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THRU RIO STREETS

Floyd Mackey Arrives at the South American Port

A PROFUSION OF VEGETATION

Stately Palms and Huge Cactus Trees Beautify the Streets—Modern Appliances and Conveniences are Seen Everywhere

October 16, 1912.
Dear Folks:—We are pulling on the last lap and will arrive at Montevideo on Thursday night, and at Buenos Ayres on Friday afternoon. Five weeks ago today I left Chicago. It really does not seem that long. In all we have had a very good trip, the sea being fine excepting for a few days. I am feeling very well, and I believe I am nearly ten pounds heavier than when I left the states.

As you near the end of a trip all of the ship's stewards take particular pains to notice you. It is really amusing to see them line up for their tips. It cost me over ten dollars to cross the Atlantic. I don't know just what it will cost me here, its according to how I feel at the finish. At any rate it is rather ridiculous the amount of money one spends for tips.

We were rather unfortunate at Rio, as it was about two o'clock a. m. when we entered the harbor, and it rained until after we left the following day at three p. m. I had gone to bed and no one awakened me, so I missed a beautiful sight upon entering the bay. The lighting is wonderful, the shore lights, city lights, light houses and lights from all of the cliffs make a great display. The rain did not hinder us from taking a two hour auto ride around the city, but it was a handicap, as we had to keep the top up.

Rio is located on one of the best natural harbors in the world. The bay is large, surrounded by a high rock-bound coast and has a very narrow entrance. The entrance is guarded on either side by a fort. Around the edge of the harbor is an avenida, or drive, and it is certainly beautiful. Tropical vegetation flourishes everywhere. There are streets several miles long, lined on both sides with tall, slim palm trees, not a leaf on them until you reach the bushy top, seventy or eighty feet above the ground. Banana trees are seen in gardens. One also sees ferns and cactus 30 feet high along the streets, and trees having a beautiful red flower like a poppy are seen on lawns. The city is well supplied with street cars, motor trucks, etc. A large canal with a tow-path is used a great deal for hauling freight thru the city. Here the freight and passenger cars resemble those of the states, and I think most of the railway equipment of Brazil is from the United States.

The streets differ from those of Europe in as much as they are wide and laid out along straight lines. Some of the streets are continued by a long tunnel thru solid rock, some are cut thru rocks. A great many large rocks may be seen thruout the town, and in some cases houses are perched upon the side of a steep rock.

Here the oxen disappear from the streets and the high wheeled carts are drawn by small mules. The wheels on some of the carts are at least eight feet high. I only saw one team of oxen in Rio. A large portion of the natives are colored, and Portuguese is the language. Wooden soled shoes with a canvas across the toe are worn, but a great

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE

To Organize Schools of the County for Higher Efficiency

At a meeting of the superintendents and principals of schools of DeKalb county held in the office of the County Superintendent at Sycamore on Saturday, Dec. 7, all the principals and superintendents except four were present. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Hollister, high school visitor from the University of Illinois, on two subjects: first, in the forenoon, "The Unification of High School Work by County Organization," and second, in the afternoon, "The Organization of Counties into Free High School Districts."

An organization was completed with K. D. Waldo of Sycamore as president, and County Superintendent Coultas as secretary, and an executive committee composed of F. M. Giles of DeKalb, S. H. Dadsman of Rolla, Warren Hubbard of Somonauk, and Otto Gabel of Malta, with president and secretary ex-officio members. The executive committee was requested by a vote of the organization to present to the organization at their next meeting on the second Saturday of January, 1913, a high school program arranged to meet the needs of DeKalb county.

At the next meeting of this association the program will be discussed and an attempt made to unite the members on a high school program satisfactory to the schools of DeKalb county, which program will be presented to the school officers of the county for their inspection at their next meeting.

The aim of the association is to organize the high school work of the county so that there need be no loss of time to the young people attending any high school in DeKalb county.

W. W. COULTAS.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Program at the M. E. Church Sunday Evening, Dec. 22, instead of Christmas Eve

The Sunday School Christmas exercises will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday evening instead of on Christmas eve as has been the custom in the past. A good program is being prepared by the Sunday School and a cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

The series of special sermons as advertised last week will be postponed until the first of the year. On the first Sunday evening in January the subject will be "What is Heaven?"

many of them go barefooted. Stockings are a luxury. Most of the women are very fleshy. You will see in the very heart of the business districts chickens standing on the steps, or in the doorway of the stores and markets. Game cocks seem to be the prevailing fowl. Also you may see two stores with a blacksmith or carpenter shop between them. The stores are very shallow, with the entire front open to the street. All the buildings are low, made largely of white stone, with red roofs. The architecture of the city and government buildings is quite elaborate, but ordinary buildings are plain.

I regretted that the rain kept me from taking pictures, as there are many pretty views there, some beautiful parks with tropical vegetation and birds. We also passed within one hundred feet of a large gun boat, or battle ship, but it was useless to waste my films. With this I must close.
F. J. M.

PEOPLE DISGUSTED

Electric Service During Past Few Weeks has been Rotten

MUNICIPAL PLANT PROPOSED

Feeling Way thru Streets at Night and Stumbling over Rocking Chairs and Cats in the Early Morning Arouses Ire

The editor made a mistake Monday evening and came home after dark. It was not so much the iniquity of the offense in staying out late that caused apprehension on the part of the family, but rather the danger of crossing dangerous streets and tracks of the Woodstock & Sycamore Traction Co. in the inky darkness. It was taking a grave chance, but one to which the people of Genoa have become accustomed during the past several weeks. There are about fifty antique decorations hanging about town, known as arc lights. They will do during the day when one may view their beauty, but it would be well for the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. to hang candles on them at night so that one may never lose sight of the decorations. Last evening was only one of many with which the people have had to contend of late.

The editor again received a jolt Tuesday morning, and that jolt prompts this article which is being written by the light of a No. 1 lamp at six o'clock a. m. No, we do not always arise at that time, for if it had been a regular habit a supply of candles would have long ago been installed at regular relay stations from the bed room to the furnace room. We depended on the electric lights and thereby hangs the tale. Chasing around a building, which covers an acre lot, in one's shirt tail, with the path from the chamber to basement plentifully strewn with rocking chairs, children's toys, one dog and two or three cats, is a feat which is not good for the feet or the temper of any man, especially when the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. is holding the light.

Genoa is not the only city on the line of the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. which is becoming disgusted with the service since that company acquired possession.

The following article clipped from the Harvard, Ill., Herald, tells the story of that city:

"Mayor Vickers and the six aldermen of the city took a morning train today for Chicago to take up the electric light proposition with officials of the Illinois Northern Utilities Co. The light situation here of late has been deplorable and patience, seemingly has ceased to be a virtue. Stores and dwellings are putting in gas connections as rapidly as possible, but those dependent on electric lights have no recourse and for that reason the city council has taken the matter in hand. The old junk pile inherited from the Harvard Light & Power Co. has gone to pieces it seems, but the new owners are not getting along as well as local consumers feel they ought, so it was deemed best that a definite understanding be had with those in authority, hence the official visit today of the mayor and city council to Chicago."

St. Catherine's Church

Mass will be celebrated next Sunday at 10:00 o'clock.

On Wednesday, Dec. 25, the Christmas mass will be held at 8:30 o'clock and at Kirkland at 11:00 o'clock.

Leonard's mass will be sung by the choir the same as on dedication day.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

E. H. Browne Relieved from office as Clerk after Fourteen Years' Service

At the regular meeting of Genoa Camp No. 163, M. W. A. last Thursday evening the following officers were elected:

B. C. Awe, V. C.
Will James, W. A.
A. R. Slater, Clerk.
Chas. Nelson, Banker.
Homer Glass, Escort.
H. Weideman, Watchman.
Geo. Hoffman, Sentry.
Frank Tischler, Manager.
Dr. E. A. Robinson, Physician.
B. C. Awe was re-elected to the office of venerable consul, having served in a capable and courteous manner during the past year. He is popular with the neighbors of the camp and takes an interest in the work.

After serving the camp for fourteen years as clerk E. H. Browne retires. These years have been of faithful and painstaking service to the fraternity and it is with regret that the neighbors see him give up the office. Many a member has been saved his insurance to the order by the generosity of Mr. Browne, not only in giving his time to chasing up the members for collections, but in advancing cash out of his own pocket to keep a negligent or financially embarrassed neighbor in good standing. There is scarcely a member of the Genoa camp who has not at one time or another been assisted in this manner by the clerk now retiring.

A. R. Slater, the clerk elect, is a young man with a good business training and will make the camp an able official.

RUSSELL FOR JUDGE

Elgin Attorney is Endorsed by Kane County Bar

Ninety-two of the attorneys of Kane county met at Geneva last week and caucused for Judge of the Circuit Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry B. Willis. It is quite generally agreed that the position is due to Kane county and if that county will agree on a candidate that the district generally will support the Kane county choice. The caucus ended in unanimously endorsing John A. Russell of Elgin. His nearest competitor was John C. Murphy of Aurora. The first mentioned received 45 votes and Mr. Murphy 36, with 6 scattering ballots. Russell's nomination was then made unanimous.

Mr. Russell was born in St. Charles and after being admitted to the bar became a member of a big law firm at Elgin. He has figured extensively in big cases and is considered suitable material for the judgeship. The nomination is non partisan, all the parties uniting in the endorsement of Mr. Russell. He was formerly Attorney General of Porto Rico.

Mr. Russell will have opposition in the person of C. F. Irvin of Elgin. The latter is a progressive and has no object in opposing the choice of the county bar other than being a candidate.

ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED

Gets 25 Years in Penitentiary for Murder of Wife

Fred Wheeler of Rockford on trial for his life was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for 25 years. The verdict was delivered at 9 o'clock Thursday morning following an all night session by the jury. Wheeler was accused of poisoning his wife at their home near Rockford on March 29 of this year.

WILL TEST LIGHTS

City Council Tired of Paying for Inadequate System

AN EXPERT WILL BE ENGAGED

Monthly Grist of Bills Allowed—Treasurer's Report Shows Balance of \$6962.19 on Hand on the 13th of December

December 13, 1912
Regular meeting of city council called to order by Mayor T. J. Hoover.

Present at roll call: Weber, Malana, Whipple, Hutchison, Quanstrong. Absent, Altenberg. Minutes of last regular and special meeting read and approved.

The following bills were approved by the finance committee: Neptune Meter Co., meters 43.05
Rensseler Valve Co., valves 52.50
Cooper & Patterson, freight and drayage. 90
Perkins & Rosenfeld, supplies. 3.75
L. C. Duval, salary, etc. . . . 52.25
H. B. Downing, labor. . . . 10.63
E. G. Cooper, gasoline. . . . 41.30
E. Harshman, salary. . . . 40.00
S. Matteson, special police. 27.00
Brown & Brown, freight. . . 19.98
C. Deardurff, special police. 2.00
Brown & Brown, vouchers. 25.85
Joliet Sand & Gravel Co., 88.21
Wm. Watson, salary. 30.00
W. Abraham, night police. 10.00
P. C. Weber, labor. 13.35
Fred Scherf, teaming. . . . 8.10
Gahl & Scherf, " 11.75
Loptein, labor, supplies. . . 4.70
Chas. Holroyd, teaming. . . 14.40
Rob Patterson, teaming. . . 6.90

Moved by Quanstrong, seconded by Whipple that bills be allowed and orders drawn on treasurer for amounts. On roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Bill of Illinois Northern Utilities Co. for \$170 76 was approved by finance committee. Moved by Malana, seconded by Weber that bill be allowed and order drawn on treasurer for amount. On roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Report of Superintendent of water works read. Moved by Whipple, seconded by Hutchison that report be accepted. On roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Report of city treasurer showing balance on hand of \$6962.19 was read. Moved by Weber, seconded by Hutchison that report be accepted. On roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Hutchison that light committee engage services of expert to test voltage and amperage of street lights. On roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Hutchison that city marshal build stone crossing across Railroad avenue between Stott and Locust streets, using stone now on hand. On roll call all voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Weber, seconded by Malana that council adjourn. Motion carried.

DeKalb County Enterprise

The Sandwich Manufacturing Co. is working overtime on its shellers orders, and are turning out a large power sheller, complete, every forty minutes during working hours, besides manufacturing a large quantity of hand shellers, small goods and hay presses.—Sandwich Argus.

Mrs. Rosette Dead

Mrs. Clinton Rosette dropped dead at her home in DeKalb last Wednesday evening. Her husband, who died a few years ago, was founder of the DeKalb Chronicle and ex-president of the Illinois Press Association.

Born, Monday, Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Lietzow, a daughter.

QUESTIONS ON GOOD ROADS

Legislative Committee Seeks Expression From Farmers and Land Owners

The Illinois Legislative Committee, appointed by the last General Assembly to revise the County and Township Organization, Road, Highway and Bridge Laws of the state at their meeting in Springfield recently, with a view to obtaining as much information as possible from the farmers and land owners of Illinois, prepared the following list of questions to which they desire answers from the interested land owners and farmers of the state. All replies should be addressed to the above named committee at Springfield, Illinois.

1. Do you favor the continuation of the present system of road management in your county? What changes should you suggest?
2. Do you favor the construction of permanent roads in your county with State aid?
3. Do you favor the creation of a State Highway Commission to have general supervision over the highways and the selection by the county board of a county road superintendent to co-operate with the state highway commission?
5. Do the farmers in your county favor a change in the law providing for the improvement of highways in accordance with modern demands? And do you think the majority of the farmers of your county would agree with your answers to the above questions?

Please answer these questions by number.

SUIT TO DISSOLVE

Elgin Butter Board in the Toils—Abolish Quotation Committee

A suit to dissolve the so-called butter and eggs trust was filed in the United States court in Chicago last Saturday.

The suit is directed against the Elgin Board of Trade and the American Association of Creamery Butter-Manufacturers. There are twenty-one individual defendants. The Elgin board of trade controls the Elgin butter board.

Amid the wildest scenes of confusion ever enacted on the Elgin Board of Trade during its forty years of existence, two factions, one headed by James P. Younger and the other by Joseph Newman, clashed at the annual meeting Monday. Younger was victor.

Not only did the Younger faction elect its "member's" ticket, an eleventh hour nomination, over the "regular" ticket named at the caucus a week ago, but adopted amendments to the by-laws of the board, one of which wiped out the quotation committee.

Waterworks for Hinckley

Hinckley Review—By a better than two to one vote the citizens of Hinckley went to the polls last Thursday and emphatically declared that they want a new water system; that they want it as soon as practicable to get it, and they want the best they can possibly get for \$12,000. A short time ago when the water works bond issue of \$8,000 was up it was defeated by five votes. This time the \$12,000 issue won by more than 40 votes. So there is no question of its not being the sentiment of the people.

A beautiful line of hand painted china, suitable for Christmas gifts. You are invited to call and look at them.

Mrs. E. C. Crawford *

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Large Number Attend the Sessions in Genoa Tuesday

DR. COOK AND ECKHARDT TALK

Soil Wizard Gives Valuable Information in His Address and Emphasizes Arguments with Stereopticon Views in the Evening

A large number attended the farmers' institute in Genoa Tuesday afternoon and evening, and judging from the close attention given the speakers everyone present was interested. Dr. Cook always pleases his audience, being of a naturally cheerful and happy disposition, he never fails to interest his hearers. And Dr. Cook is as enthusiastic over the modern methods of farming as any man in the county, having given the matter considerable of his time during the past few years.

Prof. Eckhardt worked his way a little further into the hearts of the people Tuesday. No one can talk with the sincerity that he does and not leave an impression which will be lasting. He is working for DeKalb county with avim which plainly shows that there is more than salary in the deal for him. He wants to succeed and he wants every farmer in the county to profit by the knowledge he has obtained during his years of study and experiments. His talk on alfalfa, clover and soy beans was interesting and timely, for it is a subject which faces the farmers of this county today. His talk in the evening, supplemented with fine stereopticon views was intensely interesting and educational. Some of the statements made by him relative to the good that may be accomplished by the use of certain soil foods and rotation of crops seemed too good to be true, but all such statements are borne up by actual experiments as shown on the screen.

The series of institutes this winter will open the way to great activity in modern farming next spring, and Mr. Eckhardt will be about the busiest man in the country just as soon as the weather opens.

FIRED NORTHCOTT'S PICTURE

Barb City Camp of Woodmen Order it From Hall

An item of official business transacted by the DeKalb Modern Woodmen at their last meeting is of interest as showing how strong is the feeling of the members against the men who are understood to be the chief instigators of what is regarded by the members as the outrageous raise in rates.

A picture of former Head Consul Northcott has long had a place in the lodge hall but because of his unusual activities in behalf of the high rate the local members determined to show their resentment by voting his picture out from the lodge room never to return, and it was done as they directed.—Advertiser.

W. C. T. U. Notes

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Charles Smith on Genoa street Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance of all members is desired as very important business is to come before the meeting.

The meeting last week at Mrs. Chas. Maderer's was well attended. The Superintendent of Parliamentary Usage gave a talk. Refreshments were served and one new member received. All went home feeling that it was an afternoon well spent.

ORIGIN of the CHRISTMAS TREE



WHO invented the Christmas tree? Whence does it come? It is a curious fact that most of the old chroniclers have thrown a veil of mystery around the Christmas tree and make no attempt to explain its origin. It has been stated that the tree came to us from Egypt.

This legend is well propagated in old Irish and Welsh fairy tales. The idea is that in ancient Egypt they used a slip of the palm tree with twelve shoots on it at certain winter festivities. The tree symbolized the year with its twelve months.

Consequently, any one who is equal to the effort may believe that the modern Christmas tree represents that twelve-shooted slip of palm. Minds of less stalwart credulity may prefer to trace the Christmas tree back to Germany only, where they had Christmas trees long before they were ever heard of in this country or England or France.

The Christmas tree was not introduced into England from Germany until after the marriage of Queen Victoria to her German consort, Prince Albert. But where did the Germans get the Christmas tree idea from? S. J. Adair Fitz Gerald, writing in T. P.'s Weekly, offers an explanation of this by saying that far away back in the ages you find Teutons believing in a mystic ash tree, Yggdrasil, which, with its roots and branches, united the world of the living and the world of the dead. "At the foot of Yggdrasil sit the three Norns, who determine the destinies of men, and Yggdrasil's branches bear gifts for men to take."

Is that our Christmas tree? Anyhow, the idea that Prince Albert introduced it into Great Britain is very prevalent. One of the most eagerly looked for events of the Christmas-tide—that of the setting up of the Christmas tree—is associated with the late Empress Frederick of Germany. Queen Victoria, after the birth of the princess royal, had Christmas celebrated at Windsor in 1840, and "on that occasion Prince Albert introduced the pretty German custom of decorating a Christmas tree. Since that period it has become a welcome custom for both rich and poor, and affords a graceful means of distributing little presents. It was probably first imported into Germany with the conquering legions of Drusus, and is alluded to by Virgil in the "Georgics."

It will be seen by this that the generally accepted notion is that Prince Albert was responsible for the British adoption of the pleasing tree and all that it means, symbolical and practical, to the youngsters. But on the threshold of this acceptance we are met with this statement from the "Greville Memoirs," under date Dec. 27, 1829, when Queen Victoria was yet but ten years old. "On Christmas day the Princess Lieven got up a little fete, such as is customary all over Germany. Three trees in great pots were put on a long table covered with linen; each tree was illuminated with three circular tiers of colored wax candles—blue, green, red and white. Before each was displayed a quantity of toys, gloves, handkerchiefs, workboxes, books and various articles, presents made to the owner of the tree." This princess was a Russian, and in her later days lived mostly in Paris. Then again Prof. Ditchfield, in his "Old English Customs," says that the Christmas tree was first imported into England by some German merchants who lived at Manchester in the first years of the nineteenth century.



In 1900 a writer on folklore said: "Although we are accustomed to consider Germany the home of the Christmas tree, it has not been general there for more than a couple of centuries. Old people are still living whose parents never saw one in Germany. The decoration of houses with olive leaves and green branches, as in England at Christmas, is a far more ancient custom, and can be noticed in Botticelli's picture of 'The Adoration of the Shepherds,' in the National Gallery in London. It is, as a Fritz Ortwine observes, a distinct remnant of an ancient heathen custom, as at the turn of the year during the twelve days of the Jul festival in honor of Woden, greenery could be fetched by all from the woods without punishment, and every hall was decorated with green leaves and branches.

Again, in old works on English customs we find many references to the decorating of the interior of the dwellings, as well as the pious adornment of the churches with greenery, and the introduction of a fir tree as symbolical of the palm. In the halls of the barons and the squares and in the gigantic kitchens of the farmers a fir tree ever held prominent place, but whether ordinarily decorated or not is not specifically recorded. Here we are in doubt. In all probability the remaining fruits of the orchards of the rear were hung upon the branches as a propitiation to the gods of the fruits of the earth to insure good harvests.

Going abroad we get fuller knowledge of these things. The custom of carrying away branches and trees from the woods at Christmas time in various parts of Austria became so extensive on account of the superstitions of the peasantry that at Salzburg, in 1755, and at Nuremberg, in 1768, severe by-laws were issued against persons purloining from the forests. In some regions of Hungary a solemn procession with a decorated tree takes place through each village before the shepherd play begins. "It is adorned with ribbons and fruit, and is supposed to symbolize the tree of knowledge. Although most of the



main of a once horrible Druid rite. The ceremonies which the mistletoe figured in among the ancient Druids always accorded it a place of honor. The myths that clung around it in their wondering, puzzling minds were many more than the few that have come to us in these later years. But, old as they are, those hoary, heathen myths lack the true flavor of antiquity when it comes to measuring traditions by the centuries.

Oh, we do not by any means owe our mistletoe to the Druids. We can go back so much further for the first adventures of the mistletoe that the Druids become merely modern innovators. It was one of the noblest of the trees in Paradise, the lordly tree of good and evil; and on its twig hung the apple which Mother Eve plucked with such disastrous consequences. Alas for Mother Eve and Father Adam! And alas for us, their punished heirs-at-law divine! But alas, too, for the wicked, handsome, tempting tree of knowledge which put humanity in such graceless plight! Upon its lofty crown, its massive trunk, its delicious fruit, descended the universal curse. It shriveled away from the horrified earth; it dwindled to the meanest smallness; it was cast out into the bitter cold; it became a parasite and beggar, existing by the bounty of vulgar neighbors. Only in the pearly translucence of its shrunken fruit, the most trivial of berries, did it preserve some semblance of its once radiant splendor.

And it has preserved some of its pristine virtues, too, in traditional Christian lore, as if it were still hedged about with a vestige of the glory that arayed it in Paradise.

Time was, and time is now, when epilepsy is one of the scourges of mankind; only now we look for its cure, as we look for its cause, in quite natural means and conditions. The notion that some poor devil with the falling sickness has been cured from on high is held scarcely compatible, in popular science, with the principles of eternal justice or with cold observation of cause and effect.

But in times that were, in Wales, when an epileptic developed the symptoms characteristic of the disorder, it was commonly believed that he was being scourged with the "rod of Christ," and that was the name by which the disease went, although it had another designation as well—St. Valentine's sickness. The cure for it was believed to lie in the Rod of Jesse. The use of the mistletoe as the Rod of Jesse in epilepsy was general and, if faith can work wonders, perhaps the miracle of cure did sometimes attend its employment.

Perhaps it didn't, if hard-headed science choose to take a shy at that gracious addition to the list of miracle-working agents. But whether it did or didn't the mistletoe's rare birth and fruition still carry with them the tenderest of Christian faiths, as they carry, too, the story of humanity's most far-reaching disaster. It is one of the Christmas greens which has the warrant of religious associations dating back to the very beginnings of man's creation, even as it is accorded the sublime honor of typifying the ancestral origins of the Redeemer of Man himself.

But what about the mistletoe kiss?

Hi! To tell the truth, if we want to be consistently Christian in our Christmas greens and the purposes to which they should be put, there isn't anything about it, at least of any records which such careful investigators as Alfred E. P. Raymond Dowling have dug up while studying the general subject. None will deny that the most consistent Christians have taken to the mistletoe kiss with abundant enthusiasm and a faith in its excellent results that has never been surpassed. But that doesn't make the mistletoe kiss any more Christian than it ever was.

Isn't the excellent story of foolish Mother Eve and the original mistletoe apple enough for any reasonable Christmas decorator who wants to justify its employment? And if it isn't, haven't we the legend of the Rod of Jesse to make it distinctly one of the Christmas greens? As for the kisses that are supposed to go with it—well, if you insist on knowing about them, you'll simply have to take the consequences, same as Eve did when she insisted on tasting of that confounded tree of knowledge.

The mistletoe kiss seems not to be Christian at all—Druidical, probably, and therefore heathenish, and therefore very, very wrong. So, all young men who encounter it, artfully suspended where a pair of ripe, red lips must pass, do you plausibly refrain or, more plausibly, tear down the hoary old temptation and flee the accursed roof, as if it were the house of Arria Marcella and you were not Gautier's young Frenchman. And you, maidens, give leave to no pagan rites; remember the fate of your poor Grandmother Eve and beware lest the fruit of the mistletoe, accursed tree of knowledge, prove now more bitter in the mouth than it did in Eden.

But if you have ivy, wreath it generously, for the French know it as the herb of St. John, the disciple whom the Savior loved, the emblem of pure friendship, the vine that heeds not decay and death of its beloved, but clings ever more closely as the fall impends and bears up its falling ally against all adversity. Learned students of these legends have surmised, too, that it may be the herb of St. John the Baptist, who is usually pictured as the boy in his camel's-hair coat, gazing at his cousin, the infant Jesus.

NEWS BREVITIES OF ILLINOIS

Chicago.—Municipal Judge Hopkins in the South Clark street court sentenced a man to hunt up a mirror and take a good look at himself. "If that doesn't humiliate you enough I don't know what will," said the judge as he passed the unique sentence. Frank Bowers, fifty years old, the man he addressed, was picked up at South State and Van Buren streets. He had fallen on the sidewalk and his face was a mass of bruises and cuts.

Champaign.—Dr. Stephen A. Forbes, state entomologist, explained to the fifty-seventh annual convention of the State Horticultural society legislation needed to assist in protecting growing fruit in Illinois. How the state entomologist's department has fought the apple flea, weevil and other pests was explained by P. A. Glenn, chief inspector. Prof. M. S. Pickett described experiment station research work in pomology.

Danville.—An attempt was made to rob the bank of Penfield, at Penfield. The vault lock and door were wrecked, but the burglars failed to gain entrance. The explosion was heard by several residents, whose appearance frightened the burglars away. It is believed they escaped in an automobile. Sheriff of Champaign was wired, offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the bandits who cracked a safe at Pesotum a few days ago.

Quincy.—About 50 men who went out of three planing mills in a sympathetic strike with woodworkers of a show case factory, returned to work after affecting an agreement with employers that the planing mills should go on record as closed shops, employing union labor exclusively. The 150 woodworkers of the show case factories who went on a strike two weeks ago, demanding 30 cents per hour as minimum wages, are still out, no agreement having been reached with their employers.

Peoria.—F. C. Brown, physical director of Bradley Institute, will urge before the meeting of the Illinois Intercollegiate association the division of the state into three parts, northwestern, central and southern, in the arrangement of future championship matches, the schools of each division meeting only those schools in their respective districts. Illinois college of Jacksonville will oppose the plan.

Villa Grove.—A billiard hall and restaurant were destroyed by fire, following a blast of dynamite.

Sullivan.—Mrs. Jacob Pea, seventy-nine years old, and blind, was burned, perhaps fatally, when she accidentally set her clothes on fire while lighting her pipe.

Bloomington.—William P. Bolles, fifty-seven years old, for forty years a tailor of Bloomington and a leader in commercial and religious circles, was killed by a train here.

Chicago.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young was re-elected for a third term superintendent of public schools for Chicago.

Nashville.—Mrs. B. H. Tharp, sixty-three years old, daughter of the late Circuit Judge Amos Watts, died from an operation for appendicitis.

Sterling.—I. J. Parmalee, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in Illinois, celebrated his nineteenth birthday.

Rockford.—Ray Talbert and Edward Landeck of Freeport, the latter a son of a clergyman, were arrested here, charged with stealing an automobile from a local garage for a joy ride.

Rock Island.—Congressmen McKinney and Pepper and Congressman-elect Tavenner are working for an appropriation of \$250,000 for a field artillery plant at the Rock Island arsenal.

Avon.—The body of Ernest Pool, twenty-four, with crushed head, was found on the road by Miss Pearl Blanchard, school teacher. He is believed to have fallen from a wagon.

Rockford.—Dennis P. Gray, eighty-four years old, a member of the Odd Fellows for 64 years, was found dead in bed at his home.

Augusta.—Ira Carden, watching for a chance to shoot a hog while butchering, accidentally shot himself through the right foot.

East St. Louis.—While friends of Maurice V. Joyce are planning to nominate him for mayor he and his wife are planning a trip around the world. He says he will not consider the nomination.

Godfrey.—William Brinkman, eighty-two years old, died at his home in Godfrey from paralysis which resulted from a fall. Brinkman was engaged in hauling fodder and fell off the wagon, striking on his head and shoulders.

Rockford.—John N. Silver was thrown headfirst from a wagon as he was dismantling, and fractured his skull. Death resulted in a few hours later. Just as he was about to spring an automobile caused the horses to jump.

ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Wire Reports of Happenings From All Parts of the State.

PANIC AT INSANE ASYLUM

Peoria.—Fire originating in the women's hospital at the Illinois State Insane asylum at Bartonville caused a temporary panic among the patients confined in the building. For a time the blaze seemed dangerous and 136 patients were removed to another building. Firemen, however, succeeded in controlling the blaze and the loss to the building is nominal. The fire started from an overheated electric sterilizer—Patients Are Taken Out.

Springfield.—John Shaw, night policeman, was shot three times and killed instantly when called to quell a riot among some Italian miners about one-half mile west of town. A posse was hurriedly formed and surrounded the house and Sheriff Elmo Eter of Carlinville has been summoned. City Marshal Marion Cain was notified that a disturbance had been started at the place and in company with Shaw started to investigate. As Shaw opened the door to enter the house he immediately was fired upon. He fell dead on the doorstep.

Champaign.—Dr. T. J. Burrill, retired vice-president of the University of Illinois, was lauded by Prof. B. S. Pickett of Purdue university in an address to the State Horticultural society, for his scientific achievements in discovering 114 bacterial diseases in plants. C. G. Woodbury of Purdue university discussed relations between state experiment stations and horticultural societies.

Granite City.—John E. Wise and Miss Goldie Hold of St. Louis alighted from a street car and went to the stamp window of the postoffice and asked for a marriage license. They were directed to the courthouse and returned several minutes later. "We have the license," said Wise to the astonished stamp clerk. "Please marry us, we are in a hurry." They were sent to a minister.

Mascoutah.—"This makes the fifth license I have purchased here, and I think I ought to get this one for nothing," said George Oberbauer, fifty-eight, of Mascoutah, to the marriage license clerk at Belleville, when he sought a permit to marry Mrs. Mary Mueller, sixty-four. The clerk insisted upon the fee. Oberbauer's fourth wife was found dead about four miles from home. She had wandered away in a fit of mental aberration and died of exposure.

Peoria.—As the result of playing with matches while her parents were away from home, Madeline Erring, four years old, received burns from which she died at the Deaconess' hospital. Neighbors hearing the child's screams rushed in just in time to save the lives of the two younger children, who were seriously burned.

Rockford.—Frank Gambries, fifteen-year-old bellboy, is under arrest, charged with rifling a United States mail and abstracting drafts and checks from letters.

Joliet.—Joliet teachers, especially those in the lower grades, are deficient in professional training and are immature," said Supt. R. O. Stoops to the school board.

Clifford.—George Milkuska is dead as the result of wounds inflicted by several Italians.

Prophetstown.—The ten-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Riley was badly burned when a can in which the mother was rendering lard, exploded. He was six feet away from the table.

Peoria.—D. Nedin, employe of the Klinger Plow company, slipped and plunged head first into a vat containing several hundred gallons of varnish.

Olney.—Joseph Schnell, twenty-seven, married, who has two children, and Eva Milan, seventeen, who eloped, were arrested at Mounds.

Champaign.—University of Illinois officials have awarded a contract for a \$50,000 Young Women's Christian association building.

Upper Alton.—Board of trustees of Shurtleff college decided to erect a \$25,000 dormitory for girls to replace the Martha Woods cottage, which was destroyed by fire.

Geneva.—A verdict of \$7,500 has been given against the Dearborn-Jackson Construction company because William Manka, three, lost the sight of an eye and suffered a badly mangled hand when he played with dynamite caps left in the street by employes of the company who were building a sewer.

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MY LADY OF DOUBT

BY RANDALL PARRISH

Author of "Love Under Fire," "My Lady of the North," etc.

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Major Lawrence, son of Judge Lawrence of Virginia, whose wife was a Lee, is sent on a perilous mission by Gen. Washington, just after the winter at Valley Forge. Disguised in a British uniform Lawrence arrives within the enemy's lines.

CHAPTER III (Continued).

"Those are lucky dogs off duty today." His eye caught mine. "Why don't you go after them, Fortesque? There will be plenty of fun afoot yonder where they land."

"Where is that?"

"At the old fort; follow the crowd, and you'll not go astray. Have you a ticket?"

"Captain Andre honored me with one this morning."

"Then you are good for the first row. Don't miss it, man," with enthusiasm. "Twill be such a sight as has not been witnessed since the Field of the Cloth of Gold."

"A passage at arms, you mean?"

"Ay! as gorgeous as those of the old-time knights; a fair conceit as I read the program. I'd be there now but for the damned orders that hold me here. If you ride hard you can make the spot before they come ashore."

There was no reason I should not go, and much in the glittering prospect appealed to me. Five minutes later I was trotting out of the Yager camp, pressing passage through the crowds, already headed southward, the dragoon riding silently at my heels. Mounted men that day were few, and, doubtless believing we were connected with the pageant, the jam sullenly parted, and gave us opening, so we reached the site of the old fort as the barges began discharging their occupants. A glance about, however, convinced me as to where the lists were to be run, and I headed my horse in that direction and gained a point of vantage before the throng poured in.

I was somewhat to the right of the big stand, the restive heels of my horse keeping the crowd away, and with a clear view as far as the river bank. It was, maybe, 400 yards down a gentle slope to the water's edge, where the line was forming. This passageway was lined with onlookers, held back by numerous guards, while to my left extended a square lawn, perhaps 150 yards each way, surrounded by a double rank of grenadiers, the bayonets gleaming on their guns. This open space was equipped with everything needed for the coming tourney, and on three sides were tiers of raised seats. I had barely observed all this when the guns of the Roebuck, echoed by those of the Vigilant, began to boom a salute, and the head of the column of marchers began slowly mounting the slope. The costumes worn were as varied as those of a masquerade, representing all the changes since the days of chivalry. The whole line glowed with color, and gleamed with steel.

Like some great serpent, glittering in the sun, this procession passed under the triumphal arches and disappeared as its members took prescribed positions on the stands, or in the pavilions bordering the field of contest. As thus arranged the grouping of colors was most brilliant. In the front of each pavilion were seven young ladies, attired picturesquely in Turkish costume, wearing in their turbans those favors with which they meant to reward the knights contending in their honor. Behind these, and occupying all the upper seats, were the maidens representing the two divisions of the day's sports—ladies of the Blended Rose and ladies of the Burning Mountain. From the crowd surging around I heard name after name mentioned, as famous Philadelphia belles were pointed out, not a few familiar to me. Even as I gazed upon that galaxy of beauty, half angry that Americans should take part in the spectacle of British triumph, the field was cleared for the lists, and a sound of trumpets came to us from a distance.

Onto the opening rode the outstanding knights, attended by esquires on foot, dressed in ancient habits of white and red silk, and mounted on gray horses. From the other direction appeared their opponents, in black and orange, riding black steeds, while to the center advanced the herald loudly proclaiming the challenge. I knew not who they all were, but they made a gallant show, and I overheard many a name spoken of soldiers met in battle—Lord Cathcart, Captain Andre, Major Tarlton, Captain Scott. Ay! and they fought well that day, those White and Black knights on the mimic

field. At last the two chiefs—Lord Cathcart for the Whites, and Captain Watson for the Blacks—were alone contending furiously, when the marshal of the field rushed in between, and struck up their weapons, declaring the contest done, the honor of each side proven. As the company broke up, flowing forward to the great house beyond, the vast crowd of onlookers burst through the guard lines, and, like a mighty torrent, swept over the field. It was a wild, jubilant, yelling mass, so dense as to be irresistible, even those of us on horseback being pressed forward, helpless chips on the stream.

I endeavored to press back, but my restive animal, startled by the dig of the spur, the yells, the waving of arms, refused to face the tumult, and whirled madly about. For a moment I all but lost control, yet even as he plunged rearing into the air, I saw before me the appealing face of a woman. How she chanced to be there alone, in the path of that mob, I know not; where her escort had disappeared, and how she had become separated from her party, has never been made clear. But this I saw, even as I struggled with the hard-mouthed brute under me—a slender, girlish figure attired as a lady of the Blended Rose, a white, frightened face, arms outstretched, and dark blue eyes beseeching help. Already the front of the mob was upon her, unable to swerve aside because of the thousands pushing behind. In another moment she would be underfoot, or hurled into the air. Reckless of all else, I dug in my spurs, yelling to the Light Dragoon beside me, even as my horse leaped. I scarcely know what happened, or how it was accomplished—only I had the reins gripped in my teeth, both my hands free. That instant I caught her; the next she was on my arm, swung safely to the saddle, held to me with a grip of steel, the animal dashing forward beneath his double burden into the open field. Then the dragoon, riding madly, gripped the bit, and the affair was over, although we must have galloped a hundred yards before the trembling horse was brought to a stand. Leaving him to the control of the soldier, I sprang to the ground, bearing the lady with me. We were behind one of the pavilions, facing the house, and she reeled as her feet touched the earth, so that I held her from falling. Then her lashes lifted, and the dark blue eyes looked into my face.

"You must pardon my roughness," I apologized, "but there was no time for ceremony."

She smiled, a flood of color coming back into the clear cheeks, as she drew slightly away.

"I appreciate that, sir," frankly, shaking out her ruffled skirts, "and you have made knighthood real."

"Then," I ventured, "may I hope to receive the reward, fair lady?"

She laughed, a little tremor of nervousness in the sound, but her eyes full of challenge.

"And what is that?"

"Your name; the hope of better acquaintance."

Her eyes swept my uniform questioningly.

"You are not of the garrison?"

"No; a courier just arrived from New York."

"Yet an officer; surely then you will be present tonight?"

"The privilege is mine; if sufficient tempted I may attend."

"Tempted! How, sir?"

"By your pledging me a dance."

She laughed again, one hand grasping the long silken skirt.

"You ask much—my name, a better acquaintance, a dance—all this for merely saving me from a mob. You are not a modest knight, I fear. Suppose I refuse?"

"Then am I soldier enough to come unasked, and win my welcome?"

"I thought as much," the long lashes opening up to me the depths of the blue eyes. "I promise nothing then, nor forbid. But there is Captain Grant seeking me. If I do not speak of gratitude, it is nevertheless in my heart, sir; she swept me a curtsy, to which I bowed hat in hand, "and now an revoir."

I stood as she left me, staring while she crossed the lawn and joined a dark-faced officer of Rangers. Once she glanced back over her shoulder, and then disappeared in the crowd of reviers.

I had not intended to remain in Philadelphia through the night. Already I had secured the information sought, and now must consider the

safest and quickest method of escape. It seemed to me this night, given up to revelry, afforded the best possible opportunity for my safely passing the British guard lines. Tomorrow discipline would be resumed, the soldiers would return to their posts and the citizens of the city would again appear on the streets. This would greatly intensify my danger, for, at any moment, I might encounter some one who knew me, who might denounce me to the authorities.

That this was the exact truth of the situation could not be denied, yet, now, every reckless impulse of my disposition urged me to remain; the invitation of those laughing blue eyes, the challenge I read in the lady's fair face, the unsolved mystery of her identity, all combined in a temptation I found it impossible to resist. For a dance with her, a possible understanding, I was willing to venture life itself. It must have been nearly nine o'clock when, in company with a young cornet, I rode up to the house given up to festivities, and, turning over our horses to the care of cavalry groomers, climbed the wide steps to the door leading into the hall.

All was a riot of color, rich, bewildering, with smiling faces, and laughing lips everywhere. In such a spot, amid such surroundings, war seemed a dream, a far-off delirium.

My companion disappeared, and, to escape the pressure of those surging back and forth through the wide doorway, I found passage close to the wall, and half circled the room, finally discovering a halting place in the recesses of a window, where, partially concealed myself by flowing curtains, I could gaze out over the brilliant assemblage. Half ashamed of the plainness of my own attire, and feeling a stranger and an alien, I was yet consciously seeking the one face which had lured me there.

Enough conversation reached me to disclose a promised display of fire-



Caught Her—the Animal Dashing Forward Beneath the Double Burden into the Open Field.

works on the lawn, and almost immediately a magnificent bouquet of rockets shot up into the black sky, illuminating everything with a glare of fire. This was followed by the lighting up of the triumphal arch, and the bursting of balloons high overhead. Attracted by the spectacle, I was staring out at the dazzling scene, when a voice spoke at my shoulder.

"'Tis a relief to see even one soldier present ready for duty."

I turned to look into a pair of steady blue eyes, with a bit of mocking laughter in their depths, the face revealed clearly in the glare of the rockets.

"Necessity only," I managed to reply. "I can be as gorgeous as these others, had I brought a bag with me."

"No doubt; every British regiment tries to outdo the others in ribbons and gold lace. Really they become

tiresome with such foppery in war times. See how they play tonight, like children, the city practically unguarded from attack," she waved an unglowed hand toward the dark without. "I venture there are men out yonder, sir, who are not dancing and laughing away these hours."

"My cheeks burned."

"You mean Washington's troops?"

"Ay! I saw them here in Philadelphia before Sir William came," her voice lowered, yet earnest, "and they are not playing at war; grim, silent, sober-faced men, dressed in odds and ends, not pretty to look at; some tattered and hungry, but they fight hard. Mr. Conway was telling us yesterday of how they suffered all winter long, while we danced and feasted here, Washington himself sleeping with the snow drifting over him. You do not know the Americans, for you are not long across the water, but they are not the kind to be conquered by such child's play as this."

"You are an American, then?"

"By birth, yes," unhesitatingly. "We are of those loyal to the king, but—I admire men."

It was with an effort I restrained my words, eager to proclaim my service, yet comprehending instantly that I dare not even trust this plain-spoken girl with the truth. She respected the men, sympathized with the sacrifices of Washington's little army, contrasted all they endured with the profligacy of the English and Hessian troops, and yet remained loyal to the king's cause. Even as I hesitated she spoke again.

"What is your regiment?"

"The Forty-second Foot."

"You have not yet been in action in America?"

"No, but I have just crossed the Jerseys with dispatches."

She shook her head, her cheeks glowing.

"My home was there when the war began," she explained simply. "Now it is hate, pillage and plunder everywhere. We fled to Philadelphia for our lives, and have almost forgotten we ever had a home. We loyalists are paying a price almost equal to those men with Washington. 'Tis this memory which makes me so bitter toward those who play amid the ruins."

"Yet you have seemed to enter into the gay spirit of the occasion," and my eyes swept over her costume.

"Oh, I am girl enough to enjoy the glitter, even while the woman in me condemns it all. You are a soldier—a fighting soldier, I hope—and still you are here also seeking pleasure."

"True; I yielded to temptation, but for which I should never have come."

"What?"

"The dare in your eyes this afternoon," I said boldly. "But for what I read there I should be out yonder riding through the night."

She laughed, yet not wholly at ease, the long lashes drooping over her eyes.

"Always the woman; what would you do without my sex to bear your mistakes?"

"But was this a mistake? Did I read altogether wrong?"

"Don't expect a confession from me, sir," demurely. "I have no memory of any promise."

"No, the barest suggestion was all

"Ten think so! I am not so sure, and there are many names already on my card—"

"Do not look," I interrupted swiftly, "for I claim first choice since this afternoon."

"You do?" and her eyes laughed into mine provokingly. "And I had forgotten it all; did I indeed promise you?"

"Only with your eyes."

"Oh, my eyes! always my eyes! Well, for once, at least, I will redeem even that visionary pledge," and her glance swept the room hastily. "But I advise that you accept my surrender quickly, sir—I am not sure but this was Captain Grant's dance, and he is coming now."

CHAPTER IV.

The Beginning of Trouble.

Her hand was in mine, my arm already around her waist, when the officer bowed before us. He had been but a dim figure in the afternoon, but now I saw him for a tall, slender man, somewhat swarthy of face, with black hair and moustache, and a keen eye, attired in the green and white of the Queen's Rangers. He smiled, but with a sarcastic curl to the upper lip not altogether pleasant.

"Your pardon, Mistress Claire," he said boldly, sweeping me with a supercilious glance, "but am I mistaken in believing this waltz was pledged to me?"

"By mistake, captain," her lips smiling, her eyes steady. "It seems I overlooked a promise made during the afternoon."

"Oh, indeed," he turned toward me, staring insolently. "The hero of the rescue, I presume."

I felt the restraining pressure of her hand upon my sleeve, and her voice replied calmly, before I succeeded in finding words.

"This is the gentleman who protected me from the mob, if that is what you mean. Permit me to present Captain Grant of the Queen's Rangers, Lieutenant—pardon my having already forgotten your name."

"Fortesque," I stammered, intensely hating the necessary deception.

"Ah, yes—Lieutenant Fortesque of the Forty-second British Foot."

We bowed coldly, neither extending a hand, the captain twisting his moustache as he continued staring at me.

"Fortesque," he repeated slowly. "Fortesque; not of this garrison, I believe."

"No, from New York," coolly. "I regret having interfered with your program."

"Don't mention it; there are other ladies present, and, no doubt, your gallant act was worthy the reward; a pleasant evening, sir," and he withdrew aside, stiffly military. Eager to lose as little as possible of the measure, I swung my partner forward, catching a glimpse again of the man's face as we circled.

"Pleasant disposition," I ventured, without meaning to be uncivil.

"Oh, very," and her eyes met mine frankly. "But you must not quarrel with him; that is his one specialty, you know."

"Is the warning on your account, or my own?"

"Both, perhaps. Captain Grant's family and mine are neighbors—or were before war intervened—and between our fathers exists a life-long friendship. I could never consent to be the cause of his quarrelling with anyone, and I have reason to know how quick tempered he is."

"I have little use for any man who swaggers about seeking trouble," I returned, as she hesitated. "It has been my experience that there is usually cowardice back of such a disposition."

"Not in this case," earnestly. "Captain Grant's courage has been sufficiently tested already. I warn you not to presume on your theory so far as he is concerned. I advise the safer course."

"What is that?"

Her eyes met mine, smiling slightly, and yet grave enough in their depths.

"To let this one dance prove sufficient reward for your act of rescue."

"You request this?"

"Oh, you must not place the entire burden of decision on me, sir. I can only suggest."

"Has Captain Grant any authority to dictate who shall be your partner?"

Her lashes lifted, and then fell before my gaze.

"He at least assumes the power, and generally with fair success. I must ask to be excused from discussing this matter further now, but—but," her voice trembled to a whisper. "I—I am sure your safety depends upon your leaving me."

Astonished by these words, suddenly wondering if she suspected me, scarcely comprehending what she meant, I stared into her face, as we circled the room. Grant stood stiffly against the wall where we left him, his eyes fastened moodily on the crowd; I realized his presence, yet my whole thought was concentrated on the girl, the strands of her hair brushing my lips, her steps lightly following the music, her eye downcast. Into the cheeks there came a flush of pink, and she glanced up to read the surprise in my face.

"Do I need to say more?"

"Yes, you must," I insisted, "you can never believe I would leave you because of personal fear."

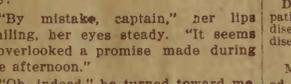
"I did not know—at first. Now I realize it will require a higher motive to influence you; not love of life, but love of country."

I felt the closer clasp of her fingers on my guiding hand, and knew I took a deep breath of surprise.

"Lean your head just a little closer," she whispered. "I—I know you, Major Lawrence, and—and I wish you well."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BLISSFUL SUPPOSITION.



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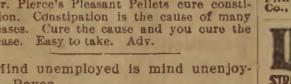
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is one of lasting value, something that is a constant source of pleasure and usefulness to the recipient

A GUNN SECTIONAL BOOKCASE makes an excellent gift. It will be admired for its beauty. It is convenient and useful. You don't have to start big, just a section or two, then as the library increases add to it. That's the beauty of the Gunn Sectional system. You can always have just enough space for your books, no matter how many or how few.

S. S. Slater & Son
GENOA, ILL.

Shopping in the Ozark District. "You keep sportin' goods yur, don't you?" inquired a frazzled looking citizen from out on Rumpus Ridge, addressing the proprietor of the hardware store at Polkville, Ark. "Eh-heh, that's what I 'lowed. Well, what I was aimin' to git was a straight jacket for a crazy man."—Kansas City Star.

A GOOD BANK

Is the business man's sheet anchor in times of financial distress. We have been in the banking business over thirty years, and have always aimed to take good care of our customers, granting them every accommodation which is consistent with our business standing and responsibility.

Can we not serve you?

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DR. ALVA SOWERS MARRIED

Former Genoa Boy Takes Ottawa Girl as Wife on Tuesday of this Week

Dr. Alva B. Sowers and Miss Nina Vittum were married at the home of the bride's parents at Ottawa, Ill., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at five o'clock. They left shortly after the ceremony for Chicago where they will make their home. Dr. Sowers having a lucrative practice there.

The bride is one of the society belles of Ottawa, her family being popular and wealthy.

Dr. Sowers is the only son of J. W. Sowers of this city and grew to manhood here, having many friends who will be pleased to extend congratulations.

Sensible, Serviceable Gifts for the Men The usually perplexing question of "what to give the men?" need not trouble you in the least for a visit to our Men's store will disclose a wonderfully attractive array of gift things that are sure to please. Shirts, neckwear, gloves, bathrobes, house coats, hose, suspenders—plenty of serviceable, sensible gifts for men here—and at fairest prices.

Theo. F. Swan,
"The Real Christmas Store"

RECEIVER FOR SOMONAUK BANK

Step Taken to Close up Business Affairs of old Banking House

After a successful business career of many years the doors of the Somonauk Bank were closed on Monday and a receiver, L. B. Olmstead, appointed by Judge Carnes, of the circuit court.

The appointment of a receiver does not mean that the bank was insolvent and not fully able to protect its customers. The appointment of Mr. Olmstead came at the request of the heirs of the estate of the late T. J. Wright and C. V. Stevens. It was the wish of the heirs of the estate that the affairs of the bank and also of the California Windmill Co., which is also involved in the receivership, be settled up and under a receivership it was thought the best way to do, and one that need not cause any scare or misapprehension.

Mr. Olmstead told Tuesday morning that there were ample funds to pay off every obligation of the bank and California Windmill Co.

Bring All the Children Here to See Jolly Old Santa Claus

Good Old Santa Claus Is Here and will be in his house in Toyland on our second floor every afternoon and evening until Christmas. He will be glad to see you, and particularly he wants to see all the children—big and little—of every age.

The good old Christmas Saint is fairly bubbling over with Christmas cheer, and he wants all the children to come in and meet him. He loves them all, big and little. Be sure to come—and be sure to bring the children—so that they may whisper to him their Christmas preferences—make him the recipient of their hopes and wishes, he'll enjoy it and so will they—and you, Come! Theo. F. Swan,
"The Real Christmas Store"

A Real Christmas Store

Our store is now at the height of its Christmas glory. The decorations alone are worth the trip to the store—every window, every nook and corner, is transformed with the tokens of the happy season. It's a sight you'll enjoy seeing—and you'll enjoy too the splendid, wonderful assortments of Holiday Merchandise, and particularly will you enjoy and appreciate the extra good values. Music by Harden's orchestra every afternoon and evening. Theo. F. Swan,
"The Real Christmas Store"

Don't Look for Easy Ones. A good scrap well won will whet your appetite for more hard nuts to crack. Don't be afraid to tackle the tough ones

HUNTING GUY FAWKES.

A Custom That Is Still Religiously Observed In England.

It is over three centuries since the British houses of parliament were searched and the barrels of gunpowder under the custody of Guy Fawkes discovered a few hours before the opening of the session. That discovery was not due to any special acumen on the part of the authorities, since it followed upon information sent them by letter. But there has certainly been no lack of vigilance since then, seeing that on no occasion since 1605 has parliament been opened until its cellars had been searched.

The duty of examining the vaults and secret passages is assigned to the lord chamberlain of the court, but generally it is the vice chamberlain who conducts the search. His assistants are the deputy sergeant at arms of the house of commons, the clerk of the board of works and an inspector of police. There is a lot of ceremony pertaining to the proceeding.

The four officers mentioned are preceded by four yeomen of the guard in uniform and fully armed. Through one corridor after another they tramp, peering into every dark corner until they finally reach the conclusion that no gunpowder has been stored in the cellars and that therefore it is quite safe for parliament to meet.

When, during the reign of James I., the earliest searches were ordered, the guardsmen carried lanterns through the dark passages, and now, although the corridors and underground passages are thoroughly lighted by electricity, the good old custom is still respected by the guardsmen, who yet carry lanterns in their hands.

In the days of the Stuarts it was the custom when the inspection was finished for the lord chamberlain to dispatch a message to the king by a mounted soldier to the effect that it would be entirely safe for him to attend the opening session of parliament. Nowadays the mounted soldier is no longer seen riding posthaste to the king, but the vice chamberlain still sends the traditional message to his majesty by private wire, and the king is assured that there are no explosives in the cellars and that he will not be exposed to unusual risks if he chooses to meet his lords and commons. The king may not have the remotest notion of opening parliament, but the message is sent just the same, and it is duly received and acknowledged. —Harper's Weekly.

Riley Center

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Anthony are visiting friends at Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Eda Smith was a Rockford visitor Saturday.

Will Schwartz entertained his father of Belvidere Sunday.

Mr. Weaver has moved into the new house. The plastering is completed and the carpenters will soon commence on the inside finishing work.

Sam Gilliland has returned to his home in Pipestone, Minn., after spending a few weeks visiting with relatives and friends here.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Christmas eve. A good program is being prepared and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

There will be preaching services next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and Sunday school will be held at 1:30 p. m.

Court House News

PROBATE

Nels Oberg. Appraisement bill approved.

REAL ESTATE

Genoa—U. S. Patent Jeremiah L. Brown nw 1/4 sec 27.

U. S. patent I. W. Garvin sw 1/4 sec 27.

Richard Dalby hrs. wd to Geo. R. Dalby n 1/2 ne 1/4 sec 2, \$7500.

Poor Spelling as a Lure.

The critical eye of a conscientious orthographer was attracted by the sign above a Third avenue luncheon, and he went in to set the proprietor right. "Yes," said the lunchroom man, "I know 'sandwiches' is wrong, but you see that sign attracts a lot of 'smart Alecks' into the store who want to teach me how to spell and after they come they usually stop long enough to order something. What'll yours be?"—New York Tribune.

Wall Paper Hint.

Before putting on new wall paper it is best to remove the old paper, and if a boilerful of boiling water is placed in the room and all the windows and doors closed, the steam will soften the paper to such an extent that it is easily removed.

Dozens of toilet articles at Browne's, at all prices.

Hundreds of copyright books at Browne's. There never was a better Christmas gift than a book

A PICTURE makes an appropriate Xmas Gift. Our line of gift pictures, now on display, is the largest and most complete line ever offered to the people of this section. Slater & Son.

If you buy your Christmas jewelry and silverware at Martin's you have the assurance of getting the value of your money. If you do not you know where to find Martin hereafter. He cannot afford to do otherwise than treat you right, if he were inclined to take advantage of the Christmas rush. Place entire confidence in the local dealer and you will not be disappointed.

Silk Stockings for Gifts—Specially Priced at 39c

A gift of hosiery—and especially of silk hosiery—is one that is always appreciated. We've put on sale a special purchase of women's silk boot hose in good weight, with lisle top and foot, each pair packed in a handsome holly gift box, at only 39c a pair. This is only one of the many splendid values you'll find here in hosiery suitable for gifts.

Theo. F. Swan,
"The Real Christmas Store"

Anger a Sign of Weakness. Anger is always a sign of weakness. It is our irritation at our own impotence. It is the fire of the spirit blazing up against the inevitable. When we know we are superior, when we know we are conscious of greater power than our adversary's, we are always calm.

The old Olmsted mill at the junction of Monroe street and the Milwaukee tracks has been remodeled and is now ready for business, a fifty horse power electric motor having been installed. For the present grinding will be done on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Work is under direction of Wm. Hecht, an experienced miller.
P. A. Quanstrong.

Administrator's Notice

Estate of Josiah B. Criswell, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Josiah B. Criswell, deceased hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of DeKalb County, at the Court House in Sycamore at the Feb. Term, on the first Monday in Feb. next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 19th day of Dec. A. D. 1912
A. K. Slater, Administrator
E. W. Brown, Atty.

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Pure and Pleasant Dr. King's New Discovery Drives Away Cough and Cold. Makes You Feel Fine.

You know how very embarrassing it is to constantly cough at parties, in church and other public places. Besides suffering the distress of coughing, you regret the annoyance to those with whom you are brought in contact, and decide not to go out again while your cold lasts, causing yourself much inconvenience.

"Every winter," writes Mrs. M. O. Cross, Granbury, Texas, "I suffered with severe coughs and colds, but since using Dr. King's New Discovery, I have not been bothered or annoyed with either for over two years."

Ask your druggist for a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. He will refund your money if not satisfied.

L. E. CARMICHAEL



Complete Your Holiday Purchases

At Elgin's Gift Shop

This entire establishment is now a Christmas Store in all its appointments, where late buyers will surely find something suitable for the Gifts they wish to present. The immense crowds of the last few days have all been well handled and thoroughly satisfied. It will pay you well to pay us a visit to complete your Holiday purchases.

SOME OF OUR BEST SELLERS

LaVallieres, those dainty neck chains with the pretty pendants, are among the most popular of gifts. Bracelets and wrist watches have been selling very well indeed. Toilet Sets, Rings and Novelties have not lost any of their attractiveness for pretty presents, while watches have sold better than for years. The many buyers of Diamond Jewelry have all been highly pleased with the assortment shown and satisfied with the prices asked. Sterling Silver and the best plated ware and choice pieces of Cut Glass are moving all the time.

GOOD GOLD FILLED JEWELRY

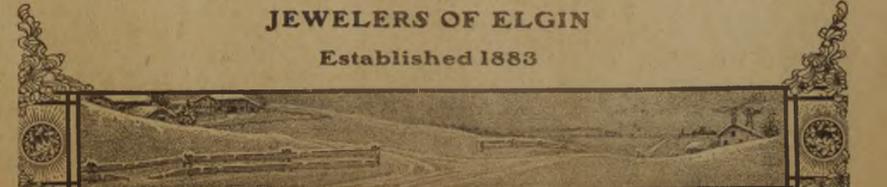
Good dependable Gold Filled Jewelry is one of the most attractive and best liked lines in the store. The moderate prices and the excellent designs, coupled with the assurance that anything that comes from Rovelstad's will give satisfaction, has made this line very popular with those who have a number of gifts to buy. We list below a few of the articles which may be had in this department.

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| Neck Chains | Cuff Links | Bracelets | Watch Fobs |
| Vest Chains | Bar Pins | Tie Clasps | Brooches |
| Waldemar Chains | Locketts | Watch Pins | Ear Studs |
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WILLIAMS' INDIAN PILE OINTMENT

Will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief.

For sale by all druggists, mail 50c and \$1.00.

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My record speaks for itself. Ask those who have engaged my services in the past. Am well acquainted with values of live stock and machinery and give the best there is in me at every sale. If you intend to have a sale call me by phone or drop me a card and I will look you up.

CHAS. SULLIVAN, Marengo, Ill.

ALL KINDS OF Hard and Soft COAL

Our Bins are Filled with the Finest Grades. Ask for Prices.

E. H. Cohoon & Co.

EACO WINGED-HORSE FLOUR

Highest Grade in the World

Those who have used it are confident that the above statement is true. It gives the best results, because it is the best. It's in a class by itself.

Your Money Back

if it is not as represented.

IRA W. DOUGLASS

PHONENO. 67

ONLY A FEW Days LEFT

Santa Claus will soon be here. If you want him to stop at your house, you had best call this week and leave your order. No doubt this is the best gift store in Genoa for men and boys and if you are looking for something for man or boy, an exclusive store for men and boys is the best place to make your selections.

Here are a few pointers for your consideration:

- OVERCOATS
- RAIN COATS
- SLIPONS
- SMOKING JACKETS
- BATH ROBES
- SWEATERS
- SHIRTS
- CUFF BUTTONS
- SCARF PINS
- COLLAR BAGS
- UMBRELLAS
- SUIT CASES
- BAGS
- SUSPENDERS
- HANDKERCHIEFS
- NECKWEAR
- HATS
- CAPS
- GLOVES
- MITTENS
- HOSIERY
- SHOES
- SLIPPERS

Many of these items, such as ties, handkerchiefs, socks, suspenders and combinations are put up in fancy boxes without extra charge.

You will not fail to find something here that will

PLEASE HIM

PICKETT
THE ONE PRICE CASH
CLOTHIER
GENOA, ILL



A Note to You

GENOA, DECEMBER 6, 1912

The purchase of dainty and useful Holiday Gifts, is going merrily on here and we would suggest that you do not postpone looking over our stock longer. The lines are as yet full and complete, but diminishing rapidly.

For that particular present for that particular person, come to this particular store. Yours truly,

Phone 83 L. E. CARMICHAEL
DRUGS, STATIONERY, HOLIDAY GOODS, ETC.

Mrs. Chas Corson and Guyla were Belvidere visitors Saturday. Mesdames R. B. Field and C. D. Schoonmaker were Elgin visitors Monday.

For sale, several Chester White Boars. Inquire of Robert M. Anderson, Genoa, Ill., 11-3t*
For sale, thoroughbred Hereford bull. Inquire of F. C. Bowen, Genoa, Ill. R. F. D. 3, 12 tf
I will not be responsible for any bills made by Mrs. Wm. Rubeck on and after Dec. 14, 1912.
Wm. Rubeck.

Mrs. Will Dreymler of Creston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, for a couple of weeks.

Miss Sadie Olmsted of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Olmsted until after the holidays.

Guy Crawford shipped his household goods to Broadhead, Wis., last Thursday, where he has purchased a farm.

Nickel plated copper ware at Perkins & Rosenfeld's. You could not suggest a more acceptable Christmas gift for her.

Wanted—A reliable representative by a co-operative secret service company. Address 445 First National Bank Building, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Billhorn and John White of Manchester, Ia., have been guests at the home of their brother and sisters, Geo., Margaret and Carrie White.

Miss Polly Branch of DeKalb did not arrive in Genoa Wednesday with her Christmas display owing to other plans.

Born, Sunday, Dec. 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Oberg, a son. The happy parents are Mr. and Mrs. Will Buhler, the former a brother of Mrs. Oberg.

Sam Gilland of Pipestone, Minn., is here visiting relatives and friends, having left Genoa about twenty-five years ago. He is a brother of Mrs. Curtis Mackey.

Martin, the jeweler, was never better prepared to supply your Christmas needs than he is right at the present time. The line of

Ralph Brown visited in Rockford last week.

Mrs. Goodrich is seriously ill at her home in this city.

Mrs. E. A. Robinson and Mrs. C. A. Brown were Elgin visitors Saturday.

Miss Edith Hatch of Richmond has been a guest at the home of Miss Marjorie Rowen.

B. E. Ermis has severed connections with the Cracraft, Leich Electric Co. and removed to Chicago.

Messrs. and Mesdames A. B. Brown and W. H. Heed were El-

PETY WALES KINODROME SHOWS WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Pavilion Every Wednesday Night

rings, brooches, chains, lockets, bracelets, silverware, hand painted china and novelties is most complete. And better still, the prices are right.

For sale, pure bred Buff Orpingtons and Light Brahma Cockerels. Wm. Nulle, 13 2t*

Leather goods, cameras, camera supplies, musical instruments and fancy stationery at Browne's. There is something here for every member of the family.

gin visitors Monday, attending the Rebeckah lodge of that city in the evening.

School will close Tuesday, Dec 24, for the holiday vacation opening again on the 5th of January. This makes a long vacation, but it is about the only way out of it. Of course the pupils are considerably vexed over the matter.

Some nice smoker's sets at Browne's.

Nothing Better Than Furniture

In all the range of articles that are given at Christmas we defy person to name a thing better to give or receive than FURNITURE.

There is going to be more given this year than ever.

There are solid, sensible reasons for this--reasons of durability and usefulness and appropriateness.

We are inviting the early shopper--the leisurely shopper.

What we have to show reflects the highest degree of excellence in Furniture making.

Many articles we purchased especially for gift-giving, and our stock right now measures up to every demand that can possibly be made upon it.

Below we list a few of the numerous articles that make most useful and appropriate gifts.

- Sewing Rockers, all finishes.....\$1.90 to \$5.00
- Pedestals, in oak and Mah.....1.25 to 7.00
- Tabourettes......45 to 2.00
- Large Easy Rockers, both wood and upholstered, in all finishes.....4.00 to 20.00
- Ladies Rockers.....1.25 to 12.00
- Three Piece parlor suits, in Oak and Mah.....16.00 to 50.00
- Library tables, in all finishes.....9.00 to 20.00
- Ladies Desks, in fumed, Golden, Early English Oak, and Mah.....5.00 to 18.00
- Small Rugs; in a number of different grades and patterns, from 18 in. x 36 in. to 36 x 72......90 to 4.00
- Bissel Sweepers from.....2.75 up
- Framed and unframed Pictures of the newest and best subjects......05 to 5.00

Free Sewing Machines are sold as low as \$1.00 a week. Any wage earner can afford to buy his wife one of these fine machines, pay for it weekly and scarcely miss the money. Call and talk it over.

A HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET MAKES AN IDEAL GIFT. PRICE \$25.00

S. S. SLATER & SON
GENOA, ILLINOIS

Gifts for HIM at Pickett's. Call and see the line of furs at Olmsted's.

Miss Birdie Drake of Geneva spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Read Pickett's adv. on this page if you have not purchased a gift for HIM.

Mrs. Schauger of Colorado has been a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent.

For sale—Rhode Island Red and Buff Orpington cockerels. R. W. Johnson, one mile west of Genoa. 12-3t*

A complete report of the December session of the supervisors will be found on the inside pages of this edition.

For sale, Choice Poland China boars, at reasonable prices. Wm. Graham, Genoa, Ill., R. D. No. 1. Phone 923 05. 11-tf

Don't forget, Young's Home Bakery is the place to get good things to eat. Strict attention paid to children. 32-tf

Pickett, the clothier, has many timely suggestions in his adv. this week. It is the ideal gift store for men and boys.

Miss Mary Donohue left Thursday for Chicago where she will make an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. D. Craft.

Seward & Driver are fully equipped to drill your well, repair wells and do any work along that line on short notice. Phone No. Rural 906-11. 13 tf

Rutherford Patterson and Ed Tischler, who left some time ago for the West were in Los Angeles when their last letter was written. Both are enjoying the trip to the full.

Mrs. Protine of Libertyville was here last week to call on her sister, Miss Alice Davis. The latter has been again seriously ill. She returned to Libertyville with her sister.

Persons knowing themselves to be indebted to Corson's Garage are requested to call and make immediate settlement. Many of these accounts are of long standing. It takes some funds to conduct a garage. Please call.

Miss Elma Smock left Genoa Wednesday morning for California where she will make her future home, having been here several days assisting at the Exchange Bank. Miss Smock leaves a host of friends who will always cherish that friendship.

"The Owls," a fraternal society, has recently been organized in Genoa, meetings being held in the Odd Fellow hall. The object of the fraternity is the protection of its members in time of sickness, a liberal benefit being paid. A large membership has been signed up.

C. H. Altenberg was called to Hazelgreen, Wis., last week on account of the serious illness and death of his mother who passed away at her home in that place on the 11th at the age of 67 years. The funeral was held on the following Saturday. Mr. Altenberg has the sympathy of all his friends in Genoa. No one but those who have been thus afflicted can realize what the loss of a mother means.

Don't leave carcasses of animals lying around or carelessly bury them, for this invites dogs and crows, and they spread disease. Call J. Kunzler 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 Residence phone H. Wiedeman, No. 351. We pay telephone charges. 13-tf

The Genoa Rebeckah lodge is booming these days, nine members having been initiated at the last meeting of the lodge. Several from Genoa went to Elgin Monday evening to attend a meeting in that city.

If you want a coat right now is the time to call at Olmsted's and look over that big bargain list. A better opportunity to buy a seasonable coat at way down prices was never offered.

Furs at Olmsted's. Mrs. Ed. Trautman and daughter were Elgin visitors Thursday.

Mesdames Wm. Schmidt, Sr. and Wm. Schmidt, Jr. were Elgin visitors Tuesday.

Thousands of Christmas cards at Browne's. See the big display in the show window.

You can buy a set of good furs at Olmsted's for little money. They would make a fine Xmas gift.

Mrs. C. E. Saul and children of Pennsylvania are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Chas. Snow.

W. E. Howiett received a message this week announcing the death of his brother at Denver, Colo.

Go to Browne's for your Xmas candy. Fancy boxes and the kind that will do to fill the stocking.

Big sale of cloaks and coats at Olmsted's this week and until all sold. Some remarkable bargains are being offered.

Mrs. G. J. Patterson left on Tuesday for Lineville, Iowa, to make an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rockhold.

Many useful as well as appropriate Christmas gifts can be found in our immense stock of Quality Furniture. Slater & Son.

Come in and look over our line of beautiful gift pictures before making your Christmas gift purchases. Slater & Son.

Material has arrived for a new maple floor at the opera house. When this is laid there will not be a better floor in the county in point of size and quality.

If you have not investigated the big lay out of articles at Pickett's you have not been systematic in your holiday shopping. It is the real gift shop for men and boys.

Buy the boy a pocket knife for Christmas. He may want a lot of things, but there is nothing that would please him more than a good knife. Perkins & Rosenfeld sell good cutlery. Its warranted.

For sale—Duroc Jersey Gilts. A few boars left. Inquire of Wrate H. Hill, R. F. D. 5, Belvidere, Ill. Five miles north of Genoa, three miles north-east of Herbert. 13 2t

Father O'Brien, pastor of St. Catherine's church, was presented an elegant fur lined coat, seal skin cap and a pair of gloves by his parishioners this week, a Christmas gift which is fully appreciated by the recipient.

For a good time go to the skating masquerade at the Kirkland roller rink on Christmas night, Dec. 25. Five big prizes will be given away. Also a special matinee will take place to settle your Waterloo goose dinner.

Pety Wales received a message Wednesday evening announcing the death of his father at Lanark, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Wales left on the midnight train for Lanark. They have made many friends in Genoa who will truly sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Have you seen those pieces of cut glass at Browne's? The prices are right.

A musical program will be given at the M. E. church on Sunday evening, Dec. 29, the program being arranged by several business men of the city. Every man and his family in Genoa is invited and should attend this meeting. A complete program will be published next week. Ask about it, read about it and hear it.



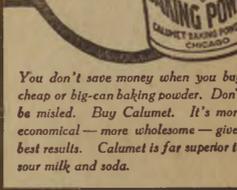
More Economical Both in Use and Cost CALUMET BAKING POWDER

—And it does better work. Simply follow your customary method of preparation—add a little less of Calumet than when using ordinary baking powder. Then watch the result. Light, fluffy, and evenly raised—the baking comes from the oven more tempting, tastier, more wholesome.

Calumet insures the baking of an expert. Ask your grocer to-day.

RECEIVED HIGHEST AWARDS

World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
Paris, Exposition, France, March, 1912.



You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

Apples Apples

We still have about 40 barrels of those fine New York apples left out of the car which we recently received. They are keeping fine. If you want a fancy barrel of apples for the holidays please let us know at once as they are going fast. The cheap Michigan stock is about all gone.

LUTE FISH

Den Basta Sorten Importerade Fran Norge

E. C. OBERG

NEEDLESS NOISES.

It is possible to have a big town and a prosperous town without making so powerful much fuss about it. There is a large amount of unnecessary din about everyday traffic. To begin with, we build a lot of our streets out of brick and granite when we might just as well construct them of material that is less productive of noise and less calculated to bring wagons and other vehicles to a state of premature debility and disrepair, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Then we tolerate all sorts of nuisances that ought not to be tolerated in a civilized community for the simple reason that "everybody's business is nobody's business," and everybody is so absorbed in looking after his own personal affairs that he has neither time nor inclination to do much for the general comfort and welfare. Possibly about seven-tenths of the noise incident to city existence could be subtracted without any especial detriment to the progress of industry and commerce and the ordinary tranquility of business, and with undoubted relief and pleasure to persons of superabundant nerve and others who delight in the quiet life. Under such conditions the average city, however, would lose its attractions for that more self-assertive element of humanity which revels in racket and believes in "whooping it up" all along the line.

It is interesting to learn from the seat of war that the experiment of using the aeroplane in war operations was tried at Adrianople with a result which went a little further than predicted. Lieutenant Popoff, aviator with the Bulgarian forces, made a flight not for the purpose of attack by dropping bombs, but to view and report on the disposition of the Turkish forces, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. In doing so he got within the Turkish line of fire, and a shot from the Turkish cannon killed him and wrecked his machine. Much attention has been given, especially in Europe, to devising means to repel aeroplane attacks. Army squads have been trained in firing at kites, and specially mounted rapid-fire guns have been invented. But at Adrianople an ordinary field gun loaded with shrapnel was sufficient for the purpose. This gives a hint of what could be done with guns of longer range, specially adapted to the purpose, in the line of repelling aeroplane bomb-dropping attacks.

The London Sphere asserts that there is a national awakening in the persistence of ancient errors in the training of boys in the public elementary schools. It is now seen, the Sphere says, that to teach a boy reading, writing and arithmetic only and to dismiss him from school at fourteen or younger without further training either of his hands or his mind is suicidal for the boy and for the nation, too. Inasmuch as boys thus brought up ultimately tend to swell the ranks of adult nondescript labor, of the unemployable, or even of hooligans. The Sphere praises the results which have been achieved by technical training schools where boys are taught manual crafts, and, after a thorough course, are watched for three years with a view of seeing how far they win out in the battle of life. The careers of these trained boys are said to be very encouraging.

It is remarkable under what difficulties the crusade for fire prevention, which is one of the leading issues of the day, is being pushed. No danger is greater, more horrible nor more imminent than that of fire, yet the apathy of the average person to means of protection from this worst of the elements is little short of marvelous. The majority go on, inviting destruction by living in the conditions of fire traps, and resenting all interference with this criminal carelessness, trusting to luck that the danger so courted will not come to pass. With cordial co-operation with the efforts of the authorities in the matter of this defence, the large cities could be made practically all fireproof.

Now, to realize universal peace, why not send the fool that rocks the boat, the practical joker, and the nuisance who plasters newswyeds with signs, out hunting with the fellow who mistakes the guide for a deer and the fool who didn't know it was loaded?

A Boston divine advises a young man to walk across his best girl's carpet with muddy feet, and if she smiles to marry her. He might get a good natured wife, but her housekeeping would be a little of color.

The Los Angeles council endorsed an action whereby men are allowed to carry nippers to clip off the ends of offending hatpins. Many theatergoers wish that scissors would be included to trim the plamage.

SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of DeKalb County, December, 1912.

Pursuant to adjournment of Sept. 11th, 1912, the board of supervisors of DeKalb County, Illinois, met at the Court House in Genoa, Monday, Dec. 24, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Thomas H. Dodge, chairman.

The roll being called the following named members were found present: Messrs. Arbuckle, Awe, Bell, Chesbro, Conrad, Dick, Francisco, Horan, Aves, Hyde, Jarboe, Kellam, McGirr, Middleton, Potter, Townsend, VonOhlen, Warren, White, Wright and Chairman Dodge.

The minutes of Sept. 11th were read and approved.

The clerk read a communication from Lowell B. Smith, state's attorney, which was referred to the judiciary committee on motion of Mr. Jarboe.

Communication from the Illinois legislative committee on county and township organization was presented and read by the clerk and on motion of Mr. VonOhlen was referred to the committee on highways.

Board adjourned to 9:30 o'clock a. m., Dec. 23, on motion of Mr. Kellam.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23, 9:30 A. M. Board adjourned to 9:30 a. m. pursuant to adjournment of Dec. 23, and was called to order by the chairman.

Roll being called, all members were found present except Mr. Latimer.

The minutes of Dec. 23 were read and approved.

Mr. Holland presented and read his annual report as superintendent of the county infirmary, and also a list of the county or indirectly owned property of the county, which was referred to the committee on county infirmary on motion of Mr. VonOhlen.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of DeKalb County, Illinois, the undersigned, beg leave to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS. Sept. 1, 1912, balance brought forward, \$1,978.70

From Sept. 1, 1912, to the 1st of Dec., 1912. \$2,154.25

EXPENSES. From Sept. 1, 1912, to the 1st of Dec., 1912. \$2,154.25

Total amount received, \$4,132.95

Total amount paid out, \$4,132.95

Balance on hand, \$387.19

THOS. HOLLAND, Superintendent.

INVOICE PROPERTY ON HAND. Cows, 9, Value, \$90.00

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Signed and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, A. D. 1912. JENNIE E. LITTLE, Notary Public.

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Wiswell & Wirtz, burial paupers	16.50	16.50
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Paul E. N. Greeley, M. D. services	40.66	40.66
J. S. Rankin, M. D. services	1.50	1.50
J. S. Rankin, M. D. services	15.00	15.00
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G. S. Culver, M. D. services	41.00	41.00
W. E. Holdredge, mdse. paupers	9.00	9.00
Holcomb Bros., mdse. paupers	14.75	14.75
North Side Lbr. Co., mdse. paupers	7.50	7.50
Floyd Horan, mdse. paupers	3.00	3.00
C. A. Stone, mdse. paupers	9.32	9.32
G. J. Worley, M. D. services	65.00	65.00
Joseph Ogden, care pauper	29.20	29.20
Dr. Jno. Haggy, M. D. services	13.00	13.00
B. Brown, M. D. services	48.00	48.00
C. W. & J. B. Nesbitt, M. D. services	60.00	60.00
C. W. Steenrod, burial of pauper	12.00	12.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,
 O. T. D. BERG,
 JNO. H. JARBOE,
 The following report of the pauper claims committee on pauper settlement was presented and read by the clerk and accepted and adopted on motion of Mr. VonOhlen.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:
 Your committee on pauper claims beg leave to report that we have examined of the amount of the several supervisors for moneys drawn and expended for the support of paupers and find as follows:

Town	Supervisor	Amt. Recd.	Amt. Exp.	Amt. On Hand	Amt. Due Superv.
Paw Paw	Geo. S. Hyde	509.00	467.68	42.32	.....
Shabbona	J. W. Middleton	79.58	34.44	45.14	.....
Milan	O. T. D. Berg	496.55	118.25	378.30	.....
Malta	T. W. Dodge	109.34	109.34	.....	.....
South Grove	Orion Bell	398.50	101.21	297.29	.....
Franklin	F. J. Aves	67.74	7.50	60.24	.....
Victor	A. Warren	550.00	344.76	205.24	.....
Clinton	W. E. McGirr	56.71	1,031.32	.....	.....
Afton	D. E. McGirr	1,000.00	1,031.32	.....	.....
DeKalb	Jno. H. Jarboe	134.96	23.65	111.31	.....
Mayfield	Geo. E. Dick	298.78	213.49	85.29	.....
Kingston	D. B. Arbuckle	648.85	141.13	507.72	.....
Somonauk	H. E. White	692.50	709.24	.....	.....
Sandwich	L. H. Kellam	31.25	.....	.....	.....
Squaw Grove	Wm. VonOhlen	854.84	232.08	622.76	.....
Pierce	Thos. Horan	652.14	211.84	440.30	.....
Cortland	J. M. Fransisco	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sycamore	E. B. Townsend	.....	.....	.....	.....
Genoa	C. H. Awe	.....	.....	.....	.....

Your committee recommend that orders be drawn for the amount due supervisors as shown above, payable to the supervisors of each town.

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE E. DICK, Chairman.
 O. T. D. BERG,
 JNO. H. JARBOE.

The following report of the pauper claims committee on regular and special appropriation, was read by the clerk and was accepted and adopted on motion of Mr. Berg.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:
 Your committee on pauper claims having ascertained from the supervisors of the several towns the amount required for the support of resident paupers for the ensuing year, beg leave to submit the following report:

That each of the following, estimate the amount necessary to be as follows, to-wit:

Town	Supervisor	Reg. Spl.	Appn.
Paw Paw	Geo. S. Hyde	\$50.00	\$50.00
Shabbona	J. W. Middleton	50.00	400.00
Milan	O. T. D. Berg	50.00	300.00
Malta	T. W. Dodge	50.00	300.00
South Grove	Orion Bell	50.00	50.00
Franklin	F. J. Aves	50.00	50.00
Victor	A. Warren	50.00	275.00
Clinton	W. E. McGirr	50.00	950.00
Afton	D. E. McGirr	50.00	950.00
DeKalb	Jno. H. Jarboe	50.00	950.00
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Kingston	D. B. Arbuckle	50.00	50.00
Somonauk	H. E. White	50.00	50.00
Sandwich	L. H. Kellam	50.00	600.00
Squaw Grove	Wm. VonOhlen	50.00	250.00
Pierce	Thos. Horan	50.00	50.00
Cortland	J. M. Fransisco	50.00	250.00
Sycamore	E. B. Townsend	50.00	50.00
Genoa	C. H. Awe	50.00	50.00

Your committee recommend that orders be drawn for the amounts above shown, payable to the supervisors of each town.

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE E. DICK, Chairman.
 O. T. D. BERG,
 JNO. H. JARBOE.

Mr. Warren presented and read the following report of the claims committee and moved that it be accepted and adopted.

Mr. Chesbro moved to defer action on the claims of the city court of DeKalb.

Mr. Warren moved that the report of the claims committee be accepted and adopted. Motion carried.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:
 Your committee on claims other than pauper claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented to them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders on the county treasurer to the claimants for the several amounts, allowed, as follows, to-wit:

Name and What For	Amt. of Claim	Amt. Allowed
F. C. Poust, sheriff, expenses	\$15.49	\$15.49
F. C. Poust, sheriff, discharging prisoners	371.90	371.90
F. C. Poust, sheriff, committing prisoners	9.00	9.00
F. C. Poust, sheriff, balance salary	648.50	648.50
F. C. Poust, sheriff, inventory	131.55	131.55
S. M. Henderson, Co. agent, Feb. Newell case	38.00	38.00
Cordines Chemical Co., mdse. Co. farm	20.00	20.00
Jennie E. Little, stenographer	3.00	3.00
County clerk, attending public date court	624.00	624.00
Lincoln State Printing Co., briefs	15.10	15.10
G. E. Stott, P. fees	8.10	8.10
W. F. Sell, J. P. fees	3.00	3.00
J. C. Kellan, clerk city court	322.50	322.50
DeKalb Indus. Sch., care inmates	61.00	61.00
Lincoln State Printing Co., care Co. inmates	62.35	62.35
Geo. Chesbro, committee services	37.00	37.00
D. E. McGirr, committee services	4.00	4.00
C. H. Awe, committee services	4.50	4.50
S. M. Henderson, committee services	35.00	35.00
Wm. VonOhlen, committee services	33.80	33.80
W. M. Hay, circuit clerk, attending court	270.00	270.00
J. S. Orr, 2 bills J. P. fees	113.70	61.55
A. E. Hubbard, clerk board of review	198.00	198.00
F. P. Townsend, committee service	3.30	3.30
J. K. Egbert, M. D. services	53.00	53.00
Holcomb-Dutton Lbr. Co., mdse. poor farm	9.15	9.15
S. M. Henderson, Co. clerk, attending county court	174.00	174.00
S. M. Henderson, Co. clerk, recording births and deaths	170.50	170.50
J. D. Morris, services as coroner	147.90	147.90
Roy R. Phillips, insanity case in Kane Co.	23.00	23.00
Glenwood Manual Training School	103.00	103.00
C. W. Steenrod, rep. awning	6.00	6.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,
 D. B. ARBUCKLE,
 ALVIN WARREN.

The bond of Thomas Holland was presented by the clerk and approved on motion of Mr. Townsend.

ty of DeKalb and state of Illinois, are held and firmly bound unto the people of the state of Illinois for the use of DeKalb county in the sum of six thousand and (\$6,000) dollars good and lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said DeKalb county, for which payment, seal and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves, and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden, Thomas Holland, who was on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1912, duly appointed superintendent of the county poor farm, in the county of DeKalb, addressad:

Now, therefore, if the said Thomas Holland shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office and pay over all moneys that may come to his hands by virtue thereof, and render a just and true account of the same when thereunto required by the board of supervisors of DeKalb county, and if he shall well and truly perform all and every act and duty enjoined upon him by virtue of said office, and the laws of the state of Illinois, to the best of his skill and ability, then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

THOS. HOLLAND,
 GEORGE E. DUTTON,
 GEORGE E. BECKLER,
 (Seal) (Seal) (Seal)

State of Illinois, DeKalb County—ss— I, F. C. Ahern, notary public, in and for said county in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Thomas Holland, George E. Dutton and James D. Beckler personally known to me as the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the

same instrument of writing as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.
 Given under my hand and notarial seal this 6th day of December, A. D. 1912.
 F. C. AHERN,
 (Seal) Notary Public.

Mr. Middleton moved that the clerk be instructed to draw orders for per diem and mileage due members for attending this session and also to cause member approving collector's bond and to the clerk for his per diem, recording minutes and preparing copy for publication. Motion carried.

Mr. Middleton moved to adjourn to Jan. 1st at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Motion carried.

T. W. DODGE,
 Chairman.

Attest:
 S. M. HENDERSON, Clerk.

LITTLE KNOWN OF NEGRITOS

Scientist, However, Believes They Are the Original Natives of the Philippines.

Dr. Phillip Newton, lecturer and investigator of the National Museum in Washington, D. C., who has just returned from the Philippines, believes that the diminutive negroes called the Negritos, who are found in the mountains of all the larger islands of the Philippine group, are the original natives of the Philippines.

"They have been gradually driven into the mountains by superior forces," said Doctor Newton, "and today I presume there are not more than 25,000 of them in the islands. They are the perfect type of savage. They have no houses, wear no clothing and live by hunting. Occasionally—very occasionally—they grow a little rice. They use poisoned arrows and are very similar in stature and habits to the African dwarfs. The men are usually four feet six inches or seven inches in height and the women about four feet five inches. Among themselves they think nothing of murder. In the northeastern part of Luzon there are large bodies of them in a district never yet penetrated by white men."

LOVED FOR HIS INFIRMITY.

A case where bodily and not moral weakness brought happiness was that of Sergt. Thomas Plunkett of the Twenty-first Massachusetts regiment during the Civil war. In a charge at Fredericksburg the color bearer was among the first to fall. Seizing the flag Sergeant Plunkett bore it almost over the ramparts, where he fell with both arms shot away.

When the news was carried to his sweetheart, so the story goes, she protested that she could never marry him. "Then I'll be proud to," declared her sister. They were married as soon as he recovered. He was voted a medal by congress and made a messenger in the Massachusetts state house, where he served for many years.

Kaiser's Game Bag.

A Berlin editor who has kept tab on the kaiser whenever Wilhelm went a hunting reports that in 40 years his majesty has brought down 2,002 deer, 92 does, 1,774 dappled stags, 98 dappled does, 3,126 wild boars, 216 orpington boars, 955 roe-bucks, 17,998 hares, 2,686 rabbits, 121 chamois, 523 foxes, three bears, 12 elks, 6 bucks, 3 reindeer, 2 muffsucks, 4 badgers, 1 marten, 108 woodchucks, 24 heathcocks, 38,578 pheasants, 867 partridges, 95 grouse, 5 snipe, 67 ducks, 826 herons and 423 other game, bringing the total to 79,854. The mighty Nimrod of Oyster bay might point out, however, that there isn't a lion or an elephant or a dik-dik to tie lot.—Boston Globe.

Copying Our Games.

France would compete with us in baseball, and now Sweden comes to study American intercollegiate football, planning to introduce the art of punts and mass plays up toward the northern lights. American sports are becoming internationalized. Is the course of empire now taking an eastward course, and will our diamond and our gridiron become, like our government, the admiration of older nations?

Eggs 22 Cents in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Early stirring housewives rubbed their eyes in surprise when, on entering Center market, they discovered signs over baskets piled high with eggs announcing that the price of the breakfast commodity had been dropped to 22 cents a dozen. The sharp cut in price followed a meeting of 14 of the most important butter, cheese and egg dealers in the market, at which it was decided the price could be reduced.

LETTERSOURCE TOLD

HEARST TELLS CLAPP BODY LONDON MAN GAVE ARCHBOLD EPISTLES.

FAC SIMILES ARE PRODUCED

Publisher Tells Campaign Fund Inquirers He is Willing to Reveal What- ever is Necessary in Regard to His Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—William R. Hearst, who published the now famous "Archbold letters," gave to the senate campaign funds committee photographic copies of all letters in his possession indicating a connection between John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company and legislative and campaign activities.

Asked About Originals.

Chairman Clapp asked Mr. Hearst if he ever saw the originals of the letters published in his magazine. He said he was not certain, but he believed he had seen only the photographic facsimile copies.

"Of whom did you get them?" asked Senator Clapp.

Mr. Hearst hesitated a moment.

"I am anxious," he began, "to testify very fully to everything of interest to this inquiry. Do you feel that this is essential to the inquiry?"

Senator Clapp replied that the authenticity of some of the letters had been questioned.

After members of the committee had insisted on the information, Mr. Hearst responded that he got the copies of John Eddy of London, author of four of the articles published in a magazine.

He testified he did not know of whom Eddy procured the letters.

Producers Telegrams Also.

Mr. Hearst then produced several letters and telegrams. The first was from Senator Penrose to John D. Archbold, dated December 4, 1903, at Philadelphia, and read in part as follows:

"I have wired Senator Aldrich to make an appointment with him to discuss the matter referred to in your letter."

It added that Senator Penrose himself could meet Mr. Archbold in New York at any time. A letter from John D. Archbold to J. B. Foraker, then senator from Ohio, expressed the willingness of Mr. Archbold to make a loan of \$50,000. The loan was to bear interest at five per cent, and was to be repaid in two installments of \$25,000 each.

A Letter to Sibley.

Another letter was from John D. Archbold to former Representative Joseph C. Sibley, in which he referred to an inclosed certificate of deposit of \$5,000 "sent you at the request of Mr. Griscom, the purpose of which you no doubt understand with him."

Senator Paynter declared the letter from Archbold to Senator Foraker mentioned a loan of \$50,000, but did not say to whom that loan was to be made.

Demand All the Facts.

Chairman Clapp requested Mr. Hearst to give the committee his other letters. The publisher made no objection, but said he considered them "unimportant."

The telegram from Senator Penrose to Mr. Archbold, sent on December 4, 1903, read in part:

"Your letter of fifteenth inst. was received yesterday on my return from a trip in British Columbia. I have wired Senator Aldrich to make an appointment with him to discuss the matter referred to. I can see you in New York any day if you have any suggestion to make."

Mr. Hearst suggested Mr. Eddy probably would be willing to appear to tell how the letters were taken from the Standard Oil company files.

NEW SECRET SERVICE HEAD

MacVeagh Names W. J. Flynn of New York as John E. Wilkie's Successor.

Washington, Dec. 18.—William J. Flynn of New York was appointed chief of the United States secret service by Secretary MacVeagh of the treasury department, succeeding John E. Wilkie, now chief supervising agent of the customs service. Mr. Flynn will assume his duties tomorrow.

For many years Mr. Flynn has been in charge of the New York division of the secret service and during the early days of Mayor Gaynor's administration he was deputy police commissioner of New York.

BUTTER PRICE BODY IS HIT

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 17.—Before the United States government had served notice of suit for dissolution upon its officers, the Elgin board of trade, in a wild session here, abolished its quotation committee. The action was marked by a bolt of the dissenting faction from the annual meeting.

Action Marked by Wild Session and Bolt of the Dissenting Faction From Meeting.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 17.—Chris Kuehl, aged fifty-five years, of Davenport, Ia., went to the government arsenal here with the vowed intention of shooting Col. G. W. Burr, commandant, to "free Germany in France."

Seeks to Shoot Commandant.

He was seized by a guard near the home of Colonel Burr. Kuehl is believed to be insane.

Blast and Fire Raze Mill.

Marletta, O., Dec. 16.—Fire following a gas explosion in the engine room destroyed the Phoenix flour mill here, causing a loss of \$50,000.

JESSE C. ADKINS



Mr. Adkins is the attorney of the United States department of justice who has charge of the inquiry into the alleged illegal traffic agreement between the Grand Trunk and the New Haven railroad companies.

TURKO-GRECIAN WARSHIPS CLASH OUTSIDE STRAITS

Peace Parley in London Adjourns When Turks Refuse to Recognize Hellenic Envoys.

Sedit-Bahr, Dardanelles, Dec. 18.—Another naval battle was begun between the Turkish and Greek fleets outside the entrance to the Dardanelles straits. The firing was heavy. How many vessels are engaged is not known.

London, England, Dec. 18.—An obstacle was encountered by the plenipotentiaries of the Balkan allies and of the Ottoman empire, who are gathered here with the object of bringing about peace. The absence of Greece's signature to the armistice protocol was the case of the hitch in the proceedings, and the delegates found it necessary to adjourn without transacting any real business. They will not meet again until late Thursday afternoon and meanwhile will communicate with their home governments.

It is understood that the powers of the Turkish plenipotentiaries do not authorize them to recognize the Hellenic delegates unless Greece signs the armistice, and therefore they were obliged to refer the question to Constantinople before proceeding with the conference.

The Greek representatives refused to sign the protocol when invited to do so, pointing out that it would make no practical difference, as the allies were united and the decisions reached by the members of the Balkan league would be binding on Greece equally with the other members of the federation.

The first business of the conference was the appointment of secretaries. It was decided that each delegation should select a secretary to act as secretary of the conference on the day when the chief of the mission to which he belongs is in the chair.

The meeting lasted less than two hours, and the plenipotentiaries adjourned for the day before one o'clock.

GOULD WEDDING IN JANUARY

Miss Helen Will Become the Bride of F. J. Shepard of St. Louis.

New York, Dec. 17.—Miss Helen Miller Gould and Finley J. Shepard of St. Louis, a self-made railroad man, whose engagement was announced, will be married in January. The marriage will not lessen the philanthropic acts of Miss Gould, her friends stated, and she will keep up her connection with the various interests to which she has given so much of her time and money.

The couple will take a honeymoon trip to southern Europe and upon their return will take up their residence in the mansion owned by Miss Gould at 579 Fifth avenue.

Miss Gould is a large owner of stock in the Gould lines and she is estimated to be worth at least \$300,000. She was left \$10,000,000 by her father when he died in 1892, and her friends say this has been tripled by wise investments despite the number and extent of her charities.

Man Sells 1,250 Turkeys.

Sedalla, Mo., Dec. 17.—A flock of 1,250 turkeys was driven into Sedalla from the northeast part of the county and sold here by John Golden at 16 1/2 cents a pound. The turkeys were driven 26 miles and traveled at the rate of two miles an hour. The birds averaged over 16 pounds, and brought their owner nearly \$3,200.

SIX KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH

Express Train Hits Crowded Street Car at Ashtabula, O., and Many Are Reported Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—According to reports here, six persons were killed when a Lake Shore & Michigan Southern train ran into a crowded street car at Center street, Ashtabula, Ohio. More than a score are said to have been injured.

Last Boat Leaves Fort William.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 16.—The steamer Matthews, loaded with wheat, left for Cleveland. The Matthews will be the last vessel to leave this port this season.

NO COAL COMBINE

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES HOLD U. S. HAS FAILED TO PROVE AN ANTHRACITE TRUST.

IMPORTANT POINT IS WON

Decision Upholds Contentment of the Government That "65 Per Cent" Contracts Are Illegal—Attorney General Wickersham Sees Victory.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The government lost its fight before the Supreme court of the United States to have the anthracite coal carrying railroads and their affiliated coal companies declared to be in a general combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

It won a victory in getting the court to hold void the 65 per cent. contracts whereby the "railroad coal companies" buy the output of "independent" mines. Justice Lurton, in announcing the opinion, said these contracts were plainly in violation of the law.

The court also held that the railroads had violated the law by attempting to shut out of the anthracite region a competitive road through their control of the Temple Iron company.

As to minor combinations of railroads and coal companies charged to be violating the law, the court dismissed the action without prejudice to future suits, because it held it not fair to require those groups to make a defense in an action primarily against a "general combination."

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KINGSTON NEWS

FRED P. SMITH, CORRESPONDENT

A. E. Hix was a Sycamore caller last Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. Bell was an Elgin caller last week.

Earl Colvin was home from Cherry Valley Sunday.

Mrs. C. G. Chellgren and Leona spent Saturday in Elgin.

Mrs. A. E. Hix visited relatives in Belvidere last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cross and Arthur Taylor were DeKalb visitors Saturday.

Frank Bradford and Elmer Bell were business callers in Belvidere Wednesday.

Miss Ella Lettow visited friends in Fairdale and Rockford a few days last week.

Fred Baker of Canada has been a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. H. A. Cross.

Misses Georgia Walker and Gladys Burgess were Belvidere visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Duval and daughter, Mildred, were Rockford callers last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Peavy, Mrs. Nels Person and son were Sycamore visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Griffith of Belvidere were the guests of Mrs. Nina Moore last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jordan and daughter spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Sycamore.

There will be a Leap Year dance given in Lanar's hall

Friday evening, Dec. 27. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore left Kingston last Thursday for Florida where they will spend a few months.

Mrs. J. H. Uplinger and daughter, Leona, and Berneldine O'Brien spent last Thursday in Rockford.

Ed. Burke, Fremont Paulson, Jacob Heckman and F. P. Smith attended the poultry show in Chicago Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Meyers, who has been visiting at the home of F. P. Smith returned to her home at Spring Valley Tuesday.

Mrs. A. E. Hix and sister, Mrs. Si Burchfield of Lake City, Iowa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Hix at DeKalb Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Burchfield returned home from Roscoe, S. D. last Friday, where they have been spending the past eight months.

Richard Phelps of Elba, Ohio, and his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Reed and children of Belvidere were guests at the home of the former's nephew, Charles Phelps, last Saturday and Sunday.

A prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. J. Witter Saturday evening at 7:45. Sunday school will be held next Sunday at 1:30 p. m. prompt, and will be followed at 2:30 with the afternoon service, when the pastor, Rev. Bradbury, will preach on "Successful Prayer." All are invited.

Emory Barber Dead

Emory Barber, a well known Marengo young man, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barber, at 8 o'clock a. m. Monday, after an extended illness. He was about thirty years of age, and besides his parents leaves two brothers, and two sisters.

Returning to Genoa

Dr. Howe Representing the Associated Doctors, Specialists, (Arcade Bldg.) Peoria, Ill., will be at Commercial Hotel Monday, Dec. 30 - One Day Only - Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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Furniture for Christmas

The gifts that bear most of the giving spirit are gifts of value, gifts of use—say furniture. If you have a thought of buying a single piece of furniture or making a more elaborate purchase, you'll find complete satisfaction in the great stock in our store. The assortment is large and elegant to please all classes of customers, while a straight saving of money is sure at our prices. Slater & Son, Genoa.

NOISY ANTS.

These Tiny Insects Produce Sounds Audible to Human Ears.

That ants are capable of producing sounds intelligible to their fellows, and even audible to the ears of men, seems to have been proved by the experiments of Sir John Lubbock, Landois, Forel, Warsmann and others.

It seems to be also determined that the sounds are produced by the rubbing together of superficial portions of the body.

A simple yet ingenious contrivance is used for enabling an observer to hear and to study these sounds. A glass funnel is set, small end down, in the midst of a pane of window glass of five or six inches square, fitting closely enough to prevent the insects crawling out under it. A bunch of ants as large as a chestnut and free from any foreign substance is dropped through the funnel and that is lifted up at once. While the ants are still confused and before any of them can reach the edge of the glass, it is covered with another square like it, which has been surrounded a short distance from its edge by a pad of putty.

The two plates of glass are pressed together to within about the thickness of the ant's body, but closer on one side than on the other, so as to hold some tight and leave others free to take such positions as please them.

On applying the box of ants to the ear as one would a watch, a regular buzzing may be heard like that of boiling water in an open vessel, and with it come some very clear, shrill sounds, like those a cricket or grasshopper produces by rubbing the legs on the body.

The ants may be kept alive several hours, and even days, in the prison if it is not airtight, and whenever the ants are excited the stridulations may be heard very numerous and intense.

The stridulations are supposed to be produced by rubbing the rough, scaly surface of the chitinous covering, which looks, when seen in one direction under the microscope, like the teeth of a saw. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Holding the Breath.

It is a physical impossibility for a man to kill himself by holding his breath. Individuals differ greatly in the length of time they can hold their breath, and what practice and determined effort, combined with natural lung capacity, can do in this direction is shown by the long periods for which champion divers can remain under water. If a man succeeded in continuing to hold his breath in spite of the physical discomfort in which he had placed himself the result would simply be to induce a state of coma. When this state was reached nature would reassert herself, and the breathing functions would again resume full activity, preventing a fatal issue in spite of their owner's desire.

The Game of the Sheep.

Among the gypsies of Bosnia there is a curious game called "the game of the sheep." They skin a sheep or goat in the east by dragging the skin off whole over its head. This skin the Bosnians drip and grease most carefully. Then they tie up the four legs and the neck and blow it full of air, so that it looks like a very greasy, badly shaped sheep. This is thrown in the middle of a ring, and each man in turn jumps on it with bare feet until one succeeds in bursting it. The lucky one then gets a purse. It is a funny sight to see them jump and sprawl, for of course if they do not strike it at just the right angle they slip on the greasy surface as if it were a toboggan slide and go sprawling.

Obituary

This community has lost a very highly respected citizen in the person of Joseph Spencer Tait who died at his home east of Amboy Tuesday morning, Nov. 19, 1912. He was the eldest son of Joseph Reed Tait and the late Aura Cornelia Tait, and was born in Amboy Jan. 15, 1887.

He was married to Miss Mary Prescott of Genoa on Feb. 15, 1900, and the young couple made their home for a few years on the Tait homestead about one and one-half miles south of Lee Center. Later they moved to Compton, then to Genoa. About two years ago they moved back to Amboy township and built a house about one mile east of Binghamton where they lived at the time of his death.

He leaves a widow and three sons and two daughters to mourn his death, besides a father, one brother, Allen, of Amboy and one sister, Mrs. E. A. Berry of Ashton, Ill., and a host of friends. He joined the Kishwaukee Lodge No. 402 of Kingston, DeKalb county, Ill., in June 1909, and was also a member of the Lee Center Camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

The funeral took place at 1:30 o'clock from the house and 2:00 o'clock from the Congregational church Thursday, Nov. 21, at Lee Center. His pastor, Rev. Frederick Kempster of Lee Center, assisted by Rev. Merrell of Amboy, conducted the services. Interment was made in Woodside cemetery, the services there being in charge of the Lee Center Masonic lodge—Amboy News.

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Instead of a separate, short-lived trifle for each member of the family, give one real, permanent gift that every one can enjoy—individually or in common. You can thus combine a worthy and practical acquisition to your home with an investment paying steady dividends in real enjoyment for years to come. Dining room furniture can be enjoyed by every member of the family at least three times a day.

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Skeleton of Ancient Warrior.

A skeleton, believed to be that of a Viking, has been discovered in a sandbank at Reay, in the county of Calthness, Scotland. Close beside the skeleton lay the ancient bridle of a war-horse.

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Ladies' and Misses' Fur Sets \$5.50. \$6.50. \$9.50

Muffs, asstd. styles and colors \$3.50. \$3.00 to \$5.50

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