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## OF GENERAL INTEREST

### ITEMS STOLEN FROM COLUMNS OF EXCHANGES

### REV. REAM'S FATHER DEAD

Sheriff Poust Moves Into the New Jail at Sycamore—Farmer Struck by Train at Marengo

Thomas Reams, 80 years old, a pioneer resident of Hampshire, died at his home last week, following a lingering illness. Death is ascribed to heart trouble. Rev. T. E. Ream, formerly of Genoa, is a son of the deceased.

The new county jail and sheriff's residence was formally accepted by the Board of Supervisors last Friday and Sheriff Poust, his family and his charges, will move in at once. The contractors have made a good job of it and the building is said to be very well done throughout.

John Fitzgerald, a well known farmer residing north of Marengo, sustained injuries Friday, which may prove fatal. A freight train struck his team killing both horses, as he was driving across the Chicago and Northwestern railroad at the State street crossing in Marengo.

Mrs. Hilda Buck, widow of David Buck, Pope-Hartford pilot, who was fatally injured, and his mechanic, Samuel Jacobs, instantly killed when the racing car plunged into the ditch near the Wilson farm on the Elgin race course August 26, has started suit for \$10,000 in the superior court of Chicago against James L. Russell, sales agent for the Pope-Hartford Automobile company. Mrs. Buck charges that patched inner tube tires on the car driven by her husband were responsible for the double fatality.

An order for 5,000,000 three cent postage stamps by Sears, Robuck & Co., establishes a new record for the Chicago postoffice. The concern is preparing to mail 5,000,000 circulars. More than 1,000 tons of mail will be handled. The cost will be \$150,000. The stamps will be cancelled on a printing press instead of at the postoffice when the mail is received.

John Parker, son of H. L. Parker, of Three Rivers, Minn., is dead from eating poison he found in the yard of his home. Before relapsing into unconsciousness the child told his parents he had eaten something found in the yard. They believe the poison was placed in the yard to kill their dog.

Claimants of the corn husking championship have been given a jolt by Guss L. Millar of Geneseo, Ill., who claims the title on his record of 210 bushels and 10 lbs. in eight hours and forty-five minutes. Next.

Mrs. Martin Clingman, grandmother of Dr. Fred C. Angle of Belvidere, celebrated the 102nd anniversary of her birth on Tuesday last at her home at Cedarville Near Freeport.

With 9 days to go, the year 1911 has beaten 1910 to a frazzle in the number of deaths of aviators, the number being 35 for 1910 and 78 for 1911.

The Eureka Hotel has again changed hands, W. H. Leonard having given up the management to Mr. North of Sycamore, the latter taking possession last week. Mr. North is an experienced chef and has already made a good impression with the guests with the excellent table.

John Corson spent Christmas with home folks.

## Death of the Old Year

FULL knee-deep lies the winter snow,  
And the winter winds are wearily sighing,  
Toll ye the church bells sad and slow,  
And tread softly and speak low,  
For the old year lies a-dying.

Old year, you must not die  
You came to us so readily,  
You lived with us so steadily,  
Old year, you shall not die.

He lieth still he doth not move,  
He will not see the dawn of day,  
He hath no other life above,  
He gave me a friend and a true, true love,  
And the New Year will take 'em away.

Old year, you must not go,  
So long as you have been with us,  
Such joy as you have seen with us,  
Old year, you shall not go.

He froth'd his bumpers to the brim,  
A jollier year we shall not see,  
But tho' his eyes are waxing dim,  
And tho' his foes speak ill of him,  
He was a friend to me.

Old year, you shall not die,  
We did so laugh and cry with you,  
I've half a mind to die with you,  
Old year, if you must die.

He was full of joke and jest,  
But all his merry quips are o'er,  
To see him die, across the waste  
His son and heir doth ride post-haste,  
But he'll be dead before.

Every one for his own,  
The night is starry and cold my friend,  
And the New Year blithe and bold, my friend,  
Comes up to take his own.

How hard he breathes! Over the snow  
I heard just now the crowing cock,  
The shadows flicker to and fro,  
The cricket chirps, the light burns low,  
'Tis nearly twelve o'clock.

Shake hands, before you die,  
Old year, we'll dearly rue for you,  
What is it we can do for you?  
Speak out before you die.

His face is growing sharp and thin,  
Alack! our friend is gone,  
Close up his eyes, tie up his chin,  
Step from the corpse, and let him in,  
That standeth there alone,  
And waiteth at the door,  
There's a new foot on the floor, my friend,  
And a new face at the door, my friend,  
A new face at the door.  
—Tennyson.

## A Healthy and Wise New Year

"Resolution No. 1—I will try to become more intelligent concerning my body," says Dr. Jean Williams in Woman's Home Companion for January, "looking with greater respect upon my physical resources and trying to realize more fully that upon them the force and success of my life largely depend.

"Resolution No. 2—I will arrange, if possible, to supply sufficient pure air for every breath I take, thus better to combat every source of disease that might attack me, to improve my chance for long life and to increase my efficiency.

"Resolution No. 3—I will be kinder to my digestive organs, avoiding all excess and not asking them to struggle with food for which they have repeatedly shown antagonism.

"Resolution No. 4—I will treat my brain and nervous system with greater consideration, and 56 hours of each week shall be devoted to sleep.

"Resolution No. 5—I will try to do in eight hours as much hard work as I should do in one day.

"Resolution No. 6—I will devote at least two of the 24 hours to such exercise as I find most beneficial.

"Resolution No. 7—I will give my moral support to every effort, public or private, in behalf of the betterment of health conditions.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE WEST

by Francis Fentiman.

FOR nearly three days the blizzard had raged against the rude log shanty, which stood on a rising piece of ground amid a sea of dead-white snow. Through the cap of the stove-pipe, which thrust its end above the level of the roof top, it shrieked all sorts of menaces to the man and the boy who sat huddled round the fire, their feet in the oven with the idea of extracting the last particle of warmth from the rapidly diminishing embers.

Even if the blizzard was balked of its desire to wreck the shanty it was not wholly to be denied, but drove in between the ill-joined logs and belled



Both Were Reflective.

out the sacks and blankets which had been hung against them for protection, while the in-driven snow lay in oddly assorted mounds on the floor.

Both were reflective, the man because he realized the gravity of the situation, the boy because he had so recently left a home in the east. It was the first day of the new year, and possibly he was picturing to himself what they were doing at that identical time.

Presently the man looked up. "Did you hear that?" he said.

"No," replied the boy. "What was it—the walls?"

"Listen again," said the man, and just then above the shriek of the blizzard was heard a muffled chorus of deep bellows.

"If those cattle don't have water they'll tear the stable to pieces. They get extra thirsty feeding on straw, and it's three days since they had a drop. Why in h— that well wanted to give out I can't think."

"Yes," said the boy, "that's a shocking thing. Used to have one myself in days gone by. Now, if we could only do the widow's cruise of oil business we might make this lot go round," indicating a pot which stood on the stove.

"Can't you ever be serious?" protested the man. "We've got to fetch some water."

"By all means," replied the boy. "Just touch the bell for the water."

"Don't be a fool," retorted the man. "If you'd been in this country three years, instead of three months, you'd know what a blizzard means, and wouldn't be so mighty cheerful over it."

"Aren't you a fool to suggest fetching water?" said the boy. "Why, you got lost walking to the stable not an hour ago."

The man did not reply until the boy asked him whether he really considered his suggestion possible.

"Yes," said the man slowly, "it is possible."

with a cloth and shook it about. "You draw first," said he. "Long one gets the water, short one hitches the horses."

When they came to measure the boy had drawn the long one. "My luck again," remarked he.

Without a word the man passed through the door, which the boy closed behind him, but not quickly enough to escape a cloud of snow which swirled round the room. Silently he pulled on his moccasins and wrapped himself in such outer clothes as he possessed, cursing luck generally that he had no furs.

By and by there was a tinkle of sleigh-bells outside, and the man appeared with the team ready harnessed to the bob-sled, on which four empty barrels could dimly be discerned.

"Have you put the pall and rope in?" asked the boy.

The man nodded as they solemnly shook hands, while the boy shielded his eyes with the crook of his arm and gave the horses their heads. He tried from time to time to peer into the storm, but the snow made wreaths round him and froze his eyelashes together.

How the horses got there the boy never knew, but get there they did, and whilst the icy blast probed remorselessly amongst his clothes for the flesh beneath, and poured the powdered snow down his neck.

The maddened animals charged him as he lowered the bucket into the well, and spilled the water all over him as they fought for the first drink.

It was a slow process at best, and his clothes and mittens crackled with the congealed ice as he hauled up each pail. When they had drunk their fill they quivered with the cold, and plunged to get back, but the boy bound the reins round the runners of the foremost bob. They bucked as the frozen bits galled them, causing him to spill as much as he put in the barrels, and to slither about on the rapidly forming ice, rendering a foothold almost impossible. In between times the boy rubbed his eyes and the frozen places.

It was a slow and tedious task, and he soon was fagged, because at 19 the muscles are not hardened. The horses knocked him over and the sleigh ran over his legs, but, being light, only bruised him. In his puny rage he slashed them with the pall rope, and it warmed him until one of the horses trod on the bucket and bent it flat. Foolishly he took off his mittens to straighten it, and only learned sense when he felt the sensation of many needles piercing his hands and the skin on his fingers adhered to the metal.

It was a painfully slow job; to lift a filled pail shoulder high and empty it



Fought for the First Drink.

in a barrel mounted on a sleigh requires strength, and his was fast leaving him. Moreover, the water ran up his sleeves and froze, until he was like an automatic block of ice, if such a thing can be conceived. He became such an embodiment of misery that he no longer troubled about anything, but occasionally buried his head in his arms to rest, and had only sufficient strength left when at last it was finished to put the reins behind his back and brace his feet against the hindmost barrel before returning, and in this position the water slopped over him and played its sweet will unchecked.

Where the horses went he knew not, and if they tipped the lot over again he cared not. He was past caring. With what little sense remaining him he rather hoped they would, and so end it. He believed they stopped, but couldn't be quite sure, it seemed hours after in a dream that he fancied he heard the man's voice: "My God, I thought you were never coming back," and in the same dream he heard himself saying: "Neither did I."

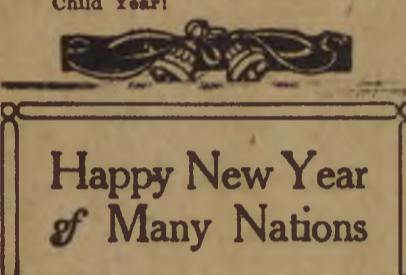
I knew the boy in those long years ago. I see him and it is in day dreams myself sometimes even now, especially on New Year's day, as I sit round the fireside here at home. It is incongruous that pictures should appear in the embers, but so they do, or else one's fancy paints them there. Then a coal drops out, and I wake up to the remembrance that I was once that boy.



## The New Year

The wind blew there and the wind blew here,  
And brought from Somewhere the small New Year.  
It tapped for him at each door and pane  
And never once was a knock in vain!  
All good folks waited the coming child,  
Their doors they opened and he smiled.

Inside he stepped, with a happy face,  
And softly slipped in the Old Year's place.  
Said he: "I bring you a Box of Days,  
Tied round with tissue of rainbow rays;  
I give it joyfully, for I know,  
Though all days may not with gladness glow,  
Each gift holds some precious bit of cheer.  
To win your thanks," said the sweet Child Year!



## Happy New Year of Many Nations

NEW YEAR'S day has for generations been the occasion of revelry. It has come down to us from the old German custom of dividing the year at the close of those months when it was no longer possible to keep cattle out doors.

This was made quite a fete and in the sixteenth century was merged into the feast of St. Martin, November 11, on which day the opening of the New Year was celebrated.

While in Germany Martinmas and the New Year were identical, with the introduction of the Roman calendar the celebration was gradually transferred to the first of January, and with it went many of the jolly Martinmas customs.

Traces of these old New Year observances and superstitions can still be traced in the way the season is kept in different lands.

Our decorations of greens, for instance, are a relic of the old Roman superstition of presenting branches of trees for good luck in the coming year.

The giving of presents has also come to us from the Romans. They outdid even the generous Americans for they used to ask for gifts, if not received, until one of the emperors forbade his subjects demanding gifts save on the New Year.

One of the favorite New Year's gifts after pins were invented in England, in the sixteenth century, were the rough hand-made pieces of metal that took the place of bone and wood skewers. Later pin money was substituted.

A gift that must never be omitted was an orange stuck with cloves to grace the wassail bowl. Apples, nuts and fat fowl were popular offerings of the season.

Gloves and glove money is a very old New Year custom which is still kept up in the increasing use of gloves as holiday gifts.

Even more curious are the old New Year customs. Many of these are still observed by old-fashioned people who cling to the old traditions.

The old-fashioned Englishman will formally open the outer door of his house on New Year's eve just at the approach of midnight. This is to let out the old year and usher in the new.

The Scotch make much of New Year. It is generally ushered in with a "hot pint," brewed at home and drunk by the family standing around the bowl just as midnight strikes.

After hearty greetings to the New Year, the "hot pint," with bread, cheese and cakes, is taken to the houses of the neighbors. The first to enter another's home on the first of January bestows good luck on the family for the year.

In many of the Scottish regiments even yet the ushering in of New Year is most picturesque. At five minutes before twelve the soldiers, headed by the oldest man in the regiment dressed as Father Time, march out of barracks headed by the band playing "Auld Lang Syne."

Just at the stroke of twelve there comes a knock at the gate. "Who goes there?" calls the sentry. "The New Year," is the answer. "Advance, New Year," is called back. The gates are thrown open and the smallest drummer lad in the regiment, dressed in Highland costume, is carried in on the shoulders of the men, and marched around the barracks to the pipers' tunes. The rest of the night is spent in carousing.

## START BALL ROLLING

### TO ADVANCE AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS OF COUNTY

### BIG MEETING AT DE KALB

Farmers' Institute, Bankers' and Newspaper Men's Associations to hold Joint Session—Others Invited to Attend

A joint meeting of the DeKalb County Farmers' Institute, DeKalb County Bankers' Association and DeKalb County Newspaper Men's Association will be held at DeKalb on Friday, Jan. 5, 1912, at ten o'clock, for the purpose of discussing "soil fertility" and formulating plans whereby DeKalb county will eventually be placed on the map as the pioneer in taking care of her own agricultural problems and bettering soil conditions. The Farmers' Institute is an institution organized for the sole purpose of bettering conditions from an agricultural standpoint; the Bankers' Association of this county has taken upon itself the work of assisting in the bettering of conditions, while the newspaper men are in for anything that will benefit the county. It is therefore fitting that these three organizations should get together and push the plan which is now under way. Under the plan as roughly outlined by those have taken the matter up and asked for the joint meeting every eye in the state will turn toward DeKalb County. It is a big proposition and yet simple if there is an unanimity of purpose behind the movement.

A good speaker will be present, one who knows about the needs of Illinois soil and how to improve conditions. Every member of the three associations is urged to be present and bring with him as many interested persons as possible.

### M. E. Church Notes

The exercises by the Sunday school last Sunday evening were excellent. Each class gave something or made a promise to carry on some kind of useful work. The singing by the choir won the praise of all. The decorations were chaste and attractive. At the close of the program the children were given a treat and all went home glad to have been there. If you have not been to church during the year come next Sunday morning. That is the best way to close up the year that can be found. Bring some one with you so you will not feel afraid. You will probably find the church much as it was the last time except a little better. Try it and believe it.

### Saturday Night Program

The following excellent program will be shown at the opera house next Saturday evening:

1. "A Plucky Western Kid." Our opening western feature.
2. "Conquering Hill." Don't miss this one.
3. "A Day of Thanks." A photo story of what one family had to be thankful for.
4. "The Branded Man." A big western feature.
5. "Does Nepew Get the Money?"

Charles Senska spent the holiday season here with his parents. He has been in the employ of the American Express Co. for some time but during the past few months has been attending night school and is now an expert stenographer, work which he will take up in the near future.



MYSTERY OF GLASS.

A correspondent recently reported what he described as the "curious freak" of a blackbird flying against a parlor window many times at the same spot.

Whatever may be said of the ex-king of Portugal, he has a saving sense of humor. Incontinently dumped out of his regal position, he makes his home near London, from which vantage point he can watch the efforts of those who dethroned him.

The old question, "Do lightning rods protect?" has been referred to Thomas A. Edison, and Mr. Edison replies: "One or more metallic conductors at least one quarter inch in diameter of either iron or copper, without joints, when connected to a proper amount of metallic surface connected with a permanently damp earth, will certainly protect a house from being affected by lightning."

Not long ago a New York tea drinker was reported as saying that 60 cents' worth of tea would make twice as many cups of beverage as the same value represented in coffee.

Statistician tells us that Edmonton, Canada, has only two hours of actual darkness in summer. Bibulous persons in that vicinity cannot use the old excuse about being afraid to go home in the dark.

Rev. Mr. Milburn says that woman considers herself the white of the egg and clings to the yolk, which is man. Sometimes an egg is found with a double yolk.

A Washington pastor has given insomnia as his reason for resigning. In other words, if he couldn't sleep he wasn't going to stand up every Sunday and watch his congregation slumber.

A horse thief in Pennsylvania was sentenced to 20 years in prison, and a white slave in New York to two years and a fine. The comparative valuations of the law in the cases cited carry their own comment.

IMMUNITY IS DENIED

COURT TO ADMIT EVIDENCE ON ALLEGED ACTS BEFORE INDICTMENTS WERE BROUGHT.

REVEALS SECRET ASSOCIATION

Attorney for Swift Interests Makes Disclosures in Cross-Examination—Names of Those Who Attended Meetings.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Judge Carpenter denied the ten packers, on trial in the federal court for conspiracy in restraint of trade, the benefit of the immunity baths they received in 1905 and ruled that the government may submit evidence regarding all acts alleged to have been committed by the defendants at any time prior to the bringing of the indictments.

It was argued by John S. Miller of packers' counsel that Francis A. Fowler, Edward Tilden and L. H. Heyman, who were not indicted in 1905, furnished information to James R. Garfield, the government's investigator, and that they were entitled to the same immunity from prosecution for acts prior to that time as the seven other indicted packers.

The existence of a phantom "association" which never had a name, whose purpose was known only to those who attended, and which met every Tuesday afternoon on the sixth floor of the Counselman building in LaSalle street, with all the "big six" in the packing industry represented by leading officers, was revealed in the cross-examination of Albert H. Veeder.

Mr. Veeder has been the legal representative of the Swift interests for more than a quarter of a century, and was the organizer of the Swift Packing company when it was formed into a corporation. When the nameless association was formed his son was made secretary and he himself moved his offices from the eighth floor of the Counselman building to a room adjoining the weekly meeting place of the association.

Pierce Butler, special counsel for the government, examined the witness and brought out a large amount of general information concerning the organization and methods of the packing industry in America. It was while the government attorney was asking concerning the activities of Henry Veeder, the witness' son who was associated with him in the practice of law, that the existence of the association was brought out.

"Was your son connected with any other business except your law firm?" asked Mr. Butler. "In 1901 he became the secretary of an association," replied the witness. "What was the name of the association?" asked the government attorney.

"I never heard it," Mr. Veeder answered. He said the meetings were held in a large rear room on the outer door of which there was no name and that it was furnished with a table, several desks and chairs. He named—among others who attended the meetings—Gustavus F. Swift, Jesse P. Lyman, Arthur Meeker, Ira Morris, Michael Cudaby, Louis F. Swift, Edward Swift, Charles H. Swift and Ferdinand Sulzberger. He said that the men who attended the meetings of the association represented Swift & Co., Morris & Co., Armour & Co., Cudaby & Co., Schwarschild & Sulzberger, G. H. Hammond & Co., and the Hammond Packing company.

DELAY STEEL TRUST CASE

Company, Gets Until February 1, 1911 to File Answer in New Jersey Suit.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 27.—United States District Attorney Vreeland in the United States circuit court here announced a further extension of time had been granted for the filing of answers in the suit of the government for the dissolution of the United States Steel corporation.

The time was extended from the first Monday in January to February 1, in the case of the United States Steel corporation itself and for twenty-five or thirty other defendants in the case.

Presidential Primary Bill Passed. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 23.—The senate passed the Young Presidential primary bill here without a dissenting vote. The bill passed the assembly early in the present session and requires only the governor's signature to become a law. It provides for the election of delegates to national party conventions by a state wide vote, the entire group being pledged for a presidential preference.

TWO TALENTED WOMEN MEET SUDDEN DEATH

Margaret Potter Accidentally Poisons Self—Knife Fatal to Martha Baker, Famous Miniature Painter.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Martha Baker, declared by Sorella, the famous Spanish artist, to be the greatest miniature painter of modern times, died here at Mahan an hospital of peritonitis superinduced by an operation for appendicitis.

Scarcely was the news of her death known when the newspapers announced the sudden death at the Chicago Beach hotel of Margaret Horton Potter, the brilliant and gifted novelist, recently divorced from John Donald Black.

Thought at first to have been a victim of heart trouble, an inquest developed the fact that Mrs. Potter died from morphine poisoning.

Both women were known all over the world—Miss Baker for the work of her brush, Mrs. Potter for the work of her pen. Both were members of prominent families and both placed their art above everything else.

Especially sad was the death of Mrs. Potter, who was only thirty years old. A victim of the morphine habit for five or six years, since last Saturday she had taken 75 pellets each containing one-sixth of a grain of morphine.

Mrs. Potter started Chicago 14 years ago when she published her first novel, "The Social Lion." It was said to refer to prominent Chicagoans and the names were so thinly disguised that the plates were destroyed and the book suppressed by Mrs. Potter's father, the late Orrin W. Potter, a steel manufacturer.

Mrs. Black has been in poor health for several years and has written few books of recent publication. In September, 1910, her husband, John D. Black, son of Gen. John C. Black, got a divorce from her.

RUSSIA SEEKS TO RETALIATE

Legislative Proposal Before Duma to Double Duty on American Goods.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Dec. 23.—The duma has now before it a legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the close of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832. The measure was introduced by ex-President Guchkov and other signers representing the Octoberists and Nationalists, parties which control the majority of the duma.

Besides these impositions the bill proposes to levy double the gross weight tax established by the law of June 21, 1901, on merchandise arriving by sea and to levy a double tonnage tax. Should the present American tonnage tax be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels, the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased.

TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO MOORE

Many Children Remember Author of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

New York, Dec. 26.—A touching tribute to the memory of Clement C. Moore, the author of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was paid when 100 children from the Sunday school of the Church of the Intercession gathered at the author's grave in the Trinity cemetery at Riverside drive and 155th street, sang hymns and put a wreath of holly on the grave. In addition to the children, a large part of the congregation and many passersby joined in the ceremony.

Clement C. Moore died in 1863, and his Christmas poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," is now an established part of the Christmas season with the children.

GENERAL HODGES IS DEAD

Entered Army During Civil War as Common Soldier, Reached the Highest Rank.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hodges, United States army, retired, died in his apartments here. General Hodges had one of the most remarkable service records of any officer in the army. He was a private, corporal and sergeant in the Sixty-fifth New York infantry from 1861 to 1865. After the war he enlisted in the regular army as a private and rose to the rank of major general. He was born March 13, 1847, in Rhode Island.

Ends Life on Holiday.

Pontiac, Ill., Dec. 26.—Homer H. Zinzer, an employe of the Illinois Central in its Chicago office, committed suicide at the home of his sister in Minonk by taking cyanide of potassium and holding a handkerchief saturated with chloroform over his mouth.

"Santa Claus" Is Burned.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 26.—Homer Hicks lost a large quantity of hair and received severe burns while playing Santa Claus. His false whiskers caught fire and in an instant his cotton-trimmed suit and whiskers were ablaze.

TEMPTATION



DEMAND ABDICATION

WISHES OF REVOLUTIONISTS BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY IMPERIAL FAMILY.

PLAN A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Decision as to Future Form of Government May Rest With Proposed Body—Believe Premier Favors Republic.

Peking, China, Dec. 27.—Yuan Shih Kai received a message from Tang Shao Yi, his representative at the Shanghai peace conference, saying that the revolutionists insistently demanded the emperor's abdication and a pensioned imperial family.

GEN. REYES TO HAVE TRIAL

Will Go Before Court Martial Charged With Sedition—Surrender a Great Surprise.

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—Gen. Bernardo Reyes, the leader of the latest revolt against the federal government, who surrendered to the federal authorities at Linares, will probably be brought here before the end of the week and assigned to that portion of the federal prison set apart for federal prisoners. The order permitting his removal from Linares to the capital was transmitted by the minister of the interior to General Trevino, commander at Monterey, which is at the far north of the republic. A safe conduct was given the general to Mexico City and he is expected to be here tomorrow morning.

OFFERS CHAMPION \$20,000

Jack Curley Will Guarantee Johnson Sum for Match With Flynn.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 27.—Jack Curley of Chicago, manager of Jim Flynn, the Pueblo heavyweight, announced here that he would guarantee Jack Johnson \$20,000 for his share of the purse, win, lose or draw, for a finish fight with Flynn for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Doesn't Expect China Peace.

Hongkong, Dec. 27.—Edward W. Thwing has returned here from a trip through Kwantung and some of the other southern provinces of China in the interest of the antioium movement. He spoke to a number of leading officials and found that they feared the present peace negotiations at Shanghai would be a failure. They insisted that south China would never consent to the continuation of the Manchu dynasty.

Capt. Hains Not to Re-Marry.

New York, Dec. 27.—Positive denial of rumors circulated here that Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., who recently was pardoned after serving two and a half years for the killing of William E. Annis, intended to re-marry his divorced wife, was made by his father, Gen. Peter C. Hains. Captain Hains won his divorce decree in an uncontested suit in which Annis was named as co-respondent.

MANY ADMIRERS SEND GREETINGS TO RILEY

Hoosier Poet Receives Letters of Sympathy Amid the Joyous Christmas Season.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—Twelve hundred letters of Christmas greeting and sympathy came to James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, who has been ill for several months. "I can't answer them," said Mr. Riley with a rueful glance at his right arm, of which he has lost the use. "I can't hold a pencil. I wish I could. But I am not so downcast as many of my friends seem to think. How could I be when I have so many well wishers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, whom I have never even seen. This is a merry Christmas for me and I hope for all my unknown friends."

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Salt Lake City, Dec. 27.—Jack Curley of Chicago, manager of Jim Flynn, the Pueblo heavyweight, announced here that he would guarantee Jack Johnson \$20,000 for his share of the purse, win, lose or draw, for a finish fight with Flynn for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Doesn't Expect China Peace.

Hongkong, Dec. 27.—Edward W. Thwing has returned here from a trip through Kwantung and some of the other southern provinces of China in the interest of the antioium movement. He spoke to a number of leading officials and found that they feared the present peace negotiations at Shanghai would be a failure. They insisted that south China would never consent to the continuation of the Manchu dynasty.

Capt. Hains Not to Re-Marry.

New York, Dec. 27.—Positive denial of rumors circulated here that Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., who recently was pardoned after serving two and a half years for the killing of William E. Annis, intended to re-marry his divorced wife, was made by his father, Gen. Peter C. Hains. Captain Hains won his divorce decree in an uncontested suit in which Annis was named as co-respondent.

FINDS \$25,000 'ROPE'

NEW YORK ERRAND BOY INTENDED GIVING IT TO SISTER FOR CHRISTMAS.

DISCOVERS ERROR; REWARDED

Wants Stepmother for Gift—Pays Creditors \$200,000—Tree is Set Afire—One Fatally Burned—\$8,140 Holiday Fund.

New York, Dec. 23.—"Jimmy" Scully's little sister was in a fair way to get a \$25,000 diamond necklace for Christmas from Jimmy, who is an errand boy in a tailoring establishment and had found on the street a beautiful bauble of 239 shining stones, which "Jimmy" had stowed away, thinking the stones were glass and considering the string a perfectly appropriate gift for Mary. However, when James innocently displayed his find to one of the men in the shop an expert on precious stones was called.

It was speedily determined that the necklace was of great value. Advertisements were scanned and a reply to one revealed that the necklace was the property of Mrs. Mary Steinman of Tuxedo Park. In her happiness over recovering her gems she made "Jimmy" a present of a brand new \$100 bill, so that, although little Mary Scully will not get a diamond necklace for her Christmas gift, a really lavish present will be hers.

Asks for a Stepmother.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—There is an excellent opportunity open for some bachelor or widower to bring Christmas cheer to one small Kansas City family. The particular need of the family was made known in a letter to the "Good Fellows," an organization dispensing Christmas charity. The letter says: Dear Good Fellowman: I want to tell you what I want for Christmas, but I don't want dolls or dresses. I want you to bring me a steppapa, for my papa is dead and I have asked mamma for one lots of times, but she won't get none, and I will be a good girl, so please bring him. Mamma and I live on the second floor."

Pays His Creditors \$200,000.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—"This will be the merriest Christmas in my life," said F. A. Bean of New Prague, Minn., after he had finished distributing \$200,000 among old-time creditors in payment of debts contracted twenty years ago and long since outlawed. Twenty years ago Mr. Bean was in the milling business at Fairbault, Minn. Business reverses came and left him with debts amounting to more than \$100,000.

Candle Sets Christmas Tree Afire.

Coshocton, O., Dec. 23.—While playing the part of Santa Claus in a school entertainment at Chestnut hill, Melville Shyrock, aged sixteen, was probably fatally burned and Jesse Turner, thirteen, who was assisting him, was seriously burned, when a lighted candle fell, setting fire to a Christmas tree. The school building was crowded and in the panic that followed several of the teachers and a number of other persons were injured.

To Divide \$8,140 Christmas Fund.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Through the thoughtfulness of Mrs. J. M. Speaks, forewoman in the folding department of the printing office, more than 250 men and women will divide a Christmas fund of \$8,140 this year. More than a year ago Mrs. Speaks urged the employes to join in laying away something of their wages for Christmas and every payday hand her 10 or 25 cents for the purpose. The sum to be divided range from \$18 to \$30.

MEN OF SCIENCE HOLD MEET

American Association in Annual Session at Washington—Many Notable Are Present.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and some 30 affiliated societies have brought to Washington several thousand and prominent scientists of this country and a number from abroad. For several days eminent men will be addressing more than 40 different meetings in as many halls, discussing the progress made during the year and telling of their discoveries in various lines of science. The sessions of the main association are presided over by Prof. A. A. Michelson of the University of Chicago, the retiring president. Every institution of learning in the country is represented and the numerous delegates are being entertained with dinners, smokers and other social functions.

Overall in Youngstown.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 27.—Orval Overall, former Chicago Cub pitcher, who came here to have his pitching are treated by "Bonesetter" Reese, announces that he is through with major league ball. Overall says he will confine himself to his mining business with occasional independent ball, on his return to California next week.

Seeks Death for Revenge.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 27.—Believing that the suicide clause would prevent his wife, with whom he had quarreled, from collecting his life insurance, Herman Renger, aged sixty, of Bagley, slashed his throat with a razor and fired his home and farm buildings. The buildings were destroyed, but the man will recover.

NO HARD PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Bellboy's Suggestion Would Seem to Be Natural Way to Get Around Situation.

The Englishman who has been wearing a top hat and a frock coat impressed all who saw him with his distinguished appearance as he strolled about with an expansive air in one of the more expensive hotels. On Wednesday morning he came up to a clerk.

"I would like to have a shirt laundered," he said. "I must have it back by five o'clock."

The clerk told him that the time was unusually short, but he would do what he could, and the shirt was delivered on time.

He came down Thursday morning and said he wanted another shirt laundered, but that this one must be back by two o'clock in the afternoon. The clerk said that would be too short a time. The Briton grew angry and demanded to see the proprietor. He got as far as the ball boy captain, to whom he protested that he would not stand for such treatment. The bell boy suggested the purchase of a third shirt.—New York Sun.

BURNING ITCH WAS CURED

"I deem it my duty to tell about a cure that the Cuticura Soap and Ointment have made on myself. My trouble began in spots breaking out right in the edge of my hair on the forehead, and spread over the front part of the top of my head from ear to ear, and over my ears which caused a most fearful burning itch, or eczema. "For three years I had this terrible breaking out on my forehead and scalp. I tried our family doctor and he failed to cure it. Then I tried the Cuticura Soap and Ointment and used them for two months with the result of a complete cure. Cuticura Soap and Ointment should have the credit due, and I have advised a lot of people to use them." (Signed) C. D. Tharrington, Creek, N. C., Jan. 26, 1911. Itching Scalp—Hair Fell Out.

"I will say that I have been suffering with an itching on my scalp for the past few years. My hair fell out in spots all over my head. My scalp started to trouble me with sores, then the sores healed up, and crusts formed on the top. Then the hair fell out and left me three bald spots the shape of a half dollar. I went to more than one doctor, but could not get any relief, so I started to use the Cuticura Remedies. I tried one bar of Cuticura Soap and some Cuticura Ointment, and felt relieved right away. Now the bald spots have disappeared, and my hair has grown, thanks to the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I highly recommend the Cuticura Remedies to all that are suffering with scalp trouble." (Signed) Samuel Stern, 236 Floyd St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 9 K, Boston.

Turkish Medicines.

Old-fashioned physicians have plenty of reliable remedies for cholera. An agate in the pocket and a hyacinth on the neck are much esteemed, but the pocket is nearly as efficacious. Cholera, we learn, is caused by the moon. Therefore drink decoctions of laurel while Mars or Mercury is in the ascendant, since these planets are unfriendly to the moon. We are glad to know this, as we have always had our doubts about the moon.

India's Garrison.

India is garrisoned by 319,000 men, whose duty is to protect a territory of 1,773,000 square miles.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated,

easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Do not grip.

The miserabest day we live there's

many a better thing to do than dying.—Darley.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children

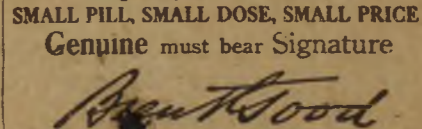
teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 35c a bottle.

Most women like the villain better

than the hero.

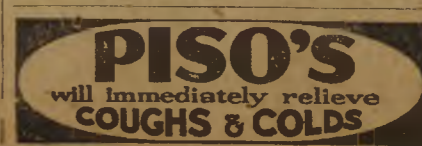
Don't Persecute Your Bowels

Cut out cathartics and purgatives. They are brutal, harsh, unnecessary. Try CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Purely vegetable. Act gently on the liver, eliminate bile, and soothe the delicate membrane of the bowel. Cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Head, ache and indigestion, as millions know. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.



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# BRITZ of HEADQUARTERS

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## SPARKS FROM LIVE WIRES

Former Gov. Ashton C. Shallenbeger of Alma, Neb., has filed his application as a candidate for United States senator.

A panic was caused among 100 worshippers in the United Brethren church at Ashville, near Columbus, O., when the floors gave way and fell several inches.

Samuel W. Pennypacker, former governor of Pennsylvania, was confirmed in the Protestant Episcopal faith in St. James' church, near Phoenix, Pa.

Harry Lauder, the celebrated Scotch comedian, narrowly escaped death in attempting to cross the Clyde in a rowboat from Gourock to Dumoon, England.

President Taft has put a ban on the sale of fake photographs showing the president shaking hands or in conversation with persons whom perhaps he never met.

Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard, who was operated on for appendicitis at Kandy, Ceylon, is progressing favorably in his convalescence.

Arthur F. Griffith of Milford, Ind., known professionally as the marvelous Griffith, the lightning calculator, was found dead from apoplexy in bed in a hotel at Springfield, Mass.

The remains of the famous Roman villa owned by Leno Flaccus, where he often acted as host to his friend Cicero, has been discovered and identified near the seashore at Brindisi, Italy.

Emperor William of Germany has appointed Bernard von Buelow, a nephew of Prince Buelow, ex-chancellor of the German empire, to the junior attachship of the German embassy at Washington.

A Christmas dinner which included many luxuries was provided for Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, in his cell at Boston on a murder charge, by two of his parishioners. He did full justice to the meal.

Andrew McConnell, founder of the cult of human electricity as a universal cure, who shot and wounded his wife at Ocean Grove, N. J., gave himself up to New York authorities. He is thought to be demented.

Sam McVey, the negro heavyweight, was given the decision over Sam Langford, the "Boston tar baby," at Sydney, N. S. W., on points. The fight, which bristled with hard hitting and clever sparring, went the limit—20 rounds.

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High school pupils of Denver have organized parties to conduct a search for Ralph Crab, seventeen years old, son of I. N. Crab, a high school teacher, who has been missing since December 4 and who, his parents believe, has been kidnaped to be held for a ransom.

## DELAYS HIS HONEYMOON

Soldier Under Orders Leaves Bride Two Minutes After Ceremony Was Performed.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 27.—Two minutes after the wedding ceremony which made Miss Laura Lund of Ogden Mrs. Benjamin J. Garr, Private Garr, Fifteenth United States Infantry, boarded a westbound train and started alone for the Philippines to join his regiment. The order to report immediately came to him when recruiting in the east. Garr promises to leave the army and take time for a honeymoon two years hence.

Solicitor General of Burlington Quits. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—James E. Kelby, general solicitor of trans-Missouri lines of the Burlington railroad system with headquarters in Omaha, has resigned, to take effect January 1. He will be succeeded by Byron Clark of Lincoln, Neb.

## THE MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 25	
LIVE STOCK—Steers	\$4 75 @ 7 50
Hogs	5 00 @ 5 50
Sheep	2 25 @ 3 75
FLOUR—Winter Straights	4 00 @ 4 25
WHEAT—May	1 02 1/2 @ 1 07 1/2
CORN—January	67 1/2 @ 67 3/4
OATS—No. 2	52 @ 53 1/2
RYE—No. 2	78 @ 80
BUTTER—Creamery	27 @ 28
EGGS	15 @ 16
CHEESE	3 @ 16 1/2
CHICAGO	
CATTLE—Prime Steers	\$7 15 @ 9 00
Fair Cows	7 75 @ 8 25
Yearlings	6 50 @ 7 75
Feeding Steers	4 45 @ 5 75
Heavy Calves	2 50 @ 4 75
HOGS—Packers	6 10 @ 6 35
Butcher Hogs	6 15 @ 6 40
Pigs	4 50 @ 5 75
BUTTER—Creamery	28 @ 35
Dairy	21 @ 31
LIVE POULTRY	12 @ 14
EGGS	12 @ 27
POTATOES (per bu.)	82 @ 85
FLOUR—Spring Wheat, Sp'1	5 70 @ 5 80
GRAIN—Wheat, December	93 1/2 @ 94 1/2
Corn, December	63 1/2 @ 64
Oats, December	45 1/2 @ 46 1/2
MILWAUKEE	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 Nov'n	\$1 06 @ 1 07
Corn, May	64 @ 64 1/2
Oats, May	41 @ 41 1/2
Rye	92 1/2 @ 93
KANSAS CITY	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 2 Hard	\$0 90 @ 1 05
No. 2 Red	86 @ 97
Corn, No. 2 White	64 @ 65
Oats, No. 2 White	48 @ 48 1/2
Rye	94 @ 95
ST. LOUIS	
CATTLE—Native Steers	\$3 00 @ 3 35
Texas Steers	4 00 @ 4 00
HOGS—Heavy	5 23 @ 6 40
Butchers	5 23 @ 6 40
SHEEP—Native	3 25 @ 4 00
OMAHA	
CATTLE—Native Steers	\$3 00 @ 3 00
Stocks and Feeders	3 50 @ 3 50
Cows and Heifers	2 25 @ 2 75
HOGS—Heavy	5 00 @ 5 15
SHEEP—Wethers	3 50 @ 4 15

### SYNOPSIS.

The story opens with a scream from Dorothy Marchie in the opera box of Mrs. Missioner, a wealthy widow. It is occasioned when Mrs. Missioner's necklace breaks, scattering the diamonds all over the floor. Curtis Griswold and Braxton Sands, society men in love with Mrs. Missioner, gather up the gems. Griswold stops on what is supposed to be the celebrated Maharane and crushes it. A Hindu declares it was not the genuine. An expert later pronounces all the stones substitutes for the original. Detectives Donnelly and Carson investigate. They decide that the theft of the original gems was accomplished by some one in the house. Miss Elinor Holcomb, confidential companion of Mrs. Missioner, is suspected. One of the missing diamonds is found in her room. Mrs. Missioner protests that Elinor is innocent, but she is taken to prison. Meantime, in an uptown mansion, two Hindus, who are in America to recover the Maharane, discuss the arrest. Detective Britz takes up the case. He evidently believes Elinor innocent and asks the co-operation of Dr. Lawrence Fitch, a specialist, in running down the real criminal.

### CHAPTER VIII.

#### Britz Takes Action.

Lieutenant Britz occupied a unique position in the Detective Bureau. His official grade was the same as that of Donnelly and Carson, but, by sheer force of his ability, he had lifted himself so far above them that when working on a case they accepted his orders like subordinates. Britz was one of the four or five men of the entire detective force who could not be classed as a "stool-pigeon man." That is, he did not depend on the use of stool-pigeons for his results. He needed no staff of thieves to inform him of the doings of other thieves. His detective ability was developed to a high degree, combining an acute analytic sense with remarkable industry. These talents were reinforced by a rare detective instinct, which often led him irresistibly to the goal of his pursuit.

He was a bundle of twitching nerves beneath a placid exterior. Nature had endowed him with an inscrutable countenance, an iron will, and a restlessness that seemed to flow from an inexhaustible inner fountain. He matched his resourcefulness against the tricks of the criminals he pursued and, having the keener mind, he invariably won.

Britz's enthusiasm never bubbled to the surface. He carried himself with an appearance of mastery ease, as if he held his impulses in complete subjection. There was nothing striking in his stature, yet he left an impression of hidden strength as of a steel framework behind a light coating of plaster. His eyes, deep set beneath the arched outline of his eyebrows, seemed to emit a mysterious, inexplicable current that circled around one and drew one closer within its constantly narrowing circumference. The shade of melancholy that gloomed his nature was not hidden by the mask of superb indifference that rested on his well-defined features, with their crowning breadth of lightly furrowed forehead. It revealed itself with the slightest twitch of his facial muscles as well as in the drooping line of his mouth. By some peculiarity of the blood, his complexion ran a yellow ivory, never varying its color under the stress of the strongest emotions. It required superhuman courage to meet the steady gaze of his eyes and lie to him. Though somewhat abrupt of manner and speech, there was something engaging about him, some subtle magic of personality that brought one under the thrall of his mind. Almost without the utterance of a syllable, he could bend weak natures to his will. Only the strongest persons were able to resist his domination.

He was one of those strange beings who live mostly within themselves, yet there were times when he felt a desolation of heart, a longing for companionship, for intimate association with his fellow beings. On such occasions, his life seemed to lack something of the beauty of other lives, as if it had been cast in a more somber shade. He could feel a wave of melancholy coming on him, and to avoid its depressing influence, he turned his mind resolutely to his work, feasting on the crime at hand as on some tempting dish. Without knowing why, the Missioner diamond robbery held for him a fascination more powerful than that called up by any other crime within his memory. He recognized surface indications of a deep cunning in the conception and execution of the theft. His experienced eye saw that no ignorant or vulgar mind had engineered the substitution of those marvelous diamonds. The pursuit of the criminal fairly sparkled with exciting possibilities, and Britz felt the thrill of the chase even before he started the pursuit.

Britz paced nervously up and down his room, revolving the incidents surrounding the discovery of the theft in his mind, but he was unable to pick a clew on which to work. How did the occurrences in which Donnelly and Carson participated furnish any promising material?

"On the night of the opera, who was with you when you put on the collarette?"

"Miss Holcomb, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Sands, and Miss March," the widow informed him.

"Did any of those present help you place it about your neck?"

"No. Mr. Sands had taken the collarette from the table, and was looking at it. I took it from him and fastened it myself."

"After you took the collarette from the safe on those two nights, did any servant enter the room?"

"The footman, of course, announced Mr. Griswold and Mr. Sands. I remember, too, that my East Indian servant brought my new dress."

"Do you believe Miss Holcomb is the thief?"

"I cannot believe her capable of it," she said.

"Then if we eliminate her," Britz retorted, "we must look for the thief among Mr. Sands, Mr. Griswold, the footman, and the East Indian servant. Miss March, of course, is out of the question."

"So are Mr. Sands and Mr. Griswold," came in positive tones from Mrs. Missioner.

Britz made no comment. His eyes moved restlessly about the room, falling finally in a steady gaze on the widow.

"How long has the footman been in your employ?" he asked.

"More than fifteen years," she responded promptly.

"And the other servant?"

"About a year. He came very high-

ly recommended, and I do not see how he possibly could have substituted the paste necklace for the real one."

"Neither do I," agreed Britz. "Did either Mr. Sands or Mr. Griswold ever have opportunity to pass through Miss Holcomb's room?"

"Not that I am aware of," replied Mrs. Missioner.

Britz eyed the woman impressively.

"We must bear in mind," he said, "that whoever stole the jewels must have been in possession of the real necklace long enough to have a duplicate made. Either that, or he must have been so familiar with every stone in the setting as to enable him to have duplicates made from description. The only reasonable supposition is that the duplicate was made directly from the original. It is barely possible, however, that some other means were employed."

"That is the most puzzling feature of the theft," said Mrs. Missioner.

"How long have you known Mr. Sands?" asked Britz.

"From girlhood."

"And Mr. Griswold?"

"About five years."

"Both saw the necklace on you frequently?"

"Very often."

After several thoughtful moments, Britz remarked:

"The only one who could have taken the necklaces out of the safe without your knowledge was Miss Holcomb. One of the original diamonds was found in her room. It is absolutely clear to me that she is innocent."

"Do you really think so?" the widow asked eagerly.

"It is as certain as that someone stole the necklace," answered Britz.

"Then we must get her out of jail at once!" exclaimed the widow.

"We must do nothing of the kind,"

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"But it is cruel, it is inhuman, to keep her in prison," protested Mrs. Missioner.

"It is necessary," assured Britz. "My dear madam, don't excite yourself. My blundering colleagues have done all the harm they can possibly do to Miss Holcomb. Far more important than the recovery of the necklace is the establishment of her innocence in the eyes of the world. With all the suspicious circumstances of this case woven about her, your mere belief in her innocence will not clear her. Therefore, you will have to leave this entire matter in my hands."

The widow bowed submissively. A shade of sorrow crept over her face as she contemplated the plight of her secretary.

"May I go to the jail and assure her of my belief in her?" she asked.

"That would be fatal," replied the detective.

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"The only thing we can do for her is to find the real thief," said Britz. "Kindly give me the addresses of Mr. Sands and Mr. Griswold."

He wrote the addresses of the two men on the back of a card and left Britz headed straight for Headquarters and entered the office of the Chief. He threw himself wearily into a chair with the air of one vainly

trying to discern a glimmer of light in the enshrouding darkness.

"It's going to be hard work," he said.

"I expected it would be when I put you on it," the Chief replied.

Britz recounted the information he had gathered from Mrs. Missioner and then walked into his own office. Summoning two subordinates, he directed them to go to the Missioner house and trail the footman and the East Indian servant. Two other men were assigned to shadow Sands and Griswold.

"That's all I can do to-day," he murmured.

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Word From Logan.

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**Dissolution of Partnership.**  
Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Shauger, Vincent & Lietzow has this day been dissolved. Mr. Alfred Shauger retaining and John L. Vincent and Andreas Lietzow continuing the business. All persons indebted to the firm of Shauger, Vincent & Lietzow will call at the store of Vincent & Lietzow and make settlement at once. Dated at Genoa Illinois, this 18th day of November, A. D. 1911. Alfred Shauger  
John L. Vincent  
Andreas Lietzow

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We save you from \$25 to \$30 on a shorthand course. We teach the GRIGG SYSTEM. We save you as much on a business course. It is the 20th Century System—the system that is "up to the minute"—nothing better. Winter term opens January 2, 1912. Ellis 20th Century Business College, Elgin.

**George Hoof Dead**

George Hoof died at his home in Chicago Friday, Dec. 22, after a long illness. Mrs. Hoof is a daughter of Mrs. Catherine Green and a sister of Mrs. A. Portner.

**Farm for Rent**

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar of Ney left for Cedar Falls, Iowa, last week where she will visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. White.

**Virtue of Skunk Oil.**

Wonderful virtues are ascribed to skunk oil by those in the mountains. Trappers use it to conceal all odor of man from fox or lynx or other animal wary of traps. In case of croup, or any bronchial or lung trouble, it rubs in quickly. With physicians at times many miles away, a bottle of skunk oil is always present in a mountaineer's family.

**And the Pilgrim Left.**

Pilgrim—"If I come in will that dog bite me?" Mrs. Hawkins—"We ain't no ways sure, mister. But the feller that let us take him on trial said he'd chaw up a tramp in less'n two minutes, but, land sakes, we ain't goin' to believe it till we see it done."

**Foundation of Permanent Fame.**

No true and permanent fame can be founded, except in labors that promote the happiness of mankind.—Charles Sumner.

**THEY ALL HELP—**

- Smile.
- Be square.
- Keep busy.
- Be cheerful.
- Don't grumble.
- Pay your debts.
- Grin and bear it.
- Hold your temper.
- Learn to take a joke.
- Patronize home industries.
- Read something every day.
- Don't parade your troubles.
- Give the other fellow a fair show.

**SAVE A PART** of your earnings and deposit in the

**EXCHANGE BANK of BROWN & BROWN**  
Genoa, Illinois

Miss Jennie Beardsley of Chicago was a holiday visitor. Harvey King came home from Elgin to spend Christmas. Luman Colton visited his parents in Belvidere last Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Quick of Rockford called on Genoa friends Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Swan are spending a few days in Chicago this week. A. Stiles and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sowers at Elgin. Warren Drake is here from Chicago to spend the Christmas week with home folks. Mrs. A. J. Patterson spent Christmas week with her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Corson, and family. Miss Belle Colton is visiting her sister and other relatives at different points in the west during her vacation from her school duties in South Riley. Mommeth Pekin ducks, Barred Plymouth Rock and Buff Orpington Cockerels, for sale. E. C. Chapman, Route 1, Genoa.

The next regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. James Hammond Thursday, January 4th. A good attendance is desired. Mrs. E. C. Oberg is seriously ill at the home of her parents in Chicago, there being little hopes of her complete recovery inside of two months. She is under the constant care of a trained nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffery went to Princeton, Minn., Monday evening, having been called by the serious illness of the former's mother. Mrs. Jeffery passed away the following evening, December 26. She resided in Genoa some time and had many friends here. The funeral will be held Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hutchinson, Sr., entertained all their children, their husbands and wives, and grandchildren at dinner on Sunday, the following being gathered 'round the festive board: Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Field and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hutchinson, Jr., Miss Margaret of Genoa; Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Briggs, son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hutchinson and son of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchison of St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams left Tuesday morning for their home in Otis, Colorado, after an extended visit with relatives and friends in this vicinity where they lived for several years. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Mrs. Sarah Corson and sister to Charles, Milton and Mrs. Clara Piper. Grandma Corson has not been as well the past week, but is feeling some better at this writing.

**Thought It a Purchase.**  
Some good luck had come to him in business that day and he felt as if he wanted to share it with others. So when he reached her house and dismissed the station hack with its two sorry horses he joyously handed the driver two dollars. The driver looked at the money, then at the man, and then at his horses, and finally said: "All right, sir, which horse do you want?"

**Explanation.**  
"Barker is supported in affluence and luxury by his children." "Yes, I heard he had a family of daughters."—Harper's Bazar.

**Magnificent Outdoor Theater.**  
Denmark has probably the finest natural outdoor theater in the world. It is situated in the royal deer park, about six miles out of the capital. There the avenues of mighty trees serve as wings and background to a stage fronted by a beech-encircled slope that forms a perfect auditorium. Eight thousand people can be accommodated at every performance.

For sale, six acres of shocked corn and eight acres of corn fodder. W. W. Cooper. Red dog and middling for hogs; bran and malt for cattle. Jackman & Son. James Kirby came over from Shabbona Saturday to spend Christmas. Miss Margaret Dearduff is spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wheat, in Beloit, Wis. Take the Ill. Cent. 8:17 evening train for Chicago. Runs daily. No stops between Genoa and Chicago. For sale—White Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale. Fishel strain April hatched. E. O. Moyers. Kingston, Ill. 11-4t

Say! Old chap, where did you get that nobby haircut? Why, at Russel's, of course. The best place in town. Fred Sell, Ida Witt and Elma Patschke went to Addison Sunday to visit the former's children who are in a home at that place. If you did not get a new watch for Christmas, take that old one to Martin and he will make it keep time, if there is enough of it left. At the request of Amos Porter, who is seriously ill at his home in Arcola, La., C. A. Brown left for that place Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by his wife. For sale, choice lot of Duroc Jersey Boars. Inquire of B. C. Awe, Genoa, Ill. Those who have ordered some of this stock will please call for same soon as possible. Miss Birdie Drake has received an appointment as teacher in the primary department of the schools at Aberdeen, S. D., and she will take up her duties there on the 8th of January. Dr. Thompson, Graduate of the American School of Osteopathy Kirksville, Mo., will be at the Eureka Hotel, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, mornings from 8 to 12 o'clock. 5-tf

Chris. Suhr and Jos. Koerner left Thursday morning for Nebraska. The former will visit his mother and may remain in the West during the balance of the winter. The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will serve dinner at the church parlors on New Year's day. The usual prices will prevail. No use going to the expense and work of getting up a big dinner that day. Bishop Muldoon of Rockford will be present at the services at the Catholic chapel in this city next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Every catholic in Genoa and vicinity is urged to attend the services at that time and meet the bishop. Mass will be celebrated at the usual time, after which Bishop Muldoon will speak.

A joint public installation of officers of the Masonic and Eastern Star orders was held in the Masonic hall Wednesday evening, officers of the former being installed by Jas. Hutchinson, Jr., W. M. and the Star officers by Mrs. C. D. Schoonmaker, worthy matron. After work light refreshments were served. A list of the officers will be published next week.

The meeting of the W. C. T. U. held at the home of Mrs. Cheery was well attended and a very interesting session was held. Plans were made and committees appointed for some Christmas cheer to the aged and sick around us, after which a fine lunch was served, and we adjourned to meet in three weeks with the president, Mrs. Hammond. Secretary.

Miss Zada Corson is spending her holiday vacation with home folks and took in the Christmas dinner where 29 were served to turkey and other good things, for which the Corson cooks are noted. She will visit relatives in Hampshire and others here before returning to her school duties in Burlington. Among the guests at the Corson dinner given this year by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Corson were: Mrs. Sarah Corson, Mrs. A. J. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams of Otis, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Holtgren and daughter, Helen, of Hampshire; Charles Corson and family, J. A. Patterson and family, Jerry Patterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, Mrs. Clara Piper and Mrs. Martha Coon of Genoa, besides their children, John of Chicago and Maynard at home.

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# JANUARY CLEARING SALE

COMMENCING

## Tuesday, January 2 MERCHANDISE MUST MOVE

**Coat Clearing**  
\$12.00 buys an \$18 or \$20 this season's black broadcloth full length ladies' coat.  
\$8.00 buys a \$15.00 black broadcloth coat.  
\$10.00 buys a \$14.50 Pony cloth coat.  
\$14.50 buys the latest in \$20. blanket cloth coats.

**Misses' and Children's Coats sold at Big Reductions**  
Fur Clearing  
\$4.98 buys a \$7 gray wolf muff.  
\$5.98 buys an \$8 black opossum muff.  
\$2.50 buys a \$4 muff.  
\$17.50 buys a \$30.00 grey wolf scarf and muff.  
\$5.98 buys an \$8.50 neck piece.  
\$2.48 buys some splendid values in small neck pieces.

**Waist Clearing**  
100 Waists to Close out below cost. All GOOD STYLES.  
\$1.98 buys a 3.00 or 3.50 white embroidered waist  
\$1.35 buys a 2.25 white lace trimmed waist  
98c buys a 1.50 or 1.75 soiled waist.  
\$3.48 buys a 5.00 silk waist.  
\$2.75 buys a 3.75 silk waist.

**Curtain Goods**  
13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a yard buys length 25c curtain goods.

**NOTION CLEARING. Other Splendid Values, not Mentioned Below.**  
Two cards pearl buttons for..... 5c  
White basting thread ..... 1c  
Three pairs shoe strings for..... 5c  
Twenty-five cent thimbles for..... 10c  
Colored dressing combs for..... 5c  
Eight packages wire hair pins for... 5c  
Large boxes hair pins for..... 4c  
Four boxes mourning pins for ..... 5c  
Package of pins for..... 1c  
Five cent package pins for ..... 3c  
Good pair of shears for ..... 10c  
Paring knife for ..... 4c  
Twenty-five cent butcher knife for... 10c  
Box toilet soap—3 bars for..... 10c  
Large cake toilet soap for..... 5c  
Regular 25c box of soap for ..... 15c  
Regular 10c bottle peroxide for..... 5c  
Large can of talcum ..... 10c  
Twenty five cent tooth brushes for.. 10c  
Good tooth brush for ..... 5c  
Paint brushes for ..... 5c  
Feather duster for ..... 10c  
Nickle plated table spoons, each.... 3c  
Nickle plated teaspoons, each..... 1c  
Lonsdale cambric remnants—per yd. 10c

**A CLEAN-UP ON SHOES**  
48 Womens' shoes, broken lots and narrow widths. 48  
CENTS Other lots 98c, 1.48, 1.98, 2.98 CENTS

**CALICO**  
4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> All our regular stock of calicos—fast colors-- 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> CENTS at per yard

**Dress Goods**  
Clearing. 30 pieces of wool dress goods for 29c, 39c, 69c a yard.

**Poplins**  
39c a yard for 50c poplins

**Under Wear Clearing**  
Odds and ends muslin underwe'r all on sale.  
Fleeced union suits 48c  
50c vests --odds&ends 25c

**Hosiery Clearing**  
15c a pair buys 25c childrens' fleeced hose  
Fay stockings. Childrens' 25c and 50c values--a Pr. 15c

**Millinery Clearing**  
\$2.00 buys a \$4, \$5 or \$6 trimmed hat.  
75c buys anything in childrens' hats. Infants' hoods all on sale.  
5 ladies' ready-to wear dresses to clean up. \$6.00 buys an \$8.50 dress.  
\$10.00 buys a \$15.00 dress.

**Laces and Embroideries**  
Hundreds of yards on sale  
Remnants.....  
Everything will be put out at prices much below cost.

**Purse Clearing**  
All our velvet and leather purses will be put on sale.

### SKIRT CLEARING

\$3.48 buys a 7.50 or 6.50 wool dress skirt, in black, blue, grey, brown. \$2.98 buys a 6.00 or 5.00 skirt. Seventy-five skirts in all to be closed out.

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# NEW YEAR'S FIESTA IN ALHAMBRA

By BOYD WILKINSNAW

WERE you to pilgrimage to the old Moorish capital of Granada intent upon your own New Year's, you would wake that morning to find the city very strange and very Spanish, but I doubt not full as sleepy as its wont. Indeed, we had not come for the vulgar New Year's at all; it was rather for the peculiar indigenous one. To the Granadino the first of January is nothing more than a common feast day like a hundred others on the church calendar. But the second is the first day of the *Toma*, the day of masses and carnival, the day of fountains splashing in the courts of the Alhambra, the day when Ferdinand and Isabella vanquished Boabdil, last of the Moors. It is this day which sees the year properly launched in a flare of ecclesiastical pyrotechnics. So it is not surprising to find how perfectly Granada ignores the New Year of all the rest of Christendom in anticipation of its own.

The Ayuntamiento had been announced as the starting point of the procession. It was because of this that so many had gathered early. The Plaza had long been a jostle of color when a burst of music set every one on tiptoe. As we pushed our way into the crowd it was almost impossible to discern any procession at all. Only now and then were there glimpses of red and blue soldier caps and the high hats of the city functionaries. Yet it was enough to set the whole Plaza surging toward the cathedral, not more than a couple of stone-throw distant.

We were swept into the crowd at the door of the Royal Chapel, through which the procession and the whole population tried to enter at once. It is in this chapel that Ferdinand and Isabella sleep on high sepulchres of alabaster.



COURT OF MYRTLES, ALHAMBRA



HALL OF AMBASSADORS, ALHAMBRA



TOWER OF JUSTICE, ALHAMBRA



ENTRANCE TO PALACE OF CHARLES V

The service was, of course, very pompous, with the high altar a shimmer of gold, and brightly-vested priests going to and fro in clouds of incense. It deeply impressed the peasants who were massed about us. They stood the two hours or more in rapt wonder.

After mass everybody flocked back to the Plaza del Carmen for the "flag-waving." On that memorable morning in 1492, when Boabdil handed the palace keys to the Catholic sovereigns, Mendoza, grand cardinal of Spain, climbed the watch-tower of the Alhambra and waved over the fallen city a flag made by Isabella herself, and which is still shown in the cathedral sacristy. It was a hoisterous moment when the alcaide appeared. The band had launched into the national anthem, but cheer after cheer well nigh drowned it. He waited a moment for the enthusiasm to subside, then shouted Mendoza's cry, "Granada, Granada, won by the sovereigns illustrious, Ferdinand of Aragon, and Isabella of Castile!" At this the flag was raised and vigorously swept to and fro a half dozen times. Then the ceremony was over and a thousand war-maddened Spaniards howled "Viva Granada! Viva Espana! Viva!"

There is another thing peculiar to the day of the *Toma*. We could never have fully understood it had it not been for our young cicerone. Let me assure the unwary that one is still as likely in these parts to have foisted upon him a Mateo as in the days of Washington Irving. This tatterdemalion had attached himself to us the moment we left our posada. He had helped negotiate for our chairs at the mass, and warned us so as not to be late for the flag ceremony. Like Mateo he was big-eyed and large-mouthed, a mouth which spread in grins as broad as his two ears would allow. It made him grin coarsely to think that we could not understand all that bell-ringing. It was the spasmodic ringing from the watch tower which overlooks the city from the extremity of the Alhambra ridge. We had read that, its bell was tolled every morning toward daybreak to regulate the irrigation gates on the Vega, but this capricious behavior was quite beyond us. Chicito told the whole tradition of the bell. "You see, señores, it's para cascarse—to get husbands. From long ago it was said that the girls who rang the bell on the day of the *Toma* and prayed to the Holy Virgin for a husband would surely get one before the next *Toma* came."

After the fiesta, the whole population made a leisurely pilgrimage up to the Alhambra. On through the gate of Pomegranates they sauntered, then up through the Alameda—the little valley which Wellington planted with elms. Even

in its leafiness this romantic glen drew a charm of its own from arched trunks hung over with ivy, with their feet lost in a riot of early violets, and their slender branches covering the road in a lacework of shadow. The way ascended along a hedge of burnished laurel, where streams rushed and scurried down the pebbly beds. After a while we had made the sharp turn, and lo! the great Portal of Justice yawned before us, and on its arch were the fabled hand and key of the magi. In spite of the careless come and go of holiday-makers, the present seems to fall back when that portal closes over us, like a spirit exorcised. We begin to feel the witchery of the Alhambra—the prance of cavalades, the flash of scimitars, the swarthy-visaged Moors, the romance of captive princess, the teasing mystery of hidden treasure.

But we were only to come out upon the Place of the Cisterns to find a band concert in progress.

This place of the Cisterns is the broad court lying between the two groups of the Alhambra—the fortress of Alcazaba on the point of the ridge and the palace proper, whose halls cluster about the Tower of Comares. From here we could see how the city lay about the ridge in a ragged crescent, and a half dozen miles away we could barely discern that smoldering village of Santa Fe, the quarters of the Catholic conquerors during the siege of Granada. A Spanish gentleman pointed it out to us. But had the señores seen the Alhambra by moonlight? "No." "Ah, only the saluts could describe the picture!"

We were happy enough to see it by daylight, and afterwards followed the crowd back across the Place of the Cisterns and lost ourselves in the labyrinth of the Alhambra. That afternoon the courts were all reanimate with dancing waters and the soft rustle of streams. People trooped everywhere, whole families of them. The older folks seemed to saunter about in a matter-of-fact way, and make the rounds as punctually as though they were promenading on the Paseo de Colon. Sometimes they stopped in the view from the Mirador de la Reina. It was all grand, very grand. Those Ingleses (Englishmen) owned nothing to compare with it. Granada folks seemed perfectly conscious of their superiority. No wonder they, to whom even the Alhambra was a matter of every day, should show themselves amused, sometimes laugh outright, at the two short-capped Ingleses who always managed to obstruct the current, who haunted the Hall of Ambassadors a whole hour, and who stayed an unmentionably long time in the Court of Lions. These queer señores, who seemed the

only foreigners in the place, looked credulously at the blood-stained marble in the Room of the Abencerrajes and paced again and again, pointing and ejaculating, in the Hall of Justice, where arch hangs below arch dripping with many stalactites, as though inviting to some fairy grotto. In spite of being curiously watched, they explored the subterranean baths of the Sultan, and found their way into the cloistered garden of Lindaraja, over which hung the bedroom of Washington Irving.

But somehow, on that day of the *Toma*, the Hall of Ambassadors, opening out on the Court of Myrtles, kindled one's fancy most. In the midst of this court lies a marble-tipped pool bordered with low myrtle hedges. At each end arches, needled into filigree, leap from delicate pillars, and under water in subdued gurglings. Towards the Darro rises the great square Tower of Comares which mirrors its tawny bulk in the green tinted water.

It is the Tower of Comares, as everyone knows, which holds the Hall of the Ambassadors. One leaves the arcades and crosses the ruled Chamber of the Boat to find himself under a great dusky dome set over with starry facets of larch-wood. Below, mosaics of azulejos weave a brilliant wainscoting in glazed blacks and greens. Above, sallow tinted walls are wrought into a wilderness of arabesque. At first their patterns are delicate as vine tendrils, then loosen in figure toward the upper edges.

How inevitably its halls summon memories of Boabdil and the *Toma*! Here were staged the first and last acts of that ill-starred life. The tyrant Abdul Hassam had made "The Morning Star" the choice of his harem. Her son was chosen for the throne, so that young Boabdil seemed doomed to lose his life as well as his sceptre. It was from yonder deep embayed window that the royal mother lowered her prince to a waiting horseman, who bore him away to the hills of Gaudix.

A few stormy years and the scene again shifts to the Hall of Ambassadors. The watchmen on the Tower de la Vela have reported a truce bearer hurrying hither from the plain. It is the demand of Ferdinand and Isabella. The Christian is at the gates of the Alhambra. See Boabdil take his throne for the last time by yonder damasked wall. Low-hanging lamps shed a softened radiance through the gloom and make the burnished weapons gleam in their racks. Swarthy councilors with knitted brows stand about the troubled monarch. Moorish knights finger the hilts of their scimitars in perplexity. Without, the green-tinted pool of the Myrtles lies placid and mirrors the turbaned figures that linger beside it. Morning sunlight glistens its waters, now and then a shadow flits across the arched wall, and the curtain falls upon the drama of the Moor in Spain.

## NEWS OF ILLINOIS

ITEMS OF GENERAL STATE INTEREST FRESH FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

### DARROW IN ON ILLINOIS WILL

Famed Defender of McNamara Brothers Made Executor of the Estate of Wesley C. Garlock of Galena.

Galena.—Clarence S. Darrow of Chicago, who defended the McNamara brothers, was made executor of the will of Wesley C. Garlock, formerly of Chicago, filed in the probate court. The instrument was drawn July 11, 1906, and disposes of much valuable property in Illinois and Colorado. Sarah J. Dobler of Jo Davies county is beneficiary.

Dixon.—One of the largest drainage enterprises ever projected in northern Illinois will be described in the county court here before Judge R. H. Scott, when the assessment roll on 30,000 acres of land is up for confirmation. At the close of court here a jury had not been obtained. It will take six weeks to hear the case. The land directly involved is known as the "Inlet swamp." It is located in the eastern part of Lee county. The assessment to be considered by the court is the eighth that has been levied. Eight thousand dollars have already been expended on the land. Two hundred land owners are in attendance at court and most of them are objectors. It is proposed to take 537 acres of land for ditches and laterals. Nearly every prominent attorney in the country is representing some one or a combination of the interests involved.

Springfield.—The supreme court commuted to expire December 20 the sentence of Francesco Morello, who was sentenced to fourteen years from Cook county for murder. The crime grew out of trouble between a number of Italians and it was hard to ascertain the facts. The case was taken to the supreme court and that body affirmed the judgment, but said the evidence was conflicting and that a verdict of manslaughter would have sufficed. The board took up the case with the Italian consul and that official made a thorough investigation, and this, with the other evidence in the case, convinced the board that clemency would be advisable.

Chicago.—John Jupen, 1457 Emma street, plunged down an elevator shaft at the Blackstone hotel from the twelfth floor, his body landing on the top of an elevator cage at the third floor. Death was instantaneous. Hundreds of guests in the hotel heard the man scream and heard the crash of the body. Whether the man committed suicide or was the victim of an accident could not be ascertained. The police of the South Clark street station began an investigation.

Belmont.—Residents of Belmont recently organized a rat-killing club. The members chose sides and began a war of extermination and the contest has just closed. The tall of every victim was kept as proof of the number killed. The final count showed that one side had killed 826 rats and the other side 751, a total of 1,577 in four days. The side killing the smaller number gave their opponents an oyster supper.

Peoria.—Once more Harry Tibbetts, well known as young "Kid" Farmer, a local prize fighter, is in duress vile. He called at the home of his wife, from whom he has lived separately for some time, and started trouble. He called for the purpose of securing some personal effects, but it is charged he threatened to kill his wife. He was immediately taken to the police station. The fighter has an unexpired workhouse sentence hanging over him.

Springfield.—Protest against the action of the legislature in defeating the state-wide certification of teachers, and urging the passage of the measure at the next session, will be the feature of the county superintendents' convention, in connection with the meeting of the State Teachers' association December 27-29. The superintendents will meet December 27, in the court house.

Springfield.—Accidental death was the verdict of the coroner's jury called to investigate the death of John Gardner of Divernon, who was instantly killed when a gun which he was cleaning was accidentally discharged. The inquest was held by Deputy Coroner A. R. Connolly. The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed and will be announced later.

Carlyle.—The commissioners of the Hanover levee and drainage district in Santa Fe and Germantown townships, have been authorized to make extensive improvements in the district. The total cost will be \$10,600 to be raised by annual assessments on the land.

Murrayville.—Wilbur Elliott, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Masters, one and one-half miles west of Murrayville, was found dead in bed. He had not been well for several days.

Mount Carmel.—A Scotch collie dog belonging to Henry Carlson, a dairyman, living on the Georgetown road, felt the lure of home and traveled 2,000 miles on foot from Texas, where he was taken some time ago by relatives. The dog died hardly forty-eight hours after his return. Along in the early fall relatives from Texas, visiting at the Carlson home, took a fancy to the collie and on their return took it with them. Shortly after their arrival the dog seemed to become ill, refusing to eat or drink. At last he disappeared. Two days ago the collie, almost starved, arrived at his old home and lay down exhausted. He was given food and good treatment, and wandered about the place for two days, then died.

Woodstock.—Politics proved a greater attraction than holiday shopping for 500 people here and merchants stood idle at their counters when State Senator W. C. Jones, Progressive Republican candidate for governor, and Hugh Magill, candidate for United States senator, spoke at the city hall. State Senator A. J. Olson, a former Chicago alderman and assemblyman, entertained the speakers at his home here.

Lewistown.—F. E. Parsons of this city, an inventor, holding seven valuable patents on a corn harvester, was found insane by the county court. He said he had received a message from God that the city of Lewistown was to be destroyed because the Christian people would not give him money to erect a tabernacle; also that his twelve-year-old daughter Ollie must die before Christmas.

Elgin.—Word was received here of the death of Alfred B. Church, Elgin capitalist, stepson of Gail Borden, in New York city. Mr. Church was vice-president of the Home National bank, director of the Home Trust and Savings bank, and one time well known in political circles in northern Illinois. Mr. Church was sixty-seven years old.

Mount Carmel.—A mail pouch, stolen here on the night of June 26, has been found in the rear of the straw-board factory by workmen. Every letter in the bag had been rifled. There was no registered mail. The pouch is being held for orders from the post office authorities.

Pontiac.—While her mother was out on an errand, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pittman accidentally overturned a can of kerosene on her dress. Later she tried to replace some candles that had fallen from a stove, her clothes caught fire, and before her mother returned the little child had been burned so she died shortly afterwards.

Sterling.—The first annual exhibition of the Sterling Poultry association has opened here. Several thousand birds are entered, 250 exhibitors being represented. Judge William McClave of New London, O., is in charge of the scoring.

Springfield.—James McMahon, serving a term of 15 years in the penitentiary at Joliet for the murder of Mary Hetrick on December 5, 1908, was granted a writ of superseas by the supreme court and admitted to bail of \$15,000. McMahon was convicted in the Bureau county circuit court last September.

Coal City.—Gus Kenda hoarded his money for three years waiting for a postal savings bank. It came, but Gus wanted to increase his hoard of \$1,750 to \$2,000 before he deposited it. He kept it buried in the cellar. When he had accumulated the \$250 he found that the principal had been stolen.

Merna.—While trying to board a moving train at Merna Martin Murphy, farmer, fell under the wheels and was killed.

Galena.—Gussie Schubert, nineteen years old, confessed complicity in numerous robberies of summer camps along the Mississippi river, according to the local police.

West Frankfort.—T. R. Rushing, thirty-eight years old, was accidentally shot and killed by Fred Gosnell. Rushing was a hardware dealer, while Gosnell is employed by the Brazil Block Coal company. Both men are members of the Odd Fellows' lodge and were close friends. Gosnell was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

Wyoming.—Emil Meeske, retired business man of this city, was instantly killed on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy track here by a freight train.

Rock Island.—Samuel Montgomery, sixteen years old, was killed by a train at Kahoka, Mo., according to identification made. He was the son of Andrew Montgomery, a farmer, of this county. The boy was a student at Port Byron academy and had taken a desire to see the world. He was returning home when he met death.

Pittsfield.—The engine on the Pittsfield branch of the Wabash left the rails in the yards of the King Milling company. A rail broke and as the train was backed the rails continued to break and it was impossible to set things to rights until two late.

Bloomington.—Duncan M. Funk, eighty years old, is dead. He was a member of the legislature several terms, president of the First National bank and trustee of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home for thirty years. He left a fortune estimated at \$500,000.

## LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA, SECURES DRY FARMING CONGRESS FOR 1912.

The term, "dry farming" does not indicate all that might be implied. It does not mean a system of irrigation, but one where all the rain fall and precipitation is stored up and conserved in the soil, to be drawn upon by scientific and sane processes when it may be required to forward and increase the growth of grain.

In certain sections of the Canadian West as well as in the American West, there is a portion of the country in which the soil is the very best for the growing of cereals, but the geographical locations and relative position to the rain avenues, do not give the advantage that other parts possess in the matter of precipitation. Agricultural science, however, has been making rapid progress during the past few years, and it is now ascertained that it is not altogether the number of inches of rain that is essential to the growing of crops, but its conservation, and that is the meaning of "Dry farming." "Dry Farming" may well be applied to districts where there is a heavy rain fall and better results will follow. The education of the public into these new methods, not new exactly, but such as have had satisfactory demonstration, is not alone the purpose of these dry-farming Congresses. One idea is to bring into life and into operation the great areas of splendid land lying within what might be termed semi-arid, without placing them under the restrictive and expansive process of irrigation.

The Congresses are attended by thousands and they bring representatives from all parts of the world. The Province of Alberta, and also of Saskatchewan, has taken a vital interest in the Congresses which have been held in the past two or three years. The Province of Alberta has made provincial exhibits, districts have shown their products, and last year, several hundred dollars were taken in prizes; this year the Province of Alberta took prizes ten to one in excess of any state in the Union. Alberta has won eight out of twenty special cups, that province taking one, Lethbridge one, Arthur Perry six, and John Baxter, Edmonton, carrying off one sweepstakes. When it came to a matter of location for the Congress for 1912, the City of Lethbridge, which had put up a splendid fight for it, secured the Congress by a unanimous vote. It is expected that the Lethbridge Congress will be the largest convention in the history of Western Canada. In emphasizing his invitation to Lethbridge, one of the speakers said he had just received a telegram from Magrath (near Lethbridge) stating that of one thousand acres of wheat just thrashed Hethershaw and Bradshaw had thrashed 47,000 bushels.

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# UPHOLDS TARIFF BOARD FINDINGS

President Declares Himself in Favor of Reduction of the Tariff on Wool.

## PRESENT RATES TOO HIGH

Message to Congress Advocates Immediate Revision Downward of Schedule K—Protective Principle Strongly Upheld in Document.

Washington.—With the report of the tariff board on schedule K President Taft sent a message to congress, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: In my annual message to congress, December, 1909, I stated that under section 2 of the act of August 6, 1909, I had appointed a tariff board of three members to co-operate with the state department in the administration of the maximum and minimum clause of that act, to make a glossary or encyclopedia of the existing tariff so as to render its terms intelligible to the ordinary reader, and then to investigate industrial conditions and costs of production at home and abroad, with a view to determining to what extent existing tariff rates actually exemplify the protective principle, viz: That duties should be made adequate, and only adequate, to equalize the difference in cost of production at home and abroad.

I further stated that I believed these investigations would be of great value as a basis for accurate legislation, and that I should from time to time recommend to congress the revision of certain schedules in accordance with the findings of the board.

In the last session of the Sixty-first congress a bill creating a permanent tariff board of five members, of whom not more than three should be of the same political party, was introduced, but failed of enactment because of slight differences on which agreement was not reached before adjournment. An appropriation act provided that the permanent tariff board, if created by statute, should report to congress on schedule K in December, 1911.

**Presidential Appointments.** Therefore, to carry out so far as lay within my power the purposes of this bill for a permanent tariff board, I appointed in March, 1911, a board of five, adding two members of such party affiliation as would have fulfilled the statutory requirements, and directed them to make a report to me on schedule K of the tariff act in December of this year.

In my message of August 8, 1911, accompanying the veto of the wool bill, I said that, in my judgment, schedule K should be revised and the rates reduced. My veto was based on the ground that, since the tariff board would make its report in December, a detailed report on wool and wool manufactures, with special reference to the relation of the existing rates of duties to relative costs here and abroad, public policy and a fair regard to the interests of the producers and the manufacturers on the one hand and of the consumers on the other demanded that legislation should not be hastily enacted in the absence of such information; that I was not myself possessed at that time of adequate knowledge of the facts to determine whether or not the proposed act was in accord with my pledge to support a fair and reasonable protective policy; that such legislation might prove only temporary and inflict upon a great industry the evils of continued uncertainty.

**Advocates Reduction of Rates.** I now herewith submit a report of the tariff board on schedule K. The board is unanimous in its findings. On the basis of these findings I now recommend that the congress proceed to a consideration of this schedule with a view to its revision and a general reduction of its rates. The report shows that the present method of assessing the duty on raw wool—this is, by the specific rate on the grease pound, i. e., unscoured—operates to exclude wool of high shrinkage in scouring, but fine quality, from the American market and thereby lessens the range of wools available to the domestic manufacturer; that the duty on unscoured wool of 25 cents per pound prevents a little finer quality, from the merchant class part of the wool thus imported is the weight of the wool of this hundred pounds after scouring. If the wool shrinks 80 per cent., as some wool does, the duty in such a case would amount to \$11 on 20 pounds of scoured wool. This, of course, would be prohibitory. If the wool shrinks only 50 per cent., it would be \$11 on 30 pounds of wool, and this is near to the average of the great bulk of wools that are imported from Australia, which is the principal source of our imported wool.

These discriminations could be overcome by assessing a duty in ad valorem terms, but this method is open to the objection, first, that it increases administrative difficulties and tends to decrease revenue through undervaluation; and, second, that as prices advance, the ad valorem rate increases the duty per pound at the time when the consumer most needs relief and the producer can best stand competitors while if prices decline the duty is decreased at the time when the consumer is least burdened by the price and the producer most needs protection.

**Method That Meets Difficulty.** Another method of meeting the difficulty of taxing the grease pound is to assess a specific duty on grease wool in terms of its scoured content. This obviates the chief evil of the present system, namely, the discrimination due to different shrinkages, and thereby tends greatly to equalize the duty. The board reports that this method is feasible in practice and could be administered without great expense.

This report shows in detail the difficulties involved in attempting to state in categorical terms the cost of wool production and the great differences in cost as between different regions and different types of wool. It is found, however, that taking all varieties in account, the average cost of production for the whole American clip is higher than the cost in the chief competing countries by an amount somewhat less than the present duty.

The report shows that the duties on wools, wool wastes, and shoddy, which are adjusted to the rate of 25 cents on

scoured wool, are prohibitory in the same measure that the duty on scoured wool is prohibitory. In general, they are assessed at rates as high as, or higher than, the rates paid on the clean content of wools actually imported. They should be reduced and so adjusted to the rate on wool as to bear their proper proportion to the real rate levied on the actual wool imports.

**Some Duties Prohibitory.** The duties on many classes of wool manufacture are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in cost of production here and abroad. This is true of tops, of yarns (with the exception of worsted yarns of a very high grade, and of low and medium grade cloth of heavy weight).

On tops up to 52 cents a pound in value, and on yarns of 65 cents in value, the rate is 100 per cent., with correspondingly higher rates for lower values. On cheap and medium grade cloths, the existing rates frequently run to 150 per cent, and some cheap goods to over 200 per cent.

On the other hand, the findings show that the duties which run to such high ad valorem equivalents are prohibitory, since the goods are not imported, but that the prices of domestic fabrics are not raised by the full amount of duty. On a set of one yard samples of 16 English fabrics, which are completely excluded by the present tariff rates, it was found that the total foreign value was \$11.84; the duties which would have been assessed had these fabrics been imported, \$78.96; the foreign value plus the amount of the duty, \$118.74; or a nominal duty of 183 per cent. In fact, however, practically identical fabrics of domestic make sold at the same time at 67 1/2 cents, showing an enhanced price over the foreign market value of but 67 per cent.

**Would Reduce Duties.** Although these duties do not increase prices of domestic goods by anything like their full amount, it is none the less true that such prohibitive duties eliminate the possibility of foreign competition even in time of scarcity, so that they form a temptation to monopoly and conspiracy to control domestic prices; that they are much in excess of the difference in cost of production here and abroad, and that they should be reduced to a point which accords with the principle.

The findings of the board show that in this industry the actual manufacturing cost, aside from the question of the price of materials, is much higher in this country than it is abroad; that in the making of yarn and cloth the domestic woolen and worsted manufacturer has in general no advantage in the form of superior machinery or more efficient labor to offset the higher wages paid in this country. The facts show that the cost of turning wool into yarn in this country is about double that in the leading competing country, and that the cost of turning yarn into cloth is somewhat more than double. Under the protective policy a great industry, involving the welfare of hundreds of thousands of people has been established despite these handicaps.

In recommending revision and reduction I therefore urge that action be taken with these facts in mind, to the end that an important and established industry may not be jeopardized.

The tariff board reports that an equitable method has been found to levy purely specific duties on woolen and worsted fabrics, and that, excepting for a comparatively tiny duty, the rate must be ad valorem on such manufactures. It is important to realize, however, that no flat ad valorem rate on such fabrics can be made to work fairly and effectively. Any single rate which is high enough to equalize the difference in manufacturing cost at home and abroad on highly finished goods involving such labor would be prohibitory on cheap goods, in which the labor cost is a smaller proportion of the total value. Conversely, a rate only adequate to equalize this difference on cheaper goods would remove protection from the fine goods manufacturer, the increase in which has been one of the striking features of the trade development in recent years. I therefore recommend that any revision of the tariff on a graduated scale of ad valorem duties on cloths be carefully considered and applied.

**Praises Work of Committee.** I venture to say that no legislative body has ever had presented to it a more complete and exhaustive report than this on so difficult and complicated a subject as the relative costs of wool and woolens the world over. It is a monument to the thoroughness, industry, impartiality and integrity of the men engaged in its making. They were chosen from both political parties, but have allowed no partisan spirit to prompt or control their inquiries. They are unanimous in their findings, and feel sure that after the report has been printed and studied the value of such a compendium of exact knowledge in respect to this schedule of the tariff will convince all of the wisdom of making such a board permanent, in order that it may treat each schedule of the tariff as it has treated this, and then keep its records and statistics up to date with current changes in the economic world.

It is no part of the function of the tariff board to propose rates of duty. Their function is merely to present findings of fact on which rates of duty may be fairly determined in the light of adequate knowledge in accordance with the economic policy to be followed. This is what the present report does. The findings of fact by the board show ample reason for the revision downward of schedule K, in accord with the protective principle, and present the data as to relative costs and prices from which may be determined what rates will fairly equalize the difference in production costs. I recommend that such revision be proceeded with at once.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT, The White House, Dec. 20, 1911.

# MODERN MACHINERY IS ADDING MILLIONS TO AMERICA'S CROP

Some Farmers Claim That by Use of Corn Harvesting Implements and Silo the Value of Land is Nearly Doubled—Binder Gives Much Impetus to Production of Ensilage.

(By S. M. CLINTON.) With the annual production of close to three billions of bushels of corn and the prevailing scarcity of farm help, the farmers of this country would be utterly unable to harvest their crops without human hands.

Fortunately this condition of affairs was foreseen by manufacturers several years ago and they rose to the occasion by inventing machines which are almost as important in taking care of this crop as the harvester and binder is to the wheat crop.

The introduction of the corn binder has given tremendous impetus to the production of ensilage; in fact, the work of cutting corn by hand requires so much labor that the use of silos would be practically prohibitive.

With modern machinery, however, the corn crop can be cut, bound and reduced to ensilage in a few days. The great machines move over the ground rapidly, cut the corn evenly, drag it into bundles and drop it into windrows where it may quickly be elevated to wagons and hauled to the silos.

Some farmers claim that by the use of corn-harvesting machinery and the silo the value of their corn land



Harvester Made of Steel.

is doubled. Nothing is wasted. When fodder is fed whole it is tramped into the ground, the husks, blades and tender tops only are eaten by the cattle while the stalks, which contain some of the most valuable food-elements, are wasted.

Corn that is not put into the silo is torn into bits by the shredder, the stalks being reduced to as fine a condition as the blades, tops and husks and is so greatly relished by live stock of all kinds that it is eaten up clean.

The modern corn-husker will husk all the way from 500 to 1,000 bushels per day, the output being regulated by the condition of the corn and the weather. The husker does its best work on bright, snappy days when the corn is dry. This machine snaps the



Corn Picker and Husker.

ear, conducts them between two iron cylinders on which are fastened little pegs which grasp the ears and tear the husks from them. The corn is then elevated into the wagon while the shelled corn drops into another receptacle and all is saved. The machine of course shells more or less corn and the dryer the corn the more it shells.

After the fodder leaves the snapping rods it comes into contact with a shredder-head, which tears it into fine bits, and it is then blown into the barn or wherever it is wanted for storage.

Careful investigations, not only by the government, but by many of the state experiment stations, show that corn can be handled more cheaply by the use of machinery than by hand.

There are several kinds of corn-binders, and while each kind may have its special advantages, there are some points that should be particu-

## CROSS BUFFALO HANDY DEVICE WITH GALLOWAY FOR PASTURES

Cross-bred Animals Found to Be Harder Than Common Cattle and Endure More Exposure.

Several years ago when the country woke up to the fact that the buffalo had become practically extinct there was much interest in the plan of crossing buffaloes with Galloway cattle. The Galloway slightly resembles the buffalo, as they have thick, dark, woolly coats, are blocky and rather low on the ground.

Many crosses between buffalo bulls and domestic cattle have been made and at one time it looked as though this crossing might prove successful.

The cross-bred animals were harder than the common cattle, could endure more exposure and some breeders thought would make a better use of feed and take on fat more readily than the common cattle. However that may be, the cross-bred animals had less of picturesque beauty than the pure-bred buffalo and very much less apparent good meat than the true Angus cattle with which they had been mixed.

And as time goes on there is less and less call for "hardy drought-resisting, blizzard-proof, feedless cattle." So it is not likely that we shall soon see a breed of hybrid buffaloes established.

larly observed in the selection of the machine.

With a machine in which the bundles of corn are bound while in a horizontal position there is usually more or less trouble from the bundles catching on the stubble and being torn apart.

A short iron rod on each of the dividers helps to keep the binding gear from being choked. A machine



Cuts Two Rows at a Time.

which has two needles does not need to raise the corn so high, hence less power is required to run it. A very handy attachment is a knife that cuts the stubble close to the ground, thus making further operations on the same ground more convenient.

In binding corn, the old practice of husking the ears and leaving the stalks—which contain over 40 per cent. of the total feeding-value of the corn crop—in the field to decay, is entirely too wasteful and must give way to more intensive methods.

This means of course that some kind of a modern corn harvester must be used, so the corn binder has become a permanent fixture on a large number of well managed farms throughout the corn belt.

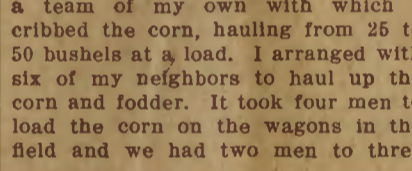
In hauling corn fodder from the field to the shredder or wherever it is desired, low-wheeled wagons are best.



Derrick for Loading.

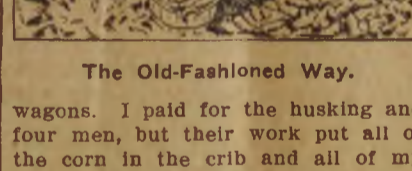
These have a platform extending over the wheels, and the corn is easily loaded and unloaded and much can be hauled at a time.

An Ohio farmer, writing of the conveniences of the modern corn husker, says: Last year I had 1,000 bushels of corn in shocks. I hired a man to come to the field and husk it. I have a team of my own with which I cribbed the corn, hauling from 25 to 50 bushels at a load. I arranged with six of my neighbors to haul up the corn and fodder. It took four men to load the corn on the wagons in the field and we had two men to three



The Old-Fashioned Way.

wagons. I paid for the husking and four men, but their work put all of the corn in the crib and all of my shredder fodder in the barn. It took me just a week to clean up my entire corn crop in better shape than I could have done it by hand, using my two men and myself, in a month.



A Gate Holder.

a post set back about the same distance as the width of the gate and fasten to this a loop at the top and bottom to hold the gate well in place and keep the wires from the ground so the horses will not step in when the gate is swung back.

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## EVIDENTLY HE HAD ENOUGH

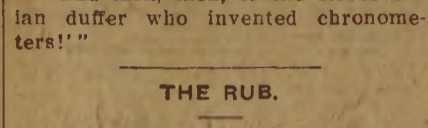
Already Burdened Father Led to Make Caustic Comment on Vital Question.

Arnold Bennett, the novelist, has a joke about race suicide in his new play, "The Honey Moon." His leading lady says, apropos of the birth rate: "What, is the poor, dear thing still declining?"

Mr. Bennett, apropos of his joke, was discussing race suicide the other day in New York.

"A woman," he said, "looked up from her evening paper and remarked: 'It is stated here that a babe is born every time the chronometer ticks off a second.'"

"Her husband, as he wiped the ever-moist mouths of the tiny twins, set one on each of his knees, muttered almost fiercely: 'Bad luck, then, to the Rooseveltian duffer who invented chronometers!'"



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## His Idea of Heaven.

The Sunday school teacher had been telling her infant class of the delights of heaven. One youngster paid close attention and after Sunday school was over, walked up to the teacher.

"Teacher," he said, "do they have billy goats with long whiskers up there? I want one awful bad, but grandpa says I can't have one. If they don't have billy goats up in heaven I don't believe I want to go."

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## KINGSTON NEWS

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William Ives, of Chicago, called on relatives Monday night.

Harry Medine of Aurora, was a Sunday visitor at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Wing, of Chicago, has been a guest of Mayfield and Kingston friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Glidden and children were visitors in Hampshire Monday.

Mrs. James McClelland, of Sycamore, was a guest of relatives in town last Saturday.

Rev. Dockum, of Indiana, preached two trial sermons at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Vandenburg, of Sycamore, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Parker a few days this week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Briggs had the pleasure of entertaining all their family, except their son, Walter, Christmas day.

Mrs. Ed. Brown went to DeKalb with her husband Tuesday morning to spend a few days with her niece, Mrs. Thos. Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker entertained his nephew, Paul Churchill and wife of South Grove Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Harrington and children, of Malta, were entertained at the home of her parents, Supervisor and Mrs. D. B. Arbuckle, the fore part of this week.

Miss Esther Branch came home last Thursday from St. Charles, Missouri, where she teaches Domestic Science, to spend the holiday vacation with her mother and sister.

Postmaster and Mrs. Hix entertained their daughter, Mrs. Ackley and her sons, Raymond and Lesley of Chicago, and son O. R. Hix, wife and daughter, of DeKalb, Sunday and Monday.

El May, of Lamont, Iowa, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. A. W. Dibble and husband for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Aurner entertained a large company of relatives Christmas day.

Howard Hitchcock, of Chicago, spent Sunday and Monday with his mother and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheasbro of the Kingston State Bank, spent Sunday and Monday in Chicago with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phelps and family went to Garden Prairie Monday to spend the day with relatives.

There will be a watch night meeting at the M. E. church Sunday evening, the services to begin at 9 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Luther returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Nora, Ill., Sunday and Monday.

Revivals commenced at the M. E. Church Tuesday, Frank Briggs assisting with the singing and will probably preach.

For Sale—White Plymouth Rock cockerels. Fishel strain. April hatched. E. O. Moyers,

Mrs. Carrie Laverty and son, Floyd and Miss Lena Bacon came Saturday evening to spend two weeks with relatives.

The remains of Daniel Miner who passed away in Kirkland Friday, were interred in Kingston cemetery Sunday.

Horace Badger passed away at the home of Alfred Deverall's last Wednesday afternoon. His remains were taken to Iowa for burial.

Mrs. Clarence Briggs and daughter, Effie, of Rudd, Iowa, spent last Wednesday with her husband's uncle, H. M. Bacon and wife.

The village board has given the representatives of three different street lamp companies the privilege to erect lamps for a thirty day test. The village will probably purchase enough lamps to light Main street if they prove satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landis and daughters, Eva and Marie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Shaffer in Sycamore Monday.

Miss May Cross who is attending Rockford High School will spend the Christmas week at the home of her father, H. A. Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lucas and John Taylor, of Belvidere were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Burton Sunday and Monday.

Charles Tazewell and sister, Jennie, of Elgin, Mrs. Emma Tazewell and daughter, Edna, of DeKalb, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Tazewell.

The Kingston W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting last week. Several good papers were read and arrangements made to send a barrel of clothing for the poor and needy to the Moody Bible Institute to be distributed in their Mission work.

Mrs. Geo. Tower, Sec.

**Master in Chancery's Sale of Real Estate**

State of Illinois } ss  
DeKalb County }

In the circuit court of DeKalb County, October term, A. D. 1911.

In Chancery.

Esther E. Kelley Bill for Partition. Gen-eral No. 17980

James P. Brown vs. Abigail J. Patterson, Jeremiah W. Brown, Emma R. Hollebeak, Dillon S. Brown, Charles A. Brown, Lizzie M. Holroyd, Emma D. LeFevre, Elmer A. Sowers, George W. Sowers, J. William Sowers, Jennie Sowers Stiles, Eva M. Renn, Bert Fenton, George Walrod and J. Crosby as Walrod & Crosby, Elizabeth Clefford, Florence Eiklor and Ava Abraham.

In pursuance of the order and decree of said court, made and entered in said cause at the October term, A. D. 1911, of said court, to-wit, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1911, I shall on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1912, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the south front door of the court house in the city of Sycamore, in said county, sell at public venue to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A part of Sections twenty-nine (29), thirty (30) and thirty-one (31), in Township forty-two (42) north, Range five (5) east of the third principal meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said section thirty (30) three and seventy-five hundredths (3.75) chains west of the south-east corner of said section thirty (30). thence north, 7 degrees east, twenty-two (22) chains, to the east line of said section thirty (30); thence north, 7 degrees east, eighteen and forty-six hundredths (18.46) chains, to the north line of the south-west

quarter (1/4) of said section twenty-nine (29), at a point three fifty-six hundredths (3.56) chains east of the quarter-section corner; thence north, 7 degrees east, fourteen (14) chains; thence north, 84 degrees west, six (6) chains, to the west line of said section twenty-nine (29); thence north, 84 degrees west, six and eighty-five hundredths (6.85) chains; thence south, 9 degrees west, fifteen (15) chains, to the north line of the south-east quarter (1/4) of said section thirty (30); thence south, 10 degrees and 45 minutes west, twenty nine and eighty-nine hundredths (29.89) chains, on the claim line, to a stone 13 x 9 x 8; thence south, 68 degrees east, (v. 5 degrees and 50 minutes east) five and twenty-six hundredths (5.26) chains, to a stone 14 x 11 x 8; thence south 3 degrees and 10 minutes west, eight and fifty-three hundredths (8.53) chains, to a stone 17 x 11 x 7; thence east to the place of beginning, excepting therefrom the lands of the Illinois Central Railway Company and of the Woodstock & Sycamore Traction Company across said land; and commencing fifteen and sixty-two hundredths (15.62) rods due west on the line between said sections thirty (30) and thirty-one (31) from the corner common to sections twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32), thence west, on said line, twenty-two and ninety-two hundredths (22.92) rods; thence south, 5 degrees west, eighty (80) rods; thence south, 79 degrees east, twenty and fifty-eight (20.58) rods; thence north, 7 degrees east, eighty-four and fifty-six hundredths (84.56) rods, to the place of the beginning.

Containing in all 72.81 acres of land, more or less, and which is here and in the pleadings in this cause designated as Tract No. One (1).

Also, Sub-lot one (1) of Lot two (2) of Block sixteen (16) of the city of Sycamore, Illinois, subject to three (3) special assessments of \$20.69 and interest, each, for State Street improvement, and six special assessments of \$4.78 interest, each, for Main street improvement, each payable yearly which is here and in the pleadings in this cause designated as Tract No. Two (2).

Also, the south-west quarter (1/4) of the north-east quarter (1/4) of Section thirteen (13) in Township forty-two (42) north, Range four (4) east of third principal meridian, which is here and in the pleadings in this cause designated as Tract No. three (3).

All of said premises being situated in the county of DeKalb and state of Illinois.

Tract No. One (1) to be sold subject to leasehold rights of Bert Fenton, one of the defendants herein; Tract No. Two (2) to be sold without improvements thereon.

Terms of sale: Ten per cent, (per cent) of the purchase price to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the remainder of the purchase price to be paid upon the confirmation of the sale by said court and the execution and delivery of proper deed, or deeds of conveyance.

Tract No. One (1) has been appraised at the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per acre;

Tract No. Two (2) at the sum of three thousand eighty dollars (\$3,080); and Tract No. Three (3) at the sum of seventy dollars (\$70) per acre, and no bid will be accepted which shall not at least equal two-thirds (2/3) of said appraised valuation.

Dated at Sycamore, Illinois, this 18th day of December, A. D. 1911.

A. W. FISK  
Master in Chancery,

W. C. KELLUM,  
Solicitor for the complainant.

Don't leave carcasses of animals lying around or carelessly bury them, for this invites dogs and crows, and they spread disease. Call Hemmelgarn at the rendering plant or at his residence and he will properly remove them. Notice, however, must be given immediately on death of the animal and hide must be left on. 13-11

Do you want a good home for a small amount of money? Then see D. S. Brown at the Exchange Bank of Brown & Brown. He can show you some good bargains both in residence property and vacant lots.

I am in the Well business. If you want a new well any size from 4 to 12 inches, call me up at Charter Grove, Ill., or leave word at the Exchange Bank, Genoa, Ed Naker. 11-11

House for sale or rent on Genoa street, Genoa, Ill. Inquire at this office or E. H. Richardson, 13-81\*

## A Note to the Public

Dear Friends:-

Are you aware of the fact that in trading at a store which gives credit you are paying for the bad debts contracted by others? It may seem unreasonable to you that the merchant should make you pay another's debts, but in the credit business it is a principle which must be adhered to or the dealer goes to the wall. He is not dishonest in doing so, but is simply following the custom which has been necessary ever since the words "please charge it" were first used. Enough extra profit must be charged to make up for the loss which comes to the credit store during the year.

Now I am going to give the people of Genoa and vicinity an opportunity to purchase pure groceries without asking them to assist in paying the debts of others. On and after the first of January, 1912, I will conduct a strictly cash business. No more bad accounts will find place on my books and in view of that fact goods will be priced accordingly. By figuring up at the end of the year you will be surprised at the great saving you have made by dealing at a "cash" store.

I will send no wagon out in the morning to take orders at the house, but will deliver orders sent in by phone or otherwise. By this policy I will be enabled to dispense with the services of one clerk, making another saving of which you will receive the benefit. My policy thruout will be to conduct the business as economically as possible and every cent saved will be deducted from the profits which you have paid in the past. Watch the prices after the first of the year.

For convenience of those who do not always have change to send with children I will issue coupon books, the coupons therein to be used as cash. Will be pleased to have you come in and talk this over with us.

Very truly yours,

E. C. OBERG

P. S. Those knowing themselves to be indebted to me will confer a favor by calling and making settlement before the first of the year.

E. C. O.

## BUSINESS WITHOUT FRIENDSHIP

is a cold affair, and we confess to being human enough to desire a combination of both.

We are not in business for pleasure, but we do enjoy commercial relations with those who, like ourselves, are aiming to give their business associates a SQUARE DEAL. We appreciate your confidence in us, and have enjoyed our relations with you. It shall be our endeavor to merit your continued confidence.

We wish for you an increased prosperity during the New Year, and the felicitations of this Holiday Season.

Yours for business,

## Genoa Lumber Co.

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## HARD COAL

Egg or Range \$8.75 Chest-nut \$9.00

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## Our Great Year-end Sale Is in Full Swing

We're winding up the year with a decisive price-reducing event effecting every section of the store.

January first we take inventory and by then we want to clean racks, shelves and counters of all gift goods, all surpluses and all remnants and odds and ends that have accumulated during the rush of the holiday season.

Former prices have not been considered. The all important question is to wind up the year with clean stocks in every department.

This Year-End Sale offers you a splendid opportunity to purchase a New's Gift for a fraction of value.

If you neglect to purchase a gift for some one who remembered you with a Christmas gift you can purchase a suitable remembrance at a price considerably less than what the article would have cost a year ago.

### New Year's Greetings

As this will be the last opportunity we will have of greeting you in this paper before the arrival of the new year we take this occasion to express our thanks to the readers of this paper for their generous patronage during the year just closing and to extend our hearty, sincere wishes to all for a

Happy, Prosperous New Year

THEO. F. SWAN, Elgin, Illinois