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ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

DEKALB COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE GIVES SUGGESTIONS

NEED OF BETTER SCHOOLS

Consolidation of Rural Schools Chief Means to this End—Successful Institute

The Farmers' Institute held at DeKalb last week was a success from every standpoint, there being many excellent exhibits and plenty of enthusiasm displayed. Resolutions were adopted, extracts from which follow:

"Resolved, that we note with gratification the steadily increasing interest in scientific agriculture as evinced by the large and enthusiastic attendance at our annual Institute, by the growing disposition to introduce the study of elementary agriculture into our public schools and especially by the earnestness by which many of our farmers are endeavoring to discover the best way of managing the land.

"That we have the highest appreciation of the inestimable service which our college of agriculture is rendering to the economic and social interest of our agricultural communities. The men who are managing its interests have demonstrated a superior fitness for the work entrusted to their charge. Their annual contribution to the wealth of the state far exceeds the appropriations placed at their disposal. We respectfully request the General Assembly to give to their estimates for the succeeding two years the most considerate and generous attention.

"Recognizing that the school is an indispensable agency in the accomplishment of these results at which we aim we urge upon rural communities a more liberal policy in the maintenance of these nurseries of a superior people. We need better school-houses, better equipments, and above all things we need better teachers. We recommend larger levies for school expenses and such an increase in salaries as will enable the rural school to compete with the town and thus prevent that constant drain by which those who prove themselves efficient in rural schools are taken off to the towns and cities.

"We especially commend such a modification of the courses of instruction as will best fit rural childhood for rural life. We can see no reason why the country school should be in any way inferior to the schools of the town. The demands of country life suggest as prominent subjects of study of agriculture and its kindred branches. We shall view with warm approval any disposition on the part of our schools to make such an adjustment of the course of study to the child's environment as will fit him to live happily and efficiently in such an environment.

"We recognize as one of the chief means to this end the consolidation of our smaller rural schools. We commend this movement and we approve the proposed bill providing for the conveyance of pupils at public expense when a community shall by ballot decide in favor of such a measure.

"Believing that the suggested adoption of the township as an educational territorial unit would greatly improve our schools and would yield far superior results for the money now expended we recommend that the law be so changed as to enable townships to substitute for the present dis-

trict system the plan proposed by the state Educational Commission.

"In promoting the welfare of any community no considerations are of greater importance than the problems of household management and public health. Since the introduction of Domestic Science into our schools affords a most efficient means of training the future home-makers upon whom these matters are to devolve, we recommend every effort which looks toward the installation and maintenance of this work in our schools."

The following resolution was passed unanimously at a previous session:

"Whereas: It is common knowledge that the public roads of the state do not meet in any reasonable degree the need of the times and whereas the improvement of the main thoroughfare of the state of Illinois is a matter of great necessity and of paramount importance and whereas the law and the practice of placing practically all the expense of permanent highway improvements upon farm property is an unjust burden upon the farmers of the state,

"Therefore be it resolved that we request and urge our members of the General Assembly to use all proper means to secure an enactment of a law by which the state shall pay from a general tax levy one-half the cost of gravelling or macadamizing such public highways as the voters of the respected townships shall decide upon."

PRICE OF BUTTER IS UP

Market Declared Firm at 32 Cents by Elgin Board of Trade

Officers of the Elgin board of trade during the past year were re-elected at the annual meeting of directors Monday afternoon. The price of butter was boosted one cent and is now declared firm at 32 cents.

The re-elected officers are: President—John Newman. Vice president—D. E. Wood. Secretary—L. B. Judson. Treasurer—William McCredie. Elgin's market price is a half-cent under that of New York, including the increase in price Monday. Eastern prices were quoted steady at 32½ cents on extras and 33 cents on specials.

Former markets:
Dec. 21, '08, 31 cents.
Dec. 30, '07, 29 cents.
Dec. 31, '06, 32 cents.
Dec. 30, '05, 26 cents.

THE SKATING RINK

Fun, Bumps, Shocks and Stars at the Pavilion

Roller skating at the pavilion is taking up the spare time of the young people these days. Of course during the first few evenings there was a greater display of stars than one can see now, but there is even yet an occasional bump which brings the entire solar system before the vision of the unfortunate novice.

The floor is in good condition for the purpose and the management has put in a lot of fine skates.

Odd Fellows Play

The Odd Fellows again laid aside ritual and regalia at the regular meeting last Monday evening and enjoyed a few hours of play, at the expense of J. E. Stott, Kline Shipman and W. H. Heed, the entertainment committee. Light refreshments, consisting of sweet cider, cakes and fruit were served, and tables were arranged for card and checker playing.

BIG DAIRYMAN FAVORS LAW

John P. Mason of Elgin Calls on Brother Farmers to Help

John P. Mason, president of the Illinois' Farmers' Institute, who has three big herds of dairy cows, has broken away from the other farmers of Kane county, who are strenuously objecting to Chicago's new milk ordinance. He authorized an interview in Elgin following the threat of Health Commissioner Evans to make his first war on the Kane county dairymen because they are the only known organized opposition to the "good milk from sound cows" plan. Mr. Mason censured the Kane county grand jury for opposing the ordinance and urged the farmers to welcome its enforcement.

"Illinois is now the dumping ground for infected cattle of Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin," he declared. "Chicago's move toward rooting out tubercular cows is to be commended. It is a step that should have been taken long ago. The time is not far distant when a state statute will demand tuberculin tests.

"Illinois buyers now buy infected cows by the carload. Dairymen can well afford to own certified herds. They cannot afford to take the stand they do. Milk at its best can be none too pure. The resolution of the Kane county grand jury in opposing the ordinance was foolish. Kane county can't afford to lose its milk market."

Health Commissioner Evans has gone south for a vacation during the holidays, but his subordinates are rushing plans for the enforcement of the measure which requires all milk, after January 1, to be pasteurized if it does not come from tuberculin tested cows.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Genoa Lodge I. O. O. F. to Have Big Doings January 11

Genoa Lodge No. 768, I. O. O. F. will celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the hall on Monday evening, Jan. 11. The committee is arranging an entertainment that will be well worth hearing. The chief feature of the program will be an address by Dr. W. B. Leach of Chicago, who is considered one of the best platform men in the country. He is entertaining during every minute that he stands before his audience. His subject for this occasion is "The Helping Hand."

There will be some music and light refreshments will be served. Each member of the lodge has the privilege of inviting two friends, besides bringing their own family.

BIG DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Townships of Malta, Milan, Afton and DeKalb Interested in Venture

A big drainage district is in process of formation in the townships of Malta, Milan, Afton and DeKalb. A petition containing the required majority of the owners of land in the proposed district has been duly filed in court and all the machinery for organizing a drainage district has been set in motion. The district as laid out will improve by drainage 5,500 acres of lands in the townships named, and make some of the best land in the county of land which is flat and wet and which it has been possible to use only for pasturage or wild hay land. A large number of the many land owners whose land will be affected are very desirous of making the improvement beginning early in the spring.

OPEN LAW BREAKING

FISHING THRU ICE IS PROHIBITED BY STATUTE

PENALTY A HEAVY FINE

The Law May Not be to Our Liking, but It is a Law and Should be Enforced

It has been brought to the attention of the writer that many persons are daily violating the law for the protection of fish, in this locality.

Perhaps there are some who are not aware that such a law exists, while there are others who openly defy the law and run the risk of being heavily fined.

That portion of the statute pertaining to fishing thru the ice reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to catch or kill any fish in or upon any of the lakes or rivers within the jurisdiction of this state except waters used for commercial navigation, or lakes, sloughs or bayous adjoining the same, with any device or means when such waters are covered with ice. It shall, however, be lawful to take with net and sein only from all streams navigable for commercial purposes, and from the sloughs and bayous directly connected with such streams, dog fish, carp, buffalo and cat fish, when such streams, lakes and bayous so connected are covered with ice."

According to the above to take fish thru the ice on Kishwaukee river is unlawful. The fine attached to this misdemeanor can be no less than \$25.00 and not more than \$200.00.

The fish laws of Illinois are framed after the wishes of the sportsmen who have no other object in view than their own pleasures during the vacation periods. There is not a line of the statute in this respect which actually benefits or ever will benefit the people who live on the rivers and lakes and pay the heavy taxes in their vicinity. In the Fox Lake region for instance the farmers may not even go out on the lakes, cut a hole thru the ice and catch a mess of fish for dinner without breaking the law which is closely guarded there. On the other hand when the farmer is busy in the spring the sportsmen come out from the cities and fish to their heart's content, and this during the spawning season. See the consistency of the law?

However, it is the law and we must abide by it until such time as the legislators give the matter closer attention.

Fire at Restaurant

The interior of Edington's restaurant was considerably damaged by fire and water early Wednesday morning. It was about three o'clock when Night Watch Watson discovered flames in the place, the partition, separating the kitchen and dining room being on fire. By prompt action he extinguished the flames, without calling out the fire department. The damage from fire was slight, but the water soaked up the place considerably. The place will be opened again for business Saturday morning.

Grand Stand Razed

The grand stand at the base ball park was leveled to the ground Tuesday by the strong wind which came over the grounds from the south. The damage will mean considerable loss to the owners, Geo. Evans and Logan Olmsted, who erected the structure last spring.

ADDIE GANOUNG HALL

Body Brought to Genoa Sunday and Interred at Shattuck's Grove

The death of Addie Ganoung Hall, at her home 140 East 22nd street, Chicago, Thursday morning last, though not wholly unexpected came as a blow to relatives and friends alike.

Addie Ganoung was born at Durand, Ill., April 2, 1854, and died at Chicago, December 24, 1908, at the age of fifty-four years and nine months. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ganoung, who were among Durand's earliest settlers. Her girlhood days were passed at Durand and vicinity, and after the death of her parents she made her home for many years with the family of Harlyn Shattuck, at Shattuck's Grove, Ill. She was united in marriage to Fredrick S. Hall, at Shattuck's Grove, December 10, 1884, and since then has lived in Chicago.

Her home life was a beautiful one; surrounded by all the necessary comforts she lived for others as well as herself, and to relatives and friends alike the latch string of her pleasant home was always out. She was of a lovable disposition, kind hearted, sympathetic and true and made friends all through life.

Her husband, Fredrick Hall, was a half brother to Harlyn, Arthur and John Shattuck of this place, in whose homes Mrs. Hall was a frequent visitor. She had many friends in Genoa who will be grieved to learn of her death. Mrs. Hall never fully recovered from the shock of her husband's death. About two weeks ago she was attacked by pneumonia, and failed rapidly, the end coming peacefully last Thursday morning.

She leaves to mourn her departure, a sister, Miss Hattie Ganoung, who for more than twenty years has made her home with Mrs. Hall; two brothers, John Ganoung, of Live Oak, Cal., and Sumner, of Center, Col. Other relatives who were present at the funeral in Chicago Saturday are W. H. Ganoung of Elgin, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Sumner Ganoung of Center, Col., Mrs. Jennie Wilder of Evansville, Wis., George Hall, a brother-in-law of the deceased, and the Shattuck boys of this city. The funeral party came out Sunday on the 11:30 train on the Milwaukee road, and drove to Shattuck's Grove where she was laid to rest at her husband's side.

F. O. TAYLOR FILES PETITION

Enters Voluntary Bankruptcy in United States Dist. Court

Fred O. Taylor has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States district court in Chicago, and the latter body has referred the matter to Referee Huntley after adjudicating Taylor a bankrupt.

The first meeting of creditors in the estate took place Monday of last week before Referee Thomas S. Huntley at Sycamore. This was necessary inasmuch as the law stipulates that the first hearing must be held at the county seat of the county in which the bankrupt resides. Frank Sherwood of Elgin was named as trustee in the estate at the hearing.

Taylor has been conducting the Dan Kelley farm south-east of town. His assets are placed at \$1,800, and his liabilities at \$3,000, approximately. Prior to going to Charter Grove Taylor was a resident of Elgin where he has numerous friends.

Mrs. Rachel Dean of Elgin is visiting her brother, L. Robinson,

GNEKOW-CHURCH

Marriage Ceremony at German Lutheran Parsonage Saturday

Mr. Will E. Gnekow and Miss Lillian Mae Church were married at the German Lutheran parsonage Saturday morning, Dec. 26, at nine o'clock, Rev. J. Molthan officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on the Illinois Central for a short trip. They returned Sunday evening and a wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's parents, several friends and relatives being present.

The groom is the son of Wm. and Emilie Gnekow and has resided in Genoa and vicinity all his life. The bride is a daughter of Sherman and Helen Church and having made Genoa her home for some years, is well and favorably known.

4,000,000 CHRISTMAS TREES

Supplied by the Nation's Forests this Year

The nation's forests this year supplied 4,000,000 Christmas trees the forestry service estimating that one out of every four families observed the tree custom at Yuletide. Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, upholds the Christmas tree custom and believes it should be maintained.

"The number of trees cut this year," he said, "is insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. This clearing of an area equal to a good sized farm should not be the subject of much worry when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year.

"In this country the foresters predict the Christmas tree business will become a recognized industry and that as much attention will be given it as is now devoted to growing crops or timber for other uses."

ELGIN POULTRY SHOW

Opens December 28 and Continues Until January 2

The annual poultry show in the Spurling block at Elgin opens on Tuesday of this week and continues until Saturday, Jan. 2.

The exhibition is becoming popular with chicken fanciers all over the country and many fancy birds are on display. The show is of greater interest to people of this vicinity in view of the fact that several Genoa breeders will have birds in the contests for prizes. Those who can should attend at least one day. It is worth the price and trouble to see the birds. Among those from Genoa who usually enter birds are Guy Brown, Phil Thorwarth and Rea Campbell.

AUGUST NAKER DEAD

Charter Grove Man Dies at Age of 87 Years

August Naker, one of the oldest residents of this county, died at his home near Charter Grove early Monday morning, following illness due to old age.

Mr. Naker was born in Germany and was nearly 87 years of age. He came to this country as a young man over sixty years ago, settling near Charter Grove. He has been a good citizen and through his long residence here had gained a wide acquaintance. He leaves a wife 85 years of age.

The funeral was conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock.

OF GENERAL INTEREST

ITEMS STOLEN FROM COLUMNS OF EXCHANGES

SCARLET FEVER RAGING

Schools of Several McHenry County Towns Have Been Closed to Prevent Spread of Disease

Sycamore Tribune: A party of Sycamore people left recently for Biloxi, Miss., among whom are Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sivwright, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wyman, Mr. and Mrs. George Wells, Mrs. Scarce and her daughter, Mrs. J. K. Egbert and two children, Jean and Russell, and Mrs. Al. Wheeler.

Contracts have been let by the Cable Piano company of St. Charles and Chicago for the construction of a \$60,000 addition to the company's plant at St. Charles. With the completion of the improvement, the factory will be doubtless the largest in the world devoted exclusively to the manufacture of pianos.

Three veins of gas have been struck by Chas. Acly in drilling a well for Wallace Phelps in Hartland. The first vein was reached at a depth of 110 feet, the second at 161 and the third at 190 feet. At the latter depth the pressure of gas was especially strong and it produced a fine light, burning for a considerable length of time.

Sycamore Tribune: Oscar Swenson, the cigar manufacturer, has bought the Empire billiard and pool room operated by Ernest Husberg, the deal being closed Saturday. Oscar intends to move his factory business over the first of the year and run the two lines together. Oscar is a hustler and there is no doubt that he will make a go of it. Mr. Husberg has not decided upon his plans for the future.

Boards of health and school trustees in Crystal Lake (Nunda,) Cary and Algonquin have closed the schools in their respective towns in order to prevent a further spread of scarlet fever. The most recent development in the McHenry county disease situation was the closing of schools at Cary, which took place Wednesday, at the suggestion of medical practitioners who were attending cases.

Calvin Baker, town clerk of Marion, Ogle county, has announced that he will not give orders for bounty for ground hogs killed after Dec. 23, until further notice. This action becomes necessary on account of the great drain made on the fund set apart for this purpose by the board of supervisors, the little town of Nashua alone issuing orders for the unprecedented amount of two thousand dollars on the scalps of ground hogs during the past year. Ground hog hunting in Nashua is a great industry.

On Tuesday morning of last week the people of Marengo were horrified to learn that Charles Kehr, a thrifty farmer who resided about nine miles northwest of that city, had died on the streets from exposure and was found near the Zion Lutheran church. As near as can be ascertained Mr. Kehr came to the city on Monday with a load of grain which he sold, and meeting some of his friends, joined with them in a merry time for several hours. About eleven o'clock in the evening he placed his team in Lanning's livery barn. This was the last time he was seen until Jesse Bertram saw him lying on the steps of the Lutheran church, about five o'clock the next morning.

Government Help in Fighting Fire.

The methods of preventing forest fires employed by the service are simple and depend for their efficacy mainly upon eternal vigilance. The areas included in the boundaries of the reserves are constantly patrolled by a force of rangers and guards. During the past summer the men thus employed numbered about thirteen hundred. The average area that each was required to protect was more than a hundred and twenty thousand acres, says the Craftsman. The forester realizes that this is too much ground for one man to cover properly, but congress has not made the funds available for the employment of a larger force. Roads and trails are constructed in order to facilitate rapid travel from one part of the reserve to another and to expedite the massing of large numbers, as well as to furnish vantage points from which to conduct the fight against the flames. Telephone lines connect rangers' stations with headquarters in order that fires may be quickly reported and prompt measures adopted to extinguish them. During the last fiscal year 160 miles of road, 33 miles of trail and 3,500 miles of telephone line were constructed in the national forests. The officers of the service now receive the most ready assistance from persons living in the vicinity of the reserves, and especially from stockmen and others who use the forests under permits. The latter are required by the terms of the agreement for grazing or lumbering to extend all possible assistance in case of fire; the former are beginning to appreciate the fact that the forests are the property of the people and that any damage inflicted upon them must entail a loss to the people at large and not least directly to the local residents.

Dogs as Suicides.

According to M. Camille Flammarion, the eminent astronomer and psychologist, it is possible for dogs to commit suicide. We ourselves have heard of such things and take more or less stock in them, but M. Flammarion believes that dogs suffer from grief and despair and kill themselves like human beings. His remarks were occasioned by the alleged suicide of a Saint Bernard dog who threw himself under a motor bus in the Place Saint Sulpice recently, an hour after the death of his mistress. He argues that the dog may be assumed to have known as well as a human being that a motor bus would crush him to death, and when he got in front of its wheels he probably did so as the quickest way to end his grief at his mistress' demise. M. Flammarion cites other instances which have come under his notice of dogs committing suicide, and concludes that the stories are not so incredible as they seem at first sight, and adds that dogs may have even borrowed the instinct from man. But having given dogs credit for memory and intense affection, says the Boston Herald, why doubt their capacity for mental suffering? Maeterlinck, another observer of dogs, has given them souls, as well as memory and affections. Many a dog has died of grief even if he did not commit suicide.

Six professors of the State College of Agriculture are making a tour through the farming regions of Pennsylvania on a special "educational train" furnished by a big railroad company. The trip combines instruction through lectures and object lessons in the shape of all sorts of up-to-date equipment for farm work, carried on the train. One of various objects in view is encouraging the cultivation of alfalfa, the hardy grass which is peculiarly valued as a hay producer. There are also suggestions for increasing the output of dairy products, the care of live stock and other matters of practical moment. As the people flock to the train, view the exhibits and listen with deep interest to the lectures it is apparent that they are quite willing to pick up hints that may be valuable in their business.

The wife of Gerhart Hauptmann—Margaret Marshall—before her marriage to the dramatist was for a long time a popular member of the Lobe theater at Breslau. She has now gone on the stage for the second time, but not as an actress. At a recent concert given by the Verein der Musikfreunde at Hirschberg Frau Hauptmann played a Grieg composition, showing that she is an accomplished violinist.

A decision of the board of general appraisers in a custom case is that a typewritten signature is legal. It will be a long time, probably, before typewritten signatures on checks are accepted by the banks, but the habit of affixing an illegal signature, written with a pen, to an ordinary typewritten letter, not involving a contract of any kind, might happily fall into general disuse.

What would the French courts do without American heiresses?

DIDN'T GO TO KILL

Hains Brothers Went to Bayside to See Real Estate.

SO SAYS DEFENSE WITNESS

Another Point Scored When Garbage Collector Swears Thornton Didn't Draw Revolver Till His Brother Was Threatened by Charles Roberts.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The defense scored two material points in the evidence developed in the trial yesterday of Thornton J. Hains, which the defendant's counsel assert disproves the charge that the author was a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis of the Bayside Yacht club in Little Neck bay.

An exhausting cross-examination of the two witnesses for the defense left the main points of their testimony unshaken, and Thornton Hains returned to Long Island jail last night declaring that the evidence proved his innocence.

Went to Look at Property.

That Thornton Hains did not go to Bayside to kill Annis, but to look at property, was testified to by Charles R. Weaver, sales agent for the Hains Concrete Mixer Company, who further declared that it was at his insistent invitation that the Hains brothers on August 15 postponed a trip to Sandy Hook and went to Bayside to inspect real estate there. Weaver almost sobbed on the stand when he said that he felt responsible for sending the Hains brothers on the journey that ended in the death of Annis. The mental condition of Capt. Hains previous to the shooting was testified by Mr. Weaver, who asserted that from the actions of the army captain he believed him to be irrational.

Strong Point for Defense.

The second material point brought out by the defense was drawn from John Tierney, a garbage collector, who said he was an eye-witness to the tragedy. Tierney declared that Capt. Hains had ceased firing before his brother ran down to the boat, and the defendant did not draw his revolver until Charles Roberts, a club member, advanced toward Capt. Hains with the captain's revolver in his hand. Tierney said that Thornton Hains did not point his revolver at any one on the boat, but called for an officer to arrest his brother. He did not see Mrs. Annis on the boat. A cross-examination did not make Tierney waver in the essentials of his first direct testimony.

VIRGINIA CITY IS SHAKEN.

Severe Earthquake Does Damage in the Montana Town.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Virginia City, Mont., states that at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon that section was shaken by the severest of a series of seismic disturbances that have been going on for more than a week. The electric power and light plant was put out of commission. This plant is located ten miles distant from Virginia City.

Louisville, Dec. 29.—Reports here last night were that late Sunday night the western end of Kentucky was visited by earthquake shocks. A dispatch from Hopkinsville states that a ball of fire was seen in that town and that following the phenomenon, seismic shocks were felt throughout that and adjoining counties.

FOURTEEN YEARS FOR RUEF.

Former Boss of Frisco Sentenced to San Quentin Prison.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was sentenced yesterday to 14 years in the state penitentiary at San Quentin. Sentence was pronounced by Judge William P. Lawlor, who presided over Ruef's trial on the charge of bribing a member of the Schmitz board of supervisors in the award of an overhead trolley franchise to the United Railroads. The trial, which ended with a conviction on December 10, was one of the most celebrated in the history of the city.

TUG AND FOUR MEN LOST.

Fishing Vessel Wrecked and Sunk at Frankfort, Mich.

Frankfort, Mich., Dec. 28.—The 15-ton fish tug Rhine of Frankfort was wrecked against one of the harbor piers here Saturday night, trying to make the harbor in a strong southwest gale. The little vessel was broken in two and the four men comprising her crew were drowned.

The dead are: Capt. Henry Hanrath, Julius Dorry, Charles Kibby and Gus Straubel.

Tom Longboat is Wedded.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 29.—Tom Longboat, the Indian long-distance runner, was married to Miss Loretta Maraale last night at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Rev. Mr. Cregan, a Church of England clergyman who is in charge of the Indian mission at Deseronto, performed the ceremony.

Burglars Get \$25,000 Loot.

New York, Dec. 29.—A safe robbery which is said by the police to be unexampled in point of daring was revealed yesterday by Oscar C. Jackle, a jeweler of 866 Third avenue, whose place of business was entered Sunday night and looted of \$5,000 in cash and \$20,000 in jewelry.

HUNDRED THOUSAND DIE IN AWFUL EARTHQUAKE

Seismic Shocks, Tidal Waves and Fires Devastate Messina, Reggio and Scores of Other Cities and Towns of Calabria.

Horrible Scenes in the Stricken District, Described by Eye-Witnesses--All Nations Offer Sympathy and Aid--King and Queen Go to Sicily--American Consul Arthur S. Cheney and His Wife Are Reported to Be Among the Victims of the Terrible Disaster.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

"His Majesty Vittorio Emanuele, Rome: "With all my countrymen I am appalled by the dreadful calamity which has befallen your country. I offer my sincerest sympathy. American National Red Cross has issued appeals for contributions for the sufferers and notified me that they will immediately communicate with the Italian Red Cross. "Theodore Roosevelt."

Rome.—Stunned at the magnitude of the calamity which has overtaken its fellow countrymen, all Italy mourns for the stricken province of Calabria and the island of Sicily. Accustomed for centuries to earthquakes, Italy stands ever in dread, but none was prepared for the disaster which in the fraction of a minute Monday devastated cities and towns and caused the death of thousands. Late estimates put the number of dead at 100,000.

Messina, whose tragic history has been marked by tidal waves and war, and which was the center of Monday's terrestrial maelstrom, was shaken to ruins. Flames burst forth to complete the city's destruction and to burn alive untold numbers helplessly plumed beneath fallen walls and broken timbers. The Strait of Messina was shaken and twisted by the earth's trembling, for mariners report the channel altered beyond recognition. The ports and villages on both the continental and Sicilian sides were wrecked or inundated and all lighthouses along the coasts were swallowed up. Navigation now is dangerous and in some places impossible.

Seaport of Reggio Wiped Out.

In the Calabrian district, which was only beginning to recover from the effects of the earthquake of 1905, Reggio was the center of the earth's upheaval. The seaport of Reggio is reported as no longer existing and the city proper is in ruins. The loss of life on both sides of the strait and in eastern Sicily was enormous.

One of the refugees from Reggio who was the first to bring the news of the city's destruction tried to make his way to Sicily in a sailboat, but was compelled to return, and finally found safety at a peninsula port. In describing his experience he said:

"The sea was strangely, mysteriously agitated, and the heavens were ablaze. Nearing Sicily, the clearing smoke revealed the mystery. Messina was in flames. In the frenzy of despair I turned my boat back to Calabria."

Terrible Scenes at Messina.

Starving, bleeding from injuries and almost insane from their terrifying experiences, Messina's survivors are fleeing in all directions. The spectacle presented by the ruined seaport is described as terrifying. Tumbling buildings both killed and mutilated, while hundreds of the injured imprisoned in the wreckage were abandoned to their fate by the fleeing populace. One of those who escaped said:

"The earth seemed suddenly to drop and then turn violently on its axis. The whole population, who practically were precipitated from the houses rent in twain, were spun around like tops as they ran through the streets. Many fell crushed to death and others, bewildered, took refuge for breath beside the tottering walls, where they soon met the fate of their companions."

Brave Work of Rescuers.

Already British and Russian squadrons have arrived at Messina. Sailors and marines have been disembarked and they have performed courageous acts in rescuing the injured and removing the wounded. A large number of survivors have been transferred to the warships, which are transformed into great floating hospitals. It is imperative that the dead be removed from the ruins in order to avoid a pestilence. Steamers with doctors, druggists, firemen and workmen have arrived at Messina from Catania and other places.

Special dispatches received here from Calabria confirm the destruction of Reggio. They report that the situation there is as bad, if not worse, than at Messina. The streets in Rome are jammed with people, who snatch the special editions from the newsboys. The people are plunged in grief and lamentations are heard on all sides. Here and there one asks another: "When will end this awful repetition of devastation and death in our country?"

All Nations Offer Aid.

The hands of all the nations have been extended to Italy in her affliction. From rulers have come messages of condolence and from the people spon-

palaneous promises of that aid which brings the world closer together in times of great calamity.

Great Britain, France and Russia have sent their warships quick as a flash of the telegraph could carry the orders to lend assistance to the stricken cities. Relief funds have already been started and a hundred ships and trains are on their way carrying supplies and reinforcements to the south. Rome, Milan, Florence, Naples and other cities are sending physicians, police and firemen.

Described by Naval Officer.

At the time of the earthquake the torpedo boat Sappho was lying in the harbor of Messina and one of the officers told of the occurrences, as follows:

"At half-past five in the morning the sea suddenly became terribly agitated, seeming literally to pick up our boat and shake it. Other craft nearby were similarly treated and the ships looked like bits of cork bobbing about in a tempest. Almost immediately a tidal wave of huge proportions swept across the strait, mounding the coasts and carrying everything before it. Scores of ships were damaged and the Hungarian mail boat Andrassy parted her anchors and went crashing into other vessels. Messina bay was wiped out and the sea was soon covered with masses of wreckage, which was car-

alling calamity and ordering the saying of prayers. He asks also what money is required, as he desires to contribute funds to cope with the situation.

Premier Giolitti has appointed a national committee to organize succor for the unfortunates. The president of the organization is the duke of Aosta. The king has made a generous contribution to the relief fund. Minister of Public Works Bertolini and Minister of Justice Orlando have left Rome for Sicily. Sig. Orlando is a Sicilian.

Lasted Only Twenty-Three Seconds.

A report of technical observations from the observatory at Messina says the earthquake lasted for 23 seconds only. It was accompanied by remarkable atmospheric phenomena. The surcharged air was filled with sparks and flashes of flame which flared up until the heavens seemed afire. The crest of the earth appeared suddenly to drop. These phenomena were followed by distinct lateral oscillations that threw the panic-stricken people off their feet as they rushed to the streets.

Straits of Messina All Changed.

Reports indicate that the geography of the Straits of Messina has been so changed as to cause apprehension of serious commercial and strategic dif-

EARTHQUAKE SCENE IN ITALY.



Calabrian Family Among Ruins of Their Home, Earthquake of Oct., 1907.

ried off in the arms of the receding waters."

King and Queen Go to Sicily.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen, who left for the scene of the calamity, reached Naples last night and proceeded at once to Sicily. A large number of people saw their majesties depart from Rome and one among the number of deputies at the station observed to the king: "The presence of your majesty will suffice to console the stricken population."

The king turned sharply upon the speaker and said abruptly: "Don't talk nonsense."

Horrible Scenes in the Ruins.

The work of rescue at Messina, according to the meager details received here, presented harrowing scenes. Hundreds of people were pinned under walls and rafters alive, but terribly injured, for 30 hours. One of the rescuers found under the ruins of a house five children, alive, but unable to speak, clinging around the corpse of their mother. In some cases heroic rescuers met death in the falling debris. In one house 20 persons suspended on the fifth floor and unable to reach the street because the lower floors had been torn away, were rescued with a rope by a sailor. Six criminals were killed while attempting to loot the Bank of Sicily, where cash amounting to half a million dollars lay in plain view.

Officials Give Succor.

The pope has telegraphed the archbishops of Palermo and Catania and the bishops of Miletto and Catanzaro expressing his sorrow over the ap-

FOR MINE SAFETY

Rescue Stations Planned for the Coal Districts

SCHEME OF THE GOVERNMENT

Experts Are to Train Mine Crews in the Use of the Oxygen Helmet and Other Devices to Reduce Number of Fatalities.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Carrying out its efforts to reduce the number of fatalities in coal mines, the United States geological survey is about to establish rescue stations in the principal coal fields of the country, in addition to the experiment station now located at Pittsburgh.

The new stations will be at or near the greatest centers of accidents and it will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus for mine rescue work.

Government mining engineers, thoroughly trained in the use of rescue apparatus, will be assigned to these stations, and they will be ready at a moment's notice to go to any disaster in their district. The experts will be equipped with oxygen helmets, which will enable them to enter a mine at once, even though it is filled with gas or smoke.

Will Train Rescue Crews.

These stations also will be headquarters of the engineers for the study of the waste of coal in mining, one of the important problems before the geological survey.

It is the intention to have every station fitted up with an air-tight room where gas can be generated. The coal mining companies are to be invited to send picked men to these stations, where they will be trained by the government experts in the use of the oxygen helmets. It is not the purpose of the government to engage in general rescue work, but rather to demonstrate this apparatus until such time as the mine owners have thoroughly trained rescue crews at their mines. All of the rescue stations are to be erected in co-operation with the mine owners and state geological surveys.

Where the Stations Will Be.

One of the rescue stations will be at Urbana, Ill., in connection with the University of Illinois. This station will take care of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, northern Missouri and western Kentucky.

A second station will be located probably at Raton, N. M., to take care of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. The largest coal output in New Mexico and Colorado comes from the Trinidad field, which is immediately accessible to Raton. A second station is suggested for this district, to be located at Salt Lake City.

Southern Location Undecided.

Several locations are suggested for the station which will cover Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, eastern Kentucky, Georgia and southern West Virginia. One plan is to locate a station at Knoxville, Tenn., in connection with the University of Tennessee, which has a mining course. Birmingham, Ala., and Lexington, Ky., have also been suggested for location of the station in this district. George S. Rice, mining engineer, will have general charge of all mining inquiries at the stations and J. W. Paul, former state mine inspector of West Virginia, will have supervisory charge of all rescue work.

At these stations not only will opportunity be given the miners to become familiar with the rescue apparatus, but safety lamps of all designs will be tested for their general safety and efficiency in the presence of the miners and the mine owners.

FIFTY MINERS ENTOMBED.

Disaster in Coal Mine at Lick Branch, Va.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 30.—Meager reports of a coal mine disaster at Lick Branch, Va., reached here last night. About fifty men are said to have been imprisoned.

Lick Branch is the name of a coal operation on the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western railway and is without commercial telegraph facilities.

A message received at ten o'clock at the general office of the Norfolk & Western railway in this city says that 14 men have been taken out of the mine and that four of this number are dead. It is practically settled that 50 miners were at work in the mine when the explosion occurred and that there yet remain 36 in the death pit. The rescue work is very slow. The damage to the mine is reported to be great. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined as the rescuers have not reached the seat of the trouble.

Wichita to Vote on Commission.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 29.—Mayor Graham yesterday issued a proclamation calling an election February 2 for the purpose of voting on the proposition of the adoption of the commission system of municipal government. The proposition was voted down at an election held here last spring.

Tragedy in Alexandria, Va.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 28.—Lawrence W. Peters, aged 25, yesterday committed suicide in a boarding house after shooting and attempting to kill his sweetheart, Jennie W. Beaudette, 21 years old, a silk mill worker.

WHAT THE DOLLIES HAD.

Small Wonder That the Little Mother Was Really Alarmed.

Little Mary was really very ill. Mother said she was sure it was an attack of appendicitis, but Grandma was equally sure the little one was threatened with convulsions.

The argument waxed warm in Mary's presence, and appropriate remedies were used, and the next day she was better.

Coming into her mother's room during her play she said:

"Mamma, two of my dollies are very sick this morning."

"Indeed, dear, I am very sorry. What is the matter with them?"

"Well I don't really know, mamma, but I think Gwendolyn has 'a pint o' spiders' and Marguerite is going to have 'convulsions.'"

INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed.

A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months, but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumb, Sheldon, Ia., July 13, '08." Poter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

JUST A TEST.



"Goodness, sonny, what's the trouble?"

"Nawthin'. I just wanted to see if I had forgotten how to cry—boo-hoo!"

Squelching Him.

The Rev. Sam Jones greatly disliked being interrupted when speaking, and the rash auditor who attempted it generally met with a pretty sharp rebuff.

He was preaching on prosperity, when a little man in the front row shouted:

"Prosperity ain't hit me very hard yet! Tell us about suthin' we know about."

The speaker paused and glaring down at the diminutive interrupter squelched him with the following: "So prosperity ain't hit you yet, eh? Well, you can't expect it to till you grow some. It is pretty hard work to hit nothing!"

Rug Industry Has Suffered.

Persia's rug industry has suffered materially as a result of the closing of the bazars at Tabriz and other Persian cities. The difficulties of transportation on the highways of Persia and the lessened American demand for luxuries have contributed in no small measure to the depressed condition of the Persian rug trade. Prices have fallen recently by one-third and rug exports have fallen off by one-half. Labor there now commands only between five and ten cents a day.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Meteors Add to Earth's Weight.

The meteors which fall upon the earth in vast numbers every year add their weight to the earth. Thus the earth is increasing a minute quantity in weight each year, but not enough to be perceptible in thousands of years. Except for the escape of light gases from the atmosphere there is no known way in which the earth can lose weight.

Chinese Idea of Government.

Here is a Chinese idea of prosperity in a nation: When the sword is rusty, the plow bright, the prisons empty, the granaries full, the steps of the temple worn down and those of the law courts grass-grown, when doctors go afoot, the bakers on horseback, and the men of letters drive in their own carriages, then the empire is well governed.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of *Wm. A. Ritchie* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

A Work of Art.

Patience—And is he fond of works of art? Patrice—Why, sure! He married one!—Yonkers Statesman.

Court House News

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Henry C. Balcom, 19, Malta.
 Paulina Sorenson, 18, DeKalb.
 Oscar Koshi, 22, DeKalb.
 Mari Ketonen, 24, DeKalb.
 John J. McCarthy, 26, Chicago.
 Leora Jaquish, 25, Fairdale.
 J. B. Nichols, 34, Batavia.
 Anna VanNostran, 33, St. Charles.
 Alessandro Grignala, 26, Belvidere.
 Gemma Drago, 22, DeKalb.
 Haver Heillmann, 25, Genoa.
 Frances Lender, 22, Genoa.
 Robert Ray Stone, 22, Kirkland.
 Martha Alidah Foster, 19, Kirkland.
 Evan E. Woodard, 22, Fairdale.
 Mamie Gibson, 21, Fairdale.
 William Brown, 23, Mendota.
 Ada Mae Lang, 23, Malta.

Judge Axel Chytraus of the circuit court of Chicago has rendered a decision that has created consternation among Chicago and Cook county politicians. The Chytraus decision is to the effect that a member of the Illinois legislature cannot at the same time hold any other remunerative position. It is said thirty members of the legislature from Cook county are affected by this court decision. It is not uncommon for members of the legislature from Chicago to serve as deputies in county offices, the case of Homer Galpin, a state senator and also clerk of the municipal court, bringing this custom to a head. One of the men to be hit the hardest is Frank Schmitt, a Chicago state senator and a self-styled "reformer." It transpires that Schmitt is a master in chancery of Judge Chytraus' court and also a legislator at Springfield. Mayor Price of Elgin intends to hold onto his office despite the decision. He was elected to the legislature at the recent election.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Justine Kruger, deceased.
 The undersigned, having been appointed Executor of the last will and testament of Justine Kruger, late of the county of DeKalb and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of DeKalb county, at the court house in Sycamore at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 Dated this 15th day of December, A. D. 1908.
 JOHN LEMBKE, Executor.
 STOTT & BROWN, ATTS. 15-4t



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 Will Be At Hotel May On
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 For the Purpose of Fitting Eye
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Within the past 13 years PROF. MADISON has furnished many thousands pairs of Eye Glasses and Spectacles to people of Genoa and surrounding towns and country. Every pair guaranteed for a period of 5 years and changed free during that time. He not only does the best of lens fitting but he makes a perfect fit of the frames, and the quality of frames and lenses is just what he tells you.—This is your opportunity. All lenses guaranteed for 5 years. Examinations Free. On this visit will call at houses without extra charge, on request.
PROF. MADISON
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A. C. Church Notice
 MORNING SERVICE
 Preaching service at 10:30.
 Sunday School at 11:30.
 EVENING SERVICE
 Preaching at 7:30.
 Loyal Workers meeting at 6:30
 T. E. GLENDENNING, pastor

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 Does a General Banking business.
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Savings Bank.
 Call and see about it.

ON THE CORNER

A New Model Grocery

Having purchased the grocery stock of T. M. Frazier, on the corner in the Kiernan block an announcement of my plans is in order. It will be the policy of this store to handle nothing but the best and purest groceries, those which have stood the test of the pure food law. The variety in staple as well as fancy groceries will be complete at all times, while we will make a special effort to keep on hand all the market affords in fresh vegetables and fruits. The store is now being thoroughly overhauled and in a short time will be ready for critical inspection. We want your trade and will make every effort to please.

F. J. SCHMIDT

We appreciate the liberal patronage which has been ours during the past year, and we wish all our friends

Happy and Prosperous New Year

Keep tab on us for spring announcements

E. H. Cohoon & Co.

To The Public

Jan. 1st, 1909

With deep appreciation and many thanks for the favors I have received from your hands and hoping that my service and merchandise will merit a continuance of the same I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Very truly yours,

E. L. SPRING
 Sycamore, Ill.

C.F. HALL COMPANY. DUNDEE ILLINOIS

Cuts on Cut Prices
 We are noted, chiefly, perhaps, for selling at close prices. For giving such low prices and such high values that people are willing to come a long distance to trade with us. Cutting prices as low as ours means something.

Ladies' Dept. Values Tailored Suits
 Over 50 Ladies' and Misses' Suits, light and dark colors, not a single garment offered which cost less than \$8.00 and many worth \$15.00. Choice until lot is gone \$5.00 limited supply of all wool Navy Blue Serge Suits, not the latest styles but exceptional values. Per suit \$2.25

Waists
 Black Steens, fine Lawns, etc., odd sizes of single garments to close out. Choice 49c

Dress Skirts
 Ladies' and Misses' Dress Skirts. A sale the like of which we have never held before. Slashed in price 40 to 100 per cent.
 Lot 1. 40 Ladies' and Misses' Skirts, formerly selling at \$1.40 and \$2.98. Choice \$1.00
 Lot 2. Ladies' and Misses' Skirts, formerly priced at from \$2.98 to \$3.40. Choice \$1.98
 Lot 3. Ladies' fine Skirts, \$3.98 to \$6.49 values, single Skirts, which we must close out. Choice \$2.98

Infants' Wear
 Rompers 39c; Sleeping Suits 25c.
 Lot 1. Cloaks, 2 to 4 yr. sizes, Chinchillas, Wools, Worsteds and Fancy Cloaks, formerly selling at \$1.98 and \$2.69. Choice 75c

Clearings From All Departments
 Children's Fancy Wool Hose 19c
 Black Union Suits, Ladies' sizes, cotton or wool, any priced garment in the store now 59c
 Men's fine, white Merino wool Union Suits, equal to any \$1.50 garments, choice 75c
 Best 12c striped and checked gingham, 500 yds. per 24c
 Men's Work Shirts, Blacks, light colors and Birmingham, 3 for \$1.00
 Women's fast Black, ribbed

Boys' and Young Men's Overcoats
 Sold earlier in the season at \$16 and \$7.95 now priced at \$11.00
 Don't miss this opportunity.

Millinery Department
 A regular sweeping out sale. Greatest of all values in Caps, Bonnets, Hoods, Stocking Caps, etc.

Remember Refunded Car Fare Offers. Show Round Trip Tickets If You Come By Train.

READ THIS LIST

Hard Coal	Soft Coal
Genuine Scranton	Black Band, "The Best"
EGG-For Furn ces	Hocking Valley, "Always Reliable"
RANGE-For Furn ces and Large Heaters	Benton Lump, High Quality, Low Price
NUT-For Small Heters	Carterville Washed Egg, For Cook Stoves
BUCKWHEAT-For Banking Fires	Lilly Valley, Smithing

All Good Coals--Carefully Screened--Full Weight

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 PHONE, 57

We wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is bound to be happy to a great degree if you will let us furnish the groceries for your table. Start the new year with a trial order.

L. W. DUVAL, Grocer.

I fully appreciate the very liberal patronage of Genoa people during the past twelve months, and trusting that all our transactions have been mutually agreeable, I wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are going to try and treat you right during 1909.

L. E. CARMICHAEL
 DRUGGIST

We Wish You All A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

And Extend Thanks For Your Patronage In 1908

JOHN LEMBKE

PIANOS OF QUALITY

"FROM FACTORY TO HOME"



RELIABLE QUALITY—of course, you must be sure of that first. Thompson Piano quality has been known and confirmed for thirty-eight (38) years of satisfactory dealing with over twenty-seven (27) thousand satisfied purchasers who demand the best and know real value.

STYLE DISTINCTIVENESS—that unmistakable touch of the expert piano maker—is not to be had everywhere. It is found in the Thompson Piano.

AND AS TO PRICES—You'll find the Thompson moderate FOR QUALITY. We call particular attention to our beautiful 1909 Case Designs now ready for your inspection. We have a few 1908 Case Styles left in stock in Oak, Mahogany and Walnut which we will close out at a slightly reduced price. The public of Genoa and vicinity is invited to call at our factory and carefully examine the detail of which our pianos are made.

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TRAVELING AUDITOR

THE THOMPSON PIANO CO.
GENOA, ILLINOIS

DOINGS OF THE WEEK

The assistance of all subscribers is invited and solicited in making this department interesting. Any item of news left at the office, in the box at the east corner of the Exchange Bank building or given the editor on the street will be greatly appreciated. If you have visitors or have been away yourself or if you know anything good about your neighbors tell us about it.

WANTS, FOR SALE, ETC.

RATES: 5 lines or less, 25 cents for first week and 15 cents for each following week, over five lines, 5 cents per line first week and 3 cents per line for each following week.

FOR SALE—A residence in Genoa, 160 acres raw land in McPherson county, S. D., and 160 acres raw land in Brown county, S. D., \$16,000 an acre. W. H. SAGER, Genoa, Ill. Phone No. 6.

Advertising Rates

Space Advertising—8 and 10 cents per column inch. Full page, \$10.00.
Locals—5 cents per line.
Wants, Found and Lost Ads—See Want Column.
Cards of Thanks—5 cents per line.
Resolutions—3 cents per line.
Society Notices of meetings, when no admission fee is charged—Free.

Geo. Lauman of Woodstock was here last week.

M. F. O'Brien was in Chicago the last of the week.

Jack Davis is here from Elgin for a week's vacation.

Miss Mae Burroughs of Chicago is visiting her mother.

John Hansow and family spent Christmas at Colvin Park.

G. E. Stott transacted business in the windy city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Swan were Christmas visitors in Elgin.

Joe Criswell has returned to Genoa from Baltimore, Md.

J. M. Kirby was here from Shabbona on Christmas day.

L. E. Carmichael spent Friday with his parents in Rockford.

Homer Glass entertained his mother, of Chicago, over Sunday.

W. C. Gnekow and family spent Christmas with Rockford friends.

Jas. Mansfield Jr. and family of Elgin are here for a week's vacation.

Thos. Holmes and family spent Christmas with friends at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Adams were week end visitors at Kirkland.

Miss Marion Bagley went to DeKalb Monday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Henry Wahl and daughter were Elgin visitors the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson were in Chicago during the past week.

Mr. Thompson of Dundee is calling on Genoa friends this week.

Louis Luther of Rockford was a guest Saturday at the Kirk home.

Myron Dean was here from Belvidere last week, visiting his mother.

Miss Helen Hollembeak of Elgin called on Genoa relatives Sunday.

Beginning next Monday the post office will close at 7:30 every evening.

Clarence Olmstead is at home from Champaign spending the holidays.

L. C. Duval and W. H. Awe were in Freeport Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Connie Cash of Ney is visiting Mrs. Robert Eiser of Freeport.

Miss Zoe Stott went to Chicago Thursday to spend the balance of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackman are visiting relatives at Apple River, Ill.

Mrs. John P. Renn who fell a couple of weeks ago is slowly improving.

Miss Jennie Beardsley of Chicago is spending the week with home folks.

Mrs. Maggie Brown and son of Elgin are here this week, calling on relatives.

Miss Lila Chamberlain of Chicago visited her mother the last of the week.

Miss Vesta Scott of DeKalb is a guest at the home of her uncle, Wm. Watson.

Dr. C. A. Patterson is ill with tonsillitis. Mrs. Patterson is improving slowly.

FOR SALE—Several choice Yellow Buff Orpington Cockerels. 16-17 D. W. SWANSON.

Miss Beulah Corson of Ney is visiting her aunt and grandmother of Genoa.

Mrs. A. G. Perry of Bensonville called on her mother, Mrs. Portner, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crowley are guests at the home of the latter's father, J. G. Kirk.

Mr. Mitchell of Nebraska is

being entertained at the home of Richard McCormick.

Alva Sowers came out from Chicago Monday for a week's visit with home folks.

Almen Overly of Waucon, Iowa, is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Jeffrey.

Mrs. Robert Eiser and daughter of Freeport visited relatives in Genoa over Christmas.

Jesse Geithman and Mr. and Mrs. Al Opp of Belvidere were week-end visitors in Genoa.

Miss Florence Pratt of the Deaconess home, Chicago, was in Genoa during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Duval entertained Miss Emma Buell of Chicago the last of the week.

Mrs. Chas. Holtgren and son, Lynn, of Hampshire are visiting at the home of F. O. Holtgren.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Field entertained the former's father from Rockford the first of the week.

Karl Holtgren is spending his vacation at Savanna at the home of his aunt, Mrs. N. P. Thurber.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Holly enjoyed the Yuletide holiday with the former's mother at McHenry.

Mrs. Joe Corson and son of Ney visited the latter's grandmother, Mrs. L. Robinson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burroughs spent the holidays with the latter's parents at Morrison, Ill.

Floyd Olmstead spent the first of the week with relatives at Monroe Center and Stillman Valley.

Christian Science services are held at Slater's hall every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Everyone is welcome.

S. Abraham is selling at auction the clothing stock of Geithman & Huck at Hampshire this week.

A. C. Smith of Chicago was a holiday guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith.

Employees of the shoe factory are enjoying a week's vacation. Operations will be resumed next Monday.

Fred Foster of DeKalb and daughter, Maggie, of Oregon, were calling on Genoa friends Monday.

Low Patterson is here from Indianapolis to spend the holidays with his mother and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown and Miss Bessie Bidwell were Christmas guests at the home of Dr. C. A. Patterson.

Miss Leta Browne accompanied her sister, Mrs. J. M. Kirby, to Shabbona Tuesday for a few days' visit.

H. L. Pierce is spending the holidays with his children, Hazel and Raymond, at the home of S. A. Waite.

Edington's restaurant is being fixed up in first-class order and will be ready for business Saturday morning.

Carl Harvey is visiting his parents this week, taking a rest from his duties as fireman on the C. M. & St. P.

Miss Bessie Meyers of Kirkland was entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Reuhlman, last week.

Alys Sowers is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Renn.

Mrs. Ward Prouty and daughter, Lillie, are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Senska.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dumser and the former's mother of Elgin were Christmas guests at the home of E. H. Richardson.

Mrs. L. D. Walter who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. S. Lord, left for her home in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Chapman of Burlington and Miss Gertrude Kirk of Chicago were week end guests at the home of J. G. Kirk.

FOR SALE—Residence on Main street, furnace heat, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, barn. Will sell right. Inquire D. S. Lord, 21

Mrs. A. J. Patterson returned Tuesday after a several days' visit with Mrs. M. E. Allen at DeKalb and with friends in Sycamore.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Quanstron spent Christmas at Davenport, Iowa, returning Monday accompanied by their niece, Mrs. Jennie Young.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rehder of Detroit, Mich., will arrive here this week for a visit at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. F. W. Marquart.

Bernhart Molthan who is attending college at Watertown and John Molthan of the Elgin Business College are at home for the holidays.

The Ira J. Mix Dairy Company is putting up ice at the Charter Grove plant this week. The ice is about seven inches thick and of good quality.

Why don't you deposit your money in the Farmers' State Bank and get interest for six months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum? Try it.

Elite enameled ware is the only sensible kind for the kitchen. It is pretty, sanitary and will last a life time with ordinary care. Perkins & Rosenfeld.

A cow owned by Oscar Kunzler gave birth to three fully developed calves last Sunday and at this writing all are apparently determined to live.

A dance will be held at Crawford's hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 31. Music will be furnished by Holtgren's orchestra. Dancing from 8 to 1, all for 50 cents.

J. G. Whitwright left for Missouri Monday where he will assume management of a new independent telephone line until the business is in good condition.

John Hansow loaded his household goods and farm machinery into cars Wednesday and Thursday and will ship them to El Reno, Okla., where he will reside.

If you did not get a watch for Christmas, why not get one for yourself? Our \$12.00 gold watch is a beauty for the money, with absolute guarantee. G. H. Martin.

Dr. J. H. Danforth received a message Wednesday announcing that his father had met death in an elevator at Omaha, Nebr. He left for that city on the midnight train.

FOUND—A pair of nose glasses in front of Perry Harlow's residence. Owner may have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying for this notice.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet with Mrs. Howlett next Tuesday afternoon, January 5. All members and friends are urged to be present. Secretary.

Lost—On Christmas eve, between M. E. church and my home, a red plush robe. Finder please leave same with me or at Republican Journal office and receive reward. Will Sumner.

We wish our patrons a happy New Year and at the same time impress on their minds that our absolute guarantee of honest goods will continue thru the year 1909. G. H. Martin, jeweler.

John Hutchison of Batavia, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hutchison, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Briggs of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hutchison, Jr. of Burlington were all under the parental roof for the Christmas festivities.

The annual reunion of the Renn family was held at the home of Howard Renn on Christmas day. All of the family were present except Mrs. John P. Renn who is still confined to her home by the effects of her recent fall.

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Messrs. and Mesdames L. Robinson, Geo. Corson and children, Mrs. Rachel Dean of Elgin, Mrs. Robert Eiser and little daughter of Freeport, Miss Beulah Corson and H. L. Pierce of Sac City, Iowa, ate Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Waite's.

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A dinner and supper will be served at the M. E. church parlors on Friday, Jan. 1. There will be no end of good things to eat, with all kinds of seasonal pies at the finish. The money will be used to pay for the new addition to the church. The price per plate is 25c.

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Mrs. C. A. Briggs (Jessie Hutchison) will entertain the "Jolly Eight" at her home in Chicago on Saturday of this week, it being an annual reunion. The "Jolly Eight" was a club which conducted many pleasant social events in Genoa some years ago. The members were Misses Etha Pierce, Cassie Burroughs, Maude Sager, Osia Downing, Florence Pratt, Mesdames Jennie Stewart Hill, Zulu Hewitt Mansfield, Jessie Hutchison Briggs.

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Dated this 15th day of December, A. D. 1908.
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Ten days, Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 6

This sale will last only ten days. There will be big reductions on all broken lines. We are not considering cost, profit or former selling prices. All the broken lots of men's and boys' clothing left over from our big holiday business must and will be cleared immediately regardless of the sacrifice entailed. Be sure to be here without fail next Wednesday if possible.

Men's Suits and Overcoats

Guaranteed all wool Worsteds, Serges and Cassimeres.

Suits worth \$10.00 to \$12.00	go at	\$ 8.50	and	\$ 9.00
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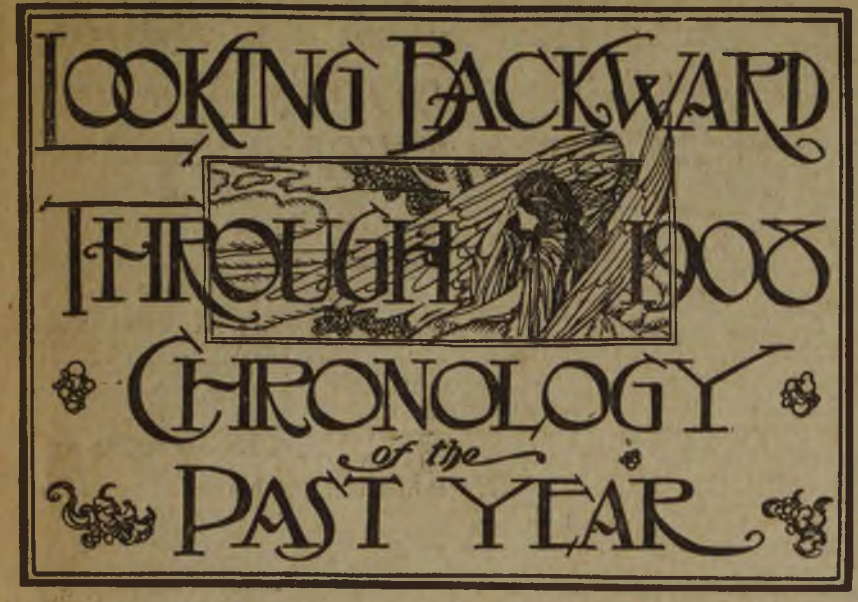
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PICKETT the CLOTHIER



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7—In Illinois local option elections 328 towns went dry. 1,014 saloons being voted out of existence. David S. Ross elected mayor of Milwaukee, Wis. J. Crittenden, Jr., elected mayor of Kansas City, Mo.

Jun. 17—President Roosevelt was given a 45-minute demonstration in the Republican National convention at Chicago.

18—Secretary of War Wm. H. Taft was nominated for the vice-presidency by the United States in the Republican convention at Chicago, on the first ballot, receiving 72 votes.

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11—William Jennings Bryan was nominated for the presidency by the Democratic National convention at Denver, Colo. Thomas E. Watson was formally notified of his nomination for the presidency by the populace at Atlanta, Ga.

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6—Four more bodies found on Guinness farm at La Porte, Ind.

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10—Importation of strike breakers from St. Louis to work on Pensacola, Fla. street railway caused fierce rioting, 15 non-union men being injured.

25—Governor of Florida sent entire militia body to Pensacola.

17—Central competitive field of operators and miners reached an agreement of 20 cents a ton on old agreement; 20,000 resumed work at once.

May 14—Eight hundred Kansas City, Mo., miners went on strike.

16—Street car strike rioting in Cleveland, Ohio.

28—W. S. Stone, Cleveland, O., elected grand chief engineer of International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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2—F. E. Heinz surrendered himself on charge of over-certification of checks representing over \$400,000.

10—Former Mayor Samuels of San Francisco freed of graft charge by court of appeals.

Feb. 1—Harry K. Thaw was found not guilty of Stanford White murder on insanity grounds; committed to insane asylum.

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Mar. 2—Chief of Police Shimpy of Chicago, was stabbed by anarchist, who was killed by Shimpy; Shimpy's son shot down.

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15—Anarchist Silverstein hurled bomb in

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25—At Hanna, Wyo., 70 killed by explosions in Union Pacific railroad mine.

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12—At Chelsea, Mass., 12 persons killed; 60 injured in fire, which caused loss of \$500,000; 1,500 families rendered homeless.

14—Three prairie fires in South Dakota destroyed farm property valued at \$400,000.

23—Tornadoes in Texas, South Dakota and Nebraska caused six deaths and much destruction of property.

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28—Chicago "loop" fire caused \$1,700,000 damage; Coburn warehouses, Indianapolis, Ind., lost \$500,000. Part of Nelson Morris packing plant, Kansas City, Mo., destroyed; loss, \$25,000.

30—Twin Lakes, Minn., wiped out. George Gould residence at Lakewood, N. J., destroyed; loss, \$500,000.

Feb. 4—Berlin, N. H., business section sustained \$400,000 loss.

5—Block of Peoria, Ill., buildings destroyed; loss, \$500,000.

Mar. 1—Northern section of Tampa, Fla., destroyed; loss, \$900,000. 4 fires killed out. Two New York fires caused loss of \$2,625,000.

12—Big Timber, Mont., business section wiped out; loss, \$400,000.

15—Leland hotel, Springfield, Ill., destroyed; loss, \$200,000.

Apr. 3—Former distillery damaged by explosion of \$238,000. Four Lynchburg, Va., factories destroyed; loss, \$25,000.

23—Nine Richmond, Va., business blocks destroyed.

May 2—Antipolo, P. I., destroyed.

5—Business districts of Coaiton, O., and Walkerton, Ind., destroyed.

Jan. 12—At Boyerton, Pa., 173 killed burning of opera house and subsequent panic resulting from explosion of moving picture.

27—Cyclone swept through Alabama, causing property loss of \$500,000.

Feb. 15—Tornadoes devastated towns of Tyler, Texas, and Mossville, Soao and Service, Miss., killing score and blow-

11—At Vaudreuil, Can., 9 by powder explosion.

12—At Providence, R. I., 6 in starch factory explosion.

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27—Near Helena, Ark., 15 by capsizing of carnival steamer.

28—Castro charged with plot to assassinate Gomez, which was foiled.

24—in Berlin, Castro issued statement, denying claims to Venezuelan presidency.

25—President Palieres of France attacked by Venezuelan agent.

26—Baron Cotte, chief of Russian secret police, killed in battle with revolutionists.

Jan. 1—Owen Moore, 10-year-old boy, set record in round draw with Abe Attel.

2—Edward Hanlon, ex-world's champion oarsman, died.

6—George Dixon, ex-world's champion pugilist, died in New York.

Feb. 13—J. E. Venes, 17-year-old boy, setting new American record.

16—John Mangstern jumped 117 ft., breaking American record.

18—A. Wengler, Chicago, broke world's bowling record at Cincinnati; score 599.

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Jun. 25—Harvard won varsity boat race from Yale.

Jul. 4—"Batling" Nelson defeated John Gans, 7 rounds at Frisco, winning world's lightweight championship.

Nov. 1—Bobby Briggs won auto race in France. Two men killed.

11—Thomas J. Brice, president Columbus Athletic Club, died.

14—in Olympic games Panagan, American, won hammer throw, breaking Olympic record.

20—Explosion of gas in Brooklyn, N. Y., street, 22 killed.

23—Tornadoes in western Arkansas caused loss of lives and damaged much property.

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9—Six hundred Minneapolis miners, paper-hangers and painters struck for closed shop at Pensacola.

10—Importation of strike breakers from St. Louis to work on Pensacola, Fla. street railway caused fierce rioting, 15 non-union men being injured.

25—Governor of Florida sent entire militia body to Pensacola.

17—Central competitive field of operators and miners reached an agreement of 20 cents a ton on old agreement; 20,000 resumed work at once.

May 14—Eight hundred Kansas City, Mo., miners went on strike.

16—Street car strike rioting in Cleveland, Ohio.

28—W. S. Stone, Cleveland, O., elected grand chief engineer of International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Nov. 2—Samuel Gompers re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at Denver, Col.

Dec. 22—William H. Newman resigned as president of New York Central lines.

23—President Samuel Gompers re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, sentenced to one year in jail, vice-president J. J. Mitchell to six months.

25—Secretary Frank Morrison to six months, in connection with alleged Bucks Store Company boycott, by recent court of District of Columbia.

Jan. 4—Boise, Idaho, jury acquitted George Pettibone of murder of Ex-Gov. Steuneger.

2—F. E. Heinz surrendered himself on charge of over-certification of checks representing over \$400,000.

10—Former Mayor Samuels of San Francisco freed of graft charge by court of appeals.

Feb. 1—Harry K. Thaw was found not guilty of Stanford White murder on insanity grounds; committed to insane asylum.

7—Former Gov. Hargis of Kentucky was shot and killed by his son, Beach Hargis.

11—Mrs. Dora McDonald found not guilty of murder of Webster Guerin.

Mar. 2—Chief of Police Shimpy of Chicago, was stabbed by anarchist, who was killed by Shimpy; Shimpy's son shot down.

10—Two alleged negro murderers were lynched near Hawkinsville, Ga.

15—California supreme court released former Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, lifting graft charge.

15—Four negroes lynched at Van Cleve, Miss., by mob.

13—Henry Orchard at Caldwell, Idaho, sentenced to death, but clemency was recommended.

15—Anarchist Silverstein hurled bomb in

ing down many houses.

Mar. 4—At Colliwood, O., 174 school children perished as result of fire in primary school, and attendant panic.

25—At Hanna, Wyo., 70 killed by explosions in Union Pacific railroad mine.

Apr. 1—in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky floods caused loss of seven lives and did \$500,000 damage to property.

12—At Chelsea, Mass., 12 persons killed; 60 injured in fire, which caused loss of \$500,000; 1,500 families rendered homeless.

14—Three prairie fires in South Dakota destroyed farm property valued at \$400,000.

23—Tornadoes in Texas, South Dakota and Nebraska caused six deaths and much destruction of property.

24—in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama tornadoes, 550 lives, 48 towns badly wrecked; property loss \$12,000,000.

May 11—Tornadoes in Henry county, Ill., killed 18 persons and destroyed property, killed 18 persons and caused great property loss.

12—Tornado which visited Bellevue, Springfield, Louisville, Richmond and Fort Crook, killed 12 persons.

13—Tornado wrecked Gilliam, La., killing eight.

25—Northern and Central Texas flood caused death of 12 persons.

27—Alfalfa county, Okla., tornado killed 15 persons and hundreds of head of cattle.

Aug. 2—Furnie, Coal Creek and Michael B. C., wiped out by prairie fires; loss, \$10,000,000; 214 persons killed.

30—At Halleysville, Okla., 30 miners perished when fire destroyed hoisting shaft cable, and caused 14 deaths.

31—Thomas E. Sorledge killed and Orville Wright seriously injured by falling of aeroplane to ground during flight at Dayton, Ohio.

24—Minnesota forest fire loss estimated at \$10,000,000.

Oct. 17—Near West, Mich., 15 forest fire refugees killed in wreck of train, which was caused by fire burning trestle work.

Nov. 23—At Marianna, Pa., coal mine, 170 miners perished as result of terrific explosion.

Dec. 12—Premature explosion of dynamite on Panama canal, killed 21.

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May 5—Euclid Avenue Trust Co., Cleveland, O., failed.

14—Reserve Trust Co. and American Savings bank, Cleveland, O., closed their doors.

23—G. W. MacMillan & Co., Pittsburg, Pa., stockbrokers, failed; liabilities, \$1,800,000.

Jun. 3—Koculski Company bank, Warsaw, Ind., closed by state auditor.

27—President Roosevelt's office of largest New York brokerage firms, failed; liabilities over \$1,000,000.

Sep. 10—A. Booth & Co., largest fish house in country, forced into receiver's hands.

Oct. 15—Union National bank, Somerville, Pa., closed by government.

Nov. 5—Charles W. Morse and Alfred H. Curtis, great financiers, found guilty of misapplication of funds and falsifying books of National Bank of America, New York, aged 88.

6—C. W. Morse sentenced to 15 years; Curtis given liberty on suspended sentence.

23—Eldred bank of Eldred, Pa., suspended; capital stock, \$100,000.

24—National Exchange bank at Springfield, Mo., closed; excitement caused by efforts of O. Oldham, cashier of State Savings bank, to show President H. B. McDaniel, of Union National bank.

15—Springfield, Mich. State Savings bank, closed by bank examiner.

10—Somersworth, N. H., First National bank closed, following discovery of shortage of \$35,000.

20—Thos. P. Ryan announced retirement from finance.

25—Henry W. Poor, New York broker, assigned for creditors.

Jan. 10—Parker building in New York destroyed; loss \$3,000,000. 4 fires killed; destroyed; loss, \$60,000.

17—McNeil & Higgins grocery house destroyed; loss, \$60,000.

18—Portland, Ore., city hall and police building destroyed; loss \$1,000,000.

28—Chicago "loop" fire caused \$1,700,000 damage; Coburn warehouses, Indianapolis, Ind., lost \$500,000. Part of Nelson Morris packing plant, Kansas City, Mo., destroyed; loss, \$25,000.

30—Twin Lakes, Minn., wiped out. George Gould residence at Lakewood, N. J., destroyed; loss, \$500,000.

Feb. 4—Berlin, N. H., business section sustained \$400,000 loss.

5—Block of Peoria, Ill., buildings destroyed; loss, \$500,000.

Mar. 1—Northern section of Tampa, Fla., destroyed; loss, \$900,000. 4 fires killed out. Two New York fires caused loss of \$2,625,000.

12—Big Timber, Mont., business section wiped out; loss, \$400,000.

15—Leland hotel, Springfield, Ill., destroyed; loss, \$200,000.

Apr. 3—Former distillery damaged by explosion of \$238,000. Four Lynchburg, Va., factories destroyed; loss, \$25,000.

23—Nine Richmond, Va., business blocks destroyed.

May 2—Antipolo, P. I., destroyed.

5—Business districts of Coaiton, O., and Walkerton, Ind., destroyed.

Jan. 12—At Boyerton, Pa., 173 killed burning of opera house and subsequent panic resulting from explosion of moving picture.

27—Cyclone swept through Alabama, causing property loss of \$500,000.

Feb. 15—Tornadoes devastated towns of Tyler, Texas, and Mossville, Soao and Service, Miss., killing score and blow-

11—At Vaudreuil, Can., 9 by powder explosion.

12—At Providence, R. I., 6 in starch factory explosion.

13—At West Toledo, O., 7 in railroad collision.

14—At Pineole, Cal., 23 by explosion of dynamite.

23—At Spring Valley, N. Y., 7 in collision between wagon and railroad train.

Mar. 15—At Natchez, Miss., 6 by gas explosion.

Apr. 2—Near Lakin, Pa., 9 in train wreck.

22—At Ellsworth, Pa., 4 in coal mine explosion.

27—Near Helena, Ark., 15 by capsizing of carnival steamer.

28—Castro charged with plot to assassinate Gomez, which was foiled.

24—in Berlin, Castro issued statement, denying claims to Venezuelan presidency.

25—President Palieres of France attacked by Venezuelan agent.

26—Baron Cotte, chief of Russian secret police, killed in battle with revolutionists.

Jan. 1—Owen Moore, 10-year-old boy, set record in round draw with Abe Attel.

2—Edward Hanlon, ex-world's champion oarsman, died.

6—George Dixon, ex-world's champion pugilist, died in New York.

Feb. 13—J. E. Venes, 17-year-old boy, setting new American record.

16—John Mangstern jumped 117 ft., breaking American record.

18—A. Wengler, Chicago, broke world's bowling record at Cincinnati; score 599.

23—Everson again broke American ski record; score—122 ft.

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23—L. Demarest won national billiard championship at Chicago.

Apr. 3—Frank Gotch won world's wrestling championship from George Hackenschmidt.

20—Henry Chadwick, father of baseball, died in New York.

May 5—Calvin Demarest, Chicago, won international billiard championship at New York.

Jun. 25—Harvard won varsity boat race from Yale.

Jul. 4—"Batling" Nelson defeated John Gans, 7 rounds at Frisco, winning world's lightweight championship.

Nov. 1—Bobby Briggs won auto race in France. Two men killed.

11—Thomas J. Brice, president Columbus Athletic Club, died.

14—in Olympic games Panagan, American, won hammer throw, breaking Olympic record.

20—Explosion of gas in Brooklyn, N. Y., street, 22 killed.

23—Tornadoes in western Arkansas caused loss of lives and damaged much property.

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The VANISHING FLEETS

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CHAPTER I. A Sleeping Nation.

Apathetic and unprepared the country stood on the verge of war. The wheels of many closing factories had droned a final protest, idleness was spreading, and throughout the land the subject of the impending conflict was gravely discussed. Distinguished orators in great cities predicted dire losses in prestige and honor, and every hamlet had its prophet of woe. The nation's position as a first-class power, even its very integrity, seemed at stake.

And in all this ominous unrest, this clamor for action, the administration at Washington sat unmoved, smiling what seemed to the country and the world at large a fatuous smile of complacency. It was then endeavoring, as in previous crises, through the use of high-sounding words, to avert an actual clash of arms.

For some years there had been mooted questions between Japan and the great American republic, due in the first instance to troubles of a purely racial character. The Pacific coast, which for many decades had been coveted by its geographical situation to face an economic invasion from the orient, wanted none of the small men from across the water.

Other complications followed. Japan by example and precept rejuvenated the sleeping giant which spoke her sister tongue and had with her an offensive and defensive alliance that could be invoked in time of need, and by further adroit policy maintained a similar compact with Great Britain. She waxed prosperous, demanding trade concessions where once she had begged them. Nor had she neglected the perfecting of her navy, which from the time of her war with Russia had been one of the most capable. Now it equaled in size and probably excelled in fighting efficiency that of the United States.

In the Philippines the racial war came to such an acute stage that Japan demanded immediate adjustment, although following the same diplomatic methods which characterized her career as an advanced nation—pitifully pleading to the world at large that she was a small power whose only wish was for peace; invoking sympathy on the one hand and preparing to strike before hostilities were anticipated on the other.

And in the midst of all this turmoil of mind and passiveness of accomplishment, Guy Hillier, secretary of the British embassy in Washington, found other and more personal annoyances. The particular vexation was a woman's perversity.

He brooded over his love affair more than the welfare of nations, as he stood in the great railway station of the capital on this night, watching for the arrival of the Florida special which was to bring to him Norma Roberts, after an absence of nearly a month.

With some bitterness he recalled that it was not the first time within six months that he had loitered in this station. To him it seemed that since he first had known the girl he always had been waiting and longing. She had held him in thrall since the night he met her more than a year before, when half reluctantly he had accepted an invitation to a reception given to her father; and yet in all that after time he had been in perpetual suspense. The reception had been much like other receptions, and was given in honor of another invention by "Old Bill Roberts," as he styled himself and was known to his intimates.

Guy had gone through mere curiosity, wishing to see at short range a man who only a few years before had been dubbed a "harebrained crank," but whose work had proved him otherwise. He remembered the lights of the drawing room, the throng of guests, and that Roberts had forgotten the event and kept some of the most distinguished men of the cabinet, including every member of the cabinet, waiting till he could be dragged from his laboratory at the end of the garden.

Everyone had taken the remissness with American good humor, laughed and chatted till a search could be made, and then given way to the inventor's entrance, which was not triumphant. It was effected with something approaching a lack of proprieties. There had been the sound of a high-strung, snarling voice in protest from the lower end of the drawing room, which was luxuriously furnished and presided over by Norma. There had been a moment's silence, then an exclamation loud enough to be heard by those who were curiously expectant.

"Well, I couldn't help it," the petulant words came. "I got tired of waiting around, and went back to work."



"Is There Going to Be Any War?"

You got me into this mess. You know I don't like dress affairs, and hate dress suits. Working clothes suit me best. So there!"

Everyone had looked at one another understandingly and smiled when the eminent scientist and inventor had been led into the room. Guy, craning his neck in a sudden desire to see this entry, had a confused picture of a man with a shock of white hair and long eyebrows, from beneath which glared eyes of great restlessness, and also remembered that the dress suit which had caused so much worry was stained with freshly spilled chemicals, and that even as he came the inventor was furtively wiping a pair of grimy hands on his handkerchief. But it was not the man nor the suppressed titters of laughter that he recollected best; it was the girl who escorted him.

She came leading her father by the arm, the daintiness of her costume enhanced by the marks of the workshop on his coat. She walked smilingly forward, completely self-possessed, with head thrown back, and making no apologies. Had it not been for the conversation at the door, overheard within the room, none would have supposed that she wished a more ceremonious appearance. She challenged with her eyes as she passed her guests, and to Hillier's surprise, bound in conventionality as he always had been, it suddenly seemed that in all of it there was nothing inappropriate nor incongruous.

Then came that later hour when he was introduced to the savant, and the latter had looked him squarely in the eyes and given him a handshake that was surprisingly strong. And the girl! At the first word spoken by her his heart gave a great leap, insistently demanding that he should know her better. It had been easy to yield to its call, and he made occasion to be as near her side throughout the evening as was possible. He was to learn later that she always was with her father, nearly always inaccessible, and sometimes wrapped in such thought that he could scarcely probe her mind. The evening of their meeting had ended as do all evenings; but thenceforth he had sought her. Their acquaintance grew to a more friendly basis, and went steadily forward until on his part at least it culminated in love. Sometimes he had the courage to believe it returned. At other times he grew despondent in his assault on the portals of her heart, but now that war and separation threatened, he was resolved to bring his siege to the issue and gain an answer.

A long-drawn whistle of increasing volume vibrated through the dusk; one headlight stared more steadily than the others which gleamed across the network of steel rails beyond and came swiftly, picking a trail to the great arched shed. With a final clanging of its bell, the big locomotive perspired past him, the whistling

brakes gave a harsh grind and the train came to a halt.

Guy hurried back with quick, impatient steps to the Pullman, where negroes dropped carpeted steps, in time to see the one for whom he waited emerge, calm and immaculate as usual, but with such a gladness of welcome in her eyes that he could barely resist taking her into his arms. Time might drag, but it always found him ready to take her into his arms. In sudden awkwardness he took her lighter luggage and wrap and walked with her to the exit of the noisy station, finding all his carefully formulated sentences forgotten, and listening to her rather than saying anything himself.

Almost the first question she asked him was of the war; and at this he felt a tinge of disappointment. It was too impersonal a topic for a man who had waited a month for an opportunity to speak of affection. He would rather have been doing, what he was going to do and what he wished to do. Even when they reached a more quiet place away from the din of railway traffic and aside from the rush of outgoing passengers, she turned toward him with a grave face and asked for "the real latest news."

"Do tell me," she said, "not what people say, or what the officials send out, but the real inside situation. Is there going to be any war?"

"I am afraid so," he answered, gloomily. "The government is still insisting that there is not much danger of a clash, and backs up its manifestoes by making no preparation whatever. There has been no attempt to mobilize a fleet in the Pacific, nor to assemble other vessels from foreign ports; but our own advice is that war is inevitable and may come at any moment."

She did not respond, but seemed almost to have forgotten him in her reverie and contemplation of his words. Nor did she express surprise and interest when he gave her a seat in the brougham which waited for them beside the station gates. Not till she heard him order the driver to take them to a fashionable cafe did she return from the land of abstraction and become vivacious again.

"Where are you taking me?" she asked. "Did I understand it that we are going to an old friend? I'm half starved, and am going to drop all this war subject for a while."

When he told her their destination she clapped her hands and showed her approval by saying: "That's good. Do you remember the little balcony overhanging the street where green things grow and we used to sit last summer when we wanted to be alone and talk? May we have the balcony table?" His smiling assurance that he remembered and that it was to that very spot he was conducting her brought forth her applause at his selection. She leaned out to look ahead as they approached, and looked con-

tented when they alighted before it, and eagerly stepped within when the attendant swung open the doors.

They walked across the carpeted floors and between tables where others were dining, and everywhere as they went she recalled to the sterner things of life by a conversation which had no other topic than war. Here and there she recognized men occupying more or less responsible positions in the government, and a few whose uniforms proclaimed them to be officers of the army and navy. These latter seemed discussing the situation from a more confidential viewpoint, and held their heads close together now and then as if fearful that others might overhear their whispered comments.

"All criticizing the government," Guy muttered, indicating one group with a slight nod of his head. "They can't understand it any more than we can."

She looked at him sharply as if about to speak, and then after an instant's hesitation closed her half-parted lips and advanced to the seat she desired. A white-clad waiter served them and deferentially brought a newspaper still wet from the press. "Thought you'd like to see the latest extra, sir," he explained, as he left them; and Hillier, with a look of weariness, glanced at the headlines and laid it aside.

"Same old thing," he commented, in reply to her look of inquiry. "The Gazette has just learned that not even coaling orders have been issued, and this from no less a person than the secretary of the navy, who has been goaded into free speech by the constant pricks of criticism. I wonder if these people are insane?"

"Guy," she retorted, "I don't think it altogether fair to speak of the men at the head of the government as insane until they have been proved in error. Let's talk of something else."

And he, worried and tired of the topic, was glad to lead into more personal subjects. He thought of the old inventor whom he had not seen for months.

"How is your father now?" he asked. "Is he improving in health, and where is he?"

For the first time she showed some embarrassment. He watched her, and as she hesitated before answering began to wonder if there was not something concerning Roberts which she was endeavoring to conceal from him. "Oh, he is well, but very overworked and tired," she replied finally.

"But you haven't answered all my question," he insisted. "You haven't told me where he is."

She remained silent, toying with one of the rings upon her hand and looking out through the vines to where the lights of the city gleamed below and stretched out into the blackness beyond.

"Norm," he said, leaning toward her, "is there anything wrong with him? All your letters come from Miami. There's a sanatorium there. It can't be that your father is—"

"No—no—no; it isn't that!" she replied, but with a look of such apprehension that he almost doubted her for the first time in all their friendship. "Father is all right, only he has worked very hard, and—Oh, please don't insist on my telling you any more! Believe me, I should be frank with you, of all persons in the world, if I could; but I can't be—quite."

Impulsively he stretched his hands across the table and seized hers. The hum of conversation had died out in the room back of them, most of the diners having departed. It had grown so quiet that they could hear the strains of a band from one of the parks, playing as gayly as if war was an unknown contingency.

"Norm," he said pleadingly, "take me into your full confidence! Tell me what it is that troubles you! Something does, I'm sure. I have read it in your letters, and in your eyes when you come to me. Let me share it with you! You know I love you, and a part of love is to share each other's troubles."

He tried to hold her hands; but she withdrew them tremblingly. She turned her face away toward the lights of the night, without looking at him. For what seemed a long time he waited. "Oh, I wish you had not said that to me—just yet," she answered at length. "You make it very hard for both of us now. I want to be honest with you, want to give you my confidence and my—but I can't. I can't tell you anything. You must wait."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Dentist in Love.

"Nature is really a great mechanic. Just think of getting 32 teeth in your tiny little mouth."—Meggedorfer Blatter.

DOZEN CONGRESSMEN SAIL FOR CANAL ZONE

Members of House Committee on Way to Investigate Form of Government There.

Washington, Dec. 28.—To familiarize themselves with conditions under the present form of government of the Panama canal zone and to consider what changes, if any, are desirable, 12 members of the house committee on foreign and interstate commerce left Charleston to-day for Colon.

It is not thought that any measure having for its object a change in the form of civil government for the zone will receive the consideration of the congress at the present session, but as all but two of the members of the commerce committee, Representatives Hepburn and Sherman will be members of the house in the Sixty-first congress, the committee will find the information secured now of value later.

There has been some discussion of the advisability of attaching the zone to one of the southern circuits of federal courts in order to overcome criticism that has been made of the prevailing judiciary system because of the difficulties that have been experienced with regard to the limits of jurisdiction of the civil and military authorities on the zone and the government of Panama.

The congressional party not only will investigate this matter, but also will look into all phases of the construction of the canal.

The party will reach Colon on January 2, arriving in Washington, returning, January 14. Those in the party who are accompanied by their wives are Messrs. Hepburn, Iowa; Cushman, Washington; Kennedy, Ohio, and Ryan, New York, of the committee. Other members going on the trip are Messrs. Stevens, Minnesota; Esch, Wisconsin; Townsend, Michigan; Knowland, California; Hubbard, West Virginia; Adamson, Georgia; Richardson, Alabama, and Bartlett, Georgia. Messrs. Morse, Wisconsin; Humphrey, Washington; Lee, Georgia; Conner, Iowa, and Loud, Michigan, also are members of the party, as is J. F. Ryan, the clerk of the committee.

FOR BROADER CONSERVATION.

Canada and Mexico Invited to Conference on Resources.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Announcement was made at the White House yesterday of a proposed plan for a conference looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of North America, to be held at the White House February 18 next.

Letters suggesting the plan have been addressed by President Roosevelt to the governor-general and to the premier of Canada and to President Diaz of Mexico. They will be delivered to the officials in person by Gifford Pinchot, chairman of the national conservation commission and chief forester of the United States.

SIX ATHLETES SUSPENDED.

Prominent Men Are Accused by A. A. U. of Professionalism.

New York, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the registration committee of the Amateur Athletic union last night, six prominent athletes were suspended. They are: Melvin W. Sheppard, Charles Bacon, Harry F. Porter and George V. Bonhag of the Irish-American Athletic club; F. G. Bellars, New York Athletic club, and J. J. Lee, formerly of the Boston Athletic association, but now unattached.

The charge against the men was professionalism, the allegations being that they accepted or asked for exorbitant expense moneys.

Print Paper Famine Threatens.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Dec. 29.—That a famine in the news print paper market is likely to result from a much longer continuance of the present dry spell in paper-making territory is indicated in statements made yesterday by officials of the International Paper Company. Many mills which have been compelled to run on short time in several departments owing to low water, will be forced to shut down entirely within four weeks unless rain falls the officials say.

Smugglers of Chinese Sentenced.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Salvador Armenta, Ignacio Barrios and Francisco Charves, Mexicans, convicted of smuggling Chinese into this country from Mexico, were sentenced yesterday to nine months' imprisonment in the San Bernardino county jail and fined one dollar each by the federal court in this city.

Bloody Tragedy in Johnstown.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 28.—John Stormer, a blacksmith, on a much-traveled street yesterday shot his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz of McKeesport, Pa., and then blew out his own brains in plain view of a crowd of horrified bystanders.

Veteran Montana Editor Dead.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 29.—Robert Emmet Plisk, for 35 years editor of the Helena (Mont.) Herald, and confidential friend of President Garfield and James G. Blaine, died yesterday at his Berkeley home, aged 71 years.

Ethel Roosevelt Makes Debut.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In the historic east room of the White House, beautifully decorated for the occasion, President Roosevelt's younger daughter, Ethel, last night made her formal bow to society.

EVENLY MATCHED.



Magistrate (to witness)—And where were you when this assault occurred? Witness—Just across the street, your honor.

Magistrate—Then why didn't you go to the plaintiff's assistance when you saw him attacked? Witness—Faix, I wasn't sure then that he wouldn't be the defendant, your honor.

The Maiden's Prayer.

Most children are good listeners as well as good observers, and, more than that, they are quick to use the knowledge acquired through keenness in these directions. A case in point is that of little Janet, who had evidently spent part of her day in the kitchen and had overheard remarks made by the cook.

Like all good girls, little Janet said her prayers regularly just before being tucked in for the night. On this particular night she said:

"God bless me, bless father and mother and everybody, make me a good girl, keep me pure—pure as Loyal baking powder. Amen."

Historical Relic.

The visitors in the historical museum gazed curiously at a small feather pillow which nestled in a glass case.

"I don't see anything unusual about that pillow," remarked one of the visitors, turning to the guide.

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KINGSTON NEWS

FRED P. SMITH, CORRESPONDENT

Principal Warren Madden is from a few days' visit near the spending his vacation at Freeport.

W. S. Poust of DeKalb called on friends Wednesday of last week.

H. M. Bacon was taken seriously ill Sunday evening but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. H. M. Stark entertained the O. E. S. club and their friends at dinner Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Letow and daughters spent Christmas day in Genoa with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burgess entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Sycamore Christmas day.

Miss Esther Branch of North Adams, Mich., spent the holiday vacation with her mother and sister.

Mrs. E. J. Stuart went to Rockford last week Wednesday and underwent an operation for nasal trouble.

Mrs. Laura Gardner and son, Robert, returned to their home in Fargo, N. D., Tuesday evening of last week.

Henry Homan went to Bellevue, Iowa, last week Thursday to spend the holidays with his father and sisters.

Ivan Hinckley was here over Sunday to see his mother, Mrs. M. J. Fellows, who has been seriously ill.

Watch night services were held at the M. E. church Thursday evening. The services began at nine o'clock.

Erma Fuller of Aurora and Kryle Fuller of Monroe Center spent last Saturday afternoon with friends.

Mrs. Emma Tazewell and daughter, Edna, of DeKalb are spending a few days this week at the home of Roy Tazewell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gibbs went to Chicago last week Thursday to spend a week with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lucas of Belvidere returned home last Saturday morning having spent Christmas with her father, John Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniells of Hampshire and Ross Gibbs of Beloit, Wis., were guests of relatives Christmas day and until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phelps and sons spent last Friday and Saturday at Garden Prairie. Misses Nona and Ollie returned Tuesday

BURLINGTON

No charge for cashing checks on Marengo, Sycamore or Belvidere at Farmers' State Bank, Genoa. Also interest on deposits. No charge for issuing drafts.

C. D. Schoonmaker, editor of the Genoa Republican-Journal, was a business caller Monday morning.

Cecil and Claude Smith of Rockford spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Ada E. Smith.

Mrs. R. Flanagan of Chicago is spending the holidays at the home of her father, P. Wallace.

Mrs. M. Gliddon and daughter, Mamic, of Kingston spent Christmas with T. Gliddon and family.

Mrs. Mary Seisser who has been seriously ill is slowly improving.

Little Byron Knief is suffering a great deal from the bullet wound which he received about two weeks ago.

A. F. Wallace of Rockford was home for Christmas.

Miss Hattie Sandall of Chicago is the guest of F. E. Sandall and family.

Mrs. D. C. Roach is entertaining her mother and sister from Chicago.

The young ladies of Burlington gave a Leap Year party at Kirk's hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. Owing to the unfavorable weather the attendance was small but a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

The contest at G. G. Muir's store closed Christmas eve with the following contestants winning the prizes:

Irene Vogle—piano.
Tillie Seyller—chatelaine watch.
Mattie Roach—gold ring.

New Lebanon

Barney Stuter visited with his uncle, Louie Sester, at Plato Sunday.

L. S. Ellithorpe and daughter, Lina, visited friends and relatives in Elgin Monday.

John Schult and Fred Awe made a business trip to Chicago Monday.

John Schult and family visited with Chris Awe near Genoa Saturday.

Fred Roth and wife spent Christmas day at Arthur Hartman's.

Lawrence Morehart of Genoa, Herman Hartman and family visited with the latter's son, Louie Hartman, Christmas.

A large crowd attended the Christmas exercises at the Corson school north of here Christmas eve at which Santa Claus was present.

Chas. Coon and wife took Christmas dinner at the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson.

Al. and Fred Baker spent Christmas with Aug. Fishbach.

Misses Clara Scherf and Emma Dericha of Elgin are spending the holidays with the former's uncle, John Schult.

W. C. T. U. Notes

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Abbie Patterson Thursday, Jan. 7, 1909. A full attendance of all members is desired and everybody welcome at 2:30 p. m.

The W. C. T. U. wish to pack their annual box of canned fruit

and jellies for the Frances Willard Temperance Hospital and any who are willing to contribute either fruit, jellies, or pieces of either old cotten, woolen or linen such as you would use in your own home in a sick room, will be thankfully received and forwarded if left with Mrs. Abbie Patterson on or before January 7 and your cans will be returned. In this hospital all cases are treated without alcohol and if a person is not able to pay for treatment they receive just as good care as those who do pay and it is for the care of these that the donations are asked.

Sunday Services, M. E. Church Class meeting 10:00 a. m.

Preaching service at 10:30 a. m. by pastor. Subject "Christian Pugilists" or "Fighting the Giants of 1909"

Sunday school, 12:00 m.

Junior League, 3:00 p. m.

Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

Song and preaching service at 7:30. Sermon by pastor, subject "Christian Victors" or "How to Slay the Giants of 1909." Music by orchestra.

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25 this winters' Ladies Coats in Brown, Red, Grey, Black, nearly all are satin lined and of Good, All Wool Materials. \$24.00 and \$22.00 coats \$16.00 \$20.00 coats \$15.00. \$18.00 coats \$12.50. \$15.00 coats \$10.50. \$12.50 coats \$8.00.

Children's and Misses' Coats in Cloth, Bear Skin and Plush, all sizes, will also be closed out.

Children's Bear Skin Hoods 60c values 48c, 75c values 60c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values 85c.

Furs

Ladies' Long Furs, \$12.00 values on sale for \$7.00

Neck Pieces in Squirrel, Beaver, Martin and Mink at from \$2.50 to \$7.00 These formerly sold from \$4.00 to \$10.00.

The latest styles in Muffs to match Furs for \$3.50, \$4.50, \$8.00

Children's Fur Sets.

Ladies' Fur Coats, \$27.50 value for \$22.00 \$22.50 values \$17.00

Skirts

25 Ladies' Dress Skirts will be closed out at from \$2.00 to \$5.00 each

Silk Waistings

Plaid Silk Waistings, \$1.00 values closed out at 69c yd., 4 yds to pattern.

Satin foulards, \$1.00 values closed out at 69c yd.

Wool Challies

Put up in waist patterns of 3 yds. \$1.00

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in light Prints, Indigo and Calcutta Blues, Greys and Fancies. The best American Prints. 5c yd

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36 in. wide 12c values for 7c yd. Side Band Prints. 5c yd.

Apron Gingham Remnants

7c values on sale at 5c yd. Light Outing Flannels. 7 1/2c

Unbleached Shaker Flannel. 6c Cotton Challies 12 and 15c values. 9c

Ladies' fleeced Hose per pair. 7c White wash Silk Waists will be closed out at a Bargain.

White Waisting

Figured and fancy White Waistings, Remnants and Soiled Pieces 25c values closed out at 15c yd.

Dress Goods Remnants

All the remnants of one year have been saved for this sale.

Laces and Embroidery Remnants

A large assortment of good laces will be closed out at a bargain.

Kid Gloves

Size 6, black, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values on sale for 59c

Golf Gloves, 50c values. 39c Dress Trimming Remnants. White Waist Sale.

Notions

Hooks and Eyes per card. 3c Safety Pins per card. 3c Black headed Pins, 5 boxes. 3c Pearl Collar Pins, per card. 4c Basting Thread, per spool. 1c 500 yds. Basting Thread per spool. 4c 60 in. Tape Measures. 3c Bone Hair Pins, 6 in box. 5c Unbreakable Hair Pins, 3 for. 5c Boxed assorted Hair Pins. 3c Invisible Hair Pins. 2c Good Rubber Combs. 10c Metal Back Combs. 8c Hand Brushes. 10c La Blanche Face Powder. 39c Witch Hazel Soap, 3 bars. 10c Buttermilk soap, 3 bars. 10c Cocoa Castile soap, per bar. 3c Palmer House bath soap, bar. 10c Medicated Toilet soap, bar. 10c Sweetheart soap, bar. 4c Tar Soap, per bar. 4c

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