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POTATO PRICES

Papers of the Country Do Not Think That the Prices for Tubers Will Go Any Higher.

The press of the country seems to be of the opinion that potato prices can not be much higher this year. The supply seems to be reasonably large, and the only hope for a rise seems to be in the fact that some varieties of potatoes seem to be infected and may not keep till spring. Prices on the market have been hovering around 40c for some time and it looks to the Review as if those farmers who can not afford to speculate have got about all they can ask for.

Prices for Triumphs, of course, are an uncertain quantity until spring. The Review has received a letter from Baker, Wignall & Co. of Streator, Ill., in which they inquire about the size of the crop here, and stating that the prices now paid for potatoes, commission merchants can not make a profit.

European potatoes are coming in to the market, and commission merchants generally predict that the much-advertised dollar potatoes will fail to materialize.—North Branch Review.

School Notes.

The Sophomore class has completed memorizing the "Ancient Mariner."

Some of the teachers will attend M. E. A. convention to be held in St. Paul next week.

All the scholars who were kept out on account of sickness came back to school this week.

Programs will be given Friday afternoon in Miss Lily's room, Miss McKusick's room and Miss Orr's room.

The following are the number of perfect attendance certificates given out since last September: Miss Brackett, 50; Miss McKusick, 65; Miss Barnum, 60; Miss Sletto, 57; Miss Orr, 54; Miss Lily, 35; Miss Follansbee, 73.

The following program will be given by the Webster Literary Society in the Assembly room, Friday afternoon, beginning at 2 p. m. Essay—Lillian Foster; Louis Laird Debate—Resolved, that the policy excluding Chinese laborers should be maintained and rigorously enforced. Affirmative, John Hunt, Lillian Foster; Negative, John Hurley, Agnes Brackett.

Instrumental Solo, Dora Matthews Reading, Lizzie Dooley Recitation, Emma Gustafson Philo Wit, Julia Neville Poem, Ardis Kendall Music, Wm. McKusick Instrumental Duet, Sadie Pennington and Agnes Harley Everybody invited.

List of Letters

Remaining unsent for in P. O. Pine City, Minn., for week ending Dec. 17, 1905.

M. E. Barrett, M. E. Lutz, Tom Pascoe.

Persons claiming above will please say "advertised" and give date of receipt. L. E. BRECKENRIDGE, P. M.

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Musical.

The program, given last Saturday evening by the primary pupils of Miss Jessamine Allen, was very entertaining. The musicale was held in the Webster School assembly room and quite a number were present. Miss Agnes Hurley and Doris Allen assisted in the rendition of the program. Miss Allen has succeeded in teaching her pupils a great deal during a comparatively short time and has built a good foundation (which is so essential in music) for them to work on, and if the pupils study as conscientiously as their tutor teaches they will undoubtedly become capable pianists.

Heralded from Leadwood Lawn. Mr. O. Lyseth made a business trip to Cornell, Tuesday.

Revival meetings are being held in the Hustletown school house this week.

Mrs. A. Sperring, who has been visiting at the home of August Sperring, returned to Minneapolis Saturday.

Messrs. Smith, Dile and Lahart were Pine City visitors Tuesday to make arrangements for getting refreshments for the Christmas tree which will be held in the school house Monday evening.

Popular Specials.

Don't forget

You can get ice cream soda and phosphates, as musicals sold here from Wednesday until Christmas night at the Drug Store.

Regular 5 cent cigars, 50 in a box, are being sold at Rand's for \$1.25 per box.

Remember that a Victoria sewing machine will be given away at D. Greely's hardware store, Monday, Jan. 1st. A ticket is given with each \$1.00 purchase and the possessor of the lucky ticket will get the machine. If the machine is not wanted the price of the machine will be allowed on any range in the store.

Mrs. Mary F. Shultz announces that she is prepared to take in washing at her home in the old Squires residence.

For Sale—80 acres of land close to Pine City. For particulars apply to J. J. Madden, Pine City, 32-4.

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For Sale—A set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, at 25 per cent discount from cost price. Is volume new, onique at this office.

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BERGMAN "MAKES GOOD."

Former Pokegama Man, Captain of a Steamboat Described as a Floating Palace.

Many of our readers will peruse with gratification the following which is clipped from a western paper. The article concerns August Bergman, who conducted the Bergman Hotel and summer resort at Pokegama lake for a number of years and which is now the attractive Club known as Tuxedo.

"First, dear reader, let me introduce you to Captain Bergman, a jolly old 'sea dog' of many years experience, (and a more genial man never commanded a boat), who is always ready to answer all questions, and God knows they are numerous, and always with a smile and a kind answer. He tries to make his passengers feel at home, and is never so happy as when answering questions. 'Now we will go to the cabin. Here all is up to date. Splendid Brussels carpet covers the floor, a writing desk and library, and all accommodations for gentlemen and ladies; all first class. No hotel furnishes better.

"Come to the engine room. Here we see a new departure from Chelan steamboating. Instead of the old fashioned lake engines, we see the latest of marine engines—two compound condensing engines of 208 horse power, running twin screws of the boat. Mr. Oscar Bergman is chief engineer, ably assisted by his brother Walter.

"No pains nor money have been spared to make the Belle of Chelan what she is, a floating palace.

"And now that we have made a hurried view of the boat and the hands of the clock point to the time of departure, the whistle blows and the screws churn the water and the beautiful Belle of Chelan glides away from her moorings, bound for the head of the 'Bottomless Sea of America.'"

The Village Dads.

The Common Council met Tuesday evening at the Recorder's office in special session.

The meeting was called to order by the President. All members present.

The liquor application of M. A. Soderbeck was heard and determined and on motion a license to said M. A. Soderbeck was granted upon the payment of the sum of \$750.00, he furnishing a bond which was approved.

Mr. James Hurley asked for permission to lay a sewer from Hotel Agnes to the river, and on motion the following resolution was passed.

Resolved by the Common Council of the Village of Pine City, Minn., that permission is hereby granted to Jas. Hurley to open Fifth St. from the corner of Fifth St. and Second Ave. to the Saake river for the purpose of constructing a drain-

age or sewer. Provided, that the same be done without interference or interruption to the public in the use of said street. Provided, however, that the said Jas. Hurley shall hold the Village of Pine City safe and harmless from all or any claims for damages to persons or property of any nature whatsoever claim or demand growing out of the construction of said sewer or the manner or method in which it may be constructed.

No further business appearing, Council on motion adjourned.

Frank Pofel, Recorder.

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It makes no difference whether you are suffering from inflammatory, acute, chronic, nervous or muscular, or any other form of rheumatism, or whether every part of your body is aching and every joint is out of shape, Cascadia Blood and Rheumatic Cure will positively give instant relief and effect a permanent cure. It cleans the system of all impurities, purifies the blood and restores the patient speedily to health. Sold by L. E. Breckenridge.

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TWO CALLED HOME.

Mrs. W. G. Buttrick and Mrs. A. D. Seely are no More—Deaths Occur Last Week.

MRS. W. G. BUTTRICK. Friday morning, Dec. 15th, 1905, occurred the death of Mrs. W. G. Buttrick, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Preston at Cloquet. She had battled with Bright's disease for the past two years but finally had to submit to the inevitable.

About six weeks ago she removed from here to Cloquet with the hope that she might be benefited by a change of residence. Age was advanced, however, and nothing could be done to prevent the demise. Mrs. Caroline Buttrick was born in Cooper, Maine, Nov. 2nd, 1836, and was about seventy years of age at the time of her death. In 1855 she moved to Oshkosh, Wis., where she remained about twenty years. She made her residence in Grantsburg for about eighteen years after which she removed to Pine City and had resided here since up to six weeks ago.

Mrs. Buttrick was a devout christian woman, was an active member of the M. E. church and she held the estimation of a great many friends. A husband and three children remain to mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife and mother, they are, W. G. Buttrick of Oakland, Wis., Mrs. Wm. Preston, Cloquet; William, of Hinkley and Artemas, of Pine City. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. A. M. Byrnes, at Tacoma, Wash.

The remains were brought here Saturday from Cloquet and the funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. J. Parish at the M. E. church, with interment in Birchwood cemetery.

MRS. A. D. SEELY. Thursday evening Dec. 14th, 1905, at 8:30 at her home in this place occurred the death of Mrs. A. D. Seely, of uramic poisoning, after an illness of a few weeks.

Miss Mary Ellen Smith was born in New Castle, Penn., August 18th 1851, was married to Thos. B. Inman at New Castle in 1867, by whom seven children were born. About two years after their marriage they moved to Ohio where they remained for a short time, and then removed to Iowa where they lived for eleven years, coming to Pine county twenty-five years ago and settled on a farm about nine miles south west of here, which she sold ten years ago to F. W. Prien, they then purchased a farm two and one half miles south of this place, where they resided at the time of Mr. Inman's death, which occurred at the Soldiers' Home hospital at Minneapolis, Falls about six years ago.

After the death of Mr. Inman she came to this place and had resided here ever since.

She was married to Mr. A. D. Seely the 18th day of January, 1905.

She was an earnest christian and an active worker in the M. E. church, of which she was a member.

She leaves a loving husband, three children, several grand children and numerous friends to mourn her demise. The children are: Mrs. Jos. Jungbauer, Mrs. Frank Madden and Frank Inman, all of this place; she also had a son, Alonzo, who left several years ago and has not been heard from since.

The funeral was held from the M. E. church Monday afternoon at 1:30 Rev. J. J. Parish officiating, and she was laid to rest by the side of Mr. Inman in Birchwood cemetery.

She was a member of the M. E. church, of which she was a member.

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STORIES OF THE FAKIRS

By J. P. JOHNSTON

Author of "Twenty Years of Hauling," "What Happened to Johnston," Etc.

A "MONEY-LOANER'S" GRAFT

Wealthy Chicago Business Man Reeks the Scheme—Well-Known in Social and Business Circles—Two Assistants Play the Parts of Book and Land Agents—Dramatic Rise of the Tern and Swallowed Note—A Graft That Required Capital.

(Copyright, 1915, by Joseph B. Bowden.)

The same graft, conducted by a wealthy Chicago money lender, a few years ago, made him a fortune and



The Backer Directed the Graft as Though He Were at the Head of an Immense Trust.

It is possibly being worked at the present time. After working in this particular neighborhood for several days, the identity of this man is probably known only to those engaged in the graft. We will call him "the backer." The backer remained at his legitimate place of business in Chicago, and aided by two able assistants, directed the graft as though he were at the head of an immense trust.

Being well known, as a thoroughly "square" business man, as one who lived fashionably in the most aristocratic portion of the city, and as one whose business was the loaning of large amounts on real estate, he was



"You Are a Fraud! This is Counterfeit Money."

In an ideal position to manipulate a scheme of this kind.

In the selection of men to carry on his notorious work he was very careful. Under no circumstances would he allow the two men who worked together to go out together until he had supervised actual removal of the funds they were to give to the donors.

When satisfied that each of his men was thoroughly competent to play his part, a certain town in a certain state was selected, and one of the men was married. This man represented himself as a book agent, requesting for a book on the subject of stock raising. To make the job doubly strong, he was first required to learn a thorough

He then engaged a horse and buggy and traveled in the country among the wealthiest class of farmers. When he had encountered a farmer whom he considered well-to-do, after canvassing to make his headquarters at his house for one week while canvassing that neighborhood. As soon as he was located, a cipher message was sent to the Chicago headquarters, and No. 2 immediately followed.

Grafter No. 2 was supposed to be a land agent, representing a Philadelphia concern, and doing a very thriving business on commission. Before No. 2 started out, he was given \$2,000 in currency, to be at all times designated as the "bank roll."

To make this man thoroughly familiar with land dealers, the backer spent considerable time in posting him in every detail of the work, that there might be no "slip" on his part as an up-to-date land agent.

On alighting from the train No. 2 immediately called at the post office for instructions from all the information contained in the Chicago headquarters, and engaging a horse and buggy, started after him.

Driving according to directions, he inquired at every house in the neighborhood for all the information possible as to what farms were for sale

interested, and the next morning arrangements would be in progress for the loan.

To make it look easy to the farmer, the land agent, after making inquiries as to the farmer's responsibility, and the money right here (in my pocket).

Then he took out a roll of large bills and let them all see it.

"By Jove," remarked the book agent, "I would carry all that money around with me under any circumstances."

"Not if," the farmer's wife would probably say.

At last a blank note, which the book agent just happens to have in his possession, is filled out, making the amount \$2,000, due two years from date, with interest at whatever they have agreed upon.

While the farmer is signing it, the land agent takes out his roll of money and spreads it out in a pile. He lets it remain there, while he looks the note over, and folds it ready to put in his pocket.

At this juncture the book agent, who has been carefully scrutinizing the top bill on the pile, grabs the note from the land agent's hand, and apparently fears to give it.

"You are a fraud!" he cries out. "This is counterfeit money, and you shan't cheat this innocent man out of his money."

Instantly the land agent grabs the pile of money, and thrusting it into his pocket, jumps to his feet, and makes as if to attack the book agent, who snuffs the torn pieces of the note in his mouth and chews them.

Of course, the episode causes great confusion and extreme bad feelings, between book agent and land agent. The latter expresses a willingness to allow any banker to examine the money. The book man insists that the bill lying on top of the pile is not genuine.

"All I ask," the land agent says finally to the farmer, "is to convince you that I am no swindler, and before I leave the neighborhood, and after our smart friend here has gone, perhaps we can do business. We will wait and see."

The farmer would, of course, feel very kindly toward the book agent for his interest, even though he might have been mistaken about the money.

The land agent now drives off, and the book agent remains with the \$2,000, payable two years from date, in his pocket. For several days he sits and chews up the real note he had chewed up a fake note which he had held in his hand during negotiations, and which was quickly shifted for the real note at the proper time.

This note, payable in two years, was sent to the backer in Chicago, who laid it away until a few days before it was due, when it was sent to some bank for collection, with accumulated interest.

When the farmer entered a protest through the bank, the backer simply said: "I'm sorry about the matter, all I want is my money. I took the note in good faith, and unless the man's signature can be proven a forgery (which of course it could not), I must pay, if it is worth it, and I guess he is."

A few weeks before the note came due the backer took pains to get a special report, through the mercantile agencies, as to the farmer's financial credit standing.

That at reports and communications were carefully kept on file, could be used as evidence of the cautiousness, good faith and businesslike methods of the Chicago man.

Making the note payable in two years was a shrewd proposition, and one that only a wealthy man could have carried through.

The two years given on the note enabled the grafter to turn other tricks in the vicinity.

Of course the backer furnished all the cash necessary and the expenses deducted, the money left was divided equally between the three.

THREE HUNDRED SLAIN AT MITAU

AWFUL RESULT OF THE STREET FIGHTING IN CAPITAL OF COURLAND.

RIGA TROOPS REVOLT; SHELL AND BURN CITY.

Train Conductor Brings News from Scene of Carriage—Revolutionists of St. Petersburg Launch New Strike in Opposition to Government.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Enghusen, Prussia, during the street fighting at Mitau, the capital of Courland, 250 persons were killed. At Lennawasser, in southern Livonia, the revolutionists threatened to kill the Assistant District Governor Petersen and M. Maximowitsch, his secretary, and they threw their bodies into the river.

A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Pultschchen, says that the conductor of a morning train from Riga have joined in the revolt and that the town is being shelled and is burning. Between St. Petersburg and Wirballer, the flames, according to the conductor, could be seen from several places and were often reflected by the sky.

New Strika Is Launched.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The revolutionary organizations are making feverish preparations to fight the government's policy of repression. The new workers' council, representatives of other proletarian organizations, and also the League of League, met secretly in the outskirts of St. Petersburg on Monday and discussed ways and means until almost morning. The great majority of the members favored the immediate proclamation of a general strike, which had been planned for January, but it was agreed that success depended on whether the railroad men would participate. It is understood that a tentative decision was arrived at to strike Wednesday provided the central committee at Moscow consented. There is a division of opinion in the ranks of the railroad men, and the government has made a special effort to redress some of the grievances, dressing, above all things, the ranks of the railroad men, which would make it impossible to transport troops.

A railroad man says: "We have had a majority of our demands granted, but besides the people in the small towns along the railroads were so enraged at the last strike that they are likely to kill any railroad man they can catch in the event of another strike."

Cannot Afford Protection.

However, the government's note practically notifying the railroad men that if they strike, the authorities will be unable to afford them protection is regarded as grim warning that they will be abandoned to the mercies of the "Black Hundred" and another note has been issued threatening them with "exceptional measures," if the legal means do not suffice.

The revolutionary agitation is adding to the flames. The Russ, which appears under the name of Motva (Fame) Monday in a stirring editorial summons all the organizations to sink their differences and present a solid front to the advancing hosts of reaction. The paper says: "Write is at last unmasked, and has shown himself a true successor of Von Plehve and Treppoff by tearing up the government's promise. But every blow of reaction is a hammer with which the nation will win freedom."

Editors Will Attempt Trick.

The public prosecutor says that the suits of the editors whose papers were suspended cannot occur before the holidays, owing to the legal formalities. Most of the publishers who have recourse to the old trick used in the days of the censorship of appearing under a new name. Under the law, however, it requires a fortnight to secure a franchise, during which the government will enjoy immunity from the daily harpooning. The Publishers' union tried vainly to induce the Novoye Vremya, and the Slovo to print the workers' manifesto, in order that all the papers be in the same boat, whereupon the government refused to do so, not with a request, but with a command, that the papers publish it with the alternative of calling a strike in their own cities. Thus the matter stands.

Swept by Revolution.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Koenigsberg, East Prussia, correspondent says that the revolutionists have taken control of all of Courland and Lat and neighboring portions of Kovno is also in a state of rebellion. Everything, Mitau and Riga are in flames, and Liebau is seriously threatened. The lives of all Germans in Riga are in danger. Everywhere in an uproar from Krenburg, in the Duna, to Kovno, and rescue parties to save the Germans are incessantly needed.

A MOTHER-IN-LAW STORY.

Here is One That Takes Its Rise in the Great East Side of Manhattan.

The two great excitements of the East ender are weddings and funerals, but the greater of these is the funeral, says Perry Alden, in The World To-day. The whole of a poor district will be agog to see the funeral of a neighbor, and if perchance a man, woman or child, had been so happy as to meet with a violent death in the factory or in the street, they turn out in their thousands in every possible variety of dress and undress to honor to the virtues of the defunct neighbor. It is an unhealthy kind of interest, this morbid excitement, but such as it is, it plays a most important part in the life of the poor.

A man of my acquaintance who had lost his wife, for whom I am sorry to say, he had no great liking, was told by his friends that he would have to ride in the mourning coach with his mother-in-law. Now, although there was little love lost between his wife and himself, he was a devoted son-in-law, and so he indignantly refused to consent to this arrangement. Finally he gave way under the strong rebukes.

"Well," he muttered, "if you say I must, I'll go, but I'll spill all the pleasure of this day."

An Early Reformer.

"An looking," said Douglas, "for an honest man."

"And when you find him, what are you going to do?"

"Well, I'm not going to find him. I'm going to spoil the joke."—Washington Star.

GOPHER GOSSIP.

St. Paul—James Neumann pleads guilty to shooting Benjamin Flank Oct. 18.

St. Paul—A new company securing the Minnie Harvester plant, and will manufacture binder twine from flax straw.

Minneapolis—Corporal Tanner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., is the guest of honor at the Legal Legion banquet.

St. Paul—Miss Hilda Anderson, 749 Jessie street, had her right arm badly crushed in a mangle at the Model Steam laundry.

Minneapolis—State railroad and warehouse commissioner advises farmers to sell oats only on basis of legal weight per bushel.

Hastings—Henry Hoffman, a pioneer of Dakota county, died at the residence of his daughter Mrs. John Mattor, in Douglas, at the age of eighty years.

Spokane—The shoes of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, were stolen from under the springs of a sleeping car, as his train was approaching this city.

Minneapolis—Carl Dice, one of the leading business men of this town, died today of bronchitis, after an illness of three weeks. He was a prominent Elk.

Brackeenridge—The district convention of the I. O. O. F., was held here at the Grand Hotel, and 160 delegates from other districts were present.

Minneapolis—Expenses of the evangelists and salaries of singers in connection with the recent Chapman revival campaign in Minneapolis amounted to \$1,725.

Plainview—The home of William Roseck, a farmer living west of town, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, partly covered by insurance.

Berham—Work on St. Henry's new Catholic church has been suspended on account of the weather. The roof is completed and the building will be finished in a few days.

Little Rock Ark.—O. C. Griggs, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, and former superintendent of the city of Little Rock, died last night of spinal meningitis.

St. Paul—Saloon licenses for 1916 are estimated at \$2,200,000 revenue, as compared with \$7,900 in 1904. The licenses are \$1,000 apiece, so that the number of saloons increased fivefold.

Waterville—The twentieth anniversary meeting of the Waterville Woman's Christian Temperance Union attracted a large attendance and many visitors from other cities in this state attended.

Greenwich—Is Carnegie's money tainted? That is a question that must be settled locally before Evelyn will accept a donation to construct a library building for the 7,000 people living here.

Evelyn—Interest has developed here in the life history of Albert Schuler, an old musician, by a letter of inquiry from Breitenbach, Switzerland, which is believed to indicate that a fortune is awaiting him.

White Earth—Agent Simon Micholet, with a corps of assistants, has gone to White Earth to investigate the enrollment of land as provided under the Stenssoner additional allotment measure.

Minneapolis—Twenty-five Minneapolis families are supplied with bread every afternoon at the Union City Mission. But being one of the works of charity performed by that institution.

St. Paul—There is a shortage of laborers to carry on the work on the Mesaba range this winter. The lumbermen are short of help. Those that are located at points a long distance from towns feel it the most St. Cloud. His secretary, assistant city engineer of St. Paul and president of the Civil Engineers' Society of St. Paul, has been requested by the city council to visit this city to solve the water problem here.

St. Paul—Mrs. Marie Perkins, domestic wife of George W. Perkins, a teamster living at 179 Ramsey street, was taken violently ill while on her way to church and died a few minutes later.

Bemidji—The state railroad and warehouse commissioners visited the Minneapolis, Red Lake & Manitoba railway that they had inspected the work done from here to Noddy, and found the track, sidetracks and other facilities up to requirements, and gave their consent to the opening of the line.

Moorehead—What to do with the infant daughter of Clara Deniger, who formerly lived at Fargo, is a problem that confronts the city authorities. About three months ago the child was placed in a home in this city. The mother paid for the little one's care for a time, but she disappeared and has apparently taken no interest in her offspring since.

Minneapolis—Suffering from small-pox in its most malignant form and in daily contact with a score or more boarders, John Gubbins, transient, Third avenue N. and Washington, left the city, being accompanied by his wife. This avenue N. and Washington, is the city headquarters of small-pox.

St. Cloud—Minnesota has millions of tons of peat, but it is unexplored, difficult to mine, and it is uncertain whether it will make good fuel. That of the summit of a report which Prof. G. W. Hall of the state university has made to the governor.

Minneapolis—Present indications are that the poor of Minneapolis will be relieved by the distribution of Christmas goods next year. Moreover, the number taken care of this year will be in excess of all other years before.

St. Paul—Only Unitarian congregation dedicates its new \$75,000 church building.

Hastings—A partial report on the examination of the books of the state agricultural college was made by the agricultural committee named by Governor Johnson, consisting of E. M. Pope, John La Valle and Harvey W. Griggs.

Minneapolis—A new agreement was taken by a small boy who had found it in a waste paper basket near the Mississippi river. It is the first of its kind in this city and is said to contain a few words.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA.

Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural society, will be held this year at the University of Minnesota, on the 10th and 11th, and the meeting after one between Minneapolis and St. Paul, and as last year was St. Paul's turn this season's meeting will be held in Minneapolis.

Secretary H. W. Randall is sending out notices to this effect and appointing that the convention will be held in the A. O. U. hall at 1217 1/2 St. Paul street. The three days session will be devoted to address, discussion and the general business of the society, which includes the election of a president, two vice presidents and two members of the board of managers. The officers whose terms expire are President C. W. Cameron, First Vice President H. E. Nelson, Second Vice President C. M. Griggs, J. M. Underwood and D. D. Baird of the board.

Delegates to the meeting are to be chosen according to law—three by each county or district agricultural society in the state or where there is no such society by a similar association devoted to agricultural interests. When there is neither county agricultural or street fair society, the county commissioner is authorized to appoint one delegate.

Reduced rates from all points in Minnesota are announced on the certificate—A fare and a third for the round trip.

Tree Bounties.

St. Paul—The state auditor sent out warrants for the payment of \$10,088 1/2 to farmers of Minnesota who have planted trees under the provision of the tree bounty act.

Warrants were sent to 2,625 individual farmers of the state. They represent the tree bounty payments of \$2.50 per acre on 7,625 acres which have been planted to trees under the scheme of reforestation.

Since 1877 the state has paid out a total of \$441,000 in tree bounties upon an estimated acreage of 30,000 acres. The law provides that a bounty of \$2.50 for every acre is to be paid to the farmer and the bounty is paid for six years after planting. The principal payments this year were as follows: Hennepin county, 1,238; St. Louis, 701.25; Hennepin county, 652 1/2; St. Paul, \$1,944.63; Chippewa county, 580 1/2 acres, Brown county, 364 acres, Blue Earth county, 140 acres, and Wabasha county, 32 1/2 acres, \$811.25.

Hunting Licenses.

St. Paul—The sale of licenses to hunt game under the law passed by the legislature of 1905 has exceeded the expectations of the game and fish commission. When the payments are about half over, S. F. Fullerton, executive agent of the commission, estimates the total number at 13,101. The employees in the office and friends made guesses ranging from 12,000 to 13,000 and staked a small pot on the exact number that would be issued before the close of the season. The 13,000 mark got the pot, and it was found that the reports from county auditors so far showed over 15,000 licenses issued to residents of the state with a few more to be heard from.

Butter Contest.

Waterville—O. G. Genschel, wins first in the December showing of the buttermakers' educational contest conducted by the state dairy and food department. His score is 97. H. A. Groves of Money Creek is second with 96 1/2 and A. G. Schandel of Emvire is third with 96 1/4.

This is the last of the twelve showings of the cups will be announced soon. The governor offered a cup to the buttermaker with the highest score and the department will give prizes to those next in order. There were about one hundred entries.

School Property.

Minneapolis—The total value of school property in this city is \$22,017,213, which is \$1,256,115 larger than a year ago. School districts are bonded to the amount of \$3,282,632. The installment amount paid for each pupil in the city districts, and \$30 for each pupil in the country districts.

Twenty high school buildings were erected in the past year. There were 40 brick and 236 frame school buildings added, and the total value of the new buildings exceeds a million dollars.

News Notes.

Annapolis—Herbert Lee Spencer of Duluth has been elected captain of the naval academy football team for the season of 1916.

Fort Snelling—Unless a compromise is effected, Minneapolis may get out from trolley communication with the fort. For some time there has been a dispute between the street railway company and the post authorities over the erection and maintenance of a walking ramp.

St. Paul—Gov. and Mrs. John A. Johnson left over the northern Pacific for Los Angeles to seek rebirth from official and social obligations for two weeks. They went directly to Fort Land, but will spend the greater part of their vacation in the California city.

St. Cloud—The most effective move made for relief of the car situation during the shortage, began to be felt is that of the Great Northern road, now under way. All cars obtainable are being rushed to stations where grain hauling consolidated and other facilities for storing it have been overtaxed.

St. Paul—The state will get a handsome income from its Mesaba mines this season.

St. Paul—The three weeks old son of Ed Fisher, 730 Atlantic street, was found dead in a bathtub yesterday. The autopsy revealed that death had been caused by convulsions.

PINE COUNTY PIONEER.

ED. C. GOTTRY, Editor and Prop.

Entered in the Post Office at Pine City as Second Class Matter.

PINE CITY, MINN., Dec. 22, 1905

A lid should be held down over the street railway Co. in the Twins so as to prevent Minneapolis "infiltrates" from getting their booze in St. Paul. Both are impossibilities.

A summary of our exchanges are at hand clothed in holiday attire. To our notion the better of the best of them is the Mora Times. That paper is always good but the Xmas edition is a hummer.

THIRTY years have gone a glimmering since the Rush City Post's birth. And the paper today is worthy of much respect and esteem. Here's hoping for its further power and future greatness.

The opponents of J. Adam Bede are apparently at sea as to whom they can get to defeat him for Congress. They do not seem to be able to name or think of any one who can quite fill his shoes. And still they continue to sling mud—but they are poor mud slingers.

The Mora Enterprise, in its latest issue, devoted a great deal of space to the candidacy of Jacobson, the stirring warrior of Lae Qui Parle. The time is ripening for the launching of gubernatorial vessels and the Enterprise sets a hot pace in booming Jake. However, there will be other booms that will stir things, and Jake stands second in our choice of candidates so far mentioned.

It is with pleasure that we read of the engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Congressman Longworth of Ohio. The public in general has heard so much sputtering and high-fang dallying over "Miss Alice" that it surely will be pleased with the change in name at least. Let us hope her every joy in her lot and let us make her the target for so much random comment just because her sire is the first man of the land.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

Profitable "Christianity."

One of the evangelists recently engaged in playing his line in Minneapolis received \$1,200 for two weeks' work besides all his expenses, including board and lodging at the West hotel. Many a worthy country preacher labors for a whole year in an humble, meek and Christ-like way for a third of this sum. The way of modern religionists is to give the cream to the brass band, circus making, satanized fakir and to permit the man who teaches and preaches the word and works of God to live on crumbs and water.—Le Sueur News.

German Can Teach.

Unless the Equitable insurance company of the United States increases its premium reserves invested in Germany, as required by the law of 1901, the imperial government proposes to appropriate the buildings of the association in Berlin and other cities and sell them for the benefit of the policyholders. The fellows who are investigating and tinkering the irregularities of this association in America could probably learn a lesson of activity from our German friends.—Princeton Union.

Something They All Want.

The president of the Delaware & Hudson River railroad, discussing rate regulation, says what the railroad wants is to be left alone to work out their own problems. This is what the life insurance officials want, that is what the manufacturers of adulterated foods want, that is what the highway man wants, but the people cannot afford to grant it, and they will not.—Duluth Herald.

Bosses' Horror.

The people of Ohio are already beginning to realize that the death of one political boss always means the birth of a new one.—Herald Star, Oranville.

When Ordering your CHRISTMAS GIFTS do not forget that Bessie Shogren is located on the corner just back of the court house, and can supply you with materials for all kinds of needlework, notions and sewing machine supplies, also agent for the Ladies Home Journal. Your patronage and subscriptions solicited.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes for Foley's Kidney and Urinary Cure. Sold by Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

Random Selections from our Think Cabinet And Other Things.

Santa Claus is almost due.

Are you preparing to swear off?

Stories that are not worthy of belief are often the most interesting.

This is calendar season. Are you practicing the task of writing it "1906"?

Life is what we make it. If we "make good" it is a ten to one shot that we're right.

There is nothing so much desired as harmony and it's the hardest to get when wanted.

The man that knows it all will have a hard row to hoe unless he expands in intellect.

For conscience sake advertise and get out of the rut, leading to anything but prosperity.

The gospel of song is a shorter route to christianity than a great many other "ties that bind."

A smile is often a reliable prescription for the blues. Try it with a swallow of happy concentration.

The louder you laugh the worse you'll feel after the other fellow laughs if "he who laughs last laughs best."

Fortunate indeed is the man who only need wait for a good thing and get it. Mothers-in-law, for instance.

A fellow "dropped" into the Review office at North Branch last week and dislocated 100 cents from his cashierian.

It is not how much you pay for that token of Christmas greeting—but with what feeling of well-wishes the donation is made.

If you are superstitious do not present her with a bonnet fastener. Or, you of the fair sex, do not bother about purchasing a bladed instrument for him.

The following is a real live slam and was manufactured by the Stillwater Gazette genius. "Anola would be well pleased with a real live gas plant, one that produced gas that would burn."

Coal tar dye is all right in its place but it does not belong in pure food stuffs. The mail order houses lower their prices by using coal tar dye in their "pure" foods. Get wise and be healthy by trading at home.

We presume that Elbert Bede penned the following which appeared in the North Branch Review:

"Cheerful is the philosophy of a policyholder in one of the three big life insurance companies, who sent in his annual premium of \$15.50 in two checks, explaining that he did it for the convenience of the bookkeepers, and adding: 'The \$15.50 to apply on the payment of my premium, and the \$100 is for the McCurdy family.'"

An Emergency Medicine.

For sprains, bruises, burns, scalds and similar injuries, there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It soothes the wound and not only gives instant relief from pain, but cures the parts to heal in about one-third the time required by the usual treatment. As it is so antiseptic it all danger from blood-poisoning is avoided. Sold by L. E. Breckenridge.

Reports From the Reform School.

J. C. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicines, we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I had the most effective and absolutely harmless." For sale by Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurston, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel and stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicine until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure. Then the result was surprising. A few doses started the trouble, the bladder stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and feel like a new man." It has done me \$1000 worth of good." Sold by Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

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Boy's Life Saved from Membranous Group
C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous group, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose, and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

Grip Quickly knocked Out.
Some weeks ago, during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston, of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Chest and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." It is a good plan to take a dose of the Tablets when you have a cold. They promote a healthy action of the lungs, liver and kidneys, which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the grip. For sale by L. E. Breckenridge.

A Certain Cure for Group.
When a child shows symptoms of group there is no time to experiment with new remedies, so matter how high they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been known to fail, yet Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a child's cough remedy is sure to follow. Mr. M. E. Compton, of Market, Texas, says of it: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of group with my children, and can truthfully say it always cures the trouble." For sale by L. E. Breckenridge.

Geighs, Colds and Croup.
Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating, because being unable, particularly for children, Foley's Honey and Tar cures no opiates, is safe and sure, and will not constipate. Sold by Breckenridge's Pharmacy.

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Sterling silver novelties
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Beautiful gold mounted combs with amethyst settings
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Scarf pins
Military brushes
Cuff buttons
Silver mounted suspenders
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An attractive display of Xmas Toys that we carried over from last year will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

WE invite everybody to make their shopping headquarters in our store. It is a pleasure to show goods and we know that those who buy will be PLEASED with their purchases.

D. Greeley
Minnesota.
Pine City,

CHRISTMAS TRIALS OF A FAMILY MAN



"THOUGHT you always went home to dinner," said the newcomer, as he slipped out of his coat and handed it to the waiter.

The bald-headed gentleman seated behind the bill of fare and answered slowly, "I have no home."

"I don't want any expressions of sympathy," he added, as the other drew up his chair. "There isn't any divorce suit pending and I have met with no reverses of fortune. What I suffer is, I suppose, the common lot of mankind at this festive season of the year. They are making Christmas presents at the house where I used to live."

"I don't see why that should cause you grief."

"It isn't to be expected that you would," observed the bald-headed man.



"THERE IS A WILD SCREAM."

"You may find out some day, but as a friend and well-wisher, I hope that you will ever remain in blissful ignorance. It goes into a closet to get out my house jacket, there is a wild scream from one of the girls. I turn around, expecting to see some loved form stretched out in the agonies of death, and my wife says: 'Here, you mustn't go in there.'

"Why not?" I ask.

"Oh, because, here, tell me what it is you want and I will get it for you. I never saw such a man to go pushing me out of the way and hunching up the coat for me, and I begin finally to comprehend that there is a Christmas present cached away there somewhere. I can't hunt a pipe or get a book out of the bookcase or forage for pie in the pantry or exercise any of the ordinary privileges of a head of a household without getting yelped at and hustled and pizled at. I feel as if I were walking over mines that were liable to be exploded at any moment and blow me to destruction."

"Then when I return to the bosom of my family after a hard day's toll in their interest, I like to be welcomed with some show of affection. As it is, my appearance seems to be the signal for fight. I might be a leper, to judge from the way my daughters and the once-loving partner of my joys and sorrows start up and flee, as it were, into the wilderness, grabbing things right and left as they go. The assurance that I will receive an embroidered silk muffler, or a pipe or get a book out of the bookcase or forage for pie in the pantry or exercise any of the ordinary privileges of a head of a household without getting yelped at and hustled and pizled at. I feel as if I were walking over mines that were liable to be exploded at any moment and blow me to destruction."

"THE ARTISTIC POSSIBILITIES OF THE COMMON DOMESTIC FRYING-PAN."

idence property. The long purple shadows cast a gentle melancholy over your soul, if you've got one, and then it's the handiest thing in the world to hang up on a parlor wall by the hole in the handle."

"A man might ignore the landscape and send the pan out into the kitchen."

"Yes, he might do that. If he had reckless, hard-braised courage in large quantities. There's always that possibility about a frying pan picture, but what can you make out of a stilled horsehoe with tails? A boy unless you got enough of them to use as quilts? What utilitarian value is there in a cuffbox with a saucer-eyed owl painted on it?"

"It occurs to me that a man might keep his cuffs in it."

"Evidently you never saw one," said the bald-headed man, conclusively. "You might as well suggest that crocheted slippers might be actually worn. Come to think of it, however, I have known a man to wear crocheted slippers, but as was a divinely student, so he didn't count. If I wanted to mortify the flesh I might wear the average Christmas gift suspenders and smoke the lovely cigars that a man gets at the festive season, but I got trunks enough when I find that the sawdust pincushion filling has got mixed up with my diet. We have got sawdust enough around the place to keep a ton of ice through the summer months. Well, thank heaven, it will soon be over with now, and I shall be able to lay my achy head on a sofa next with an appropriate motto of 'Bon Repos' on it and think it all over. I can get up and by the trifling exertion of walking across the room can scratch my spectacles on the back of an emerycloth price box, thus saving the wear and tear on my trousers. There is an end to everything, and from the nervousness we worried about my women I should judge that they will go back to the time-honored foolishness of buying their girls next year then the spring house cleaning will be the worst thing that I shall have to contend with."

"You said that you didn't want any sympathy."

"No; I can suffer and be strong. After all, dining out isn't bad for a chance."



"A RICH BARBARIC EFFECT."

rates me for the wear and tear on my nerves."

"Is it as bad as that?"

"It's a blessed sight worse. The concealment is only a small part of it. There's the manufacture of the articles to be considered by itself. As I say, I haven't a home. I sleep in a soliloquy factory, in an atmosphere of glue, paint, acetone powder and turpentine. It's a new deal on me. They used to buy what they wanted, and all I had to worry over was an accommodation at the bank. I have asked for the reason of the change and I am told that any coarse plebeian can make presents that cost money, but a present that has the maker's individuality, taste and refinement stamped upon it in crawl or gun-arable medium beyond rutles. Also I am informed that it is cheaper and that it saves the trouble of shopping."

SETTING THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE

In serving the Christmas dinner the table should appear to the eye as well as to the stomach, and the hostess should look well to the setting of the festive board and the decorations. To be a model dinner, the hostess requires a perfectly appointed table, well cooked, tempting food, and the correct serving of the same.

In selecting her decorations she should consider the size of the table and the number of the guests. If the table be small, every effort should be bent toward making it appear large and well filled. The favors can be of good size and the decorations numerous and of a nature that would look easy upon a more stately table.

If the table be large and the guests numerous, the effort should be to make it look smaller. This is done by keeping it plain and by arranging the trimmings big. Avoid over-decoration.



A DAINTY CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE

ing a large table, for the plainer the better, providing there be a certain degree of prettiness. Christmas dinners come late on Christmas day, whether it be a noon-day dinner, which is served at three o'clock, or a dinner at six. In either case, the light falls before the dinner is over, and there must be artificial light.

It is a pretty plan to set the table with candles and to light them in the middle of the dinner. A good time for this is when the turkey is taken out and the dessert brought in.

The service for each plate for an informal family dinner consists of a square, a large dinner napkin, folded square, a water tumbler, two knives—saw steel knife and one butter spreader—and two forks, one shorter than the other, also two teaspoons.

At unusually formal dinners bread and butter is not served, and so the "butter spreader" can be done away with. The matter of individual salts and peppers depends upon the custom of the household. It is perfectly good form to have them on the table, and if it is the family custom to do so, they need not be dispensed with on Christmas day.

Let the table be set in the family manner, and then go about the ordinary dinner—then comes the serving of the feast.

It is a time-honored custom to place the turkey on the table before the guests come in, or to set forth the ducks, the geese, the roast of beef, or the loin of pork—whatever may be the Christmas bird.

But in these later and more pampered days the stomach rebels against the sudden plunge into the roast, and the palate demands a relish—oysters, soup, fish, and goodness knows what all! The roast comes later, flanked with a green salad and with vegetables and with the mound of cranberries.

If the turkey must be present from the beginning to the end, it is a wise plan to place him upon a side table. Here he can be carved and distributed. Upon the table he is always in the way, and there is no room for comfort for the carver. He, if he so please, can exhibit his skill from a side table, and the guests can be served by a serving maid who will carry the plates around.

Every Christmas dinner must have its touch of holiday, every dinner its bit of green, every Christmas dinner its Christmas motto in one form or another, and every Christmas dinner must have its own peculiar menu.

STOP! WOMEN,

AND CONSIDER THE ALL-IMPORTANT FACT

That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are confiding your private life to a woman whose experience with woman's ills covers a great many years. You can talk freely to a woman when it is refreshing to relate your private troubles to a man—because a man does not understand—simply because he is a man.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they ought to have immediate assistance, but a modesty hinders them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probably examinations of even their family physician. It is unnecessary. Without money or power you can consult a woman whose knowledge from actual experience is great.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only. A woman can freely talk of her private ills to a woman, thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. Her advice is not given to you until you are sure that it is very foolish if it does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Following we publish two letters from a woman who accepted this invitation. Note the result.

First letter.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham— I have suffered something terrible for eight years with my periods. The pains are excruciating and I can hardly stand. My doctor says I have ovarian and womb trouble, and I must go through an operation if I want to get well. I do not want to submit to it if I can possibly help it. Please tell me what to do. I hope you can relieve me or point me to some one who can. My address is Mrs. Mary Dimick, 2024 and E. Capitol Sts., Benning, D.C., Washington, D.C.

Second letter.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham— After following carefully your advice, and using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I am very anxious to send you my testimonial. My husband and I now know their husband what you have done for me.

Such Friendly Friends

Maudie Clark Higgins has been calling on me for nearly a fortnight. I expect a proposal soon.

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Stylish Death

Blanche—Must not be afraid to be killed in an automobile race?

Maud—Not it's such an awfully stylish death.—Baltimore American.

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Have you ever stopped to consider how many of the things that are popular for decorating the homes during the Christmas season, come from comparatively few persons to whom this question might be put would be able to answer it.

A great quantity of it comes from Kentucky. During practically the entire month of December the mountaineers of eastern Kentucky, with their wives and children, are busy gathering the boughs of holly, with their pretty red berries, and shipping to dealers in all the principal cities throughout the country. As a rule it takes all the help available to supply the enormous demand for the holly that is the great in the world. It is the most perfect green and is usually loaded down with the beautiful red berries. At the same time it is shipped to dealers to gather, for the reason that the little trees grow in the most inaccessible places. Sometimes a tree will

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HAD HIS NERVE WITH HIM.

Zek Thought There Was Something Lacking and Wanted the Whole Thing.

Zek Hopkins once gained the admiration of his fellow townsmen by securing the lease of many excursions on a train coming into Frankfort, rather the Customed Inquiry. There had been a witness, resulting in a spreading of the whole. Zek, however, the danger flagged the train a time to prevent a witness.

Some weeks thereafter a committee of Frankfort citizens called upon Zek for the purpose of presenting to him a testimonial of regard and esteem a gold watch that had been purchased by the contributions of the townsmen. The hand, and finally asked, with the utmost bow, approximately \$200 and said:

"Mr. Hopkins, it is the desire of the good people of Frankfort that you shall, in recognition of your valor and merit, be presented with this watch, which they trust will ever remind you of their unifying friendship."

Without the least emotion Zek took the watch from its handsome case, turned it over and examined it with his hand, and finally asked with the utmost naivete:

"Where's the chain?"

SECRET WORTH LEARNING.

Why Man in Insane Asylum Was an Object of Envy to a Visitor.

"You poor man," said Mr. Hesper, who, according to his Chicago friend, Herald, was for the first time seeing the inside of a lunatic asylum, "how long have you been here? Can you remember?"

"Yes, very well," replied the patient, "seven years. You see, they let me do pretty near as I please because I'm harmless."

"Are you married?"

"Sure, I have a wife who I'm to throw things at me every time I come in the house."

"How said? Do you know how she manages to live?"

"She gets along all right. Her brother, who is a rich bachelor, is taken care of. He never gives me a cent, though, as long as I'm able to work, I confound him."

"And what do you do here?"

"Sit around mostly, smokin' and waitin' for the next meal time."

"Say," said the visitor, speaking softly, and drawing a little nearer to the patient, "but between ourselves, how did you get them to send you here?"

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER

From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.

Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually it results in death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and epidemics, cholera and low fever, all traceable to the present time.

Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excess of brain work. Mental stress and improper diet.

Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and liver troubles. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms. Headaches, appendicitis and fatality, are caused by Constipation. It is the cause of death to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women especially become continued invalids as a result of Constipation.

Q. Do physicians recognize this?
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret.

Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.

Q. What then should be done to cure it?
A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation. It is known to all in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.

Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?
A. It is a Compound with 40 per cent of the juice of California Grapes. It is a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but a cure. Constipation, indigestion, headache and bowels, frayed, frumpy grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is invaluable for securing the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up winter tissue.

Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had?
A. Your druggist sells it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50-cent size.

Good for ailing children and nursing mothers.
A free bottle to all who have never used it because we know it will cure you.

125 FREE BOTTLE 1223-5
FILL. Send this coupon with your name and address. Your druggist will send you a free bottle. You have never used Mull's Grape Tonic and will now send you a certain free bottle. You must send the purchase of some Tonic from your druggist.

Mull's Grape Tonic Co., 147 Third Ave., New York, N.Y.

See Full Address and Write Plainly.
If sent in post paid 1250 bottles at all druggists. The 25-cent bottle sent three times as much as the 50-cent bottle. There is a great difference.

The genuine has a date and number stamped on the label—take no other from your druggist.

Inartistic Soul.
"What did you think of those voices at the grand opera?"

"They were good, strong voices," answered Mr. Gaudin, "but concerning what we paid for seats, I couldn't help thinking that we folks in the audience ought to be doing the bettering."—Washington Star.

No Secret About It.
Repealer-Senator, what is the secret of your inability to reformers?
Senator Granger:—They are blamed expeditious. There's nothing that would reforming.—Chicago Tribune.

To meet a horse is held to be a sure sign of death. Liver is a habit of not riding around it leaves.

Money makes the mare go, and the loss of your money makes your friends go.

Carving the Christmas Turkey

To carve the Christmas turkey skillfully and successfully requires a knowledge more than that acquired by general observation. To the amateur carver as he watches the practiced hand it seems the simplest thing in the world, but when he attempts to duplicate the feat he soon discovers that a careful study of the bird's anatomy is necessary.

At the Christmas dinner the turkey is of first importance and the proper handling of the fowl means much toward the success of the viand.

The host usually manipulates the carving knife and fork. There seems to be a tradition that on this day the bird in all its sharp and savory splendor should be placed intact upon the table, this, sharp-bladed knife and



plunge the fork upright into the center of the breastbone. The dramatic is reserved by a single stroke of the knife, hitting the joint exactly.

Whether it is good form to sit or stand while accomplishing the work depends entirely upon the comfort of the performer. There is also a question as to whether the head of the turkey should be to the carver's right or left. This is also for the individual to decide, but generally the head is to the left, as the wings and legs are more easily disjuncted with a stroke from left to right. If the company be small and the bird one of good size, carve from one side only. The other side may be reserved for slicing cold.

The first move of the carver is to insert the fork outside the breastbone, at the point, plunging it deep enough

A V-shaped cut toward the joint separates the thigh and drumstick.

To secure a firm hold. Then remove the drumstick with one stroke of the knife, first cutting through the skin down to the joint, hitting it squarely. It is a little difficult to locate this joint, but by pressing the leg away from the side of the turkey it is readily found.

It is claimed that the expert carver does not remove the fork from the breast until he has quite finished. By that as it may be quite necessary to use the fork in separating the thigh from the "drumstick" and the "hip" is a favorite part with many.

To accomplish this, make a V-shaped cut toward the joint, holding the thigh against the side of the turkey with the fork. The "drumstick" drops off neatly into the platter.

The next stroke removes the wing. A deep cut through the ball and socket joint severs this with a part of the breast meat. To strike the joint squarely the first time requires skill, though sometimes it is done very neat.

By pure luck, and this calls forth most favorable comment from the expert company's assemblages. If the knife doesn't strike the joint at first, move it back and forth, pressing the wing away from the body, disclosing the ball of the joint, then cut through and the wing is detached.

When this process is completed the disjuncted portions are laid to one side of the platter, or put on a separate plate, to allow of free space for slicing the breast meat.

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HE WANTED TO KNOW MUCH

An Inquisitive Youngster's Efforts to Obtain Information About Christmas Day.

"Papa!"

It was two o'clock in the morning, and Higgins was as sleepy as the average man is at that hour, but the little lad of four in his little bed near by was just as wide awake as some children are apt to be at any hour of the night, relates the Detroit Free Press.

"What is it?" asks papa.

"When's Christmas?"

"Oh, before long."

"When is 'before long'?"

"Well, it's soon. You go to sleep. I don't want to be all waked up. How is Christmas?"

"Next week."

"Monday?"

"No—y'go to sleep."

"The day after Monday?"

"No—not until Saturday. Now you shut up your peepers right away. I don't go to sleep."

"I can't tell you."

"What do you want?"

"What you going to buy me?"

"I can't tell you."

"I wouldn't want you to, if you could, papa."

"Why not?"

"It'd rather be 'sprised."

"Well, supposing you 'sprise me by going to sleep."

"That wouldn't be any 'prise, 'cause you'd know I was going to do it. Say, papa, papa!"

"What now?"

"Sammy Smithers says there ain't no such thing as a Santa Claus. There isn't, is there?"

"Oh, I suppose so."

"Sammy he said you and my mamma was all the Santa Clauses there'd be in this house. He was a big old liar, wasn't he?"

"There! there! Don't you ever call anyone a liar."

"No, you must never call anyone a liar."

"Well, he is one, all the same, isn't he?"

"You go to sleep."

"You're not Santa Claus, are you, papa?"

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"Don't you ever let me hear you say such a thing again. Now you go to sleep, or maybe you'll not find any of the things in the stocking Christmas morning."

"What you s'pose I'd find there if I'm good?"

"Oh, I don't know."

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"No, you'll not. But you'll go to sleep right now, because—"

"Do you s'pose I'd get a bike in my stocking?"

"No, I do not."

"Why?"

"Because you're not big enough to have one."

"But I'm getting bigger an' bigger all the time, an' my legs is getting longer an' longer, an'—"

"Now, that will do. You shut right up, or—"

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Unequaled.

New Santa Claus more comes round. He just exactly suits.

And while he's out his stockings up, there's none on all his boots.

—Brooklyn Life.

PEARY WANTED OPTIMISTS.

Once Had a Man with Him Who Was a Cynic and Ho-Mistake.

Gen. Thomas H. Hulbert was talking in New York about the advertisement of an optimistic person last week. Peary wanted in the icy wastes before the departure of his expedition.

"I had a letter from a certain New York physician for a story optimist as that he had a practical suggestion. Optimism and good spirits go to a very age like this one. Perhaps it is because there has not been enough optimism and good cheer among men in the past that the north pole has not been found."

"When it is found, an optimist, commanding a band of optimists, will find it, and there will be no such error in that respect and successful crew as the one who sailed with Peary on an earlier expedition."

He was indeed a cynic. Let me give you an example of his disposition. With Peary one glorious night he jured the sled. Forgetting to give advice with splendid plates, Peary said:

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Bunched.
First Traveler—Did you ever see a school of albatross?
Second—Ditto—Yes.
Where? In the Atlantic or the Pacific?
Neither. In Wall street.—Detroit Free Press.

THE OLD-MONK-CURE

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special).—All who are suffering with Bright's Disease should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. L. C. Good, of this place. He says:—I feel it my duty to tell you of the wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I am a man of 50 years of age, and in my work I am frequently exposed to all weathers. Six years ago I was laid up sick with Bright's Disease, with a number of physicians, and finally consulted a specialist, but without success. They all told me I had Bright's Disease. I was in a bad way and almost helpless when, thank God, I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They saved my life. I took sixteen boxes and now I am cured. The first day I took them I felt relief. When I began I weighed only one hundred and five pounds, and in my work I was unable and dizzy, and I am the picture of health. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends who have kidney trouble, and I pray to God that other sufferers will read these words and be helped by them.

St. Jacobs Oil

has traveled round the world, and everywhere human Aches and Pains have welcomed it and blessed it for a cure. Price, 25c. and 50c.

TORTURED BY ECZEMA.

Body Mass of Scars—Could Not Sleep—Spent Hundreds of Dollars on Doctors, But Grew Worse.

CURED BY CUTIGURA FOR \$8.

"Cuticura saved the life of my mother-in-law, Mrs. E. Davis, of Stony Creek, Conn. Her was the worst eczema I ever saw. She was hardly able to eat or sleep. Her head and body was a mass of sores, and she departed of recovery. Finally, after spending hundreds of dollars on doctors, growing worse all the time, I gave up. I bought a box of Cuticura, and in money for years, with hair welling from suffering and body terribly itching, she was completely cured by two boxes of Cuticura. See five letters of Cuticura, and three bottles of Cuticura. Resident, Gen. O. Davis, 161 W. 39th St., New York City."

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve suffering from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Headache. For Sufferers from Biliousness, Constipation, Flatulence, Stomach, Pain in the Month, Costive Hab

Candies and Nuts for Christmas

Buying candies and nuts in the quantities we do, enables us to sell the to Churches and Sunday Schools in large lots at less than the small dealers pay for them. Do the prices given below look good to you?

Whisky Mixed per pound	8c
Orange Mints	10
Chocolate Mints	10
Chocolate Mints, per lb	12
Chocolate Mints, per lb	15
Chocolate Mints, per lb	15
Chocolate Mints, per lb	20
Chocolate Mints, per lb	15
Chocolate Mints, per lb	20
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Chocolate Mints, per lb	10
Chocolate Mints, per lb	20

Just two more days of Xmas Buying.

The Great Christmas Store is ready

with the biggest, freshest and most beautiful collection of goods ever offered in this city. A magnificent store overflowing with bright and seasonable merchandise. Make your holiday purchase early. Those who wait until the last are sure to be put to great inconvenience on account of the crowds of shoppers. In this advertisement will be found many articles suitable for presents. Read this over carefully.

SALE every day until Christmas.

Pine City Mercantile Co.

We have a fine assortment of Silverware

Every Piece Warranted

Set of Knives and Forks, Wm. Rogers, Eagle Brand	\$5.00
Set of Knives and Forks, Young's Gold	3.50
Folding Spoons, per doz	3.00
Desert Spoons, per doz	3.00
Tea Spoons, per doz	1.50
Orange spoons, Gift Bowls, per doz	2.00
Cake Knives	\$1.00 and 1.50
Cream Ladles	75c and 85c
Gravy Ladles	50c and 1.25
Meat Forks	75c
Sugar Shovels	75c

and a nice line of Cut Glass.



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We don't want to inventory a single suit. Look at these prices:

Regular \$6.00 Suits, cut to	\$3.98
Regular \$10.00 Suits, cut to	\$8.98
Regular \$12.50 Suits, cut to	\$9.98
Regular \$16.00 Suits, cut to	\$12.98

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Regular \$4.50 Men's Overcoats cut to	\$3.48
Regular \$6.00 Men's Overcoats cut to	\$3.98
Reg. \$11.00 Men's Overcoats cut to	\$8.48
Reg. \$12.50 Men's Overcoats cut to	\$9.48
Reg. \$15.00 Men's Overcoats cut to	\$11.00

MEN'S TROUSERS - Great Reduction in Prices

Regular \$1.00 Men's Pants, cut to	69c
Regular \$1.25 Men's Pants, cut to	79c
Regular \$1.50 Men's Pants, cut to	98c
Regular \$1.75 Men's Pants, cut to	\$1.39
Regular \$2.25 Wool Pants, cut to	\$1.79
Regular \$2.50 Wool Pants, cut to	\$1.98
Regular \$3.50 Wool Pants, cut to	\$2.98
Regular \$4.50 Wool Pants, cut to	\$3.79

WOOL BLANKETS

We have the finest ever brought to Pine City.

Our Wool Blankets were manufactured by the celebrated Amana Co-operative Society of Hamstead, Iowa, who make the finest wool blankets in the world.

10 per cent discount on all Wool Blankets. **10** per cent discount on all Wool Blankets.

MEN'S LONG WATERPROOF OVERCOAT

Sheep Skin Lined and Sheep Skin Collar. These we bought at a Bankrupt Sale. Our price while they last, only **\$7.50**

One table of Men's and Boys' Cotton Sweaters, regular 50c and 75c kind, our price **39c**

One table of Men's Wool Underwear worth \$1.00 to \$1.50, while they last, your choice, only **78c**

Sheep Skin Lined Duck Coat with 5 inch Corduroy Collar, worth \$4.00, sale price **\$2.69**

22 LBS. of Granulated Sugar **for \$1.00**

with cash purchase of \$5.00 or more of other goods in any department of our store at one time.

Children's Clothing All Children's Clothing during this sale at 15 per cent discount. **15 per cent discount**

Men's Underwear One table of Men's Fleece Underwear, the 50c kind, sale price, only **39c**

One job of Men's Fleece Underwear, regular 50c goods, cut to **39c**

WE DON'T WANT TO

INVENTORY ANY LADIES' OR CHILDREN'S COATS

These prices will move them:

Regular Price	Cut Price
\$2.50 Children's Coats	\$ 1.98
3.00 " "	2.29
3.75 " "	2.89
4.00 " "	3.19
5.00 " "	3.98
7.50 " "	5.48
7.50 Ladies' Coats	5.98
9.00 " "	6.98
11.00 " "	7.98
12.50 " "	9.98
15.00 " "	12.48
12.50 Finish Coats	9.98
18.00 " "	14.98

A few of last year's Ladies' Jackets at 1/2 Price.



Holiday Goods.

We have gone into the Toy Business this year with the idea in mind that there are more children to buy for than ever before, and that more of them are going to buy at the Big Store. We can mention only a few of the items here. Come, bring the children; let them enjoy the sight.

TOYS

Steam Engines	25c to \$1.50
Flat Irons	10c to 25c
Tops 5c to 25c	
Iron Trains	10c to 50c
Toy Horses	10c to 25c
Toy Stoves	10c to 50c
Pin Horns	5c to 25c
Tool Chests, each	25c
Balls	5c to 25c
Musical Tops	10c to 25c
Washing Sets	25c
Baby Carriages	25c to 50c
Baby Cradles	25c to 50c
Children's Chairs	75c and \$1.50
Games	5 to 50c
A B C Blocks	5c to 50c
Banks	5c to \$1.50
Dobby Horses	\$1.25 to \$2.50

and hundreds of other TOYS.



XMAS IDEAS

Fancy Clock, Gold Gift Trimmed	\$1.50
Fancy Clocks, in Burnt Wood	2.00
Fancy Toilet Sets	from 25c to 3.00
Fancy Ink Stands	.75
Handkerchief Boxes	25c to 1.50
Collar and Cuff Boxes	50c to 1.00
Military Brushes	50c to 1.50
Ladies' Handkerchiefs	5c to 1.00
Men's Handkerchiefs	5c to .50
Men's Mufflers	25c to 1.50
Men's Dress Gloves	50c to 2.00
Ladies' Golf Gloves	15c to .50
A nice assortment of Framed Pictures	50c to 3.00
Pocket Books	25c to 5.00
Peggie Bags	25c to 1.50
Men's Ties	10c to 1.00
Men's Suspenders in Panty Boxes	.50
Sofa Pillows and Covers	25c to .50

Perfumes of all kinds and numerous other articles.



CROCKERY

Fancy Cups and Saucers—10c	
Fancy Decorated Cups and Saucers	25c
Cups and Saucers, Cup Gold Lined	50c
Cup, Saucer and Plate	50c
Fancy Shaving Mugs	20c
Fancy Cracker Jars	50c
Fancy Plates	from 15c to \$1.50
Japanese China—	
Sugar and Creamer	50c to \$1.50
Earthen Tea Pots	25c
Smoking Sets	\$1.50
Glass Fruit Sets	60c
Glass Water Sets—	
Pitcher, 6 Glasses and Tray	\$1.50
Chocolate Pots	75c

A beautiful Assortment of CHILDREN'S DISHES direct from Germany, from 10c to \$2.00.

Every one a Bargain, and hundreds of other pretty things in Fancy Crockery.

Dolls

We ship our Dolls direct from Germany. We can sell dolls at the price other stores pay for them.



12 inch Bisque Head Dolls, each	10c
Indian Dolls 10c to 25c	
12 inch Kid Body Sleeping Dolls	25c
18 inch Bisque Dolls, each	20c
14 inch Dressed Dolls, each	60c
16 inch Dressed Dolls, each	\$1.00
18 inch Dressed Dolls, each	1.25
18 inch Kid Body Sleeping Dolls, each	50c
20 inch Bisque Head Dolls, each	25c
27 inch Bisque Head Dolls, each	65c
30 inch Bisque Head Dolls, each	80c

We have Great Bargains in DOLLS.