were, typical of my present transference from being an individual with his mind on any and every subject, to being an official of a great government and, incidentally, or so it falls out under our system of government, the spokesman of a party.

"I set myself this very strict rule when I was governor of New Jersey, and have followed it as president—that I am not at liberty to urge upon congress in messages policies which have not had the organic consideration of those for whom I am spokesman.

"In other words, I have not yet presented to any legislature my private views on any subject, and I never shall, because I conceive that to be part of the whole process of government, that I shall be spokesman for somebody, not for myself. It would be an impertinence. When I speak for myself I am an individual; when I am spokesman of an organic body I am a representative.

"For that reason, you see, I am by my own principles shut out, in the language of the street, from 'starting anything.' I have to confine myself to those things which have been embodied as promises to the people at an election. That is the strict rule I set for myself.

"I want to say that with regard to all other matters—I am not only glad to be consulted by my colleagues in the two houses, but I hope they will often pay me the compliment of consulting me when they want to know my opinion on any subject. One member of the rules committee did come to me and ask me what I thought about the suggestion of appointing a special committee of the house, as the senate already has appointed a special committee for the consideration of woman's suffrage.

"I told him I thought it was a proper thing to do. So far as my personal advice has been asked by a single member of the committee it has been given to that effect. I want to tell you that to show that I am strictly living up to my principles. When my private opinion is asked by those who are co-operating with me, I am most glad to give it, but am not at liberty, until I speak for somebody besides myself, to urge legislation upon the congress.

There was a pause and Doctor Shaw spoke up.

"May I ask you a question?" she said. The president nodded assent.

"Since we are members of no political party, who is to speak for us, if we do not speak for ourselves?"

"You do that very admirably," remarked the president and the entire assemblage joined in a laugh.

The president thanked his visitors for calling and said he would like to shake hands with them. Doctor Shaw thanked the president for his courtesy in receiving the delegation and the members filed by the president.

Doctor Shaw expressed the view that the president's interview was very satisfactory.

"It was all we could ask for," she asserted. "He is in favor of a committee of the house; that was our chief purpose in coming to see him."

Mrs. Shaw added that she was much encouraged.

Japan Adds Three Cruisers to Navy. Tokyo, Dec. 10.—The new naval program of the Japanese government, announced by the minister of marine, calls for the construction of three more powerful battle cruisers. Work has been commenced on one of them.

President Lost in Capitol. Washington, Dec. 10.—President Wilson got lost in the capitol and became bewildered when hunting his room at the senate wing. The president went over to the house side and was put on the right trail by a messenger.

McFarland Shades Britton. Milwaukee, Dec. 10.—Eugene McFarland made more than \$100 a minute here by selling a pair of gloves into Jack Britton. Britton was a better dealer than Jack and there fore is entitled to a shade.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor—Judge Kinne has sentenced John Lambert of Detroit to Jackson for from 3 to 15 years for stealing a horse from Sheriff Stark.

Menominee—George Legault, father of Gregory Legault, ten years old, who died last summer of hydrophobia, has started a \$10,000 suit against John Malacher, owner of the dog that bit the child.

Kalamazoo—To discuss questions of interest to all the normal schools in the state, the presidents of those institutions met here. The following attended: J. H. Kays, Marquette; C. T. Grawd, Mt. Pleasant; C. P. McKenny, Ypsilanti, and D. B. Waldo, Kalamazoo.

Grand Rapids—Charles G. Turner, a prominent attorney and former member of the state pardon board, stands a good chance of being reappointed to the board. He has received a favorable letter from Governor Ferris as have several of his close friends.

Owosso—Relatives here were notified of the death, at Covington, Ky., of Edward A. Thompson, a retired farmer and widower seventy-four years old, of Owosso, who was fatally injured by falling off a moving train at Kenton, Ky. The aged man lay beside the track all night before being found.

Northville.—Herbert J. French, fifty-eight years old, a farmer living three miles northeast of Northville, hanged himself in a shed on his farm while his wife was shopping in Northville. She was notified while buying Christmas presents. French had been in ill health for years. The body was found by French's brother-in-law, a Mr. Stonewell, when the latter returned from Farmington.

Grand Rapids—Jacob Meyer, in whose veins six ounces of blood from the veins of Clara E. Skinner, an stenographer, was transfused in an effort by physicians to save his life, died. As he expired, Skinner, a victim of pneumonia, lay breathing oxygen at his home, and physicians announced that his death was but a matter of hours. Skinner sold the blood for \$100 to get money for his wife and son for Christmas.

Potoskey.—The following members of Potoskey lodge have been selected as an executive committee to make plans for the annual convention of the Michigan Elks' association, to be held in Potoskey June 25, 26 and 27: Exalted ruler, W. L. McManus, Jr.; esteemed leading knight, Lou S. Darling; state president, E. L. Rose, and past exalted rulers, Joseph T. Hirschman and George W. McCabe.

Ann Arbor—President G. C. Patterson of Detroit of the senior engineering class has appointed the following Michigan men on senior committees: Social, R. H. Mills, Ann Arbor; G. S. Wiley, Detroit; A. Roth, Lowell. Invitations, B. H. Stuck, Mt. Clemens; R. E. Christman, Monroe; E. P. McQueen, Lowell; N. B. Jaques, Detroit; E. E. Dubry, Sibley. Senior reception, R. D. Wiley, Detroit; A. P. Heinze, Detroit, and A. C. Fletcher, Kalamazoo.

Grand Haven.—Mrs. Eliza Lowing, mother of Mrs. Zelma Hammond Atwood, the woman who was found hanging from a tree in an orchard near the Lowing home, Georgetown, October 24, is held here. It is alleged that Mrs. Lowing while in Grand Rapids said: "I know something about the Atwood case that I will never tell." Robert A. Cheyne, a brother of Mrs. Lowing, is also in jail as an important witness.

Lansing.—Sam Bruno, alleged black hander, held by the Ithaca county authorities on suspicion that he had been implicated in Indian feuds in Detroit and Chicago, succeeded in escaping from the county jail in Mason. Although he had protested he could speak no English when held by the Lansing police, he asked permission to use the long-distance telephone. In company with the turnkey he was permitted to go into the jail office, where he called for 7910, a Lansing number on the Citizens' line. The line was busy, and although the officer stood within six feet Bruno made a dash for the door. The turnkey was unarmed and powerless to stop him.

Grant.—According to reports from the deer woods and trappers this season hunters in general seem to think a great mistake has been made in the game laws. In regard to this Deputy Game Warden A. J. Titus of Grant says: "If the desire of the real sportsman is to prevent another season, there will be made a law that will not force the bird and deer shooters into the same woods at the same season. Upon one trip I visited in lower Michigan in one day 11 camps, some of bird shooters and others of deer hunters and trappers, and I was asked as to the advisability of a new law that would set aside October 1 to November 20 as the bird season, and from November 21 to December 15 the deer season. This would force all dogs, except bird dogs, out of the woods until December 15."

Corunna.—Joseph Sampson, a Bohemian laborer, who last summer shot and seriously wounded his wife and son at Easton, and Frank Goggin of Flint, who committed and seriously injured Mrs. Bertha Farver, near Shattburg, were sentenced by Circuit Judge Miner to serve 2 1/2 years to 3 1/2 years in Jackson and Marquette prisons respectively.

Potoskey.—Potoskey High school will send a debating team to Indianapolis this year to argue the question of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, with the high school team of that place.

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BULLION TRAIN IS SAFE

FEDERALS EXECUTE MAN WHO DYNAMITED TROOP TRAIN.

Huerta Officer Tortured and Blain Before Aids Take Revenge—Sequel to Killing 123.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 10.—The complete rout of Huerta's federal army in northern Mexico, with the frantic flight of his generals for safety on the border and the demoralization of the unpaid troops, was established with the arrival Monday at Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite Presidio, of the civilians and soldiers who deserted Chihuahua city.

In the hagra were women and children who struggled for eight days over a trail of 185 miles through the desert and endured great hardships for want of food and water.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 9.—The big bullion train which has been on the way from Parral, Mexico, for the past two weeks reached Ojinaga Sunday morning and later reached the border in safety with 2,000,000 ounces of silver.

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—A modification of the old method of tying men to the muzzles of cannon and blowing them to pieces was employed on Friday by the federals north of San Luis Potosi.

A captured rebel, supposed to have been one of the band which recently dynamited a troop train at Carneros, was given a summary trial by court-martial and sentenced to death. The condemned man was tied to the ground and a dynamite bomb was placed beneath him and exploded.

Maj. Ricardo Cordero arrived in the capital and described the dynamiting of the troop train, resulting in the death of 103 soldiers and 20 women camp followers. He said Colonel de la Pena was captured by the rebels, who cut off his ears, tore out his tongue and gouged out his eyes. Then they killed the women camp followers. Major Cordero succeeded in driving away the attacking band and in capturing the man believed to have set off the dynamite mine. It was this prisoner who was put to death with dynamite after a court-martial.

TWO SLAIN IN MINE STRIKE

Volley of Shots Fired Through Non-union Boarding House at Palmsdale, Mich.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 9.—Serious trouble is expected as a result of the murder at Palmsdale of two copper miners and the fatal wounding of a third and of a young girl, as they slept on Saturday. Six suspects are held. The dead: Arthur James, twenty-one years old, Toronto, Ont.; Harry James, twenty-four years old, Toronto, Ont. Both arrived here Friday. Thomas Dalry, forty-one years old, and Mary Nicholson, fourteen, are wounded. This was the result of a gun attack on a nonunion boarding house, a score of rifle bullets being fired through this building and two others.

MRS. PANKHURST RELEASED

Whitman Taken to Hospital, After Three Days' Hunger Strike, Suffering With Pleurisy.

London, Dec. 9.—After three days of a hunger and thirst strike in the Brixton jail, Mrs. Pankhurst was released and taken to a hospital Sunday. A medical certificate declares her to be suffering from pleurisy.

Penalty of "Slave" Act

Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—Roy Montgomery, mayor of Gillette, Wyo., was sentenced in the federal court on Saturday to serve two years and six months in the penitentiary for violation of the "Slave" act.

Kahn Collapses at Banquet

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Otis H. Kahn, head of the big New York financial house of Kahn, Young & Co., and chairman of the executive committee of a grand union congress, fainted out at a banquet here Sunday.

TELLS BOMB PLOTS

CONFESSION OF GEORGE E. DAVIS CAUSES STIR IN NEW YORK LABOR RANKS.

WAS M'ANIGAL OF EAST

Member of Iron Workers' Organization Gives Particulars of Bomb Outrages Committed at Behest of Union Officials, It is Alleged.

New York, Dec. 9.—George E. Davis, the dynamiter on whose evidence the federal grand jury at Indianapolis has just found indictments in numerous cases in which officers and members of the International Bridge and Structural Ironworkers' association are defendants, made one of the most remarkable confessions ever made.

David and Harry Jones are among the new men indicted, in addition to the many connected with the union already convicted on previous charges. Davis gives dates and places of dynamite outrages. He relates how he was hired to blow up bridges, viaducts and other structures erected by non-union labor.

The confession is a document of extraordinary interest. It shows how small the reward was that Davis received for the destruction he caused. In one case he got \$20 for a dynamite outrage, in another only \$10.

The confession shows the peril to which hundreds of persons were subjected by the conspirators. Davis carried the dynamite in suitcases through cities, traveled in railroad trains and steamships with it, deposited it here and there in saloons over night as if it were the most harmless substance in the world. Yet he handled quantities sufficient to cause great loss of life and destruction of property if accident had caused an explosion.

The confession shows how Davis did his work and his relations with the officers of the Ironworkers' union. In brief, Davis was to the east what Orrie McManigal was to the west. He was trailed by Robert J. Foster, a Louisville detective employed by the National Erectors' association, to find the man who had been doing the dynamiting in the east. Davis was finally induced to talk because he thought he had been ill treated by the union, which threw him over after the arrest of Frank C. Webb in February, 1912.

MISS PHOEBE COUZINS DIES

Woman Lawyer Dies in Poverty in St. Louis—Was Enemy of Suffrage.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Miss Phoebe Cousins, the first woman lawyer in the United States and the only woman who ever served as deputy United States marshal, died here on Saturday. Miss Cousins was seventy-three years old.

Death came as the culmination of a long illness, which she had suffered in poverty in a squalid room in a crowded section of St. Louis. Though she was an early advocate of woman's rights, she later became an anti-suffragist.

Woman Forty, Mother of 21.

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 9.—The twenty-first child, a son, as born to Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus P. Moslander of this city. Mrs. Moslander is forty years old.

Navy is Biggest Since 1864.

Washington, Dec. 9.—For the first time since the Civil war the enlisted strength of the navy has passed the 50,000 mark. The total number of enlisted men was 50,135. The gain since July 1 was 1,068.

Dead in Texas Reaches 53.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 9.—Fifty-three persons are known to be dead and scores of others are reported to have lost their lives in the floods of the Brazos and Trinity rivers in central and south central Texas.

SHIP AFIRE; 197 SAVED

STEAMER GOES TO RESCUE OF RIO GRANDE.

Discipline of Crews on Both Vessels Averts Serious Accident at Sea.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—One hundred and ninety-seven passengers were taken off the steamer Rio Grande at sea before daybreak Monday while the big ship was on fire and thought to be in danger. The rescue was made by the British steamship Swannore, bound from Liverpool for Baltimore.

The rescue occurred 205 miles northwest of Diamond Shoals. The Rio Grande, after its crew failed to subdue the flames in one of its forward holds, sent out wireless calls for assistance.

The Swannore, which was within a few miles of the burning ship, picked them up and hurried to the burning vessel. It reached the Rio Grande shortly after four o'clock and sent lifeboats to take off the passengers. A high southwest wind caused a choppy sea and there was danger of the lifeboats being crushed against the sides of the two steamers.

The Rio Grande was ready to transfer the passengers when the Swannore hove in sight and had its lifeboats loaded with human freight while hanging in their davits.

The rescue, accomplished in darkness, is regarded here as the most thrilling recorded in some time. The excellent discipline of the crew of both vessels is believed to be responsible for the successful transfer of the passengers from the burning vessel to the Swannore.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Raker bill, giving San Francisco water supply and power rights in the Hetch Hetchy valley of the Tuolumne river, Yosemite national park, passed the senate on Saturday by a vote of 43 to 25.

Paris, France, Dec. 9.—Reports have been received that Longwood house in St. Helena, where Napoleon died, is falling to pieces for lack of funds to repair it. In consequence of this several prominent deputies have prepared a measure to increase the appropriation in the foreign office budget by \$4,000 for the upkeep of the house.

Brussels, Dec. 8.—A Catholic priest was shot and wounded here by a socialist because he refused to join a funeral procession in which the red flag of socialism was carried. One of the men in the funeral party shot him.

PROHIBIT ARMS TO ULSTER

Royal Proclamation Bars Importation of Arms and Ammunition into Ireland.

London, Dec. 8.—Home rule for Ireland, with Ulster included and pacified, is visibly nearer realization as a result of two important announcements by the government Friday.

The British cabinet by a royal proclamation prohibited the importation of arms and ammunition into Ireland. Premier Asquith accepted the terms set forth by Sir Edward Carson in his Manchester address by which Ulster was to be pacified.

Industrial Workers in Riot

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—Sixteen industrial workers of the World were arrested near the city hall. They had defied the orders of the police in making speeches on the street. Two riot calls were sent to police headquarters.

100 Suffer in Rail Collision.

Bucharest, Dec. 9.—News reached this city that 100 persons suffered, some killed and others injured, in a collision between passenger and freight trains near Costesti on Saturday night.

McFarland Shades Britton.

Milwaukee, Dec. 10.—Eugene McFarland made more than \$100 a minute here by selling a pair of gloves into Jack Britton. Britton was a better dealer than Jack and there fore is entitled to a shade.

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Two of these Acetylene barn lights will make a big dairy barn as light as day. They will give more light than ten dozen lanterns—and unlike lanterns, they cannot be tipped over.

The same is true of Acetylene house lights. They burn in handsome stationary bronze or brass fixtures securely fastened to ceilings or walls.

You can tell one of these Acetylene lighted dairy barns from the road—a quarter of a mile away. The light is extremely brilliant. It is also soft and white in color—so nearly like daylight that scientists have used it with success to grow plants on an extensive scale.

These qualities make it a cheerful light. Unquestionably it helps to keep the whole household happy and contented. Weak, dingy, yellow lights, on the other hand, just as surely tend to make people dull spirited and gloomy.

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LAPHAM'S CORNERS.

Mrs. Richard Heike's little daughter is quite ill with pneumonia.

On Friday evening fire broke out in the rear of Mack Holmes dwelling house. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes who had retired were awakened by the smell of smoke. The alarm was given and although the whole neighborhood turned out to help, the fire had gained such headway that little could be done and house and contents burned to the ground.

Miss Laura Blaich spent several days last week in Northville.

Walter Roarbach spent several days last week in Pontiac as witness in the Van Vleet beef stealing case which has been tried in the court here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sockow went to Northville on Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Loren Felt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyce and son were in Plymouth Saturday.

Mrs. Allie Nelson spent Friday with Mrs. H. C. Packard.

The social at Ed. Hunt's on Friday night was well attended.

Mrs. Ed. Hunt and family spent the week-end in Detroit.

Eugene Nelson was in South Lyon Wednesday.

Master Clarence Smith spent several days last week with his cousins, Burton and Fred Rich.

Mrs. Mary Shoebright was in Northville Friday.

Eugene Nelson spent the week-end in Fenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Gale spent Sunday at J. K. Rich's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sockow were in Plymouth Tuesday.

\$100 Reward

Any man who is tied up in a double knot with cramps in the bowels or crippled with the pains of rheumatism would sometimes pay that for a quick relief. Yet he can get what he wants for 25c. by sending to the druggist for a bottle of **RENNE'S PAIN-KILLING MAGIC OIL**. It is a powerful relieving remedy for all internal and external pain. Price 25 c. a bottle. Sold by J. W. Blickenstaff & Co. and Beyer's Pharmacy.—Adv.

FRAIN'S LAKE

Walter Bilbie entertained the Arbor Farmer's Club Wednesday.

Mrs. Burton Galpin gave a family dinner Sunday.

Philo Gappin and son sold and delivered three head of cattle to Charles Merritt Monday.

Mrs. Sadie Humm will entertain the Gilt Edge Larkin club Friday.

Mrs. Theresa Lyke has returned home after spending several days at Dixboro.

Mrs. Fred Judson entertained corn huckers Wednesday.

Mrs. William Strang entertained the W. T. M. society Tuesday.

William Lyke delivered a load of dressed pork to William Quirk of Ypsilanti, Wednesday.

Miss Gracia Martin who has been seriously sick at the St. Joseph Hospital with typhoid fever, is slowly improving.

Listen! We will soon hear wedding bells.

Mrs. George Nelson and grandson Vernon Lyke is spending several days in Ann Arbor.

Burton Galpin sold a load of hogs to Ed. Popkins.

Don't forget the chicken pie dinner at Elvin Pooler's Saturday.

The Dairy Man Says

He has more milk and better cream than he gets by using **HARVELL'S CONDITIONING POWDER**. It keeps his cows in prime shape. It is a strictly medicinal powder, not a food, and is a general conditioning powder for cows, horses, work cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. Price 25 cts. Sold by J. W. Blickenstaff & Co. and Beyer's Pharmacy.—Adv.

WEST PLYMOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith were in Detroit Tuesday doing their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Emory Shock visited her sister, Mrs. Will Cole at Lapham's Corners, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lydia Eberole entertained the "Coppers Corners" Helping Hand Society Wednesday.

John Stiles of Carleton, visited his brother-in-law, F. L. Becker last week Sunday and Monday.

Don Murray is suffering from a sprained wrist.

Miss Anna Becker is visiting relatives in Plymouth this week.

The "Royal Neighbors" of Northville, gave a farewell party for Mrs. Emory Shock last week and presented her with a handsome silver tea set.

James Smith of Bedford, visited his friend, F. L. Becker last Wednesday.

You'll know when to buy the chicken if you visit Shingleton's.

NEWBURG.

There were 30 in attendance at Sunday-school Sunday. That goes to show what the contest is doing. It was pretty stormy for the little folks to get out but they were there. Rev. Dutton preached especially to the boys, also told them two interesting stories at the beginning of S. S. The blues will have to get a hustle on them or they will be badly beaten.

The Sunday-school has decided to have Xmas exercises and a tree on Xmas eve at Newburg hall.

Word was received from Leigh Ryder and Arthur LeVan that they are having a fine time with their motor boat hunting and fishing.

Mrs. Hattie Ostrander is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mark Joy.

Mrs. Elmer Kline of Detroit, spent last Saturday night at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James LeVan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall's three sons and their families of Detroit, spent Sunday with them in their new home on the old Meinhart place.

Mrs. Cameron is spending a few days with friends in Port Huron.

Mrs. J. Jewell returned Tuesday from visiting her daughter in New York City.

James Woodard of Detroit, spent Monday night at the Pickett home, taking his mother, Mrs. Esther Loomis back with him Tuesday morning.

James LeVan attended the funeral of Mrs. Wm. Rogers in Detroit Tuesday afternoon.

Some of our young folks attended the home talent play in Plymouth Monday evening.

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Miss Sadie Walker gave a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Minnie Renger Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. S. W. Spicer spent part of this week with Mrs. D. H. Moore at Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids.

Several farmers from this neighborhood attended a milk meeting at Plymouth Wednesday.

Lewis and Allen Brown of Highland Park, are home remodeling their fathers house.

Bert Stuart is rebuilding his barn.

Mrs. Hanford returned from Detroit last week after spending the week with her sister who has been seriously ill.

The store that has the holiday goods, Shingleton's.

Mrs. R. G. Samsen and daughter Helen were week-end visitors with relatives at Rushton.

Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c. box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

How to Detect the Alum Baking Powder

"Which are the alum baking powders; how can I avoid them unless they are named?" asks a housekeeper.

Here is one way: take the can of a low-priced powder in your hand and read the ingredient clause upon the back label. The law requires that if the powder contains alum, that fact must be there stated. If you find one of the ingredients named alum, or sulphate of aluminum, you have found an alum baking powder.

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LIVONIA CENTER.

The ladies of the cemetery society will meet with Mrs. Julius Lando for dinner December 18th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Kate Manaus, who once lived at the Center. No particulars were learned.

The younger set are trying to stir up some pastime for the long winter evenings and will give a masquerade at the town hall here, Friday, Dec. 19th. Come along boys and girls, also ye older folks and give them a nice crowd.

The many friends of Mrs. Taber (nee Besie Miliard) were sorry to learn of her untimely death last week in the Ann Arbor hospital where she had gone for treatment for appendicitis. Sympathy is with the family.

Would Bar the Speeches.

A member of parliament envisioned a political club luncheon by telling the story of a certain famous politician who attended a banquet at which it was expected important speeches would be made. A dish of whitebait was set before him and, after looking at the fish and then at the other guests he remarked: "Gentlemen, let us follow the example of these little fish—drink a good deal, and say nothing!"

Local Notes.

Try that home made candy at the Central Grocery.

Holiday packed gifts for every member of the family at Shingleton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn and little daughter Maurine visited relatives in Detroit over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rhead have returned to their home at Hudson after a few days visit with friends here.

Frank Whitbeck who has been in South Dakota for several months past has returned home, where he will remain until the first of the year.

Dr. W. H. McLaughlin, general superintendent of Universalist churches will preach in the Universalist church, Sunday evening, December 14th, at 7 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

The third number on the Citizens Entertainment Course was given at the opera house last Friday evening when the Four Artist Company appeared before the people of Plymouth. The program consisted of violin, vocal and instrumental solos and a few short readings. Each number was received with applause and nearly every one responded to by an encore.

Only 19 Days More of the Big Piano Contest

And everybody is wondering who will get the beautiful \$450 piano. No one has it cinched. Contestant's standings at present are very close. It is the work you do from now on that will win the piano. It makes no difference how low your standing, get out and hustle and you may win. Remember, we also give five certificates of \$325 each towards a \$450 piano.

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