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7 p. m.—"Why I should Unite with a Christian Church."

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Banquet Was a Great Success

After a lapse of nearly five years the Plymouth Improvement Association again made itself manifest in the minds of the people by holding a banquet in the dining room of the Methodist church Tuesday evening. It was the third banquet given by the association since its existence, some seven years ago. The banquet held in the past were decided successes, but the one just held, as President Schrader stated, overtopped them all, in attendance at least.

The ladies of the church provided the banquet and it is sufficient to say there never was better. The men were hungry and there was everything to appease that hunger, and it was served in excellent manner. The ladies were given a vote of thanks.

The appetite satisfied, President Schrader made some happy remarks pertinent to the occasion and also gave some information as to what the association had accomplished and that at the present time its factory building was again occupied by a firm making motor castings and which promised to grow in magnitude and employ a large number of men. He further stated that a meeting of the Plymouth Improvement Association would be held in the village hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, at which time a new board of directors would be elected. He urged every man present and as many others as desired to, come to that meeting. He closed by introducing the toastmaster of the evening, Mr. P. W. Voorhies, assistant prosecuting attorney of Wayne county.

As a toastmaster Mr. Voorhies is no novice and his witty sallies and amusing stories served to keep everyone in good humor. Incidentally he remarked that while the Plymouth Improvement Association had sustained two fires, they had even made money by the "loose," and intimidated the Hebrew had nothing on the association.

President of the Village, Louis Hillmer was the first speaker, being down on the program for an address of welcome. Mr. Hillmer told a few stories, welcomed everybody present including the Deputies, spoke an encouraging word for the Alter Motor Car Company who had accomplished magnificent progress in spite of a lack of capital and other handicaps, believed Plymouth would continue to grow steadily, characterizing the village as one of the most progressive in the State.

"De Meeting of de Hen Roost Club" was sung by a quartette, composed of the three Whipple brothers and Evered Joliffe. There was a whirl of applause and the boys responded with an encore, which was even more appreciable than their first effort.

Then came addresses by Detroit gentlemen, Messrs. Chas. E. Bryan of the Detroit Board of Commerce, and Chas. A. Bowen, secretary of the Builders' and Trades' Exchange. These gentlemen were followed by Rev. F. B. Farber, and by singular coincidence the keynote of their individual remarks was "co-operation," saying "co-operation" is no longer a factor in accomplishing results, but co-operation is the basis of all business success.

Mayor Goss of the Detroit Free Press, entertained the audience with some of his dry humor and eloquent verse, that pleased very much.

Mr. Goss, secretary of the Board of Commerce, was the last speaker on the program, his remarks also emphasizing the co-operative plan of business life. He urged that all petty jealousies be laid aside and all work together for a better and larger Plymouth. With this thought in the minds of the Plymouth Improvement Association, it was decided that the "banquet" will be held next time in the hall in the rear.

The Plymouth band rendered several selections before and after the banquet and the table affairs were very successful.

There is no doubt that these gatherings tend to create a better feeling in the business and commercial circles, and that the one just held will be a memory of permanent results.

Ready for the Christmas Trade

The show windows of our local stores are beginning to take on a decided holiday attire, and there are some very attractive displays. The interior of the stores are also decorated in the colors of the Christmas season, and it affords shoppers a real pleasure to visit them. Our merchants have made special efforts this year in the selection of their holiday goods, and it would seem that Plymouth people would have no difficulty in solving the gift question by a visit to the local stores. This issue of the Mail contains much advertising that will offer suggestions to the Christmas shopper.

M. E. Sunday-School News

"Two hundred in Sunday-school next Sunday" is our cry for this week. All who are members of some other Sunday-school are invited and urged to join. The young married people's class met last Friday night, Dec. 19th, at the home of George Richwine. The following officers were elected: Pres.—George Richwine. Vice Pres.—Will Sotherland. Secretary—Wyman Bartlett. Treasurer—Roy Parrott.

Our Christmas exercises will be held Christmas eve, beginning promptly at 7:30. A fine program consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, drills and tableaux is being prepared. There will be a tree and we are sure Santa Claus will visit us. Everyone invited. The new Doubler plan commences this Sunday. Anyone bringing a new member will be a Doubler. Ethel Smitherman is head of the Doublers.

Get Copy in Early

In order to print a newspaper on time each week it is necessary to have copy before publication day. There is always a rush just before the paper goes to press, and in order to get to press on time any matter that is not in type at the usual time has to be condensed or cut down and if the forms are full omitted. It is better to get any copy to the office as early as possible, so there will be time to use it. We do not like to leave out any news matter. Our phone number is 6-72—easy to remember—and if you have any news just call us up and tell us about it.

A Fine Lecture

The third number on the Citizens' Entertainment Course was given at the opera-house last Friday evening, when Rev. Geo. L. McNitt, D. D. M. M., gave an interesting lecture, entitled "Things and Men." Mr. McNitt, with his family, had lived for seven years the life of the unskilled day laborer. He spoke with deep feeling and great earnestness of the problems and conditions of the laboring man and his family of today. The hall was filled and everyone followed the speaker closely throughout his entire talk. Interest and enthusiasm was noted on every face.

THE DANCE QUESTION

In the Question Box last Sunday eleven question slips were deposited. Seven out of the total number inquired regarding some phases of the dance question, and five made reference to the proposed introduction of this form of amusement into our public school. In view of the present wide-spread discussion of this subject, both outside and inside church circles, the pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. Joseph Dutton, will take as his sermon subject next Sunday evening, Dec. 19th, "The Dance, its Origin, Nature and Tendency." All are cordially invited, members of the school board, parents, teachers, students, taxpayers, everybody.

7 o'clock, Methodist Church. John and Lars Jones entertained the senior class and their friends Thursday of last week. Music and games were the amusement, followed by an excellent supper and a pot-luck lunch.

Alter Motor Car Co. Secures Financial Backing

The Alter Motor Car Company of this village has just completed arrangements which make it possible to produce a much larger number of cars during the coming season than the last. They have completed a new model, an eight-cylinder, that is said to be a splendid car of that type, developing sixty horse power and selling at a price that will be attractive to purchasers desiring that class of cars. The new eight will sell at one thousand dollars, fully equipped with all the latest improvements. More than half of the cars to be manufactured this coming season will be of this type, while an increased output of the four cylinder will also be provided for. It is understood that Detroit and Chicago connections in the way of finance provision have been assured. To meet the increased product the present size of the plant will have to be doubled and work on new buildings will be begun at once. We are pleased to announce this new piece of business on the part of the Alter company and they are to be congratulated on securing the financial backing. It will mean much to Plymouth and Plymouth people ought to appreciate the efforts made by the officials of this company, who less than two years came here with comparatively nothing, and in spite of handicaps and drawbacks built up a business that at the close of the fiscal year last fall, placed over \$400,000 worth of their product on the market, and at that was unable to meet the immediate demands. They have "boosted" Plymouth—let's boost the Alter Motor Car Company.



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European War News

Two British divisions, approximately 40,000 men, are reported by the Berlin war office to have been practically annihilated in the greatest defeat inflicted upon the Franco-British allies in the Balkan campaign.

Russian artillery destroyed a Zepplin shortly after the night of December 5, near the station of Kalkon on the Ekman-Romin railway. All members of the crew perished, says a dispatch from Petrograd.

The British steamer Orteric, a bank liner of 5,565 tons, was sunk by a submarine, it is announced at London.

The official statement issued at Berlin is as follows: "The Anglo-French troops, after entering a series of decisive defeats by the army of General Todoroff, are retreating in miserable condition over the Greek frontier. Their losses in men and material of all kinds have been extraordinarily heavy."

Three English battalions were surrounded by the Turks and surrendered, according to a Constantinople dispatch. The English are expected to retreat still further south.

According to information received at Washington from Athens the Greek government has agreed to withdraw its troops from Saloniki.

England intends to have an army of 4,000,000 men under arms by April 1, 1917. This decision it is said may be regarded as an answer to Germany's desire to make peace on terms satisfactory only to Germany.

Germany will make no peace proposals to the allies, but if the entente powers offer terms compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, the German government is willing to discuss them. Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg so announced in the reichstag at Berlin.

Personal

Francis Marion Cockrell, former United States senator from Missouri, died at Washington. Infirmitie of age, resulting in serious illness during the last two weeks, caused death.

Mrs. Norman Galt, baroness of Prestant Wilson, is wearing a pair of diamonds, the gift of the president.

Lieut. Col. Charles S. Brownell, head of the army engineer corps at Honolulu, T. H., shot and killed himself. Mrs. Brownell and their daughter are in the United States. For several years he was military aid to President Roosevelt. He was forty-three years old and was born at Newport, Ky.

Domestic

Pawn tickets for jewelry aggregating \$3,000 were found by the police of Des Moines, Ia., on Raymond Franke, Walter Johnson and Mrs. Edna Huston, captured in a raid on a hotel.

Charles F. Cummings, superintendent of public schools at Lansing, Mich., and one of the state's best known educators, accidentally shot himself with a shotgun. He may not recover.

Real prosperity is sweeping the entire country in the opinion of the presidents of six of the largest life insurance companies in the United States at New York.

Mayor George E. Ellis of Grand Rapids, Mich., ordered Police Commissioner Carroll to rigidly apply the Michigan blue law passed in 1852. Sunday all places of business except drug stores were ordered closed and all except theater managers obeyed the mandate.

Flames of mysterious origin nearly wiped out the town of Hopewell, Va., and threatened the great DuPont powder plant. The loss is estimated at \$3,000,000. Thousands of families are homeless. One negro caught looting was lynched.

Attorneys for C. B. Munday, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, filed a writ of habeas corpus for a new trial at Morris, Ill., citing 35 reasons why it should be given.

Henry Slade of Urbana, Ill., shot and killed his twelve-year-old daughter, Vera. He also shot his four-year-old son, Paul. Officer McKinley, who captured Slade, was also shot. Slade is said to have been intoxicated.

Delegates from many states gathered at Worcester, Mass., for the national road congress, which will continue four days. Gov. David L. Walsh of Massachusetts delivered an address of welcome.

The first shipment of condensed milk, and vice versa, is to be sent to the children of Germany and Austria by air mail has been announced by the post office department at New York.

Indictments were returned by the federal grand jury at San Francisco against Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, who are alleged to be the ringleaders of a band of plotters, pro-German in sympathy, who have conspired to wreck ships.

President Wilson made two regular speeches at Columbus, O. The president's afternoon speech was delivered before a chamber of commerce members. In it he urged American business men to mobilize their resources that the United States might be prepared to play a more important part in the world's affairs and bring about justice after the present war. The evening address was at the convention of the committee on church and country life.

Fire broke out in the elevators of the Atlantic line on the water front at Erie, Pa., destroying two sections of the combination elevators. The lowest estimate of the loss is half a million dollars to \$850,000.

The plant of the La Crosse (Wis.) Knitting works, rushed with war orders for the allies, was partially destroyed by fire, with \$30,000 loss.

Sporting

Joe Stecher, Nebraska aspirant to world's wrestling championship, won a hard-fought match with Paul Martinson of Chicago in two straight falls at Sioux City. Time, 20:35 and 11:40.

Mexican Revolt

Gen. Manuel Uchao, commanding the garrison at Juarez, stated he had received a report that Gen. Francisco Villa had been put to death by troops under Gen. Jose Rodriguez at Casas Grandes, Chihuahua.

Foreign

A dispatch received from Nish, says the Overseas News agency at Berlin reports that the hidden Serbian crown jewels had been found in the houses of former Serbian ministers. It is said the Serbian crown also has been found.

A man giving the name of Arthur Francis and his home as Indianapolis was sentenced to serve nine months in prison in London for defrauding British soldiers. He is said to be a deserter from the United States army.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch to London from Amsterdam says: "Vienna reports state that the American note regarding the sinking of the Ancona has aroused intense anger in Austrian government circles. A diplomatic rupture is considered probable."

American securities of an estimated value of between \$1,500,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000 will be mobilized by Great Britain to keep up the balance of trade with the United States during the war. The securities will be purchased or borrowed. This announcement was made in the house of commons.

Washington

Capt. Karl Boy-Ed and Franz von Papen, the German naval and military attaches who have been recalled by their government, will sail from New York on December 28 for Germany. This was learned on reliable authority at Washington.

A vigorous protest is being prepared by the state department at Washington against the removal by the French cruiser Descartes of German and Austrian from the American steamship Carolina, Coamo and San Juan on the high seas.

It rests with Austria to say whether there will be a break with the United States within the next few days. The state department at Washington made public the text of its note to Austria on the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona in the Mediterranean on November 7, with the loss of several American lives. The note gives plain notice that unless the demands of the United States are met promptly friendly relations between the two governments will be broken off.

American railroads have grown to such an extent that the Interstate commerce commission is unable to cope with the problems presented in connection with its duties of regulating common carriers and sees as the best remedy for this situation an enlargement of the membership of the body, according to the annual report of the commission to congress at Washington.

Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, demanded that congress at Washington investigate Great Britain's interference with neutral trade and Senator Lodge, Republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives. Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee.

The war department at Washington has begun its investigation of the mysterious death of Lieutenant Colonel Brownell at Honolulu with a view of determining whether he was a victim of a Japanese spy. A report was received by the department saying that Brownell had committed suicide.

President Wilson's expressed wish that presents be omitted on the occasion of his marriage to Mrs. Norman Galt on February 19 has been without effect. There is a constant flow of wedding gifts.

Representations have been made by the United States to Great Britain in regard to the action of the British auxiliary cruiser Baralong in attacking a German submarine and killing practically the entire crew of the under-water craft.

Austria is charged with responsibility for the unprovoked attack on the Standard Oil tanker Petroletta. Tying the American flag in the Standard Oil report on that incident, which was reported at Washington from American Consul Mason at Algiers.

LETTER FROM STATE CAPITOL

STATE OFFICERS DESIRE NEW
AUTO LAW TO HAVE
EARLY TEST.

MANY THINK ACT IS FAULTY

Auditor General Fuller Believes That
Next Legislature Should Change
Method of Drawing Appropria-
tion Bills.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—It is the sincere wish of Secretary of State Vaughan, Auditor General Fuller and State Treasurer Haarer that the new automobile law be tested out as speedily as possible if the people from Wayne county opposing the measure intend to have its constitutionality passed upon by the supreme court.

Already Secretary of State Vaughan has received thousands of dollars for automobile licenses to be issued January 1, and as the new bill does not become effective until the first of the year there appears to be no chance that a test case will be made until the measure becomes operative.

If the new law does not stand the test of the courts and some state officials are of the opinion that there are serious doubts as to its constitutionality, an adverse decision by the court will mean an immense amount of work for the state department, auditor general's office and the state treasurer.

When the supreme court knocked out the Bricker-Smith bill passed by the legislature of 1913 about fifteen thousand licenses had been issued by the state department. It was necessary to do an immense amount of extra work by the bookkeeper of the various departments to straighten out the claims.

Irate citizens who read newspaper accounts of the action of the court in knocking out the automobile law wrote letters to the secretary of state and auditor general demanding an immediate refund of the amount due them. The vouchers were made out in the order in which they were received and those who were last in line were forced to wait several weeks.

Some even threatened suit. Visions of similar scenes come to the three departments involved whenever they think of the new law and the administrators are therefore anxious that the law be tested out and a decision obtained at the earliest possible date.

A number of constitutional lawyers have observed that the new law is no good inasmuch as thousands of dollars worth of property is removed from the tax rolls of Detroit and no portion of the refund can be used in the city.

New Method Is Needed.

Auditor General Fuller is of the opinion that when the next legislature meets there should be a change in the method of drawing appropriation bills so that the defect which generally occurs in the general fund every two years will be eliminated.

Under the present system appropriation bills are made payable before the tax can be spread. All appropriation bills were given immediate effect during the last session and provision was made in the special appropriations that the money should be available July 1, 1915.

The tax to meet these appropriations bills cannot be collected until January and as a result of appropriation bills amounting to \$3,226,000 to be paid this year, the general fund was practically depleted before the first day of December.

On the first day of July when appropriations of \$3,226,000 were due, there was a balance in the general fund of the state treasury amounting to \$3,015,000. Out of this balance the general expenses of the state government had to be paid, including the semi-monthly pay roll.

Next year, according to the auditor general, there will be plenty of money to pay all expenses, but unless the legislature of 1917 makes the appropriations payable after January 1, 1918, it is the opinion of auditor general that in 1917 the state treasury will be in practically the same condition as it is today.

Governor Ferris, Auditor General Fuller and other state officials have expressed themselves as being in favor of the budget system and it is believed that strong pressure will be brought on the lawmakers during the next session of the legislature to adopt this system.

Governor Favors Cure in Prisons.

If Governor Ferris succeeds in carrying into effect a scheme he has had in mind for several months a "cure cure" will be a part of the treatment administered in the various state prisons to every inmate who has been addicted to the use of alcohol or drugs.

Investigation by the governor and the members of the pardon board has furnished convincing evidence that "hoax" and "dope" in a great many cases were responsible for the prisoners downfall, and the records of the pardon board show that many men who are paroled after a few years in the state penitentiary are returned as

Home For Crippled Children.

The building of a state institution for crippled children will be advocated in the next session of the state legislature by Senator James Hanley, of Detroit.

State homes for many other dependent persons have been established, but the care of crippled children has been left largely to private institutions, Senator Hanley believes. He will ask the legislature to appropriate sufficient money to establish a modern home at which educational

privileges and proper surgical attendance will be provided so that crippled children may be afforded opportunity to develop as best their physical infirmities will permit.

Berlin—The amount paid in cash by subscribers to the third German loan in the last week of November was about \$21,000,000 marks. This brought up the total paid in to \$110,000,000 marks (\$110,000,000), or about 30 per cent of the entire subscription.

probable violators simply because they had never been cured of the drug or alcohol habit. At the present time it is practically impossible for an inmate of a Michigan prison in Michigan to obtain either drugs or whiskey, although a few years ago that "dope" was circulated with considerable freedom in Jackson, and other institutions had trouble in keeping cocaine outside the walls of the prisons.

Governor Ferris says that men who have been heavy drinkers for years or habitual users of drugs should receive medical treatment during the first year of their imprisonment, and he believes that when they have served their time they will be less apt to return to their old habits. Many men placed on parole have thought themselves cured simply because they had been unable to indulge during their term in prison, but once on the outside they have been unable to resist temptation and have been returned as parole violators.

The governor is expected to urge upon the various wardens that they give this proposition a trial and if it proves successful it is probable that the legislature will be asked to provide sufficient funds to carry it out on an extensive scale. It is the governor's theory that inasmuch as the state puts a man in prison to punish him for a crime that it should take some steps to assist him in avoiding the cause of his trouble when he is again thrust upon society.

Protection At Low Cost. Subscribers to the accident fund of the Michigan state insurance department have voted to pay an additional 10 per cent dividend, making a total of 20 per cent on premiums for pay rolls adjusted during the year beginning October 1, 1914. Reports of officers showed that the fund was still providing accident protection to employers of labor at a low cost. It was voted to continue the rate charges in force the past year. The question of paying dividends to subscribers on withdrawal was discussed, and it was voted not to make such payment.

Charles A. Bigelow, of Bay City, re-elected president, and Robert K. Orr secretary. The advisory board includes Mr. Bigelow as chairman, Nicholas H. Battjes, Grand Rapids; Otto Misch, Detroit; William J. Orr, Bay Port; C. P. Tietze, Detroit; C. H. Kimball, Muskegon; H. A. Douglas, Detroit; T. W. Hanson, Grayling; Ormel B. Fuller, Ford River, and C. S. Wilcox, Lansing.

The total assets of the fund at the close of the past year's business amounted to \$118,725.25; liabilities, \$66,817.15; surplus, \$51,908.11. On November 30, 1915, there were 650 certified cases in force.

Must Use Red Cans. State Oil Inspector R. E. Barron, of Howell, has issued orders that all gasoline cans must be repainted a bright red, the order to take effect January 1.

The so-called "red can" law went into effect in 1909, and for a time it was observed by dealers and others using gasoline. Inspector Barron says, however, that now some of the cans painted years ago resemble more their original color than red and that as a result many accidents, sometimes resulting in deaths, is the result. He states that apparently many dealers in gasoline in Michigan are unaware of the law that compels them to paint red all receptacles in which gasoline is used.

Violations have become so numerous that it is in the interest of public safety to see the law is rigidly enforced and he has issued orders that every can used for holding gasoline must receive a fresh coat of red paint by January 1. Several persons have lost their lives during the year because the law was not enforced.

To Open Employment Agency. State Labor Commissioner James Cunningham has announced that the free employment bureau provided for Lansing at the last legislature will be opened in the old state building January 1.

In all probability the labor department will open free employment bureaus in Bay City, Muskegon and Traverse City shortly after the first of the year, and maintain them four hours each day.

According to the report from the free employment bureau at Saginaw positions have been provided there for 6,236 men and 2,061 women. Through the state office at Grand Rapids, positions have been obtained for 5,952 men and 1,089 women this year. Through the Jackson office 3,439 men and 2,214 women obtained work.

To Establish Beaver Colonies. Beaver may again resume its place, to some extent, as a standard American fur, if plans formulated by State Game Commissioner William R. Oates prove effective. At present, the animal is almost extinct in Michigan and many other states.

Oates proposes to establish beaver colonies by planting one or more pairs of the animals on suitable streams in the state, and then vigorously to restrict trapping privileges. Sites for the colonies will be selected at points where the back water from the beaver dams will do no damage.

Oates says beavers are naturally hardy and prolific and should thrive if given protection for a few years.

Washington—Bills for an \$11,000,000 government armor plate factory were introduced in both houses of congress Friday by Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee and Representative Tavenner of Illinois.

Erie, Pa.—Fire which early Friday destroyed three Anchor line grain elevators bulging with 550,000 bushels of grain consigned to the allies, brought state and government investigators to the scene to run down reports that pro-German incendiaries started the blaze. The loss is placed at \$750,000.

Washington—Eliseo Arrandondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, has been selected to be the next ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Washington—The quantity of food stuffs sent by the United States to feed the rest of the world during the first ten months of this year was more than double that in the same period of 1914. Statistics of the department of commerce show the value of food stuffs exported during the ten months was almost \$87,000,000, compared with \$316,000,000 last year.

CHICAGO CHOSEN BY REPUBLICANS

WILL HOLD CONVENTION ONE
WEEK AHEAD OF DEMO-
CRATS IN JUNE.

HEAR SUFFRAGE SPEAKERS

Much Discussed Question of Time of
Big Gathering is Finally Decided
by National Committee at
Washington.

Washington—Chicago was selected by the Republican national committee Tuesday night as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican national convention to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis.

The vote stood: Chicago, 31; San Francisco, 13; St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 2.

Earlier in the day the committee had determined on the question of convention date, a much discussed problem with sentiment for and against meeting before the Democrats pretty evenly divided. The decision was reached without a roll call, and some said a record vote might have brought a different result.

The committee gave an hour during the afternoon to proponents and opponents of woman suffrage. Applause and laughter greeted all the speakers. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw asked that the Republican platform of 1916 carry a plank promising a federal suffrage amendment, and Miss Frances Joffre, of California, and Mrs. Sara Bard Field, of Oregon, of the Congressional Union, for Woman Suffrage, served notice that there were 4,000,000 women voters in the west whose votes were worth getting and could be had if the Republican party would put such a plank in its platform. Mrs. A. J. George was spokesman for the anti-suffragists.

POWDER FACTORY BLOWN UP

One Thousand Injured by Explosion
in Belgian Works in France.

Havre—The authorities announce that the victims of the Belgium powder factory explosion at Gravelle St. Honorine Saturday will number about 1,000. It is stated that the number of killed is not large but it is feared that many will die of their injuries.

It was impossible to approach the wreckage for four hours after the first explosion. At the time of the blast 1,500 Belgians were at work in the factory.

An investigation of the cause of the explosion has been started. There are rumors that it was spies' work. Almost every window in Havre was smashed by the force of the blast.

American Chinese Oppose Monarchy.

San Francisco—The Chinese quarter here went on record today as being opposed to the reversion of China from a republic to a monarchy, and decided to resist strenuously the proposed change in government.

A mass meeting of protest was called by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association, and a former member of the Chinese senate.

It was decided to solicit subscriptions from Chinese in all parts of the world to finance a revolution. A large sum was said to have been subscribed.

All Villa Soldiers Are Shot.

Douglas, Ariz.—No quarter was given Villa soldiers in the battle which started Thursday morning at Fronteras, continued northward to San Joaquin and then east through a mountain pass into Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived here Sunday from the south. All Villa soldiers taken prisoners were shot by order of General P. Elias Calles and General Angel Flores, governors of Sonora and Sinaloa, respectively, according to the travelers.

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

Chicago—Forty-six indictments, naming 54 defendants, were returned Friday as a result of the grand jury's inquiry into alleged labor graft.

Cincinnati—One man was shot and killed and two others badly wounded in an attack by five unidentified men here on a squad of non-union painters who were at work on a new annex to a local hospital.

Washington—Bills for an \$11,000,000 government armor plate factory were introduced in both houses of congress Friday by Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee and Representative Tavenner of Illinois.

Erie, Pa.—Fire which early Friday destroyed three Anchor line grain elevators bulging with 550,000 bushels of grain consigned to the allies, brought state and government investigators to the scene to run down reports that pro-German incendiaries started the blaze. The loss is placed at \$750,000.

Washington—Eliseo Arrandondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, has been selected to be the next ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Washington—The quantity of food stuffs sent by the United States to feed the rest of the world during the first ten months of this year was more than double that in the same period of 1914. Statistics of the department of commerce show the value of food stuffs exported during the ten months was almost \$87,000,000, compared with \$316,000,000 last year.

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Abenteuerliche Flucht nach Amerika.

Als Sujar in Frankreich verurteilt, nach Paris in ein Hospital geschickt, als Kriegesgefangener zur Zwangsarbeit nach dem Hafen Le Havre gebracht, nächstherweise auf ein englisches Schiff gelassen, als blinder Passagier mit dem Engländer nach Canada gefahren, dort der Spionagezeit ein Schiffsplan gelehrt, durch einen Juden verraten und dann mit der Bahn und auf Schärfers Pfaden nach New York entkommen, das sind die Grundzüge der Abenteuerer des jungen Franzosen Heinrich Müller von der vierten Eskadron des ersten, weltberühmten Sufragant - Regiments Nummer 8.

Der moderne Sujar, der diese Abenteuerer- und gefährliche Flucht glücklich überstanden hat, hat seine Erlebnisgeschichte der "N. Y. Staatsztg." mitgeteilt.

Der moderne Sujar fiel den Franzosen in die Hände, als er mit mehreren Kameraden auf einem Ausflugsboot niedergelassen wurde. Die Behandlung im französischen Gefangenlager war derart grausam und rücksichtslos, daß der unternehmungslustige Franzose Junge sein Leben drangelegt hatte, die goldene Freiheit zu erlangen. Wie ihm dies schließlich gelang, teilt er wie folgt mit:

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CHRISTMAS AT BRACEBRIDGE HALL

HERE IS A DELIGHTFUL DESCRIPTION OF AN OLD ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, TAKEN FROM THE "SKETCH BOOK," WRITTEN NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO BY WASHINGTON IRVING.



It was a brilliant moonlight night, but extremely cold; our chaise whirled rapidly over the frozen ground; the post-boy smacked his whip incessantly and a part of the time his horses were on a gallop. "He knows where he is going," said my companion, laughing, "and is eager to arrive in time for some of the merriment and good cheer of the servants' hall. My father, you must know, is a bigoted devotee of the old school, and prides himself upon keeping up something of old English hospitality. He is a tolerable specimen of what you will rarely meet with nowadays in its purity, the old English country gentleman; for our men of fortune spend so much of their time in town, and fashion is carried so much into the country, that the strong peculiarities of ancient rural life are almost polished away.

suddenly the butler entered the hall with some degree of bustle; he was attended by a servant on each side with a large wax-light, and bore an enormous pig's head, decorated with rosemary, with a lemon in its mouth, which was placed with great formality at the head of the table. The moment this appearance the harper struck up a flourish; at the conclusion of which the young Oxonian, on receiving a hint from the squire, gave, with an air of the most comic gravity, an old carol.

Though prepared to witness many of these little eccentricities, from being apprised of the peculiar hobby of mine host, yet, I confess, the parade with which so odd a dish was introduced somewhat perplexed me, until I gathered from the conversation of the squire and the parson that it was meant to represent the bearing in of the boar's head; a dish formerly served up with much ceremony and the sound of minstrelsy and song, at great tables, on Christmas day. "I like the old custom," said the squire, "not merely because it is so stately and pleasing in itself, but because it was observed at the college at Oxford at which I was educated. When I hear the old song chanted, it brings to mind the time when I was young and game—and the noble old college hall—and my fellow-students loitering about in their black gowns; many of them, poor lads, are now in their graves!"

That Tiresome Parson. The parson, however, whose mind was not haunted by such associations, and who was always more taken up with the text than the sentiment, objected to the Oxonian's version of the carol, which he affirmed, was different from that sung at college. He went on, with the dry perseverance of a commentator, to give the college reading, accompanied by sundry annotations; addressing himself at first to the company at large; but finally their attention gradually diverted to other talk and other objects, he lowered his tone as his number of auditors diminished, until he concluded his remarks in an undertone to a fat-headed old gentleman next him, who was silently engaged in the discussion of a huge plateful of turkey.

The table was literally loaded with good cheer, and presented an epitome of country abundance, in this season of overflowing larders. A distinguished poet was allotted to "ancient sirlin," as mine host termed it; being, as he added, "the standard of old English hospitality, and a joint of goodly presence, and full of expectation." There were several dishes quaintly decorated and which had evidently something traditional in their embellishments; but about which as I did not like to appear over-curious, I asked no questions.

Follows Old Customs. It would be tedious, perhaps, to my foolish fondness for odd and obsolete things, to which I am a little given, were I to mention the other make-shifts of this worthy old humorist, by which he was endeavoring to follow up, though at humble distance, the quaint customs of antiquity. This was pleased, however, to see the respect shown to his whims by his children and relatives; who, indeed, entered readily into the full spirit of them, and seemed all well versed in their parts; having doubtless been present

at many a rehearsal. I was amused, too, at the air of profound gravity with which the butler and other servants executed the duties assigned them, however eccentric.

The Children's Games. After the dinner table was removed, the hall was given up to the younger members of the family, who, prompted to all kinds of noisy mirth by the Oxonian and Master Simon, made its old walls ring with their merriment, as they played at romping games. I delight in witnessing the gambols of children, and particularly at this happy holiday season, and could not help stealing out of the drawing room.

I found them at the game of blind-man's bluff. Master Simon, who was the leader of their revels, and seemed on all occasions to fulfill the office of that ancient potentate, the Lord of Misrule, was blinded in the midst of the hall. The little beings were as busy about him as the mock fairies about Fairstaff, pinching him, plucking at the skirts of his coat, and tickling him with straws. One fine blue-eyed girl of about thirteen, with her faxen hair all in beautiful confusion, her frolic face in a glow, her frock half torn off her shoulders, a complete picture of a romp, was the chief tormentor; and, from the slyness with which Master Simon avoided the smaller game, and hemmed this wild little nymph in corners, and obliged her to jump shrieking over chairs, I suspected the rogue of being not a whit more blinded than was convenient.

For my part I was in a continual excitement, from the varied scenes of whims and innocent gaiety passing before me. It was inspiring to me to see wild-eyed frolic and warm-hearted hospitality breaking out from among the chills and gloom of winter, and old age throwing off its apathy, and catching once more the freshness of youthful enjoyment. I felt also an interest in the scene, from the consideration that these feasting customs were poeeting fast into oblivion, and that this was, perhaps, the only family in England in which the whole of them were still punctiliously observed. There was a quaintness, too, mingled with all this revelry, that gave it peculiar zest; it was suited to the time and place; and as the old manor house almost rested with mirth and wassail, it seemed echoing back the joviality of long-departed years.

Profitable Business. Young Lady (in drug store)—Five two, please. (Clerk hands them out.) Young Lady—Have them delivered, please. They're for mother and I'm going downtown for the day.

Good Literature. "It must be glorious to be put into a novel. Wouldn't you like that?" "Yes; I guess it would be pretty nice. But I'm satisfied. I'm mentioned in Bradstreet."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Playing Safe. "Is it best to drink water before, during or after meals?" "That question has never been definitely settled," answered the other man. "Indeed, there has always been so much doubt on the subject that I am fairly inclined to avoid water as a beverage."

Ouch! "The price of quinine has doubled since the war started." "Yes, that is one of the better things about the war."

GETTING A START

By NATHANIEL C. FOWLER, JR.

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THE "SURE-THY-ARE-RIGHTERS."

"I want you to meet George Lewis," said my friend. "He is one of those fellows who, when he knows he is right, can't be turned or influenced." "I should be delighted to meet him," I replied, "because I know him by reputation and he stands high in his community as a man of the strictest integrity; but, John, I don't think you have given him a very good character." "What do you mean?" "You said that when he knows he is right nothing can change him or influence him."

"I meant what I said," retorted my friend. "No, you didn't," I replied, "for, if you did, you could not have any respect for George Lewis." "Explain yourself." "The best of us, John, never claim to know by ourselves, and of ourselves, what is absolutely right or wrong. The noblest man is weak and realizes it. His ability to differentiate between the good and the bad is not vested wholly in himself. He obtains this proficiency—if I may call it such—because of his contact with men of honor and with those of the opposite type. He absorbs public opinion and becomes composite."

"You don't mean to say," interrupted John, "that public opinion is always right?" "No," I replied. "The majority is frequently wrong, and the minority is often right, and vice versa." "Then, how are we to decide upon what is right and what is wrong?" "If our intention is to do right, and we are constantly fighting temptation, our actions will usually be what they should be; but when we allow our own individual judgment to prevail exclusively, we may be wrong, even though we intend to be right. Alone we are not able to take care of ourselves; far less able than is the animal, who is guided by instinct, not by conscience. If a man reasons by himself alone, he is as likely to be wrong as right. If he combines what he knows with what others know, and allows composite opinion to assist in guiding him, he is not likely to make serious mistakes."

"The opinion of others may be wrong," interrupted John. "Granted," I replied, "but the man with a sensitive conscience and a noble character can differentiate with a large degree of accuracy. He will not depend upon the opinion of the mob, even though it may be in the majority. He will consult with intelligent and honest men, and he and they together, not separately, will decide any question which may come up. If his experience is greater than that of those with whom he consults, he will allow his own judgment larger play. If, on the other hand, he is convinced that others know better than he does, he will set aside his own opinion, to a certain extent, at least. For example, a professional man is at variance with the policy of an administration, a matter which concerns business. Probably his opinion is worth practically nothing, and if the policy of the administration is accepted by business men of character and integrity, the man is a fool if he allows himself to question it."

"Men of ability, of character, of honor, of integrity, seldom know; they think."

JOHN AND TOM.

John and Tom were classmates. For several years they studied and played together. Both were attentive, well-behaved, honest, and neither appeared to be superior to the other. After graduation they entered a wholesale dry goods house, began at the bottom, and were given opportunity to learn the business.

During the first year there was no perceptible difference in their work, or the result of it, and both received the same amount of raise in salary. At the end of the second year, however, John was promoted and occupied a position much superior to that held by Tom. Why? Did John possess greater ability than Tom? Was he more faithful? Was he more attentive to his duties? Probably not. He did one thing, however, the importance of which Tom did not seem to realize. He became familiar, not only with those things which pertained to his immediate duties and to his department of work, but he went beyond them. He visited other dry goods stores and studied their methods. He talked with men in his line of work who were connected with other establishments.

ishments. He read dry goods trade papers and every book upon the subject which he could obtain. He grounded himself in dry goods, knew the history of the business, and, to a large extent, the action and policy of it, not only in regard to his own house, but with reference to dry goods houses in general. He became familiar with credits; he followed the market. In five years he was the head of a large department, and in ten years a member of the firm, although, of course, his interest was small.

I am aware that this rapid promotion is not usual, for many a good man, ambitious and taking the initiative, does not become a partner in ten years, or twenty years, or thirty years; but it may be stated as a fact that no one who does not do as John did ever gets beyond a subordinate position or is allowed to assume more than ordinary responsibility.

Tom was as faithful, as honest, as hard a worker as John. Tom worked, and was satisfied with doing his duty. John worked, and did more than his duty. Tom attended to those things which he was told to do. John did all that Tom did, and more. Tom loved to work, and worked. John loved to work, and worked, but he also threw his mind into his work. He made it a part of himself, and, therefore, it was not drudgery.

The foregoing is but another illustration of the contention which I have always held, namely, that doing one's duty is not sufficient, that faithfulness is not enough. To succeed, and to occupy a position above a subordinate one, requires not only work and hard work, but an intense love for the work, and, above all, the taking of the initiative, doing what you do not have to do, assuming responsibility which is not placed upon you, feeling that you are a part of the business and not a mere employe.

The load that you voluntarily shoulder is not half as hard to carry as is the burden which is thrust upon you.

OBJECTED TO THE "DUCTS"

Colored Farmer Reasoned That He Had Several Good Causes for Complaint.

In Georgia they tell this one: A Georgian advertised a fine truck farm near Augusta for sale. A retired real estate man of Newark, N. J., without answering the advertisement, decided he would go down and look the place over. He did so without the owner's present. He viewed the farm and returned to Augusta, hauled up the owner, and said:

"I thought about buying the farm you advertised for sale, but I don't believe I want the place."

"What is the matter? Any misrepresentation?"

"No. But, you see, I planned to do a little planting. I find I can't raise crops there?"

"Why not?"

"Why, ducks eat the crops."

"Ducks? What do you mean, man?"

"Why, the negro tenant you have there's tipped me off."

"Wonder what is all this? Jump into the car here with me and let me see what it is all about."

"John," said the owner. "What do you mean by saying to this gentleman that ducks destroy all your crops?"

"Dey do, boss," the negro mumbled. "You knows dey do. Ain't no use trying to make no crops."

"Tell me what you mean, nigger."

"Oh, you knows, boss—you knows all about it. First, dat dare nigger you let me hab; you 'ducts for dat. Den de wagon; you 'ducts for dat. Den de fertilizer; you 'ducts for dat. Den de parson; you 'ducts again. Hts 'ducts for dis and 'ducts for dat, till when laying by done come 'ducts eat up all de crop."

The two gentlemen, after having a hearty laugh, closed the deal.

Amending Medical Laws. In four states new laws and important amendments to laws regulating the practice of medicine have recently been passed. These states are California, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Tennessee.

Keeping Her at Home. Mrs. Jones—"Young Brown must be awfully jealous of his wife." Mrs. Smith—"Why do you think so?" Mrs. Jones—"Why, they have all married them nearly three years and in all that time he has bought her seventeen house dresses and only one street dress."

Richard I, when he set sail for the Holy Land, found his flag and his patron saint provided for him by the church—St. George and his red cross on a white ground. But Richard found another banner at the masthead—a red flag with three golden lions. The king's ships of those early days, carried these two as well as a streamer. Signaling by means of flags gets its very first mention in 1250—"When it shall please the admiral to assemble the captains and masters of the fleet he shall carry high in the middle of the mast his ship's banner of command."—London Chronicle.

CATBIRD AS A HUMORIST

Feathered Songster Se-me to Take Delight in Mimicking the Strains of His Fellow.

Alluding, of course, to the catbird, he has more whimsies than a minor poet, more straggly humors than a circus clown. He can't even make love seriously. And he's a loafer. He sits on a bough at a brookside out in the country, at early morning, his hat over one eye and his head cocked sportily at an angle; so sitting, he whistles love lyrics to his little gray mate busily engaged in collecting materials for a nest.

The redbird, nor even the mockingbird, has nothing on him in respect to purity of tone, careening grace or sheer joyousness in range of repertoire. And he knows it. And his little gray mate knows it. And she's proud of it.

But he can't behave; just as his passionate love notes have lured her momentarily off the job of nest-making, to turn and regard him with glazed eyes, the whimsical nasal

Convertible Coat of Sealote



One of the handsome long coats of plush which dealers prefer to call by its new name—"fur-fabric"—is shown in the picture above. It merits the consideration of the woman who wants a coat to serve many occasions, and is entitled to be called "sealote," by which name the manufacturers have christened the fabric used in it. This is a rich, glossy plush of so dark a brown that it might be classed among the various blacks.

The coat is long, nearly covering the dress, and hangs almost straight at the front. It is semifitted at the back, but loosely adjusted to the figure. There are wide revers at the front which may be rolled forward when the turnover collar is brought up close about the neck. Large covered buttons, like the material of the coat, are used for fastening at the front—and one is set at each side of the back at the waist line.

The wide collar and deep cuffs of white fur are made separate and fastened to the coat when it is to do duty for evening or dressy afternoon wear. They are not intended for the workaday world of every day, but to convert a very practical coat into a rich-looking garment suited to special occasions. There is nothing

more durable than a coat of this kind in a good quality of the handsome pile fabric used for making it.

With the addition of the white fur collar and cuffs, white gloves and white-and-black shoes are donned, and a smart, dressy hat finishes a toilette quite up to the demands of full dress.

Dresses for Girls. High waist lines are the rule for the little girls' thin dresses. Like grown-up dresses, the skirts of these dresses are very flaring and frilly.

The skirts of tulle and chiffon dresses or those of lingerie, batiste or very thin silk are often finished at the hem with three little ruffles. These are only about three or four inches in width and are not gathered very full. A picot edging is used often instead of lace to finish them, or a very narrow satin ribbon, perhaps in a double lengthwise stripe.

Little puffed sleeves that come only halfway to the elbow are considered very correct, and they go well with the general empire contour of the gown.

In linen dresses the empire waist line has a belt of the same that has a slot inset in the middle of it of another color.

Something New in Neckwear



Something new in neckwear has lately been added to the array of crisp and dainty pieces that came in with the fall season. The new arrivals are made of the same materials but have taken their cue from the high collars of wraps and street gowns, and their foundation is a band, fitting close about the neck, and as wide as it can be worn.

To this band of thin material, wings, tabs, and flaring pieces are added in a variety of shapes and finish that seems unlimited. Fine embroidery on sheer fabrics makes them elegant, but their crisp distinctness is a fragile quality, and hence it is necessary to replace them often, for it is just these qualities that they are expected to lend to the costume. Two good examples of these novelties are pictured here and they serve to show the essential features of all of them.

The design at the left might be made, apparently, from embroidered handkerchiefs. It is merely a fitted band of organdy finished at the edges with small buttonhole stitched scallops and having a flaring piece of the same kind set on at each side. The surface is decorated with scattered embroidered dots and little flower sprays.

The collar at the right is one of several designs in which a double row of tabs is set on about the top. In each of these designs the upper and under row of tabs are unlike in shape and length. Both are finished with fine embroidery, and the effect of the two thicknesses of sheer material is very dainty.

All of these new collars set up very close about the neck and only a few of them are suited to the short-necked figure. These are those having a wide standing band shaped to apparently lengthen the neck, and a flaring portion that extends only about the sides and back. But the girl who cannot wear the wide standing collar may console herself by reflecting on how well she can wear the fashionable evening bodice, which leaves neck and shoulders and arms uncovered.

One should not fail to notice, when considering neckwear, the "choker" of narrow black velvet ribbon, about an inch wide, which is worn so effectively with evening gowns. It is fastened with a little fat bow and a small sparkling jewel in a pin is sometimes set against it.

The flowers are covered with the green brand. The petals of the flowers are worked in yellow sealote silk, while the centers of the flowers are filled in with brown French knots.

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CONDENSATIONS

Opium is one of the most valuable metals. It is worth \$50 a pound.

A human being cannot breathe at a height of seven miles from the earth.

Fountain pens are most popular in Bohemia and are carried by practically all business men, students and clerks.

The use of zinc plates in a boiler is said to prevent the formation of the scale which interferes with the boiler's efficiency.

Known Facts. Pharmacology was at one time forbidden by law, as being dangerous to civilization.

The consumption of salt in the United States amounts to almost 100 pounds per capita.

White bricklayer can lay about 1,500 bricks in a day of ten hours, having the mortar ready.

KNOWN FACTS

High Financier. She—What did Jinks do with his summer hotel? H—Rented it for a munitions factory. Now I guess the fire insurance companies will come across.—Albany Argus.

Two Reasons. Mr. Sticks—Lena me two bills, will you, please? Mr. Blinks—The rolls, but I haven't got none, and I don't aim to spend dese rub two bits money.

Playing Safe. "Is it best to drink water before, during or after meals?" "That question has never been definitely settled," answered the other man. "Indeed, there has always been so much doubt on the subject that I am fairly inclined to avoid water as a beverage."

Ouch! "The price of quinine has doubled since the war started." "Yes, that is one of the better things about the war."

Richard I, when he set sail for the Holy Land, found his flag and his patron saint provided for him by the church—St. George and his red cross on a white ground. But Richard found another banner at the masthead—a red flag with three golden lions. The king's ships of those early days, carried these two as well as a streamer. Signaling by means of flags gets its very first mention in 1250—"When it shall please the admiral to assemble the captains and masters of the fleet he shall carry high in the middle of the mast his ship's banner of command."—London Chronicle.

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THE PLYMOUTH MAIL

F. W. SAMSEN
L. B. SAMSEN, Editor and Manager

A fine line of wedding rings at W. E. Sanyth's.

William Walsh of Detroit, visited at James Horn's this week.

Arthur Sharrow spent several days this week in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Claude Williams of Detroit, is visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. A. L. Bell and Miss Cleo Willett visited friends at Ann Arbor last Saturday.

A large assortment of picture books for the kiddies at Pinckney's Pharmacy.

Automobiles washed and polished. Guaranteed work at a reasonable price. Call 3021.

Harry C. Robinson lost one of his fine gray dray horses last Friday. It was valued at \$250.

Frank Heals is in Detroit this month soliciting subscriptions for the various magazines he handles.

Mrs. W. C. Hull of Lansing was a visitor at the home of her father, Frank McGill, Sunday and Monday.

Louis Gottschalk and sister, Mrs. Benjamin, of Detroit, visited at August Gottschalk's last Wednesday.

Mrs. James Horn has returned to her home at Rochester, New York, after a few days visit at her son's, James Horn, Jr.

Frank Whitbeck and J. M. Young attended a meeting of Zion Lodge F. & A. M. in Detroit last Wednesday evening.

Fire broke out at the home of James Coveau on Mill street early last Friday morning, but the flames were quickly extinguished and small damage was done.

Mrs. James Smith of Detroit, was here last Wednesday to see her sister, Mrs. Geo. Shafer, who has been quite seriously ill at her home on East Ann Arbor street.

Invitations will soon be out for a dancing party to be given by the O. E. S., on Thursday evening, Dec. 30. No invitations will be sent to members of this chapter, as each member is host or hostess of the evening.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church have discontinued the rummage sale for the present. A number of things were left. Anyone wishing to look these over may do so by calling on Mrs. E. C. Leach. In the spring another sale will be advertised.

Answers most Christmas problems. Nearly everybody wants a camera, give him or her more than "a camera"—give an Ansco, the amateur camera of professional quality. There is an Ansco to suit every purse. Hillmer Photo Supply Co.

Mrs. M. R. Grainger died at St. Mary's hospital, Detroit, Thursday morning at one o'clock, after a long illness. Mrs. Grainger was taken to the hospital Monday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. A more extended notice will appear next week.

About fifty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Micol gave them a pleasant surprise at their home on Forest street last Saturday evening in honor of their silver wedding anniversary. A fine supper was served, and Mr. and Mrs. Micol were the recipients of many handsome gifts of silver. Friends were present from Detroit and Plymouth.

The Woman's Literary Club

The sixth meeting of the Woman's Literary Club was held at the home of Miss Lina Durfee and Mrs. Sarah Armstrong last Friday afternoon. About 40 members were present. Roll call was responded to by giving "Practical Christmas Suggestions." A Christmas Carol was then sung by Miss Hazel Conner, with Miss Bertha Beale accompanying on the piano and Miss Madeline Bennett on the violin. The president, Mrs. J. J. Travis presided over the business session.

The following resolutions from the State Federation, having been endorsed by the Advisory Board, were presented to the club and approved:

1. That a hearty co-operation be given state-wide Prohibition.

2. That a committee of two be appointed to co-operate with other committees from local organizations to censor the motion pictures shown in our halls and on the street.

3. That the Cor. Boy, write to our congressmen, giving our support to the bill known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, viz., The enfranchisement of all women of our country.

4. That we as a club endorse the present style of dress for young girls.

5. That a Bulletin committee be appointed.

6. That we approve of the prize essay contest and send from one to six of our best papers to the literature committee.

The program of the afternoon had been prepared by the sixth division and was given as follows, with Mrs. Charles E. Beale, leader: A paper, "Modern Christmas" was read by Mrs. Beale. Miss Jolliffe, who gave many helpful suggestions in regard to Christmas giving. Christmas readings were given by Miss Lina Durfee, as entitled "Guessing Time at Our Home," by Edgar Conner, and "Father Martin," a French translation. "The Story of Mary" was presented in the club in an interesting and impressive way by Mrs. George Walsh. Christmas Carols were sung by Miss Norma Baker, with Mrs. L. Thompson as accompanist, and by the Misses E. Howard, Martha and Genevieve, with Mrs. Beale as accompanist. The meeting closed with several addresses by the speaker.

Hearing Postponed

The hearing of Grant Herriman for alleged violation of the liquor laws, before Justice Campbell, scheduled to take place yesterday, was postponed until today.

CHURCH NEWS

WELLS STUDENTS

Services again as usual, Dec. 19. First part of meeting to be given over to the nomination of officers for the coming year. Afterward, a combination of the study of the latter part of Daniel II. To the historical bible; student title, indeed, is very interesting as the notes, deeds and characteristics of different nations are so clearly brought out. None clearer than the great Napoleon, whose invasion of Egypt (year 60) unalterably fixes the beginning of the wondrous "time of the end." Also the close of the time, times and half a time or the 1260 years of papal supremacy, which was especially broken when at that time the pope was taken a prisoner to France. "And one said to the man clothed in linen: how long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard; when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that lives for ever that it shall be a time, times and an half; all these things shall be finished." Daniel 12:8, 7. Let us break up a little on the prophecies, it will do us all good.

PREBYTERIAN

Rev. S. F. Farber, Pastor. Services will be held in this church on Sunday, December 19th, as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Rev. William T. Jacques, D. D., of Detroit, will preach. Sunday-school at the close of the morning service. In the afternoon we will have our every member convocation, postponed from last Sunday evening service at 7 o'clock. The pastor preaches. Theme, "Why I should unite with a Christian Church." Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. "Christ—our Life." A Christmas meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

BAPTIST

Rev. Archibald L. Bell, Pastor. Dec. 19th—Morning worship, 10 a. m. Theme of sermon, "Preparation for Service." 11:15 a. m., Sunday-school. 6 p. m., Young People's Bible Study class. Subject, "Justification." 7 p. m., evening worship. Subject of sermon, "The Christmas Christ." Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

METHODIST

Rev. Joseph Dutton, Pastor. Dec. 19th—10 a. m., public worship. Christmas theme. Christmas music. 11:15, Sunday-school. 6 p. m., Epworth League. Topic, "The Christmas Song of World Peace." Leader, Dr. J. Travis. 7 p. m., public worship. Sermon subject, "The Dance Question." (See front page.)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist corner Main and Dodge streets. Sunday morning service 10:30 o'clock. Subject, "Is the universe, including man evolved by atomic force." Sunday-school at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial service, 7:10. Reading Room in rear of church open daily except Sunday, from 2 to 4 p. m. Everyone welcome. A leading library of Christian Science literature is maintained.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Sunday-school begins at 9:30. Theme, "Thou shalt not kill." The morning service will be in English. Text, "Philippians 4:1-7." Theme, "Three signs of Christmas' joy over Christ." The evening service will be in German. Text, Genesis 37, 21-29. God's hand protecting Joseph.

Sunday afternoon there will be communion services at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Livonia. The service will be in German. The eight catechumens, which were confirmed last Sunday morning, will take part at the Lord's Supper for the first time.

The Christmas-tree exercises of the Lutheran churches of Plymouth and Livonia will take place as follows: Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, at Livonia and Friday evening at Plymouth. At both churches there will be a Christmas tree and the exercises will consist of singing by the choir and Sunday-school children, as also of speaking by the children. After the service, small presents and a Christmas box will be given to the children.

The Young People's Society of the Lutheran St. Paul's church of Plymouth meets this Friday, evening at the school hall. New members are welcome.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL MISSION. 8, Midway, Michigan.

Sunday, Dec. 19—Divine service at 10:30 a. m. Holy communion. The Rev. Charles Ramsey, curate of Christ church, Detroit, is expected to conduct the service and will preach the sermon.

The Ten Commandments for Christmas Giving

THOU shalt love the giver of the gift, because he has sent the gift.

2. Thou shalt remember that the very young and the very old.

3. Thou shalt buy within thy power, remembering the spirit of the gift and not the value.

4. Thou shalt not buy a party to the same exchange of gifts. Let thy love go with each gift every gift is given to someone.

5. Thou shalt make each gift as if thy gift had been given to the object.

6. Thou shalt try to give something which a gift, but only give what thou canst.

7. Thou shalt give thy gift with a glad heart and a cheerful face.

8. Thou shalt not give of the gift of the year and then think of it as a gift to thyself.

9. Thou shalt not give a gift which is not needed.

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Murray's Candy Store



Christmas Candy

Peanut Brittle, 15c-lb.

Taffy, all flavors, 15c-lb.

Fudges, 15c-lb.

Mixed Candies 10c-lb.

Chocolates, 15c to 40c lb.

Calendars

A nice line of Calendars and Calendar Pads which always make acceptable gifts.

Christmas Cards

We are showing the prettiest and most up-to-date line of Christmas Cards in town. See them.

Art Pictures

A fine line of Art Pictures for Christmas Gifts.

Christmas Decorations

We have a large stock of Christmas Garlands, Bells, and other decorations appropriate for the season.

We also carry a line of Christmas Tags, Seals, Stickers, etc.

Christmas Cigars

We have a fine line of Cigars for the Christmas trade.

Special Christmas Boxes, 25 in a box for only 90c.

Special Ice Cream for the Holiday Trade.

H. W. MURRAY

Practical Holiday GIFTS

Our Store is a good Place to Come for your Christmas Gifts.

We have something for every member of the family and every one useful. Our stock is large and you will find our assortment, with possible a few exceptions, will be complete right up to the time we close our doors Christmas Eve!

Safety Razors

Solve the question of what to give him. Gillette, \$5. Ever Ready, \$1. Keen Kutter.

Chafing Dishes

Always a popular gift and a very useful gift as well. Prices from \$4.50 to \$12.00.

Casseroles and Serving Dishes

Are no longer considered a luxury but a necessity in every home. Prices from 99c to \$5.00.

Carving Sets

Our carvers are all put up in satin lined boxes in sets of three pieces, knife, fork and steel, \$1.25 per set to \$7.25.

Skates and Sleds

Those we sell will not go to pieces in the first snow storm. Flexible Flyers, \$1.25 upwards. Ice skates in price from 25c a pair to \$2.75.

Ingersoll Watches

The reliable, inexpensive watch for men, boys and misses, \$1.

Automobile Supplies

Any man who either owns or drives a car will appreciate one or more of the 200 different items we have in our Automobile Department. A pair of Goggles, a Tool Kit, any one of which will make an ideal gift.

Pocket Knives

We have enough good knives to furnish every man and youth in the city with one and every one fully warranted. 25c to \$3.50. Chamolite bag free with every knife.

Electric Flash Lights

A useful and inexpensive gift. Everybody should have one. Get the best, the Ever Ready, and with a tungsten light and battery, 75c up.

Manicure Sets

In many shapes, sizes, etc., and all the implements are of the highest quality, \$1.25 to \$7.50.

Coffee Percolators & Teapots

One of each would make an ideal gift for mother or wife. Rochester Percolators, \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Thermometers

Conner Hardware Co., Ltd.

OUR XMAS WISH

To the good people of Plymouth is that they receive all the blessings of the Yuletide season.

Also, we Wish

That we could help you to enjoy this season by offering you many suggestions to help you to solve the gift problem. We are here to serve you and our goods are open to your inspection whether you buy or not.

Remember

Table with columns: FATHER AND BROTHER, MOTHER AND SISTER. Lists various gift items and prices like Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Sweaters, etc.

Have a Fine Line of Beautiful Jewelry

Sent by a large jewelry house for the Christmas trade only. You owe it to yourself to see it—Lavaliers, Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, etc., all guaranteed goods.

Also don't forget that we are here to fill that order of yours for your Xmas dinner. Our line will be stuffed full of "goodies" that will give "tone" and "taste" to the select table.

- Nuts, Candies, Oranges, Lemons, Grape-Fruit, Dates, Figs, Apples, Cranberries, Grapes, Tangerines, Raisins, Currants, Sweet Potatoes, Turnips, &c., &c.

D. A. Jolliffe & Son

Special Feature For

Satur. Eve'g, Dec. 18

Village Hall

Wm. A. Brady-World Film Corporation presents

Martha Hedman

'THE CUB' TWO SHOWS ADMISSION, 10c THOMPSON & FISHER

ROCK-Y-FORD

FOR THE HAIR AND SCALP.

Finest Preparation Manufactured. SOLD IN PLYMOUTH BY HOMER JEWELL, Barber \$1.00 per Bottle

Former Plymouth Citizen Dead

Word has been received here of the death of Samuel Joy, aged 73 years, who died last Saturday, Dec. 11th, at the home of his son, Fred, at Salina, Kansas.

Mr. Joy had been in failing health for some time, bronchial trouble being the cause of his death. He was a brother of the late Aea Joy of this place, and his boyhood life was spent in Plymouth, he had been a resident here until about thirty years ago, when he went west. He will be remembered by many of the older residents here.

The deceased is survived by one son, Fred, of Salina, Kansas, and three grandchildren.

Subscribe for the Mail today. Only \$1.00 per year.

New Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the Macabees held last Monday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year: Past Commander, John Quartel, Sr.; Commander, Wm. T. Pelt;

Lieut. Commander, E. H. Hansen; Roe Keeper, James McKeever; Finance Keeper, Frank McGraw; Physician, Dr. S. E. Campbell; M. A. A., Ed. Willett; Sergeant, Alton Richwine; First M. G., Roy Eskins; Second M. G., Frank Henderson; Chaplain, Louis Schale; Sentinel, John Quartel, Jr.; Picket, Geo. Gubbardt. Installation will take place at the first meeting in January.

A goodly number were present at this meeting. A candidate was initiated into the Order and refreshments were served.

Christmas - Suggestions

Even if Santa Claus had helped us buy the Holiday Goods we are showing Our store couldn't have been made to look more like a corner of his great Christmas Gift Shop. There are gifts for boys and gifts for girls, and we haven't forgotten that fathers and mothers are just boys and girls grown-up, and that they like things in their stockings, too.

FOR THE BOY
Erectors, a Sled, a Wagon

FOR THE GIRL
A Doll, Doll Cabs, Doll Houses, Doll Beds, Books and Games

We have Toys for the Baby, Child's Tea Sets, Banks, Books, Blocks, Rubber Dolls, Rattles and many other Children's Toys.

FOR THE GROWN UPS
An Electric Lamp, a 100-piece dinner set, and a large line of Fancy China offers many suggestions for a gift for wife or mother.

We have gifts of Smoking Sets at 25c, 50c, \$1.00

Holiday buying is easy in our store. The question of "What to give" is solved when you see our stock. A study of our stock is a pleasure, rich in holiday inspirations and suggestions. We have gifts for everybody at prices that please. Come and see.

QUALITY GROCERIES

GAYDE BROS.

Christmas



Candles on the tree aglow,
Holly red and mistletoe;
Radiant faces, rapturous eyes,
In the nursery, wondering why,
Stockings full and bulging out,
Toys of every sort about;
Music, joyous, glad and gay;
All of Christendom at play;
Season of the Holy Child,
Dearest gift, divine and mild,
Angel songs, dispelling fear,
Yule, the blessed Yule is here!
—Rose Mills Powers, in Youth's Companion.

MANNER OF GIVING PRESENTS

Simple Little Embellishments Such as Ribbons, Seals and Holly Count for Much.

At no time does the manner of doing a thing count for so much as at the time of Christmas giving; and while in a few instances there are those who overdo the outward embellishment of gifts, none of us now like to offer the simplest little remembrance unless wrapped in spotless paper, tied with gay ribbons and adorned with bright seals expressing merry greetings.

And this is as it should be for the holiday season gains a great deal of cheeriness and zest from the multiplicity of beribboned white parcels whisking to and fro, and we do not regret the passing of the yellow paper bundle of our grandmother's day.

But the attractive appearance of the gift is not all that counts; we must be careful of the how and when and where of presenting it.

The time that custom more and more sets apart for the exchanging of gifts among friends is Christmas eve, any time from dusk to midnight; but Christmas day itself is sacred to presenting gifts within the family circle.

Some families put all the gifts in the library or living room, in separate piles, and then, after a deliberate breakfast, they all walk in and open the packages in the presence of each other.

never, give a gift in person if you can contrive to send it or put it where it will be found awaiting the recipient when he or she is alone, for when received in this way the gift makes its strongest appeal to one's appreciation. In giving money, give to near relatives, the utmost care should be taken to give it in the most delicate way possible; especially if you know the money is needed.

One of the cleverest ways is to take a tiny Japanese umbrella, place the money in a paper bag and, after rolling and trying the bag around the upper part of the handle underneath, close the umbrella over it and tie with narrow ribbon.

Another good way is to present an attractive little booklet with a check or a greenback for a bookmark, writing on the flyleaf, "note page 14." Turning to see what is noted, the fresh new paper money is seen and the recipient appreciates the manner of its presentation no less than the material benefit.

WHY YOU HANG STOCKINGS

Popular Christmas Custom Said to Have Come Down to Us From Old Italian Practice.

There is a story from Italy which some suppose to be the beginning of the present idea of the Christmas stocking. Years ago good old St. Nicholas of Padua used to throw knitted purses with money in them in at the windows of the poor. These knitted purses were not unlike a stocking without a foot, and later it became the custom of the people to hang this knitted sack just inside the window that St. Nicholas might put something in as he passed. When these purses went out of use the stockings were substituted. In the northern part of Italy it was a little too chilly to leave the windows open and the stockings were hung by the mantel place so that they might be filled from the chimney.

Play Santa, if you will, but don't get your whiskers burnt.

Julklapp Delivery.

This is an expression used in Denmark and Sweden and denotes their way of sending gifts. Before Christmas and the gifts are wrapped so as to disguise the contents. Each package is labeled for whom it is intended and then at odd moments during the day these are thrown in at the doors of the windows.

Subscribe for the Mail today.

Gough Medicine for Children
Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctor two of my children suffering from colds, with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and eased their throats quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

HOLIDAY AILMENTS

How to Avoid Conditions Brought About by Overeating.

Plenty of Vigorous Outdoor Exercise Will Help Digestive Organs Assimilate Food—Better Than Doctor's Prescription.

By IRENE WESTON.

SO MANY people habitually feel more or less out-of-sorts for a few days following Christmas, that Christmas ailments have come to be recognized as a necessary aftermath of the festivities.

Of course, the children will always overeat themselves; if they were not allowed to eat all sorts of indigestible things, they would feel they were being cheated out of half the joy of the gay Christmas season. As a matter of fact, it is not the children at all who make up the bulk of sufferers from Christmas complaints. It is the grown-ups who, simply through carelessly neglecting to subscribe to one simple rule of health, frequently find themselves more or less unhappy inside, and more tired and run down physically at the end of the Christmas holidays than before them.

Of course, children do overeat themselves more often than grown people. They rejoice, however, in the possession of powers of recuperation which grown-ups, even in the prime of life, can only look back on with envy. Too much plum pudding, too many sausages with turkey, too many sweets between meals, may bring on a sharp digestive upset, but in a few hours all traces of it have disappeared, and the one-time sufferer is soon eager for more of the rich foods which caused him pain.

With grown people, after-Christmas ailments are not so much due to indigestible eating of indigestible foods as to an utter neglect of any precautions to adapt their systems to the new conditions which reign during the Christmas holidays.

Take the case of the average father of a family who leaves all office work behind. How does the change affect him? In the first place, the dull monotony of his days is broken in upon and his brain can relax from the high pressure of the office. This much, of course, is a change in the right direction. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy physically as well as mentally. At the same time, however, starting at home has drawbacks of its own, for it means less exercise, which in its turn should suggest a cutting down of the food supplied to the body.

Too much food and too little exertion are almost certain to upset the digestion and clog up the various organs whose duty it is to separate the waste matters from the good in the food we eat and rid the body of those poisonous products.

The remedy is perfectly simple. There is no need to stint yourself of

any more things of the table, but you must be hungry, within fair moderation, of course. However, you must help your digestive organs by taking plenty of vigorous outdoor exercise.

A two-hour walk before the holiday meal, a stroll of half an hour or more after an outdoor game with the children in mid-afternoon, and a brisk 10-minute walk in the half-hour before the evening meal will be found worth more than any amount of doctor's prescriptions directed towards relieving the first symptoms of biliousness, the mental irritability, disturbed sleep, sour taste in the mouth, loss of appetite, etc., which are such a common aftermath of the Christmas holidays.

Unselfishness is the key to Christmas happiness.

ENVIIOUS.



"Do you ever wish you were a girl?" asked the visitor.

"Only at Christmas time," answered the boy.

"Why do you wish it then?"

"Because of the stockings they wear."

Cultivating the Christmas Spirit.

"Alas!" sighed the moody man.

"There is no gladness for me in this joyous season."

"Tut-tut!" said the optimist.

"Surely there is a ray of sunshine for you, as there is for all of us if we but look for it."

"No," replied the moody one.

"I have not a single friend and no relatives with whom I am on speaking terms."

"Cheer up, then," advised the other.

With a shade of envy in his tone.

"Can't you be glad because you will not have to buy any Christmas presents?"

W. T. Rastbury, Township Treasurer.

Tax Notice

I will receive taxes every Saturday at Brown & Pettigill's store and on every Monday at Gayde Bros. store up to and including January 10, 1916. Christmas and New Years coming on Saturday, I will receive taxes on the Friday before.

W. T. Rastbury, Township Treasurer.

Do your Christmas shopping in Plymouth.

SELECT FURNITURE AS GIFTS

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY

There is no gift at the Christmas time that is so acceptable or from which more enjoyment or comfort can be taken afterwards than can be had from a nice piece of furniture. We have made a special effort this year to select a line of goods that will appeal to everyone looking for a good practical gift in both quality and price. Come in early and look over our stock before the lines are broken. It will be a pleasure to have you come in and see the beautiful Furniture we have on our floors, whether you purchase or not. We believe it will help you solve the gift question.

A Few Practical Suggestions For Gift Buyers

Hall Mirrors
Hall Seats
Easy Rockers, Leather Rockers
Book Cases
Library Furniture
Ladies' Desks
Go-Carts, Baby Carriages
Reed Rockers, Chairs
Sewing Chairs

Carpet Sweepers
Vacuum Sweepers
Foot Stools,
China Cabinets
Easy Chairs, Settees, Couches
Telephone Sets
Library Tables
Skirt and Waist Boxes
Pedestals

Bedroom Suites, in Mahogany, Oak and all Finishes
Artistic Iron Beds
Brass Beds
Chiffoniers, Dining Room Suites
Buffets, Tables, Sewing Tables
Fancy Screens
Cedar Chests
Medicine Cabinets

Smoking Sets
Parlor Pieces
Body Brussels Rugs
Wilton Rugs
Axminster Rugs
Kitchen Cabinets
Card Tables
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Children are not allowed, unaccompanied by guardians, in most large shops, but such was her air of responsibility, of decorum, that it would have been a bold floorwalker who dared to question her.

Nor, evidently, was it her first visit. The boy, still held in leash, ran in front and made straight for the space devoted to Santa Claus, his reindeer and his sleigh, piled with toys.

There was a background of fir and cedar and a huge Christmas tree, but the pair sat down before the fascinating old fellow in his red robe, his long white beard, holding his big whip, and from his face the small boy did not turn from worshipping in solemn adoration.

Across the room was a creche; also a wonderful and beautiful thing. The infant Jesus in the manger, the mother in her blue robes, St. Joseph, with his staff, the three kings resplendent.

The children had been perfectly still for fifteen minutes looking at Santa Claus, when the little girl whispered to the boy. He squirmed, struggled, but she was too much for him. She dislodged him from his seat, dragged him to the creche, and with motherly, Irish piety, pressed him on his knees.

Reverently she described the holy group, then would incite devotion from a more human motive.

"See the cow, Denny; you mind the cow we used to milk last summer at the farm when we went on the fresh air? See the goat, Denny; you mind the goat in our alley? It's his pitcher." But Denny whined and pulled and pulled to be back again to his idol.

The little girl looked up. Her sigh was that given by every woman since the beginning, for every man for whose soul she holds herself responsible.

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NOWHERE in all the world is the "spirit of Christmas" entered into more whole-heartedly than on board the ships of the United States navy.

Observance of this chief of all national holidays varies, of course, in form with the location of the fleet at the time.

Into each of the continental "home ports" (headquarters of certain individual vessels) the big gray monsters come dropping in by twos and threes till, in New York and Philadelphia, and Norfolk and Frisco, it looks almost like a naval review. According to long established custom, they are there to give the boys in blue a run on the beach ("liberty," as they call it in the service), and every man jack who is not actually undergoing punishment is allowed and encouraged to take his look at the bright lights—go home on leave or uptown for fun or anything else he likes as long as his money lasts but away from the ship in any event. This custom applies not alone to the enlisted men, but to the officers as well and, when Christmas morning dawns in a home port, there are not likely to be many more persons on board any man-o-war than the regulations call for in the minimum.

The few "shipkeepers" cannot, under such circumstances, make a very successful effort toward merriment. Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan writes in the National Monthly, but what they lack in numbers they invariably make up in other ways, one of these ways being the complete satisfaction of the inner man.

Aboard and at sea, though, it is altogether different. Every soul on

board, from the usually sedate flag officer and the more or less unapproachable first lieutenant, down to "Jimmy-legs" and the ship's cook and the messenger boy, voluntarily constitutes himself a committee of one to see the thing through in "old navy" fashion, and even King Neptune, when he comes on board on "crossing the line" to douse every hayseed and landlubber, has a formidable rival in the "spirit of Christmas."

It matters not much whether the ship be anchored off Vera Cruz or plowing through the Pacific ocean. The distance from home and friends makes it incumbent on all to do their level best to make at least a brave try for "Merry Christmas."

Routine drills are entirely suspended; and, except for cleaning ship (cleanliness in the navy being deemed not only akin to, but actually neck and neck with godliness itself), not a lick of avoidable work is allowed to be done by anybody.

"All hands" are called, to be sure, on scheduled time, but many more men than usual are allowed to "sleep in," and, after the tiniest minimum of tidying up, preparations for the day's festivities are gotten under way.

There is a varied athletic program that begins in the forenoon, and after an hour or so off for dinner at midday, continues well along toward sunset. Soldiers are taught to be thorough. So they go at their potato races and fire-eating contests and tugs of war and jumping contests with the same fervor that they show when trying for a 13-inch turret gun record or stamping out a Caribbean revolution. There is no lack of interest. That can be depended on. And when call is sounded they are a tired lot.

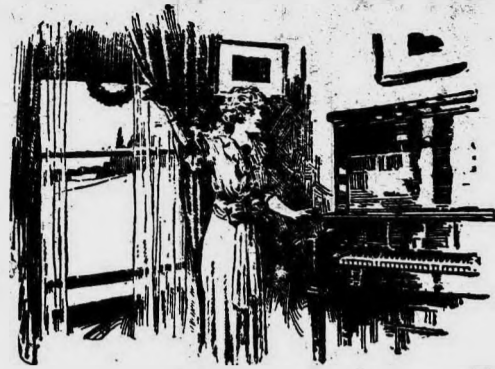
Toward sunset the various contests have been completed (or not unusually called off "on account of darkness," as the baseball people say), and, after an early supper, a stage is rigged up on the quarter-deck and the crowning event of the entire celebration is on. Sometimes it is a minstrel show, another time a vaudeville performance, but without exception there is plenty of music and near music, and no such entertainment would be complete without the inevitable and inimitable cakewalk. Some of the improvised costumes are fearfully and wonderfully made. But they are striking and, for the most part, very appropriate, while the proudest and gyrating of the cakewalkers themselves are well worth seeing. The program is a long one, but interest never lags for a moment—fit American sailors are just as thorough at play as they are while at work.

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John Henry on Christmas Presents

By GEORGE V. HOBART

AT! Did you ever take what little was left and start out to buy friends with a Christmas token?

A quaint pastime, is it not? Well, to make a long story lose its cunning, I clicked a few iron men together, one morning recently and started out to find something new and nifty in the gift line for Peaches.

I was breezing for a department store when I ran across Hep Hardy, slumping in the direction of a tascab stand.

"Up late, aren't you, Hep?" I inquired, glancing at the Waterbury.

"I sure am running behind my schedule this morning, John, Hep wheezed.

"What's the matter? Fuse blew out and leave you and your favorite har-

tender in darkness?" I ventured.

"Nix," he answered; "I interpolated a new step in the Tango about five

minutes ago, with the result that she stepped on me and lost one of her French heels somewhere between my ankle and my instep. I had to wait till a Doctor Shep was open so he could probe for it. The medicine ped-

dler found it all right and my left wheel is a bit wobbly, but I'll be in the roped arena tonight when the bell rings, clamoring for my favorite rag, you can bet on that, John, old pal."

"The dance bug has you for fair, hasn't it, Hep?" I laughed.

"Not at all," Hep came back; "but like a lot of other ginks who have been going through life with stoop shoulders and plantation feet I've suddenly discovered how to be graceful and I have to stay up all night to see if other people notice it. Where are you going?"

"I'm going down to see one of those stores and make a fool out of fifty dollars—Little Christmas present for Peaches," I answered.

"Fifty dollars!" Hep sneered. "Say, John, if I had a wife, and we were speaking to each other, fifty dollars wouldn't buy the ribbon around the bundle. Fifty dollars! You make a noise like a pike."

"Sure!" I snapped back. "If you had a wife you'd take her down to your favorite jewelry store and let the clerks throw diamonds at her till they fell exhausted! But I'm just a regular

human being, working for a living, and every time I see a hundred dollar bill I get red in the face and want a drink of water. You know, Hep, my father didn't spend his life wrapping it up in bundles and throwing it into an iron woodchuck against the time I became old enough to use it as a torch!"

"Say!" chirped Hep, who hadn't paid the slightest attention to what I was saying, "why don't you get her an emerald necklace? Some idea—what? I saw one the other day for \$3,000. Wait a minute! I'll give you a card to the manager."

"Ovra k to the chauffeur," I said as I pushed Hep into the taxi. "By the time he gets you home you'll owe him enough to buy overalls."

"Then I left him flat and moseyed off for a department store to get a Christmas present for friend wife."

"Say! did you ever get tangled up in one of those department store mobs and have a crowd of perfect ladies use you for a doorman?"

Second floor—the right table was empty, only the chair. This meant, of course, that the clerk in a department store and that that 3,000 other American citizens and foreigners were also trying to take the same elevator?

"How sweet it is to mingle in the arms of other strangers and to feel the pressure of a foot we never hope to meet again!"

I was standing by one of the counters on the second floor when a shrill voice came up over a few beams of dry wood and said, "Are you a buyer or a knacker?"

"I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife," I answered. "I want to get something that will look swell on the parlor table and may be used later on as a tobacco jar or a cruet set."

"Fourth floor—to the left—take the elevator!" bawled the shrill voice, but she'll.

With bowed head I walked away. I began to feel sorry for friend wife. Nobody seemed to be very much interested whether she got a Christmas present or not.

On the fourth floor I stopped at a counter where a lot of eager dames were pawing over some chinchilla ribbon and chiffon overalls.

It reminded me of the way an emotional he digs up a grab in the garden.

I enjoyed the excitement of the game for about ten minutes and then I said to the clerk behind the counter who was refereeing the match, "Can you tell me where I can buy a sterling silver Christmas present for friend wife which I could use afterward as a night key or a bath sponge?"

"Fifth floor—to the rear—take the elevator!" said the clerk.

On the fifth floor I went over to a table where a young lady was selling "The Life and Libraries of Andrew Carnegie" at four dollars a month and fifty cents a week, and in three years it is yours if you don't lose the receipts.

She gave me a glad smile and I felt a thrill of encouragement.

"Excuse me," I said, "but I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife which will make all the neighbors jealous, and which I can use afterward as an ash receiver or a pocket flask."

The young lady cut out the giggles and pointed to the northwest.

To my surprise I found another counter.

A pale young woman was behind it. I was just about to ask her the fatal question when a young man wearing a rapt expression on his face rushed up and said to the pale young lady behind the counter: "I am looking for a suitable present for a young lady friend of mine with golden brown hair. Could you please suggest something?"

The pale young woman showed her teeth and answered him in a low, rumbling voice, and the man went away.

Then came an old lady who said: "I bought some organdie dress goods for a shirt waist last Tuesday, and I would like to exchange them for a music box for my daughter's little boy, Freddie, if you please!"

The pale young woman again showed her teeth and the old lady doctored for cover.

After about fifty people had rushed up to the pale young woman and then rushed away again, I went over and spoke to her.

"I am looking, then, for a Christmas present for friend wife," I said. "I want to get something that will give her a good deal of pleasure and which I can use later on as a pipe cleaner or a pair of stockings!"

"The pale young woman blushed, so I moved over."

"At another counter another young lady said to me: 'Have you been waiting on?'"

"We," I replied; "I have been stopped on, not on and walked on, but I have not yet been waited on."

"What do you wish?" inquired the young woman.

"I am looking for a Christmas present for friend wife," he said. "I want to buy her something that will bring great joy to her heart, and which I might use afterward as a pair of slippers or a shaving mug."

"The young lady caught me with her dreamy eyes and held me up against the wall."

"You," she screamed, "you complete a total of 25,473 people who have been in this department store today without knowing what they are doing here, through this coating, and sank deep into soft stuff beneath, making the traveling so terribly hard that, in spite of the bitter cold, perspiration stood in beads on his thin, brown face."

He was breathing hard, and evidently desperately weary, yet he never stopped for a moment, though now and then, as he plowed his way onwards, he would turn his head and cast an apprehensive glance back over his shoulder.

Had anyone been near enough to watch him, they would easily have understood his haste. The drab livery plentifully besprinkled with broad arrows marked him as one of the state's useful guests. As a matter of fact, Mike Dempsey had been for the last three years a prison inmate, and it was with the intention of escaping another seven years of unappreciated hospitality that he had, a few hours previously, "done a bunk" under cover of the sudden snowstorm.

"I've puzzled him screws, that's what being sure," he muttered to himself, and in spite of his fatigue a slight chuckle escaped his thin lips. "But faith, I've puzzled meself, too, and I don't know where I am no more than Adam."

"If I could only get a landmark of some sort!" he went on. "Eenst I could find my road to the railway, I'd win clear. Mike Dempsey wasn't a warty seven years for nothing."

He crunched his snow way across a flat valley, jumped a little brook and pushed up the steep slope beyond.

A gleam of light in the next valley attracted his attention. It came from a lighted shadow, and there was something comforting to the lonely fugitive in the red glow cast upon the glittering snow. Without hesitation, he started downhill toward it.

Presently he was cautiously approaching a small house, which stood in a tiny garden surrounded by a low dry-stone wall. There was a gate in front, but Mike preferred to approach

the paper crack, and at the end of the bed you were too content and happy even to look at your presents. Why was it that next day everybody and everything was different? The air was full of bells singing riotously. Every one, for this one day, ceased to think of his own happiness and found happiness in bringing cheerfulness to others. The stern gulf which is fixed between children and grown-ups had vanished—there weren't any grown-ups. Somewhere in your childish heart you wondered why every day couldn't be made a day of kindness.

And that wonder of a child's heart is the Christmas message. Once a year, by a divine conspiracy, all the ships of our hopes and fears turn back from their voyages to the harbor of tenderness. They are borne back on the crest of a white tide of mysticism that sweeps round the world. A trace of God is declared to all fightings, and men and women walk as children through a world that is kind. They commence to give and cease to annex; they act in the belief that God is in his heaven. The spirit is one tremendous white day of unselfishness—a day which gradually some other days in the year are learning to envy and imitate.

I suppose I'll have to take Hep's tip and get those emeralds after all.

But first I'll go down to the delicatessen store and see if there's anything there.

Santa Mike—A Christmas Convict Story

By T. C. BRIDGES

THE December night closed across the desolate moor, the snow ceased falling, the clouds broke, and a brilliant moon shed its silver light across the wide stretches of rolling whiteness. With the change, it began to freeze fiercely, coating the sodden drifts with a crisp film of ice.

At every step Mike Dempsey's tired feet broke through this coating, and sank deep into soft stuff beneath, making the traveling so terribly hard that, in spite of the bitter cold, perspiration stood in beads on his thin, brown face.

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the angle of the house curly-locks came flying after him.

"William, where is Santa Claus?" piped the childish treble.

"It ain't William, sonny. Tell your mammy as William's got lost, and I brought the things instead. Now I've got to go, for I'm in a mighty hurry."

"I expect you are!" came a jeering voice, and a blue-uniformed man carrying a carbine stepped out from the dark shadow round the corner, followed instantly by a second.

Mike gave one glance around. But he was cornered. The wall cut off escape.

"All right," he said sullenly, "I'll come quiet."

"You'd better," retorted the warden, whose tapper long hours in the snow had not improved.

"Mammy, the policemen have took Santa Claus," cried the little lad.

Mike glanced up. The boy's mother was standing by, her face blank with amazement.

"What does this mean?" she cried. "Is it William?"

"Not unless he's changed his name since morning, missus," replied the warden. "He was Michael Dempsey when he bunked from Moorlands just after dinner."

"But I don't understand. He's got William Croker's clothes on, and he's brought the things that William went to fetch."

The other warden—a grizzled, elderly man—shook his head.

"You've got me, missus. I don't know what his little game is no more than you."

"Most like he has murdered William," put in the younger warden sullenly.

"He said William was lost, mammy," explained the boy. "He no brought the things instead. And here they is, all safe."

"Best make a clean breast of it, Dempsey," suggested the elder warden.

now it's cleared up, I darney he'll be here soon."

Her words were cheery, but Mike caught the anxious glance she gave her husband.

"Do not set me if William's in sight yet, Alice," said the man. "He ought to have been here an hour ago. I only hope nothing has happened to the poor old fellow."

Mike dropped on hands and knees behind the angle of the wall as the door opened, and the woman stood on the threshold looking out down the empty snow-laden valley.

Somewhat the pathos of the bare little Christmas tree and the anxious family appealed to his hardened old soul, and when the door closed again he rose to his feet, and instead of following out his first intention and entering the house to demand food and made of down the valley.

"If William's coming this way, there'll be a road of sorts," he said to himself.

And sure enough there was. Though covered deep in snow, he found that there was a path down the valley, which he had little doubt would lead eventually to the main road to town.

He had gone another mile when a dark patch in the snow straight ahead attracted his attention, and he caught his breath sharply as he stopped beside it.

For it was a man lying flat on his face, and judging by the snow which almost covered his body, he had been there in the same position for some time. Beside him lay a half-filled sack, also covered with snow.

Mike gave a sharp glance around. The moonlight horizon was still bare. He stooped and turned the man over.

"Dead!" he muttered. "Dead and cold!" as he laid his hand against the chill cheek.

For a moment he stood staring at the dead man's face, which was that of a little old man, wizened and bearded, and very much of Mike's own type and build.

Then, like a flash, it came to the convict, that here at last was his chance, and a thrill shot through his weary frame.

"He'll not need them duds any more," he muttered, and dropping on his knees in the snow, began with trembling fingers to strip the dead man of his clothes.

They were worn and old, but to Mike as precious as broadcloth, for once he was rid of his convict garb he had multiplied his chances of escape a hundredfold.

The gruesome task was soon completed, and the luckless stranger almost covered with snow. Then, reckless of the bitter frost, Mike stripped off his own boots, and in less than five minutes stood up to all outward appearances an elderly, harmless-looking laborer.

Not till he had completed the whole change of costume down to boots and hat, and had buried his broad arrows deep in a neighboring drift, did Mike bethink himself of the sack.

He snatched it up eagerly, hoping it might contain food. His last meal had been eight ounces of prison bread and a pint of cocoa, and that nearly twelve hours ago. He was desperately hungry.

The mouth of the sack was tied with a string. Mike's fingers were so numb that he could not untie the knot. But there was a knife in the pocket of his stolen suit, and he quickly cut the cord, and turned the contents of the sack out upon the snow.

A small drum, a bag of lead soldiers, a cheap doll, a box of wax tapers, and one of crackers, and a couple of packets of sweets. Not an article of the lot which had cost 25 cents, and the value of the whole not five dollars.

Mike stood and stared at them. The box of soldiers had fallen open. He stooped and picked up the little painted figures, and replaced them carefully.

"So 'twas poor old Santa Claus," he muttered. "And the children will be waiting on him. 'Twas hard luck indeed!"

Again he bent down and quickly bundled everything back into the sack. He laid this by the dead body, and turning on his heel, walked rapidly away.

The last fragment of cloud had blown away over the southern hills and the moon made the snow-clad moor almost light as day. But the crust was now hard enough to bear the convict's weight, and he traveled quickly across the frozen surface, casting sharp glances to right and left as he went. He was going down hill, now, and the "arther he went the thinner grew the depth of snow, and the plainer was the path. He felt sure that he was nearing the main road to the station. He could not be more than four or five miles from the town now, and with his knowledge of railway matters it would be easy enough to stow away in a truck, and lying under a tarpaulin be carried scores of miles away from the hated prison. Besides there was money in his trousers pockets. Only a little, but plenty to buy food and drink, a clay pipe, and a bit of tobacco.

Mike's mouth watered as he thought of a square meal.

He tried to keep his thoughts on the prospect of these almost forgotten luxuries, yet, somehow it was difficult. The picture seen through the cottage window kept rising before his mind, and though he did his best to thrust it aside, the effort was unavailing.

The other children were watching their bare little Christmas tree, waiting for the presents that would never come. Like all Irish people, Mike was gifted, or cursed with a lively imagination, and he thought of the little ones at last giving up hope and crying themselves to sleep in their beds under the snow-laden roof.

Long years ago Mike had a home of his own, a wife, and a baby. Wife and baby both had died, every ray in a week by an epidemic of diphtheria, and that had been the beginning of the Irish navy's downfall, but he had never forgotten them, and tonight they seemed strangely "near" him.

A sound between a grunt and a groan burst from his lips; he stopped and looked back.

mind was the arctic December of the moon-brink ridge upon ridge against the twinkling stars, and back of these hills the grim, ghastly prison-house. In front were valleys and fields, and the warm lights of the town, the hope of liberty.

"'Tis a foot ye are, Mike Dempsey!" he exclaimed aloud. "Git along wid ye, and don't be delaying for the screws to nab ye!"

Again he started forward, but more slowly than before, and he had not gone a hundred yards before once more he came to a dead stop.

"'Tis no use," he groaned. "I'll just run back an' lave thim things at the Cure. There'll be time to reach town by midnight."

The bitter wind was in his face as he turned back up the hill, but now Mike did not hesitate for a moment. Head down, he hurried onwards, and presently was again beside the corpse of Santa Claus' frozen messenger.

Without a glance at the body he snatched up the sack, hung it over his shoulder, and continued his way up the valley.

The glow from the lighted window threw its red beam across the snow as he rounded the curve and came within sight of the lonely cottage and a corresponding glow warmed Mike's heart as he thought of the pleasure of the children when they found their long-delayed Christmas gifts.

Seeing no sign of life, he slipped in at the front gate, and stepping very quietly up the path, gained the door, dropped his sack, and giving one sharp tap, turned the bolt.

But he had not counted on the eager children, and before he could get round

"All Right," he said sullenly, "I'll come quiet."

"You'd better," retorted the warden, whose tapper long hours in the snow had not improved.

"Mammy, the policemen have took Santa Claus," cried the little lad.

Mike glanced up. The boy's mother was standing by, her face blank with amazement.

"What does this mean?" she cried. "Is it William?"

"Not unless he's changed his name since morning, missus," replied the warden. "He was Michael Dempsey when he bunked from Moorlands just after dinner."

"But I don't understand. He's got William Croker's clothes on, and he's brought the things that William went to fetch."

The other warden—a grizzled, elderly man—shook his head.

"You've got me, missus. I don't know what his little game is no more than you."

"Most like he has murdered William," put in the younger warden sullenly.

"He said William was lost, mammy," explained the boy. "He no brought the things instead. And here they is, all safe."

"Best make a clean breast of it, Dempsey," suggested the elder warden.

"Go and find out yourself," flashed the old convict. "William's down the valley there."

"You take the chap into the house, George," said the older warden. "I'll go down an' see."

Half an hour later he returned.

"I've found William," he said briefly. "He's froze to death. Dempsey took his clothes, but he didn't have no hand in killing him."

"Then, in the name of sense, what did he come back here for instead of skimming out?" inquired the younger warden, in blank surprise.

"He came to bring our kinnas presents," explained curly-locks. "He told me so."

"Well, of all the everlasting fools, snapped the junior warden.

His senior whistled on him sharply.

"A good thing if there were a few more fools of that kind in Moorlands Ay—and outside 'em."

The Virgin Birth of Jesus

By REV. JAMES M. GRAY, D.D.

Dean of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago

TEXT—Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. Matthew 1:23.

The blessed season of the year has approached again when, in a peculiar sense, we contemplate the nativity of our Lord and Savior. The fact that there is no certainty as to the exact month, or day of the month, when He was born, will never militate against the observance of the 25th of December as Christmas day. Would that we were observed with more reverence than it is, and with more thoughtfulness than of Santa Claus, the pagan god, in whose name the world passes round its gifts. Nevertheless, it is of him that his people think, and they are glad of a special opportunity to press his name and his claims upon all who will give heed to them.

Was He Born of a Virgin? It is the feature of his virgin birth that our text emphasizes, and that we have chosen to dwell upon in this discourse. Some of the destructive critics of the Bible as they are called, deny this. They are those who would empty it of the supernatural altogether and hence destroy faith in it as a divine revelation. Why they deny it is simply because they do not want to believe it. They have no proof to the contrary, but have just made up their minds that it is not so. Our proof is the statements of the Bible. The earliest promise of a redeemer in Genesis 3:15 foreshadows it. The prophet Isaiah predicts it in chapter 7 of his prophecy at verse 14, and both Matthew in this place, and Luke in the first chapter of his Gospel, verses 26-35, corroborate it.

Of course, it need not have been so. We do not say that God might not have brought his son into the world some other way, and that he still might have accomplished redemption for us; but if we question the record at this point, we make it liable to be questioned at any point, and then the door is opened to deny Christ and to deny redemption altogether.

Reasonableness of it. When you come to think of it why should not the Son of God have been born in just this way? If he were a pre-existent Divine Person as we know him to be, then some kind of a birth were necessary. It must have been by natural generation or of a virgin, and how could it have been the natural way on account of sin? Jesus' must be sinless to be a Savior of sinners; and how could he be sinless unless he had a virgin birth?

Oh, what a mystery this is! God clothing himself with our nature—that is the meaning of "Immanuel." And yet while the two natures in Christ are united they are not identical. There was a time simply when deity became man, it was not so eternally. And yet notwithstanding this union there is no human nature in God. Men are by nature human and only human, for there was only one incarnation of the divine, and that was Christ.

Meaning of the Two Natures. But it was necessary that Christ should be human, else how otherwise could he have sympathized with us in our infirmity, and borne our sins in his own body on the tree? And it was necessary that he should have been divine, for how otherwise could his death have had sufficient efficacy for such redemption?

Oh, who will receive him today by faith, as the divine-human Savior? This is to know the peace and joy of salvation, and to enter upon the new year no longer as a servant of sin but as a servant of righteousness and of God.

And was there ever greater urgency than now to do this? The awful competition in the world cannot be without meaning for the future; and perhaps the very near future.

But it is not only in the likelihood of sudden death to thousands upon thousands of our fellow men that we find urgency for this appeal, but in an event of much greater moment that stands back of all these things, and that is the coming of our Lord. He who came the first time as a babe and cradled in a manger, will come the second time, as the glorified Son of God and riding upon the clouds of heaven. He came before to save, he will come again to judge. "Unto whom that look for him shall be appear the second time without sin unto salvation," as we read in Hebrews 9:28. But unto them not looking for him, but instead, crying "Peace and Safety,"—a peace and safety in the world's methods of bringing it about, will find "sudden destruction coming upon them, as travel upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape." We read this in Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians at the fifth chapter. Would to God that more would read it, and believe it.

Doing the Will of the Lord. The will of the Lord be done! Ours that godly prayer, constantly, and thank your children, and family to say the same day and night. And only say it with their tongues, but fully submit your will to God's will in every deed, knowing and believing, and surely that nothing shall come upon us or any of yours, otherwise than what he himself and fatherly will and pleasure, and for your eternal comfort and happiness.—John Calvin.

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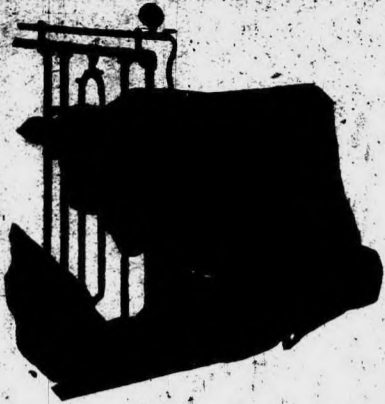
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Local News

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Mrs. Wm. Bauman is quite ill at her home on Maple avenue.

Mrs. Del Parmelee of Dexter, visited Mrs. Carl Heide this week.

Mrs. S. W. Spicer and Mrs. H. A. Spicer visited relatives in Detroit over Sunday.

Several from here attended the Grange Institute held in Ann Arbor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Rosenberg and Harley visited friends in Detroit over Sunday.

The young people of the Grange will give a dancing party in their hall next Monday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Robinson went to Denton last Tuesday to attend the funeral of Elmer Trucell.

See the new line of jewelry at W. E. Smyth's.

Christmas candy, only 10c a pound at Pinckney's Pharmacy.

Miss Evelyn Macomber has gone to Pontiac for a few weeks' stay.

Do your Christmas shopping early and do it at Riggs'. It will pay you.

Mrs. W. F. Richards of Detroit was the guest of Mrs. Robt. Birch last week.

Mrs. E. A. Shafer of Northville, was calling on Plymouth friends, last Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Gill of Ypsilanti, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wynan Bartlett.

Miss Bessie Hood is clerking in E. L. Riggs' dry goods store during the holidays.

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Leonard Atkinson has returned from a few days' visit with friends at Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Louis Malby was taken to Harper hospital, Detroit, last week for an operation.

The afternoon and evening dancing class has been postponed until Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

Lon Reed has gone to Detroit, where he has a position with the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Clark of Bad Axe, have been guests this week at Wm. T. Pettigill's.

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Mrs. Clarence Mason of Detroit, visited her mother, Mrs. D. Dean, and other relatives here last Sunday.

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The Jolly Club gave a dancing party in Grange hall last Friday evening. A good crowd was present and a fine time was enjoyed.

Charles Ashcroft, D. A. Holloway and Wm. Verkirk have been drawn as jurors from Plymouth for the January term of circuit court.

Mrs. N. W. Ayers and little son have returned to their home at Syracuse, New York, after a five weeks' visit with relatives and friends here and in Detroit.

Miss Cetrina Penny, who attends the Detroit Institute of Musical Art Conservatory, played at a concert last Friday evening given at McColister Hall, Detroit.

Bert Pelham and daughter Ora of Iron Mountain, are expected today (Friday) to spend the holidays with the former's father, Dr. A. A. Pelham, and sisters.

Frank Whitbeck, who has been traveling in the western states for the past few months in the interest of the Detroit Vapor Store Co., is at home for the holidays.

If you are looking for Christmas gifts don't overlook the well selected stock of jewelry, silverware and novelties just received from the east at W. E. Smyth's.

Mrs. M. M. Willett and daughter Winifred and Mrs. E. E. Wilson and daughter Helen were guests of Miss Uma Willett at Ann Arbor last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gates of this village, will attend the State Grange meeting of Ann Arbor from Dec. 14 to 17, as delegates from the Wayne County Grange.

Comrades Attention—The regular December meeting of Eddy Post will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, at our time for the meeting comes on Christmas. All comrades are urgently requested to attend as it will be election of officers for the ensuing year. O. P. Showers, Adj't.

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Gage E. Dobbin who suffered three strokes of apoplexy last Thanksgiving day, passed away at the home of his son in Marshall last week Wednesday. Mr. Dobbin was about seventy years of age and for over thirty years was superintendent of the Marshall Furnace Co. During his early life he was a resident of Plymouth, and at one time his well known here. The funeral services were held from his late home last Saturday. He is survived by one son, a daughter and one brother who resided in Marshall and two sisters, Mrs. Yeddyne of Granger, Colorado, and Mrs. J. L. Kellum of Detroit.

Pinckney's Pharmacy is headquarters for dolls and Toys.

Brown's City Delivery will make one delivery Christmas morning—8 o'clock.

Mrs. William Roe returned home Tuesday, after a five weeks' visit in Detroit.

Don't forget the Christmas exercises at the M. E. church Christmas eve, at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

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FOR SALE—Quantity of wheat bran. A. J. Eekles. Phone 311-F3.

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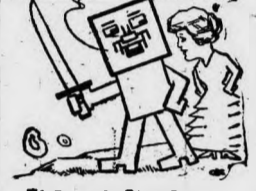
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Michigan Happenings... Saginaw—Floyd Girdler, arrested several days ago in Cleveland

Northville—Northville's village council has offered a reward of \$50 for any information leading to the arrest of local option violators

Lansing—State Labor Commissioner James V. Cunningham announced that the free employment bureau provided for Lansing by the last legislature will be opened in the old state building, January 1

Manistee—Hattie B. Spencer of Chicago, in probate court was named the common law wife of James S. Madison, who died last February

Ironwood—Four miners were killed and two seriously injured in two industrial accidents in this vicinity within a short time of each other

Hillsdale—Hillsdale county Pomona grange, in session here, elected the following officers: Master, B. F. Lamb of Wheatland; overseer, Carl Berts of Hillsdale; lecturer, Mrs. Adm. Beary of Hillsdale; steward, Elmer Osterhout of Hillsdale; assistant steward, Edward Wilson, Lickly's Corners; chaplain, Mrs. A. E. Fitzsimmons of Hillsdale; treasurer, James O'Neill of Osseo; secretary, Mrs. Sadie Gray of Center Adams; gatekeeper, Horace Petri of Cambria; crier, Mrs. Amelia Lamb of Wheatland; Pomona, Mrs. James O'Neill of Osseo; Flora, Mrs. Petrie of Cambria; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Edward Wilson, Lickly's Corners

Grand Rapids—The transfusion operation submitted to by Gustav Solomonsen of Howard City, Mich., saved his life. He left St. Mary's hospital and will fully recover, the surgeons say

THE MODERN NEED... BEECHAM'S PILLS

MOORE'S Emerald Oil... The famous and unexcelled antiseptic and germicide, only a few drops required at an application

PARKER'S HAIR BALM... A perfect preparation of purest oils and medicated essences

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Ungrateful Wretch... "I'm writing a letter to Aunt Sarah," said wifey, "thanking her for the visit she paid us. Do you wish to add anything to it?"

Busy... "Please, Mrs. Brown," said the little girl from the house next door, "mother says would you be kind enough to come over and take care of baby for a little while?"

Complete Material for Body Building... Grape-Nuts... made of wheat and malted barley, is scientifically prepared to supply all the nutriment of the grains

DIVIDED INTO SIX RACES

Differences in Branches of Mankind Are Marked—Origin of the Semitic Peoples.

Sanskrit is the language which was spoken by the easternmost branch of the Indo-Germanic or Aryan race. It cannot, therefore, be said whether the race or the language peculiar to that race is the older, probably the former. The advent of the Celtic Aryan into Europe is shrouded in mystery. There are apparently not even traditions of their time of emigration. The Semitic race is one of the six races of mankind, and is distinct from the Aryan. The races are Indo-Germanic or Aryan, white, of Europe, America, Persia, India and Australia. The Mongolian or Turanian, yellow and brown, Asia. The Semitic, black, Africa, Arabia, etc. The negro, black, Africa. The Malay or Polynesian, brown, Australasia. The American Indian, red, North and South America.

The Semites are supposed to be the descendants of Shem—that is, the name originated in this way. The term was not in general use until the first quarter of this century, though it was used in Germany as early as 1781. It is applied to the races akin to the Hebrew, such as Arabian, or Assyrian. Some authorities consider the primitive seat of the race to be Africa, others Arabia, still others the lower Euphrates. The languages form an important family, and are divided into two principal branches, the northern and southern. To the northern branch belong the Assyrian and Aramean (or Syriac), and the Palestinian, (Hebrew and Phoenician). To the Southern belong the Arabic and the Ethiopic.

DOG'S CHARACTER A MYSTERY

Owners Unable to Determine Whether He is a Detective or Inclined to Kleptomani.

The Newlynwoods out in Crescent Hill are wondering if Rex is a thief or a detective.

Rex is a dog, a white, woolly dog, who 15 minutes after having his bath looks as if he hadn't had a bath for a week. Rex is not a hunter. He doesn't know what game looks like. He doesn't even chase cats. He is afraid of other dogs. He is so tractable that he makes friends with anybody who pays him the slightest attention. He would be on terms of intimacy with a burglar in two minutes.

So it can be seen that Rex's owners had good reason for thinking him good for nothing, even if they did love him. Now they are wondering whether he is worse than good for nothing or a valuable retriever.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Newlynwood lost a purse containing \$16 in cash. A long search failed to reveal it, and it was given up for lost.

Last Sunday Rex walked into the house with something in his mouth. He laid his quarry on the floor. It was the purse and the \$16 were intact.

Now the question at the home of the Newlynwoods is: Did Rex play detective and find that money for its legitimate owners, or did he return it after carrying it away himself? Rex's real character promises to remain a mystery for a long time.—Louisville Times.

Would Not Burn Diamonds.

You often hear of people with money to burn, but so far none has ever attempted to burn their diamonds. The reason why, perhaps, is because they will burn beautifully. "A great many people imagine that diamonds are indestructible," said a jeweler, who was placing a load of gems in his safe for the night, "but as a matter of fact, a fire of diamonds would be the briskest, prettiest thing in the world. Diamonds are nothing but coal-carbon. Put a handful of diamonds on a plate and set a light to them. They will burn with a hard, gemlike flame till nothing is left. There will be no smoke, no soot, and at the end the plate will be as clean as though just washed—not the slightest particle even of ash will remain." Don't try to thaw out your cracked ice by fire.

In a Bit of a Hurry.

A very small boy was taken to a dental establishment to have some of his first teeth pulled. For a second or so, during which time four teeth disappeared, everything was fairly serene, and then came howls of objections.

"I didn't want them teeth to come out," cried the young patient, suddenly recollecting something. "I want them to stay in."

"That's all right," consolingly responded the dentist. "They will soon grow in again."

"Will they?" quickly rejoined the boy, with a brightening face. "Do you think they will grow in time for dinner?"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

How It Happened.

"I understand, uncle, that there is a young colored man in this neighborhood who is turning white?" "Yassah, and 'bleeged to yo' for de 'terrygation, sah. He's muh son, Hunkley, and he's got on 'y turpin' white, but he's done plumb turned. Cuhnal Tolliver got a skeg o' bull snakes and put 'em in his chicken house to keep de rats away. When Hunkley put his head on one o' dem serpents in de night, and two o' dem climb up his pants leg an' snake'd quilled round his neck, he started like an evangelist and turned white, den an' dar!"—Kansas City Star.

Mrs. Paul Voorhies of Detroit, spent Thursday with Mrs. J. J. Travis.

Mrs. Ed. Smith visited friends in Detroit last part of last week, going from here to Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, where she reunited with friends and family.

Persons going with an Auto is de-termined by the following directions: If you are going to the city, you can get the rate for the auto, and if you are going to the country, you can get the rate for the auto and the driver.

SALEM

Martin Boyle was out from Detroit, Sunday, to see his father, who has been sick for some time.

Calvin Wheeler and wife of Detroit, spent Sunday at the home of the former's father, Arthur C. Wheeler.

Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Hartman entertained the Dime at the parsonage last Thursday for dinner.

Fred Cole and wife returned last Saturday from San Francisco, coming by the way of New Orleans and Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wheeler were in Plymouth and Northville, Monday.

Dewey Waterman of Ypsilanti, was in town, Tuesday.

Frank Rider and P. C. Wheeler were in Ann Arbor on business, Monday.

Mrs. Maude Harper of Detroit, spent Sunday with her father, W. P. Holmes.

The Congregational Sunday-school are preparing for Christmas exercises to be held in the church Christmas eve.

Mrs. Adam Meyer, who had been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Merritt, returned to her home at Whitmore Lake, Monday.

Geo. Carey, wife and daughter, Viola, and son, Clyde, visited relatives in Milford, Sunday.

The Yeoman society held their annual meeting Tuesday evening.

Miss Cora Renwick entertained a party of young people Saturday evening.

LIVONIA CENTER.

Miss Eva Jepson was the guest of friends in Detroit, over Sunday.

Mrs. O. E. Chilson was a week-end visitor with friends in Redford.

Dell Maynard is suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy.

The entertainment given by Detroit talent at the church Thursday evening of last week, was attended by a small audience. Mrs. Doyle and Miss Rainin were singers of exceptional ability, and the reader, Miss Jenkinson, was pleasing to listen to. Those who were not present missed a rare treat.

The school of this place is preparing a Christmas entertainment to be given at the hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. Everybody is invited.

The Neighborhood Bible Class will hold their weekly meeting at the home of O. E. Chilson, this week Friday evening. Everybody is welcome.

WEST PLYMOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Becker attended State Grange meeting at Ann Arbor Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. M. L. Thayer has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruolo of Redford, visited at John Butler's Saturday.

Don Packard has installed steam heat in his residence.

Helen O'Bryan is on the sick list this week.

District No. 7 is preparing for a Christmas entertainment.

Everything to wear for Christmas gifts, at Riggs'.

Willow Creek

Several of the relatives and neighbors of J. Baldwin called at his place Thursday to remind him of his 67th birthday.

Lulu Heffer, Nellie Link and Harvey Reddeman spent Sunday with J. Giddens at Cherry Hill.

Remember the Live Wire meeting at E. Harshberger's Friday evening. Ladies bring sandwiches or cake.

Genevieve Everett spent Sunday with Millie Palmer.

E. Harshberger and daughter, Iva, called at F. L. Becker's, Sunday.

Ed. Everett is recovering from an attack of grippe.

Mrs. Marion Tillotson is entertaining her cousin, Mrs. E. W. Munsell of Delleplaine, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sly took dinner at Robt. Hutton's, Sunday.

NEWBURG

Mrs. Fred Geney has been on the sick list.

Mark Joy visited his brother-in-law, Floyd and Sylvester Ostrander, in Romeo, last week. He and his little daughter, Leonia are also spending a few days this week with James Joy at New Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Geer made a business trip to Detroit, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. R. LeVan and Mrs. E. Woods spent Tuesday in Detroit.

Mrs. C. E. Ryder spent last week with Mrs. E. Woods at Stark.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

W. R. C. have election of officers this week Saturday, at the hall.

Mr. Mitchell's sale was largely attended last Wednesday. We are sorry to lose Mr. Mitchell from Newburg, and his friends hope he will decide to locate near here.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bassett, Tuesday.

Leigh Ryder and John Thompson went to South Lyon on a hunting trip the first of the week.

There will be special sermon and music Sunday next.

The Christmas exercises and tree will be held next Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, under the direction of our day school teacher, Miss Helen Farrand. The Sunday-school will join with the day school. Everyone invited to come and bring their presents and enjoy the evening with the young folks.

Next Sabbath a special collection will be taken up in Sunday-school to purchase candy for the Christmas tree.

Miss Gladys Smith is training the children in the Cady school for Christmas exercises to be held next Thursday evening.

Miss Clark will have exercises and a tree in the Stark school next Wednesday evening.

The L. A. S. had a large attendance at their meeting last Friday.

Ed. Fogarty is decorating the church this week.

You have been wondering what to buy for your friends. Come in, perhaps you can find what you want here. Rockwell Pharmacy.

ELM

A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson at Elm last Sunday afternoon to pay their last respects to the departed Mrs. Chas. Rowell, who passed away at Ann Arbor last week Wednesday. Mrs. Rowell, who has been born and raised in this vicinity was always known during her short stay in this world as a very industrious woman, her ideal in life being the welfare of her home and family. Sad as it may seem she departed at the age of forty-one years and leaves to mourn their loss a bereaved husband and seven small children, who are sorely in need of the loving care of a mother. Also a sister and brother, Mrs. Jorgenson of Inkster, and Ira Wilson of Elm, where the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Farber of Plymouth. Interment was made at Newburg cemetery. The community joins in extending their heart felt sympathy for the bereaved family and relatives.

Harvey Meldrum, John Burger and Edgar Smith were drawn as jurors for the January-February term of the circuit court from Livonia.

A large crowd attended the confirmation services at Livonia Center Lutheran church Sunday afternoon.

A number from here attended the Masonic lodge at Redford Saturday night, work in the second degree being conferred on one of our leading citizens.

Town Treasurer Harry Wolfman and insurance collector, Sam McKinney, will visit Bentley Bros. store at Elm Saturday, Dec. 18, all day. So be on hand with your change.

W. C. T. U.

The meeting of last week, Dec. 12th was most interesting. The talk given by Mrs. Jones, the District President, was bright and entertaining and touched upon the most important points of the National Convention.

By motion it was decided to omit the last meeting of the year (Dec. 23) as it is such a busy time. Notice will be given later of the time and place of the next meeting.—Supt. Press.

A CARD—We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors for their beautiful flowers; also Rev. Bell for his comforting words during our recent bereavement.—John Reece, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kellogg and Family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bassett of Newburg, Tuesday, Dec. 14, a 9½ pound boy.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Marietta E. Francis deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioner 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 Office of E. N. Passmore, Plymouth, Michigan, in said county, on Monday, the 7th day of February, A. D. 1916, and on Thursday, the 9th day of April, A. D. 1916, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 7th day of December, A. D. 1915, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. Dated, December 1, 1915.

LOUIS HILLMER ALBERT GAYDE Commissioners.

SCHOOL NOTES

HIGH SCHOOL

Report came out this week. Two delegates, appointed by the president of each class, met with the faculty on Wednesday of last week for the purpose of discussing the social life of the school. Dancing seemed to be the favorite amusement. In order to get the opinions of the parents, letters have been sent out that they might state their objections.

Albert Kenyon, from Northville, has entered the ninth grade.

Chapel exercises were held in the High school room last Thursday, and Mr. Dutton gave a splendid talk on "The New America."

The Senior class had a party last Thursday night, at the home of John Jones. An oyster supper was served and everyone had a good time.

GRADES

Eight pupils of the seventh grade and one from the eighth grade went with Miss Crossman to hear the normal choir at the St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit.

Miss Nurko and Mrs. J. R. Rauch met them in Detroit.

The third grade will have a Christmas program.

Anna Goldsberg and Gertrude Keyson are new pupils in the sixth grade.

The eighth grade have been reading "Michael O'Halloran."

There have been many absent from nearly all the grades, because of illness.

The fifth and sixth grade manual training began this week with cardboard construction work.

The seventh grade have been reading Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

The seventh and eighth grade manual training have a display of whisk broom holders which are a credit to the department.

Jennie Spiedelberg and Pierre Kenyon have entered the fourth grade, and Josephine and Susan Wells have left.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a bake sale in the gas office next Saturday, December 18th, at two o'clock.

Grateful Mothers Tell Experiences

Mrs. T. Neureuter, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Foley's Remedy cured my child of a very severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. Our milkman cured my children of whooping cough. I recommend it to every one as we know from our own experience that it is a wonderful remedy for croup, colds, croup, and whooping cough."

Mrs. D. Gilman, Ypsilanti, O., writes: "My little girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. I tried lots of cough remedies but she didn't get any better. My sister recommended Foley's Remedy and Compound to me. The first dose I gave her relieved the inflammation in her throat, and after using one bottle the cough left her."

This sterling old remedy has been in use for years and is just as efficient for adults as for children. It gives relief for irritated and tickling, throat, tight and sore chest, grippe and bronchial coughs."

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

December 6, 1915.

Regular meeting of the village council called to order on the above date by President Louis Hillmer. Trustees present: Jones, Lang, Strong, Robinson, T. J. Ahsen, Todd.

Minutes of Nov. 1, 2, 9th read and approved.

Motion by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Strong, that the request of Mr. Thompson be referred to the electric light committee. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Tigue and seconded by Trustee Jones that to buy a car of 22½ egg coal of Parker Bros. Co., motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Lang and seconded by Trustee Strong, that the request of Mr. Farber for a light in the rear back of the Presbyterian church be referred to the light committee. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes items like Gas, Fire, and various utility bills.

Motion made by Trustee Lang and seconded by Trustee Strong, that the bills be allowed and warrants be drawn to pay the same. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Robinson and seconded by Trustee Jones, that the matter of financing exhaust pipes on the Daisy Mfg. Co. be referred to the electric light committee, and report at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Strong, that the committee on public buildings take up the matter of financing exhaust pipes on the Daisy Mfg. Co. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Lang and supported by Trustee Strong that the superintendent of the waterworks be instructed to inspect all service pipes in the village. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Lang and seconded by Trustee Strong, that we adjourn until December 30th. Motion carried.

C. A. Hearn, Village Clerk.

Danger Signal

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It's much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should do more to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beach, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

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Watchmaker and Optician. Watch inspector for the Michigan Central R. R. for 17 years. PLYMOUTH, - MICHIGAN.

All Gasoline Cans

Must Be Bright Red

State Oil Inspector R. E. Barron of Howell, has issued orders that all gasoline cans must be repainted a bright red, the order to take effect Jan. 1.

The so-called "red can" law went into effect in 1909, and for a time it was observed by dealers and others using gasoline. Inspector Barron says, however, that now some of the cans painted years ago resemble more their original color than red and that as a result many accidents, sometimes resulting in deaths, is the result. He states that apparently many dealers in gasoline in Michigan are unaware of the law that compels them to paint red all receptacles in which gasoline is used.

"Violations have become so numerous that it is in the interest of the public safety to see the law is rigidly enforced, and I have issued orders that every can used for holding gasoline must receive a fresh coat of paint by Jan. 1. Several persons have lost their lives during the year because the law was not enforced."

We have the finest line of toilet waters and perfumes, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$4.00 bottles, also in bulk. Rockwell Pharmacy.

NOTICE

All shareholders having Advance Paid COUPON certificates of the NATIONAL LOAN & INVESTMENT COMPANY OF DETROIT, may have their coupons due January 1, 1916, cashed by presenting them to Mr. Carl Heide, any time between December 18th, 1915, and January 10th, 1916.

This company is in its twenty-seventh year of successful operation. It pays FIVE PER CENT on savings, and loans ONLY ON FIRST MORTGAGE on improved homes. Ask Mr. Carl Heide about it.

KRAUS SAMPLE SHOP, Plymouth, opposite Postoffice. Detroit, 244 Woodward ave 6th Floor, take Elevator. More of those Coats that made it worth while for the women of Plymouth and surrounding country to shop at this store. The greatest values ever offered, not even after Christmas can such values be offered. Coats of 20 Different Styles, to pick from, from made to sell for \$15.00. \$5.00 SUITS If will pay you to look these over and don't forget every one a salesman's sample, 1-3 below wholesale price, to close \$7.50 Dresses Silk, Serge and a few party Dresses, to close, most wonderful values ever offered. \$4.75 Shirts We are doing the shirt business of the town. Why? because we have the right kind at right prices. \$2.95 value.