

THE BEAUTIFUL STAR.

The wise men came out of the east, Following the beautiful star, And the angels they saw...

PRINCESS LILITH.

Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah, in the days of King Herod, there came wise men from the east...

The Princess Lilith, daughter of King Herod, named as she reclined upon a bed of purple, and the gorgeous Noun...

Her eyes were turned to the infant Jesus, and her heart was filled with love...

She turned to her mother, Queen Miriam, who died when Lilith was still little more than a baby...

She turned to her father, King Herod, and said to him, "I have seen the child who is the Messiah..."

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"That is true," said Lilith. "That is a clever device." Then after a moment's reflection, "Could I see him?"

"Who?" "The Messiah." "In order to see him, one must know where he is. And if we knew where to find him, the king would not be obliged to kill all the other little children of the town."

"That is true," said Lilith. Then she added in a low voice, as if she were afraid of her own words, "My father is very wicked." Then suddenly, "But little Herod!"

"Little Herod," said Zabolon. "Will die with the others, for the soldiers will search every house."

"But I am very sure that little Herod is not the Messiah. How could he be the Messiah? He is the son of my foster sister." "Ask your father to spare him," said Zabolon.

"I will try," said Lilith. Then she resumed, "I shall go myself with Noun and get little Herod and hide him in my room. Then he will be very safe, for the king could never come there."

Lilith ordered the maids to be harnessed into her cedar chariot, sped to Bethlehem with Noun, entered the house of her foster sister Zabolon and said: "It is a long time since I have seen Herod. I should like to carry him to my palace, and keep him for a day and a night. The baby is weaned, and has no longer need of his care. I will give him a dress of byacinth and a pair of pearls." She said nothing to Noun, but she had learned in Zabolon's room, so afraid was she of the king, that she noticed that Zabolon's eyes alone with unvoiced joy.

"Why must you do this?" "I am going to see the king, because you love my son." "And thy husband—where is he?" "He is dead." "And thy husband—where is he?" "He is dead." "And thy husband—where is he?" "He is dead."

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town with her eyes full of tears, embracing his divine brow. As the pale, mysterious light disappeared behind a forest of spires, Lilith heard the tramp of horses' hoofs and the clanking of swords upon the opposite wall. It was the squadron of Roman soldiers marching toward Bethlehem.

Every one knows that the Princess Lilith was one of the holy women who followed Jesus on the day of his sacrifice and that little Herod was one of the first disciples of Christ, the Saviour.

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM.

How the City of Christ's Nativity Observes Its Anniversary.

There are always signs of low pomp and display in Bethlehem at Christmas time. Christmas night is a night of watching, and few people go to bed until the gray remnants of dawn are showing in the east. Street-vendors and hand-billed boys are the retentions, and these are bonfires, illuminations and fireworks. There is a procession of many people in the marble manger, repeated in the city.

Many of the people of Bethlehem gain a livelihood by selling to tourists, carved mother of pearl shells, small tables, crucifixes, and buttons, made of silver and gold, and some are arranged and pressed the flowers of the night-bloom. These are sold in great quantities, in every house in the town to bring in a cent or two for the poor.

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"I shall go to see him," said Lilith. "It seems to be very good." "He means sometimes, but he never cries." "Will you let me kiss him?" "Yes, madam," said Miryem. Lilith stooped and kissed the child upon the forehead, and Miryem was a little vexed that she did not kneel. "Yes," said Lilith, "this little child is the Messiah!" "You have said it, madam." "And he will be King of the Jews?" "It is for that that God has sent him." "But then he will make war and kill many men, and he will destroy King Herod or his successor?" "No," said Miryem, "for his kingdom is not of this world. He will have neither guards nor soldiers. He will have neither palaces nor treasures. He will not inflict taxes upon the people, and he will live like the poorest fisherman on the lake of Genesareth. He will be the servant of the poor and the humble. He will heal the sick and comfort the afflicted. He will teach truth and justice. It is over hearts, not bodies, that he will reign. He will suffer to teach us the price of suffering. He will be the King of Love, for he will love all men. And he will teach those who are tormented with a longing which your hearts can find peace and joy. And no doubt he will still be a throne." "Ah, now you see!" said Lilith, still resisting. "But," resumed Miryem, "the throne will be a cross. He will die upon a cross to expiate the sins of men so that God, his Father, may have pity upon them." Lilith listened in astonishment. Slowly she turned her head toward the manger. The babe was gazing at her, and, unperceived by the ears of the deep eyes, she murmured, "No one ever told me those things before," and falling upon her knees she adored him. "That King Herod will search for the child to kill him. Takes the ass and fly. I will pay its master."

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Your page solicited



Geo. GRAEFF.

Dr. W. W. Weyl, office second door, north of Marx's office.
E. W. Williams, of Monticello, was in town Tuesday.
"Schenck's Royal Sweeper" is a first class 3 cent cigar.
B. F. Cox and wife, of Shelbyville, spent Sunday in Maroa.
Miss Grace Wyson, of Kenney, was in the city over Sunday.
Another car load of horses was shipped from Maroa this week.
Chas. H. Stoutenborough, of Decatur, was in town Tuesday.
D. F. Robbins, of DeWitt, aged 75 years, and a pioneer citizen died in that village on Monday.
Jack Marsh and family attended the funeral of her uncle, Henry Simpson, near Clinton, on Sunday.
Mrs. Herstat, of Peoria, came Monday to attend the funeral of her grandson, the little son of John Schenck.
J. D. Stearns and wife, of Yaverly, Iowa, have been visiting the family of their brother-in-law, J. R. Morgan.
Chas. Bennett, in the employ of the Herald-Dispatch, Decatur, was in town this week visiting relatives and friends.
Nicholas Hoffman and son, John of Peoria, who were here visiting for about a week, returned home on Saturday.
Hoe Singleton, restaurant and lunch room, 111 North Main St., Decatur. Meals 25 cents. He invites Maroa friends when in the city to call on him.
John Wall has leased the farm of H. H. Hoover now occupied by Thomas Swango and will mow there next March. There are 89 acres in the farm and he has also leased 80 acres on the Emory section.
The tin department of Stroud & Shafer will be under the supervision of Frank Stroud, who is a practical workman, having had years of experience in the business. All work entrusted to him will receive prompt attention.
L. C. Harrington and wife of Fowler, Ind., have been visiting relatives and friends in Maroa and vicinity the past week. Mr. Harrington says there was an immense crop in his locality this year. They will return home next week.

Police Captain J. J. Dolan was in Chicago for a few days on business.
T. E. Martin went to Peoria to visit with his daughter for a few days.
A Spanish masked ball will be held on Christmas night in the Fair opera house.
Mrs. C. C. Pethum and daughter of Springfield are visiting Mrs. W. D. Brennan.
The B. of L. E. will give a public dance at the Fair opera house on New Year's Eve.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson one day last week, a six-pound boy.
The I. C. railroad paid the widow of W. D. Baker, just shot killed at Birdsbeck, \$4,500.
The Universalist church held a very successful fair in the Mill building on Friday and Saturday.
Professor B. F. Sibley, who has been traveling throughout the sunny south for four or five weeks, returned home Saturday.
Bert Mottler of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting friends for a few days in Clinton, his former home. He will start for home Monday day of New Orleans.
Mrs. Sarah Moore, widow of Samuel Moore, who was killed in the east end of the yards while returning from work, received from A. O. U. W. \$1,000.
B. F. Wasson, who has been building telephone lines in the part of Logan county, has completed arrangements whereby Clinton connects with the Mutual Telephone company of Lincoln via Hannan.

Four Ball Christmas Maroa First Election will be held here Christmas afternoon, December 23rd. The Fourth team consisted of a heavy and sturdy aggregation of young men, and the Maroa boys are playing first class foot ball to their splendid reputation. It is thought they should turn out and win, as it will probably be played here this season and will fight hard for victory.

One of those light galleons, Country sewing machine, Corset's for \$29, with suitable Christmas presents for the

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We Wish all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

The Times.
 SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1898.
MAROA BUSINESS MEN.
 SOME OF THE LEADING FIRMS OF THIS GROWING CITY.

Merchants Who Solicit the Patronage of the People Through the Advertising Columns of The Times.
HILL BROS. & CO.
 A handsome two story brick building which stands on the north side of First South street in the business center of the city is a credit to Maroa and an enterprising dry goods and clothing firm who own and occupy it. The business of Hill Bros. & Co. is operated by the three brothers, John M., Edam W. and William, all young, enterprising business men. The firm was formed in March, 1893, succeeding D. E. Wagner. From the beginning they have done a heavy business, notwithstanding the hard times. Their new building which is their present location, was completed a little over a year ago. It has a frontage of 41 feet and the entire first floor is used by the firm, which gives them a room unequalled in any of the smaller cities of Illinois. The firm carry a \$14,000 stock and can supply the trade with anything in the line of boots or shoes, dry goods or clothing at the lowest possible prices.

J. CROCKER.
 For many years J. Crocker has been engaged in the drug and jewelry business, and he enjoys a good trade. The business is under the personal management of J. H. Stirling, who has been associated with Mr. Crocker for many years. He came to Maroa from Sibleville, Ohio, nearly twenty years ago and entered the employ of Austin & Gaul, who at that time conducted a drug and jewelry business. Mr. Stirling is familiar with all the details of the business, keeps a good stock of everything which the trade demands, and is a model business man.
S. C. CROWELL.
 The name of S. C. Crowell has long been familiar to the people of Maroa and the surrounding country. His store is located in the Crocker block where he keeps a first class stock and has a large and constantly increasing trade. He came to Maroa at the close of the war and for several years was

a grocery clerk, was tax collector and deputy postmaster, and about twelve years ago engaged in business for himself. His stores are his son, Lloyd T. and H. E. Hobill.

STROUD & SHAFER.
 A new firm in Maroa is Stroud & Shafer, having recently succeeded to the hardware, furniture and undertaking business of Jones & Mendonhall. They occupy the entire Austin block which is two stories with 44 feet front, and carry a large and carefully selected stock. Both are young men with considerable business experience. Mr. Stroud being a practical tinner. Their undertaking department is in charge of Arnold Heargroves.

H. B. SMITH.
 One of the best business men in Maroa was H. B. Smith, who came here before the war and shortly afterwards engaged in business which he has continued ever since. In 1884 Mr. Smith moved to his present location in the Masonic block. His annual business is very large and he keeps a select stock of groceries, boots shoes, etc. Howard Ray has been book keeper for Mr. Smith for about twelve years. The other clerks are Miss Arva Smith, J. M. Prido and Lon Ray. The latter has been in Mr. Smith's employ for thirty years.

SMELZ & HOBBS.
 For many years the well known firm of Smelz & Hobbs have been doing business in this city, and have a model drug and jewelry store. Mr. Smelz, the senior member of the firm, has been engaged in the same business for over 20 years, and is thoroughly adapted to his business. Mr. Hobbs has charge of the watch department, and is also an expert optician. They are both pleasant men to do business with and they have built up a large and lucrative trade.

WILLIAM SHANNON & CO.
 This firm occupy two large rooms in the Emery block. The shoe department is located in the west room, and is under the management of Clarence Sigler. The grocery department is in the east room, and Messrs. Sigler & Foster are assisted by Frank Miller. They buy all kinds of country produce in exchange for merchandise, and enjoy a good trade.

GEORGE L. MILLER.
 Mr. Miller is the proprietor of Marzee & Oakes in the grocery business. He has one of the oldest store rooms

in the city, and keeps a complete stock of groceries, queensware, etc. Bruce Walter has been identified with the store the past ten years, and he is a competent and industrious clerk.
J. M. PERSINGER.

All are familiar with the hardware, furniture and undertaking store of J. M. Persinger. For thirty years he has been doing business in this city, and is one of our best known business men. He occupies a double room, two stories, and has a store room on the opposite side of the street. J. M. Kimmel has charge of the undertaking business, and gives the best of satisfaction.

F. H. JONES.
 For several years Mr. Jones has been engaged in the undertaking business in Maroa. He has recently opened a new undertaking parlor which he has neatly fitted up in attractive style.

GEORGE GRAEFF.
 Mr. Graeff is the general merchant tailor of Maroa, and is a first class workman. He succeeded last spring to the business so long and successfully conducted by Theo. Schaffer. Mr. Graeff keeps in stock a fine selection of piece goods, and all orders for suits and overcoats receive prompt attention.

J. T. KEATY.
 Mr. Keaty conducts a first class restaurant and confectionery in the room first door west of the postoffice. He has been located here the past three years, and has a fair share of public patronage, which he richly deserves.

Agents.
 Abe Kubus of Oregon visited relatives here Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon, Saturday, a son.
 Miss Ansel Reynolds visited in Cerro Gordo last week.

William Shannon and wife arrived home from Ohio last week.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bownock, Wednesday, a son.

Rev. Mr. Malaker is conducting a successful revival at Center church.
 Mrs. Long of Bamon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Lindsay.

The U. B. Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment Christmas eve.
 The W. C. T. U. held their meeting at the home of Mrs. William Armstrong Saturday.

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The Missouri Legislature proposes to make football a felony. Inasmuch as the game, as sometimes played, appears to include the principles of prize fighting...

Probably the finest collection of clocks in the world is at Buckingham Palace, but it is rivaled by that of the Marquis de Vaux, late ambassador at Sandringham.

When the Tennessee exposition opens at Nashville next May its most striking feature will be a development of the Tennessees wheel line. The wheel will be as large as the one in Chicago, but instead of resting on fixed towers it is to be supported by electricity along a circular elevated track.

The highest peak reached by the circular is 200 feet.

A Brooklyn Congressman, who is going to introduce a bill making the metric system the national standard of weights and measures, says that by its adoption 10,000,000 years of human life can be saved each generation.

A jury at Portland, Oregon, took only five minutes to decide that a doctor was entitled to his fee of \$1,000 for attending Mrs. Katherine B. Verdier, although he admitted that the work he did took only a few minutes.

Referring to the proposed experiments with horseless mail wagons by the New York State highway department, the Weekly World says: "We're sorry."

For other purposes may be expected to follow at once. It was only about a month ago that a motor car stream wound in England got the privilege of unrestricted use of the highways.

The microscope seems likely to again prove the arbiter of destiny in a murder trial in New York. In the case of George Buckley, a Coney Island fisherman, hangs upon the identity in color, texture and other minute details of three hairs found clutched in the pocket of Mrs. Charles H. Sanderson, grass of Mrs. Charles H. Sanderson, found murdered on the island last October.

In a requested story in Mount Mora Cemetery of St. Joseph, Mo., with scarcely a vestige of a marking, is the grave of Robert M. Stewart, one of the early governors of the State of Missouri.

No Unfinished Haunts. "Your honor," said the policeman, "I've got a half a dozen odders was 's'posed to be 'em."

What His Wife Heard. "Smythe the other day," said the alarm clock girl of 15, "my Billy, if I don't see you in the phone box I'm 's'posed to be back for two hours."

A woman will remember a scandal as long as a man will remember the time he killed a bear.

of newspapers. It is safe to predict that it will not lose a dollar by abandoning the bill boards. The story of the advertising in the most expensive and has proved anything but successful. The rivalry in Indiana has led managers to indulge in illustrations creating a fortune to print posters. Some of these are beautiful from an art standpoint, but they do not "draw."

It has taken a long time for the International Marine Conference, held in Washington six or seven years ago to bear fruit. But it is now expected that the revised rules governing the movements of vessels at sea will go into effect on July 1 next.

The entire population of Prussia, which includes the provinces wrested from Poland, Denmark and Saxony, as well as the German colonies in Africa, totals 51,491,200. Of these are 15,475,200; females, 16,016,000. In Berlin, the increase being two to one.

The decision of a meeting of mothers held somewhere recently to modify the Mother Goose from the traditional curriculum will possibly not be accepted as final and authoritative by all mothers in different parts of the country.

PHIL MAY. The famous English caricaturist, the successor of Dr. Maclure as the leading artist on London Punch, Mr. May is the finest black and white artist in all England.

PHIL MAY. He had been modestly proud to be in hand, but there are few more striking examples of the combination that had afforded by the captain of a wrecking tug in New York harbor.

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BOYHOOD "BREAK" OF FAMOUS MEN.



Robert G. Ingersoll. Robert G. Ingersoll as a youth was not a phenomenon of eloquence. One day his teacher directed him to deliver a declamation. Robert selected a poem beginning: "A little bird sits on the telegraph wire..."

Talmage. T. De Witt Talmage as a boy did not show evidence of a theological turn of mind. On one occasion he was very pious in church, but his parents had grave doubts of his paying much attention to the sermon.

Irvine. Irvine Irving once took part in a school dialogue entitled, "The Little Philosopher." It is never at a loss for a good story or a witty retort. There is a great deal of preparation about Dewey's jobs, but many of his bright sayings are spontaneous and the result of the inspiration of the moment.

Dewey. Chas. Dewey has great renown as an after-dinner speaker, and is famous for a good story or a witty retort. There is a great deal of preparation about Dewey's jobs, but many of his bright sayings are spontaneous and the result of the inspiration of the moment.

Roosevelt. Theodore Roosevelt was not a stout orator when young. Endowed with a natural ability to relate his experiences at a school exhibition with that striking poise beginning: "At midnight in my grand old room..."

NEW ARTIST ON PUNCH. Phil May the English Caricaturist Succeeds Dr. Maclure.

PHIL MAY. The famous English caricaturist, the successor of Dr. Maclure as the leading artist on London Punch, Mr. May is the finest black and white artist in all England.



PHIL MAY. He had been modestly proud to be in hand, but there are few more striking examples of the combination that had afforded by the captain of a wrecking tug in New York harbor.

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INGENIOUS HORSE THIEVES.

Revel Manner in Which a "Veteran" Had Picked Their Trail. "When I was in Montana, west of the Snake River, north of the Snake River, in 1872, I saw four cowboys straddled about a dozen miles apart, and in a few days they were gone."

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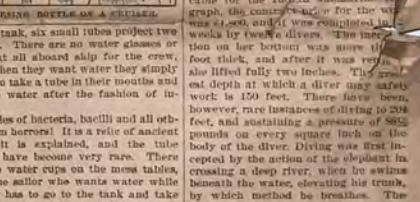
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QUEER DRINKING TANK.

An Italian Engineer Provided with a Singular "Pip" for a Tank. The Italian engineer Cristoforo Colombo, recently in the port of New York, is provided with the most singular drinking apparatus in the world.

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DRINKING TANK WITH SINGULAR PIPE.

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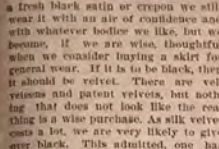
FANCY BODICE GOING.

THESE ELABORATE CREATIONS NO LONGER IN VOGUE.

Harmonious Effects Between Skirt and Bodice Are Feature of the Newest Fashion—Latest Type of Ball Skirt is Heavily Welcomed.

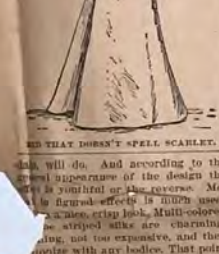
Garban Fashion Goals.

A girl departing fashion is regretted in its going by some women, though it does seem as if we ought all to hasten the departure of many a wretched, old-fashioned style, but probably few fashions are so generally regretted as the use of black skirts with fancy waists. This combination is unquestionably a little "out," though if we have a fresh black satin or crepon we still wear it with an air of confidence and with whatever bodice we like, but we become, if we are wise, thoughtful when we consider laying a skirt for general wear. If it is to be black, then it should be correct. There are several returns and patent veils, but nothing that does not look like the real thing is a wise purchase. As silk velvet costs a lot, we are very likely to give up black. This, however, is a considerable choice. Taffeta silks, with black ground and a pretty sprinkling of rosebuds and leaves or dots and



BLUE SUEDE AND WHITE LEATHER.

new and correct. The second dress shown to-day was of an entirely quiet reddish brown, the fabric a novelty suiting. Its bodice had a rich embroidery in black soutache on fronts, center of back and sleeves, the embroidery narrowing toward the bottom in each instance. The black velvet collar was cut in one with the jacket and was faced with old rose taffeta, which also gave the pleated vest, collar and tie. Persian lamb combined with seal or ermine is used liberally with cloth in the construction of handsome street gowns. Fur is used, for that matter, on almost all sorts of dresses. The delicacy of chiffon, lace and silk is enhanced by it on ball dresses, and the warmth of wool and velvet is emphasized by it for outdoor use. The market is rich in "new" furs, for skins and furs, and many of the latter are of endless variety. It was one of these sorts, with a euphonious name and a pretty brown nap, that trimmed the next dress shown, appearing in two bodices on skirt and wrists as an edging for the bodice. Black broadcloth was the goods here, giving skirt, bodice and bertha. The bodice looking at the bow, the collar was slashed on the shoulders and was held by fancy buttons. Belt and collar were of lettuce green and black silk.



RED TILLY DRESS—PEEL SCARLET.

will do. And according to the general appearance of the design the material is of the extreme. Moderate to girlish effect is much used, and, in fact, crisp look. Much-colored striped silks are charming. They are not too expensive, and they combine with any bodice. That points out the difference between the current general skirt and that of a season ago; now we want some effect, harmony between bodice and skirt, though a matching is not necessary; then the contrast of black with a colored and elaborate bodice was in itself the feature of style.

This harmony between skirt and bodice is carried still further in the present fashion of trimming skirts, and when, as in the first costume that we have seen, the skirt is of color and of ornamentation, the skirt bodices at once a match for the bodice, for the color here, and woolen goods was employed in the skirt, while the same shade of velvet furnished the bodice. Another tasteful feature that we have noticed in the new type costume, but it is not so general because it is graceful and because it seems so new to again bold to the skirt and show a pretty pattern. It is a soft, velvety green tint. It is a soft, velvety green tint. It is a soft, velvety green tint. It is a soft, velvety green tint.

VENTURED IN VELVETS. Dress and trimming with white leather make it a desirable material for the next costume picture. Narrow bands of leather were put at each side of the skirt's front breadth and at the edge of the wind collar, and the rest was leather, ornamented with butterfly patterns, which, in a much larger size, were put upon the serge fronts. A large carpet of black arch was worn at the throat. With a leather trimming of this sort, the nature of the dress material is not going to excite much attention, for it is the ornamentation that gives character to the gown.

The reader has been advised to avoid velvet and other marks, but it is not to be understood that the use of velvet is to be entirely abandoned. The use of velvet is to be entirely abandoned. The use of velvet is to be entirely abandoned.

DWARFS OF WONDERLAND.

Plumage from the Far East Now on Exhibition in Berlin.

There are now on exhibition in one of the museums of the German capital specimens of a plucky race who recently brought from one of the provinces of British Burma, on the banks of the Irrawaddy River, not far from its mouth. These diminutive human beings are different from any heretofore seen in Europe. They are physically and mentally normal—perfectly formed and intelligent human beings.

They are of a height of about a meter's hand, and since their pretty faces and their hair are of a golden color, they are being called "Dwarfs of Wonderland." They are of a height of about a meter's hand, and since their pretty faces and their hair are of a golden color, they are being called "Dwarfs of Wonderland."

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Wing diary. He was desperate. Now, being a gun, he was not one of the politicians who the police station had started just as a funnel-shaped cloud was settling above. He reached the corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets, and he turned to turn the corner, when a gust of wind struck him and lifted him off his feet. He might have been carried over to the fountain, but he was not so lucky. He was falling the iron railing that surrounded the steps leading down into the basement. He hung there for a moment, and then he fell into the fountain. He turned his head right to see if he was there was a sudden jerk that dislodged his hat and fairly unrolled his neck. Then there was a lull, and when he looked back into the station house he made the startling discovery that the inching tooth was gone. The wind had pulled it. It is not the story itself, and it is not true. Mr. Ginzoff had grossly deceived me.—Louisville Commercial.

Keeping a Weather-cock. Old Bartle was a perfect example of the type which sees only the poorest and meanest sides of life and society, and one of his best friends, a blacksmith with a quaint humor, had taken him to a conversation with the squire of the English village in which both men lived, for Bartle's idiosyncrasies. "That old fellow, squire," said Bartle, "had a weather-cock on his roof, and he was a-lookin' at the east wind, and he wasn't agreed with us." "Why, how could he go on as he do?" From morning to night, from one week's end to another, it's nothing but grumble, bludge and groan. "First it's the dreadful accidents, the fires and the murders; then it's the fever and the cholera; then it's the paupers, the jails and the strikes. Everything's going wrong, and there's no good news any more." "Why bless 'em, he come into my forge the other morning, and what's he do but begin foragin' about among my boys and putting them to 'em—'no good, no good, no good, no good'—and sayin' things that degre that every bit of fire went out of the coals and put me all of a cold sweat."

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Religion—A bright, Japanese religion, filled with the wisdom of Gao's law, kind heart, kinder hope, begins attention to Christ—Rev. M. V. Brock, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tip or Down—Humanity has been apily divided into two classes, letters and learners. Which are you? Error, individually either a weight or a wing. Which are you?—Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Congregationalist, Worcester, Mass.

Patriotism—The true American citizen stands for the whole country, not a part. As a whole, it is greater than any of its parts, patriotic citizens will subordinate his private interests to the good of the whole.—Rev. J. K. Smith, Presbyterian, Louisville, Ky.

Human Chrysanthemum—Richardson, the father of novelists, was over 70 years of age when he died. If a man has not been a cross flowerer early, let him hope to be a chrysanthemum, that does not begin to bloom until the frosts come.—Rev. Dr. Galster, Methodist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Sabbath—We ought to be true to the Sabbath of the Lord. This is the day when the husband can rest from the toil of the week, when the mother can be at home with her children, when the father can be at home with his family. We should keep the Sabbath day holy.—Rev. D. Turner, Methodist, Evansville, Ind.

The Value of Good Roads. Cultivating ten acres eight miles from the station, I have two cows and a horse. This quantity makes eight loads for one horse, and six hours are required for a trip. The time of myself and horse is worth six cents per load. I make 500 crates of vegetables, which require 71 trips to get them to the station, at a cost of \$42.00. On hard roads I could haul \$10.00 worth of vegetables in four or five hours each, at a cost of \$1.00. It would save me \$31.00 per year in transportation, if I had good roads.

Home Life—The spirit of the home must be devoted to the influence is to be made of the home. The influence of the home life is often more important than the overtone. Parents should bring daily influences to bear upon those whom God has entrusted to their care.—Rev. M. H. Fleckner, Congregationalist, Washington, D. C.

Printer's Ink—Many Christians do not realize the value of printer's ink. Many church members are ashamed to give for the printing of the Bible. The printer's ink is the most valuable of all.—Rev. W. J. Harris, Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hard Times—The Christian Church of to-day is only half awake to her duty, and I thank God that the hard times through which we have passed have opened her eyes to her duty to the needy and has taught the poor man that the Christian is really his friend, as Christ meant it to be.—Rev. W. J. Harris, Baptist, Rochester, N. Y.

The Cross—For more than 1,500 years the cross has been uplifting every nation and tongue and tribe under heaven. The cross has been the light that has guided back from darkness to light; by the cross nations have been redeemed in a day; by the cross man has been taught the sacredness of life and the glory of the cross.—Rev. W. J. Harris, Baptist, Rochester, N. Y.

Degeneration—We see the whole world in sin. We become so familiar with sin that it ceases to be actual, deadly. We try with it, we analyze it, we study it, we talk about the degeneration of the human species, forgetting that degeneration means departure from God, departure from his love, departure from the best power of our own souls.—Rev. W. J. Harris, Baptist, Rochester, N. Y.

Alleged and the Convict. While Governor Alleged was going through the Juliet proceedings, one day this morning, a convict named Alleged, who had been in the penitentiary for many years, was taken to the governor's office. He was a convict named Alleged, who had been in the penitentiary for many years.

A Peculiar Clock. The clock in the tower of St. Clement's Church, in the Strand, London, possesses the extraordinary peculiarity of striking every hour on the large bell which weighs 2,000 pounds, and also on the smaller, a bell in the spire, which strikes half an hour on the large bell.

One of His Questions. Tommy—Pop, do-sidder ever sleep in a day? Tommy—Pop—No, my boy. Tommy—Then why do they carry Tommy—Pop—Philadelphia Record.

Abolition—A wonder if Miss Sharpe is still in the world? She is, but she is not in the world. She is, but she is not in the world. She is, but she is not in the world.

In all Europe there are 6,274 professors in the college and university schools.—Adams' Express.

RAIL ROAD TIME TABLE

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Evening Special 12:25 a.m. to Decatur 2:25 a.m.
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Geo. S. Edmonson, M.D.
Physician and Surgeon.
Can be found at his office day and night.—Office in Hill Block.

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In all its branches. Teeth inserted without plates. Bridges and crown work, a specialty.

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Who can think of a new idea for a new product?
We will pay \$100 for the right idea.

LOCAL MATTER.

"Smoke" White Ash."
Pastor Central at Smith's.
New England pastor left at Smith's.
The Court of Honor will meet tonight.

James L. Hill, of DeKalb, was in the city over Sunday.
School will close next Thursday night after the holidays.
Plush and cloth caps, new lines, very stylish at H. B. Smith's.

Closing out a line of shoes at low prices at Hill Bros. & Co.
For overshoes, gum boots, rubbers and fells, go to Hill Bros. & Co.
Clara Williams, of Decatur, spent Sunday with friends in the city.

The Boardman news says "A husband at home is worth two in a saloon."
E. L. Kemp, J. R. Morgan and other Masons, attended lodge in Clinton last Friday evening.

Prof. D. Frank Everett went to Chicago Friday night and returned Monday morning on the diamond.
A brick sidewalk has taken the place of the plank one between the residence of A. J. Lutz and the opera house corner.

W. B. List, who conducted an auction store here for several weeks, left Saturday evening for "greener fields and pastures new."
James R. Mayall and Miss Freddie Morrow, both of Long Creek township, were married in Clinton December 10 by Rev. W. A. Hunter.

Business men report a large trade on Saturday. One lady said that business was so rushing at a certain store that the clerks could not wait on her and she had to go away.
George Shumaker looked and cribbed for James Williams, of Austin township, 4570 bushels of corn in 412 days. Mr. Shumaker's old home is in Emmingham county, and he will return there to-day to remain until spring.

Stroud & Lindefer have secured the services of Arnold Hargroves, an experienced undertaker who will have charge of that part of the business. He is a thoroughly competent undertaker and all business entrusted in his care will receive prompt attention.
A. E. Jones, of Keosauqua, Mo., was in Maroa last Friday visiting friends, being on his way home from Baltimore, Md. Mr. Jones resided on the Judge Davis farm west of town about fifteen years ago, and is well known to many of our citizens.

Mrs. Sarah Lane died on Thursday evening, December 10, at the home of her son, J. M. Ledden, near Osapur. Mrs. Lane was advanced in years and had been in feeble health for some time. The funeral took place on Saturday, the burial being at the cemetery west of Wapella.

S. M. Lutz, the Decatur music dealer, has a large stock of the best makes of pianos and organs, which he is selling at extremely low prices. All kinds of musical instruments—mandolins, guitars, banjos, violins, music books, sheet music, etc. The people of Maroa are invited to call at his store when in Decatur.

I have just received a very fine Poland-China male pig from W. C. Hankinson, of the Hill Block. I also have a fine male pig sired by Cole's choice, (Cole's choice sold for \$200 at Correll & Coffman's sale.) Dan Hankinson's choice, her sire Guy Wilkes 2nd, Cantel & Garrett paid \$250 for Guy Wilkes 2nd and have since been offered \$1500 for him. I also have two February gets and seven sucking pigs by the same hog. I invite all lovers of fine stock to call and examine the above.

Residence in JAMES HASKINSON, S. E. part of town. Maroa, Ill.
Mr. T. F. O'Donnell, a well known druggist at Parsons, Pa., in speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy says: "Several times in the last few years when suffering with cramp or diarrhoea I have made a personal test of the value of this remedy. The effect in each instance was almost immediate relief." For sale by J. Crocker.

Disunion Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between F. H. Jones and G. W. Mendonhall, under the firm name of F. H. Jones & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. G. W. Mendonhall retiring.
Maroa, Ill., Dec. 7, 1896.
F. H. JONES,
G. W. MENDONHALL.

CHURCH
Emma R., daughter of J. B. and J. E. Nowlin, was born near Law Center, Mo., Ind., May 4, 1863. She came with her parents to Morgan county, Illinois, in March 1867, where they resided until March 1874, when they moved to Austin township, Macon Co. By her father's year she made a profession of religion, uniting with the church of the United Brethren in Christ, of which she remained a constant member until death. She was married to Clarence E. Emery August 22, 1883.

The union ten children were born, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving ones are Aleva E., 19 1/2; Ida May, Clarence W., Lawrence E., Charles W., Hattie L., and Avola E. After a week of great pain and suffering this faithful wife and loving mother passed out of this life surrounded by her bereft husband and children, father and mother brothers and sisters and her many friends in the community in which she lived. She died December 2, in the 34th year of her age.

The funeral took place on Saturday at the Edge church near Maroa. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of neighbors and friends. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Z. T. Hatfield, of Decatur. Among the music present at the funeral were Mrs. Emma Applegate and Mrs. Lou Coffey, from Nebraska, sisters of the deceased. The other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nowlin, and son, Jim of Decatur, and the sons Corrie and Silas R. were all present, but Mrs. Nowlin was not able to go to the cemetery and at this writing is lying ill at the home of her son, Corrie.

The death of Mrs. Emery has excited the pity and sympathy of all who know the circumstances under which it took place. Only ten short weeks before these orphaned children had to give up their Aunt Nellie, and now their mother—so much needed in their household—their nearest and dearest earthly friend, is taken from them and they are doubly bereft. May he who tempers the wind to the storm lamb protect and bless this stricken family.
A FUNERAL.

Builder's Advice Here
The best advice in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, sore throat, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or, if not required, it is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by Smelt & Hobbs.

To California in Through Tourist Sleepers via Washburn R. R.
These sleepers leave Dearborn Station, Chicago, every Wednesday at 11:30 a. m., via Washburn and thence via St. Louis, from Mountain & Southern, Texas & Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways, running through to Los Angeles and San Francisco without change. First class sleeper leaves Chicago daily on same train for City of Mexico with one change at Laredo. This sleeper lands you in Hot Springs the next day at 12:45 p. m., four hours and forty minutes ahead of any other line. No snow or ice via this great southern route. This is the only line from Chicago that offers this excellent service. Call or write to any ticket agent of the Washburn or connecting lines for printed matter showing time, route, dates descriptions of cars, etc., or C. S. Crane, G. P. & T. A. St. Louis, Mo.

Do you know the quickest way to cure a sprain or bruise, a burn or scald? Such injuries are very common and can be cured quickly if properly treated. Mr. J. M. Amerman, of Forks P. O., Columbia Co., Pa., says: "I have never found anything to compare with Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sprains, bruises and lacerations. We have used it in our family for several years and feel that we cannot do without it." For sale at 25 and 50 cents a bottle by J. Crocker.

The Time to Subscribe.
The old newspaper saying, "now is the time to subscribe," was never more true than at present. The times are so full of incident so many important national and State affairs are shaping themselves for a change, that no one can afford to be without a metropolitan daily or weekly. The St. Louis Republic the greatest Democratic newspaper is making a special offer of its daily and Sunday paper for three months at \$5.10. It is \$9 a year by mail. The Toledo-Week Republic is sent five times a week—104 papers for only \$1 a year. In addition to all the political news, it prints every day a synopsis of general news and features not supplied by any other paper.

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And you will find no one who can harmonize with your pocket. We Guarantee To be as representative as the best. Jewelry, Silverware

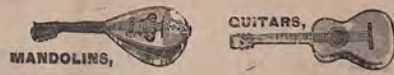
Clocks, and many novelties of the choicest selection and at the lowest prices. We have Ladies' agents' watches for \$4, 5, 7.50, 10, 15, 17.50, 20, \$25 and upward according to grade and quality of work and movements.

We also have a selection of the latest in Rings, studs, sleeve buttons, collar buttons, chains, pins charms, emblem pins, chain bracelets, cuff buttons, etc. and a splendid stock of silverware. We can also show you an excellent selection of

Juvenile and Children's Books

At unusually low prices, miscellaneous books, Oxford Bibles, beautiful gift books, books of all the latest and standard fiction. Elegant stationery, fine writing tablets, etc., pocket books, card cases, ladies' bags, toilet cases, combs, brushes, perfumes, neckties, handkerchief, glove, cuff and collar boxes, mirrors and albums.

Musical Instruments.



In Musical instruments we have Violins from \$3.00 to \$25.00. Banjos from 5.00 to \$10. Guitars from 7.50 to \$10. American makes of good quality. Accordians from 3.00 to \$10.

Fine Stock of Dolls.

Dennison's Imported Crepe and Tissue Papers. Also Leaves, Stems, Petals, Wire, Flitters, Tints, etc. for making flowers and tissue paper novelties.

Spectacles.

Nothing is more useful than a pair of Spectacles. We have the best facilities and largest stock of gold frames and glasses in town and we can fit you scientifically and correctly. No charge for testing eyes. You can buy the glasses and have them fitted and changed after the Holidays if you wish to make a present. We guarantee satisfaction and reasonable prices. Please call and examine our stock. No trouble to show goods.

SMELZ & HOBBS, Maroa, Ill.

did not care to see me as a bad husband. He had passed through a bad time and misery, which had ruined all his life. He had a wife and two children, and he had a lot of money, but he had lost it all. He had a lot of money, but he had lost it all. He had a lot of money, but he had lost it all.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD STEAMER SALIERE GOES DOWN.

Two Hundred and Seventy-five Foreign Perish—Disaster Due to Fog—Ship Was on Her Way From Bremen to Buenos Ayres.

Broken on the Rocks of Spain. Crashed through the mist into the Corralbo rocks off the northwest coast of Spain, the North German Lloyd steamer Saliere, on her way from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, was wrecked on the rocks of the Corralbo. The vessel was on her way from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, and was wrecked on the rocks of the Corralbo. The vessel was on her way from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, and was wrecked on the rocks of the Corralbo.

CARLIZE MAKES ESTIMATES.

Informa Congress of the Extent of Appropriations Needed.

Secretary Carlisle, of the Treasury, has reported to the House of Representatives the estimate of appropriations required for the fiscal year 1900. The estimate is as follows: Executive Department, \$1,000,000; Legislative Department, \$500,000; Judicial Department, \$200,000; War Department, \$1,500,000; Navy Department, \$1,500,000; Public Works, \$1,000,000; Miscellaneous, \$500,000; Total, \$6,200,000.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE LESSON.

Reflections on an Elevating Character of the Lesson. "Wholesome Food for the Soul." Studying the Scriptures is a most intelligent and profitable lesson. The lesson for Dec. 30 is "Golden Text"—"And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for I have brought you good tidings, which shall be great joy to you."—Luke 2:10.

THE BRONTEES.

Charlotte and Emily.

When things were at their darkest a letter came from Gladys Lane, informing her that she was going to Cuba. She had written to her father, and he had written to her mother, and she had written to her sister. She had written to her sister, and she had written to her mother, and she had written to her father.

THE BRONTEES.

The Captain left home for Calabro, and a telegram was forthwith dispatched to Mr. Sansone, but the lawyer happened unfortunately to be from home. It was Monday when he received the telegram, and he did not return until Tuesday when he reached home. On the following morning, however, the long-looked-for advertisement appeared in the Times.

THE BRONTEES.

Angela read it with delight. It seemed to her that the black clouds had lifted, and she felt as if a new world had opened before her. She had written to her father, and he had written to her mother, and she had written to her sister. She had written to her sister, and she had written to her mother, and she had written to her father.

THE BRONTEES.

Who she was safe with her mother, away from the man who had embittered both their lives, she would write the little note to her father, saying that she had no longer seen to compass her death now that he had nothing to gain by it. There was one other thing, however, which she found she had over-looked. The Captain must be told that the wife of a lieutenant was not a person to be despised.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Is what we wish all our friends and patrons. It is what you wish all your friends and relatives. This can all be made so at a small cost, if you will call at our store for your

HOLIDAY SUPPLIES.

We offer you the finest and largest assortment of CHINAWARE in the city. The largest and best stock of

SHOES, BOOTS AND RUBBER GOODS.

While for Men's Furnishings we make a special mention of our line of plush caps, cloth caps, latest silk handkerchiefs, mufflers, gloves and suspenders. We offer you a great variety when buying your Groceries; we buy the freshest, purest and best to be had, which we sell at low prices. We always strive to give our customers full value for their money. We will call attention to our extra family mince meat in bulk, plum puddings, pan cake flours, breakfast foods, maple syrups, chow chow, olives and many other good things that space will not permit us to mention.

Candies and Nuts.

We have a large stock of pure fresh Candies and new Nuts. We make special low prices for large lots. Bring the little folks to see the Toys. We have a large and varied assortment. Don't say you can't find a suitable present for any one from your Great Grandmother to the president, until you have paid a visit to our store and see what we have to offer you.

Yours for Good Goods at Low Prices.

We pay the highest market prices for produce and poultry.

H. B. SMITH.

The Times.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1896.

FOR FIGHTING FIRES.

SOMETHING ABOUT MARCO'S GALLANT FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Organized in the War Only Eleven Members.—How it has Grown Since That Time.

Marco has a volunteer fire department of which it is justly proud. During the years of its existence many heroic deeds have been performed by its members in fighting the fiery flames. When we consider that the members of the fire department save without recompense, their efforts in emergencies should be all the more appreciated.

The Marco Fire Company No. 1 was organized October 15, 1870, with eleven volunteer members. The following officers were elected: Captain, M. Milman; Lieut., Wm. H. Conover; Sec., M. Grady; Treas., T. S. Lovvitt; Jas. H. Hartman, 1st lieutenant; G. W. Russell, 2nd, lieutenant; G. W. Conover, 3rd, lieutenant; H. Wright, 4th, lieutenant; J. L. Hoover, 5th, lieutenant.

In its early days the fire company did not have smooth sailing, and at a meeting held June 19, 1871, it was decided to abandon the organization on account of lack of proper appreciation by the town board. At a previous meeting the secretary was instructed to present a petition to the town board praying that the firemen be released from arrest duty. The town board released the members from one day's labor each year, and the members viewed the matter precisely as an insult and a motion to disband was carried and the following communication was addressed to the president and board of trustees, which was signed by all the members:

We the under signed members of the Marco Fire Company with proper respect for the dignity of your honorable body, do hereby return to you the key to the engine house, and then turn over into your charge the fire engine, hose, buckets, ladders and all property, books, papers, etc. (the fire department for the future to be composed mostly of single young men and those men who have little or no personal interest in such, and who are organized into a fire company solely because they might do what they could

to make the town as safe as possible against the ravages of the devil's fire monster, and we would be willing to still spend our time and money in this laudable effort, could we but feel that our services were properly appreciated. But when we made application to your honorable body, to be released from street labor, in accordance with a prevailing custom, and were officially informed that your honorable body had declined to release us from one day's labor, in lieu of our services to the town as firemen, for one year, we very justly felt ourselves insulted, as by your deliberate action you sold our services as firemen were worth to the town but \$1.00 each per year.

We therefore feel that under the circumstances it will be the best for ourselves—and in the light of your decision certainly not much the worse for the town—that we quietly and respectfully as a company withdraw from and release ourselves from all responsibility to the fire department of Marco.

A called meeting of the citizens of the town was held on June 28, T. S. Collins being chairman and W. J. Compton secretary. The meeting was held in what was then known as Tice's hall to take action on the decision of the company. It was the sense of the meeting that the town board should grant the request of the firemen in the hope that a reorganization of the company would follow. The chairman, who was also a member of the town board, alluded to the fact that the hall in which they met would probably have been in ashes but for the efforts of the fire company. The matter between the board and company was satisfactorily adjusted, and the company resumed its organization.

On May 20, 1873, a fireman's trumpet was presented to the company by John Crocker. Six. The town board encouraged the firemen and on May 22, 1874, presented them with fifty dollars. From time to time additional and necessary apparatus has been added for the company's equipment, which, with the splendid system of water works provided by the city, gives the property owners many advantages not possessed in the early days.

The first fire after the organization of the company occurred in October, 1870, in the grocery store of W. S. Conover & Co. The fire was put out in about fifteen minutes with but little damage. Had it not been for the fire company it would have cost \$200 worth of property to have been destroyed. On April 9, 1871, fire destroyed two business buildings, the fire company arri-

ving too late to reach the buildings. The next disastrous fire was on the evening of Nov. 27, 1873, when the literary stable of John Holt and F. K. Bohrer's blacksmith shop, were burned. The total loss was \$2100, with \$300 insurance.

On the morning of January 16, 1888, occurred the great fire which destroyed several business buildings on the south side of First South street, including those occupied by Moser & Friedman, Gault & Crocker and Mrs. H. E. Kaut. All the frame buildings from Moser & Friedman's corner to C. F. Knaepf's brick building on the east were burned, involving a loss of \$35,000.

On Sunday morning, November 14, 1891, the frame buildings situated where the brick buildings of Hill Bros. & Co and J. Crocker now stands, were all burned, the loss being over \$45,000.

The last disastrous fire in the business part of the city occurred on the morning of January 1, 1893, in the brick building of Moser & Friedman. The building was saved with only slight damage, but the stock was almost a complete wreck.

The company now contains the full quota of members, 26. There are 27 feet of new hose, three reels, two large ones and one small, and with the hose can reach any part of town. Also one hook and ladder truck and the Little Giant.

The present officers of the company are as follows: Chief, B. J. Troubridge; Captain, Lewis Wittmer; Secretary, Raymond Bowden; Treasurer, S. A. Friedman; First Lieut., M. E. Hall; Second Lieut., F. M. Smith.

But of Part for Christmas, J. Schenck's, Fresh Pork Sandwiches, Pig Feet, Rolled Eggs, Beef Soup, Beef Steak, Bean Soup, Baked Beans, Oysters all Styles, Hot Fish, Pies of all Kinds, Baked Ham with Dressing, Fried Rabbit with Cranberry Sauce, Hot Lemonade, Soda Pop, Royal Goods.

Card of Thanks. We desire to return our sincere thanks to the many kind friends who assisted us during the sickness and death of our child.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN SCHENCK.

A small crowd gathered at the opera house Tuesday evening to see the exhibition given by Ben, the magick-

FOLLOWED HER DAUGHTER

DEATH OF MRS. J. B. NOWLIN AT THE HOME OF HER SON.

Passed Away at an Early Hour Wednesday—Funeral Saturday Afternoon at Two O'Clock.

At half past twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning Mrs. J. B. Nowlin passed away at the home of her son, Carter, in Austin township after an illness of only a few days. Just one week before her daughter, Mrs. Charles F. Emery, was called from this life, and the anxious care during her daughter's sickness and the terrible blow inflicted at her death, was more than Mrs. Nowlin could bear. She was unable to leave the house at the time of her daughter's funeral last Saturday, and was taken to the home of her son, one half mile south of Mr. Emery's residence, and was given the best of care and medical attention, but she gradually grew weaker until her spirit took its flight.

Mrs. Nowlin's death was another shock to the community, following as it did so closely the death of her daughter, and the husband and children, in their double sorrow, have the tender sympathy of all their friends.

Miss Jane Sykes was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, where her early life was spent. She moved with her parents to Deacon county, Ind., and here became acquainted with Jonathan B. Nowlin, to whom she was united in marriage August 31, 1862. Shortly afterwards Mr. Nowlin joined the Union army and fought through the civil war. In March, 1867, the family moved to Morgan county, Illinois, where they resided until March, 1874, when they moved to Austin township, a farm and resided until a short time ago when they moved to Decatur. They retired from the farm last spring and in May started on an overland trip in a loggy boy Indians and Ohio to visit the scenes of their younger days. They remained about four months, and both Mr. and Mrs. Nowlin were of the opinion that the trip was beneficial to them. After visiting among their children a few weeks they moved to Deatur and were just becoming settled in their new home when it was broken up by death. Mrs. Nowlin was severely stricken and mother and son were so bereaved and the mother and son life was preserved.

The left lung was a constant trouble of the United Brethren Church, Decatur, was the mother of nine children, five of whom, with a sorrowing husband, are left to mourn her death.

The funeral services will take place at the Ridge church on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Field, of Deatur, who officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Emery one week before.

A King's Daughter

On next Tuesday evening there will be presented at the opera house in this city an entertainment which deserves the support of the general public. It will be given for the benefit of the needy poor, all the net proceeds to be used for their benefit. It will be under the supervision of Mrs. F. L. Hobbs and all who assist in the entertainment are to receive a party and take part that they may help in a worthy cause. The play is one of the best ever presented by local talent, and aside from the fact that it is given for a most worthy cause, should be liberally patronized, but when we consider the fact that many hearts will be lightened by the proceeds of the entertainment, we feel confident that the good people of Marco and vicinity will cheerfully assist in making "A King's Daughter" a grand success. The money will be given to the society of King's Daughters by whom it will be distributed where most needed. Remember the time and encourage the object to be accomplished by your presence.

THE TIMES has received many compliments on the twenty page edition of last week. It was the largest paper ever printed in Marco, as well as the nearest in general appearance. Many copies were sent away to friends. The issue of this week contains 16 pages and with the exception of size is equal to the one of last week. The Times this week rounds out its eleventh year of usefulness, and will begin a new volume next week, which the editor will endeavor to make better than those heretofore issued.

Henry Fork met with an accident last Friday afternoon, hitting his right thumb in such a way that he will not have good use of it for several months, and may never have. He was endeavoring to take of an old razor handle to replace it with a new one when the head slipped and the razor blade struck his thumb, mauling the finger.

School Notes.

The subject of the literary exam next Thursday was "Catoena."

There was an meeting of the Literary society yesterday afternoon in the 7th room.

Miss May Golan, of Deatur, visited the 7th and 8th rooms Tuesday.

The scholars of the 2nd year of the High school took up book-keeping this week. There are seven others who will also take it.

Nellie Ashcraft has been compelled to stop school on account of ill health.

Miss Alsbury visited room three and eight on Thursday morning.

Miss Edmunda's room took part in the literary program in room eight this week.

Mr. Dins has been very busy arranging counters for room six.

Miss Hill is still unable to take her place in room two and Miss Lillie Compton continues in charge.

Several of the rooms will have special programs on next Thursday afternoon, to which all have a cordial welcome.

Don't delay your holiday shopping until the last minute, but call without delay at the big store of Lins & Scruggs Dry Goods & Carpet Co., Deatur, while the assortment is large and escape the great crush of the last few days.

Rev. I. H. Hicks, the St. Louis weather prophet, says that we are about to have a turn of intensely cold weather. About next Sunday the thermometer will take a sudden drop and for two months we will suffer.

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A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder, from America, Alton or any other reliable 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

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We also do Upholstering and Picture Framing Cheap.

LOCAL MATTER.

Xmas Presents at Hill Bros. & Co. Cheapest Confections at Crowell's. Clothing cheap at Hill Bros. & Co. Try "Esplanas" for sale by all dealers. Bargains in overcoats at Hill Bros. & Co. The Vandalla pay car was here yesterday. C. F. Emery was in Kunesey on Wednesday. Mrs. A. Barnett was in Miner on Tuesday. The little child of Jack Redmon is quite sick. Nuts, oranges, candies of all kinds at Crowell's. The rush of corn still continues at the elevators. Get a suit cheap at Hill Bros. & Co. till January 1. Thos. Costello was in Chicago this week on business. The Illinois Central pay car stopped here on Thursday. A. R. Phares, of Clinton, was in town on Thursday. Wm. Hanna, of Bloomington, was in the city this week. Handkerchiefs—nice ones—bargains at Hill Bros. & Co. Don't forget the foot ball game on Christmas afternoon. The best for the least money in shoes at Hill Bros. & Co. H. C. Rybolt of Kenney, was in Maroa on Wednesday. J. R. Morgan and Sylvester Jones were in Cisco Tuesday. "A King's Daughter" at the opera house, next Tuesday night. A daughter was born on Wednesday to Chas. Y. Miller and wife. Wool soap for women goods prevents shrinkage. For sale at H. B. Smith's. Rev. Preston Wood, Jr., was in New Salem this week assisting in a revival. Reserved seat tickets for "A King's Daughter" on sale at the postoffice Saturday. Read over the special Christmas prices S. C. Crowell is making for one week only. Mrs. Mattie Cade made a business trip to Bureau City Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

See the five Santa at Hill Bros. & Co., Saturday, Dec. 19. Bring the children. Mrs. Cora Williams, of Decatur, visited her sister, Mrs. David Weltepp this week. Fish for sale at all times by John Schenck. Hot fish furnished in 20 minutes notice. Ask for Schenck's new 5 cent cigar, "Boquet," which you will enjoy. It is extra large. Dr. Anderson is a careful operator, a skillful workman and guarantees satisfaction. Theo. Schaefer, of Oney, arrived in the city Thursday evening on a few days business visit. T. W. Cooper will pay the highest market price for poultry and produce in cash or merchandise. Don't forget to have a dozen Cottage Photos taken; only 99 cents per dozen at Kelmans Studio, Maroa. A nice line of piece goods for suits and over coats at Geo. Graff's. Suits made to order from \$15 up. Covault & Partelow have built a barn 24x26, for Alfred Williams on his farm eight miles east of Maroa. Paston Cereni, not tea or coffee but the new beautiful drink. Try it. We sell it. H. B. SMITH. Always something new at the "Big Store". See the holiday goods. HILL BROS. CO. Our fine Plum Pudding and extra fine family mince meat will please you. H. B. SMITH. Eat your turkey Christmas and then attend the foot ball game, where you will have two hours of solid enjoyment. Mrs. David Hoff returned home on Wednesday from Mendous where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. R. Churchill. J. Crowker, Thos. Costello and E. L. Kemp and their wives attended the opera at the Grand in Decatur Thursday evening. Miss Anna Meyer, who has been clerking in the Central hotel at Decatur for several months, will return home today to remain. A foot ball team came down from Clinton last Saturday afternoon to play our team, but they were not after their arrival and consequently did not play.

Mrs. Guy Covault returned home on Monday evening from Lake City where she had been visiting her mother who is quite sick. Christmas entertainments will be held at all the churches on Christmas eve, and the Sunday school scholars will be kindly remembered. This Thursday morning we received a large stock of fresh holiday candies, sweet oranges and new nuts, for our Holiday trade. H. B. SMITH. Hill Bros. & Co have a decoration in their large front window in the shape of an engine and cars, which makes a handsome showing. The engine and cars are decorated with handkerchiefs. It is a novel attraction. Grand promenade concert by the Woodman band, of Decatur, at the Maroa opera house next Wednesday evening, December 23. Every alternate number on the program will be a dance. Tickets, 25 cents, for sale by L. T. Crowell and A. Barndt. Last Saturday afternoon, Fred, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John Schenck, died at the family residence of membranous croup. He was about three years of age. The funeral was held Monday at ten o'clock at the residence, services being conducted by Rev. J. C. Hanna, of the Presbyterian church. The parents have the sympathy of friends in their bereavement. Henry Simpson died last Friday evening at his home one mile south east of Clinton. Mr. Simpson had been in failing health for several months. He was about 75 years of age and was one of the pioneer citizens of DeWitt county. He leaves a widow and three daughters: Mrs. M. R. Colwell, Mrs. Jacob Ziegler and Miss Lou Simpson. The funeral was held at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. Thomas Palmer, who lives on the John P. Parker farm, met with a peculiar accident on Thursday morning. He and John Barger were loading logs to bring to town for Mr. Partlow to butcher. They were loading the logs into a wagon by means of a chute. Mr. Barger had a butcher knife in his right overcoat pocket and he and Mr. Palmer were close together pushing the logs when the knife cut a gash about three inches long in Mr. Palmer's right thigh. Dr. McLean dressed the wound. Bring your job printing to this office

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21 lbs Granulated sugar \$1.00
22 " Best White C " 1.00
6 " No. 1 coffee - 1.00
49 " Sack Hinkles' Best Flour 1.25
5 gal best coal oil - 50
1 bbl best salt - 80
12 lbs best navy beans - 25
1 lb No. 1 gun powder tea 35
1 lb " " Imperial tea 20
8 bars Lenox soap - 25
7 " Kirks " - 25
8 lbs best oat meal - 25

CASH PRICES.

4 lbs " oyster crackers 25
All package Coffee - 18
4 lbs good mixed candy 25
No. 1 fine cut tobacco - 25
12 boxes matches - 15
One 20 oz. can b. powder 10
3 lb can good peaches - 10
3 " " stringless beans 10
3 " " baked beans - 10
Choice new lard per lb 6
Cranberries per qt - 7
Oranges per doz - 20

We have on hand an immense stock of

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When in need of Gloves, Overalls, Heavy Duck Coats Hosiery, Queensware, Glassware, Notions, Etc. always go to

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Come in and examine goods and get prices.

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The Times.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19, 1896.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

The official canvass of votes in Illinois gives the following pluralities for congress, 1st district: Mann, 28,728; 2nd district, Lorimer, 26,736; 3rd, Belknap, 599; 4th, Mills, 2,110; 7th, White, 8,376; 6th, Cook, 6,579; 9th, Foss, 29,297; 8th, Hopkins, 19,129; 9th, Hut, 17,708; 10th, Prince, 16,718; 11th, Reeves, 6,242; 12th, Cannon, 9,959; 13th, Warner, 8,629; 14th, Graft, 1,731; 15th, Marsh, 309; 17th, Connelly, 99; 22d, Smith, 4,255—all republicans; 16th, Hartschman, 6,143; 18th, Jett, 1,559; 19th, Hunter, 1068; 20th, Campbell, 2,751; 21st, Baker, 402—democrats. Keep this for future reference.

The board of trustees of the University of Illinois, at its meeting in Champaign Wednesday, decided to establish a well equipped law school in connection with the university at the opening of the next college year, and a committee was appointed to consider the details and report a perfected plan at the next regular meeting. With regard to the proposition to absorb the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons, nothing definite was done, but a most favorable report was received and the committee continued, and it seems highly probable that at some not distant date the Chicago medical school above mentioned with its four-hundred students will be a part of the University of Illinois.

Orman McPherson, a stranger who surprised Decatur officers by confessing that he is a murderer, told the truth. It has been ascertained that he shot and killed the city marshal at Morning Sun, Ia., on September 30, 1895, and that he has since been a fugitive from justice. An officer came after him. McPherson was at a livery in Morning Sun, when his son, aged 17 engaged in a fight with the marshal. The boy was getting the best of the officer, when the latter used his lally. Then McPherson shot the officer and fled. McPherson is a veteran of the late war, having served in the Nineteenth and Twenty-ninth Iowa regiments. He sustained losses in his war of holding, and wanted the matter settled in court.

A bill introduced by Representative Cook of Wisconsin opens up weeds. It becomes law, for a number of localities. The bill is to regulate importation and sale of agricultural seeds. It is intended to prevent the bringing into this country of seeds that contain by mixture any seed of pestiferous weeds, and to gain for the housekeeper who has a garden, as well as for the farmer, seed of worth. The bill provides that no grass, clover or other forage plant seeds imported shall contain mixed with them any dodder, lettuce, wild onion, ergot, wild fax, wild carrot, plantain, chess, prickly lettuce or wild mustard. To carry out the provision, forage seed is allowed to come into this country only at Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, and at places under the regulations made by the Secretary of Agriculture, in concurrence with the Secretary of the Treasury. Inspection by skilled experts is prescribed by the bill as part of the course of entry. It

is made unlawful to offer for sale, any seed of forage plants containing germs of the weeds named. Inspectors will be stationed at nearly all the landing cities. Sale of seeds containing the plant germs prohibited is punishable by a fine of \$200 to \$500 and one year's imprisonment. All other violations of the law are punishable by \$50 to \$100 fine, or 30 days to six months in jail.

The county board on the report of the committee in the matter of the three bridges lately constructed recommended the payment of \$2900 on the contract price to the Joliet company. It was reported that the bridges had not been built according to contract. The balance of the money will be paid when the defects are made good. The contract price for the bridges was \$7758 and the committee decided to pay \$2900 of it at once and the remaining \$778, with a deduction of about \$25 for a pier that lacked a foot of being to the proper height,

when the bridge company make such changes in the bridges that will bring them up to the standard of the contract or as near as possible. The bridge company states that it can strengthen the bridges and make them practically as good as required in the contract, and the work will be done at once.

The state board of agriculture has issued a crop bulletin showing the condition of winter wheat in this state. The area seeded is 1,649,094 acres, showing a decrease of 8 per cent compared with 1895. Low prices and chinch bugs have caused decrease. The present condition is 99 per cent of an average growth in the southern and central part of the state and 100 per cent in the northern division. The Hessian fly and chinch bugs are reported in a number of counties. The area down to winter rye is reduced nine per cent as compared with 1895. The condition of the crop is 98 per cent of the reasonable average.

TESTIMONIALS.

From Citizens of Pennsylvania Who Have Been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. W. W. Spillen, drug clerk, with J. McConnell, Parnassus, Pa., says: I was out all one night last winter and contracted a severe cold. I was so hoarse for a week I could hardly speak. Knowing how well customers of our store spoke of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I concluded to try it. One-half of a bottle cured entirely.

J. A. Van Valzain, Hughesville, Pa., says: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven so valuable that I do not hesitate to recommend it to any one.

Dr. P. Winger, Ephrata, Pa., says: Mr. J. D. Kline, a cigar maker of this place, requests a complete cure of his cough with a 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after he had tried others which had failed. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by J. Crocker.

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St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday One fare round trip.

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On the first Tuesday of every month one way tickets to principal points the south at half fare.

Home-seekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, and southwest Nov. 3 and 17. Dec. 15 at one fare plus \$2 for the trip. Tickets good returning Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

For full information regarding rates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to C. A. Foliock, agent and ticket agent Wabash, round Dealer, Ill.

Through the Twelve-Week Report of St. Louis circulated all other weekly papers in publishing the of the campaign, it now appears that it has extended to the county and hereafter it will give the the best paper in the country means much, because the next months will be crowded with big events. With all the means to its service, the year's subscription will be the same—\$1 a year, by mail, twice a week.

Notice—Having taken possession of the literary estate formerly owned by C. H. Moore, I respectfully request all persons of the public who had all kinds of engraved letters will be supplied on strict terms as always reasonable. J. J. Moore



Less than 70 years ago the first railroad was constructed in this country. There is but little similarity between the first train which was run by steam in New York and the fine trains of today. The first railroad in the United States was built in 1827 during the administration of John Quincy Adams. It was operated by horse power and was three miles in length. The following year the Delaware and Hudson Central company constructed a road, and on it the first steam engine was used. It was imported from England, and was a great curiosity. From this small beginning the great railroad interests of the United States began. The Baltimore & Ohio road was constructed in 1828. In 1833 the Charleston & Hamburg road in South Carolina was built, the length of the road being 135 miles and for several years this was the longest road in the world. The illustration given above represents the first steam railroad train in this country. It was on exhibition at the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 and at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.