

Sherman Township News.

Herman Hombdt is keeping the road quite dusty in the direction of Wm. Wurdeman's, or.

Willie Hessel was up to Stanton county Sunday afternoon and night to visit some of his friends.

Henry Miller's hired man, E. Gergin, will soon leave for Colorado, where he has purchased a farm.

Miss Julia O'Neill and Gus Engelbart were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Engelbart at Creston, Saturday.

The people in this neighborhood are having Jenny Bros. to shell their corn, for they are doing good work.

John Bakhus, who has rented the H. Wurdeman farm, will soon be married. Boys look out and get your tin cans ready.

Miss Maggie Martin, who was working at Fred Fuge's, left Friday evening for Scribner, where she intends to remain with her sister for a while.

Geo. Laska, jr., from Laska creek, was a guest at H. Hunsman's Sunday evening. At what time he went home you will have to ask some one else.

Walker.

John Swanson shipped a carload of fat hogs to South Omaha Monday.

Martin Johnson was spending last week in Omaha, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. N. C. Nelson and children are down in Omaha visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Rolf.

A. P. Johnson, P. P. Johnson, John Johnson and their families visited at Angus Dahlberg's Monday of last week.

We are having a cold spell here now. Some snow has fallen but not enough to bother any. It is clear and cold this morning.

P. P. Johnson was hauling corn to Lindsay Friday. Corn was coming into Lindsay that day by the wagon loads in long strings.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending December 9, 1908:

Letters—John Campbell, Mrs. Lulu Cox, James Cooper (Phillips Comedy Co), Orlando Mason, E. I. McNaught, E. B. Messer, O. E. Roor, Frank Smith, Charles Willis, Earl Wilson.

Cards—Grover Lendon, Miss Margaret Nolan, Jessie Richards.

Parties calling for any of the above will please say advertised.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., Junior 3 p. m., B. Y. P. U. 7 p. m. Union mass meeting at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

Rev. E. W. REINHART, Pastor.

Route No. 1.

Edwin Aherns has a force of teams hauling hogs last Saturday.

The Misses Katie and May Reed were Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Devlin.

Harry Erb of Central City is visiting at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Reed.

The Misses Mathilda Cattau and Bertha Hake were leap year callers at Christ Michelson's one evening last week.

Everyone enjoyed a good time at the pie social last Friday evening in district No. 16. Prof. Reese says he will not need any more pie for some time.

O. G. Moore and wife, and daughter, Miss Ethel, have retired from farm life and moved to Columbus. C. O. Moore of Ocoee has moved on the farm.

Route No. 4.

Forest Merrill is having a large new barn built on his place.

Adolph Laudenklos shelled corn Tuesday and delivered it at Ocoee.

Miss Grace Dodds came up from Lincoln and spent a few days with the home folks.

Frank and Florence Hilliard returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit with their sister, Mrs. Moore, at Clearwater, Neb.

There has been good skating on Moore's pond and the young people of that locality have been taking advantage of it.

J. C. Dawson and J. O. Dineen shipped a mixed car of hogs and cattle to South Omaha last Wednesday evening, Mr. Dawson accompanying the shipment.

Since the cold weather Miss Gertrude Donoghue, who is attending school in Platte Center, is now staying there instead of driving back and forth, as she was during the warm weather.

Live for Joy Alone.

But we must live as much as we can for human joy, dwelling on sorrow and pain only so far as the consciousness may help us in striving to remedy them.—George Elliot.

Keeping Up to Date.

After all, you know, keeping abreast of the times is a simple matter. It consists merely of doing a lot of things that your neighbor designates as foolish.

Household Note.

All men may be born free and equal, but no man is as independent as a hired girl.—Burlington (Ia.) Hawk-Eye.

Gold of Different Shades.

The yellowest gold comes from Alaskan placers, the reddest from the Ural. California gold is yellow in hue that from Australia reddish.

Something Here to Suit Everybody

That's a broad statement to make—but no broader than is warranted by our immense assortments of Beautiful Holiday Goods, conveniently laid out for your choosing before the great Christmas rush begins.

Read the Headline again.

It is literally true that we have, in these carefully selected stocks of attractive gift-things, something appropriate for presentation to anyone, young or old—articles of useful as well as decorative character. The handsome, stylish wear-things vie with artistic home-embellishments for your favor—and there are toys galore for the children.

Whatever you select here, you choose with safety—with our broad guarantee of satisfaction back of every purchase you make—with our assurance, which comparisons will verify, that here you will secure the very best that the amount you wish to spend can buy anywhere.

Below we print a list of happy gift-suggestions for Christmas shoppers—interesting items which, after all merely give a hint of what this wideawake store has to offer. Come to the store and see with your own eyes the greatest display of useful holiday goods this town has ever known.



Rubberized Coats for Christmas

Misses Rubberized Coats in red, blue and brown, at . . . **\$5.00**
Ladies' Fancy Rubberized coats, at . . . **\$12.50**
Ladies' Rubberized Coats, worth \$20.00, at . . . **\$15.00**

Beautiful Fur Sets for Children and Ladies, prices **\$5 to \$20**

Beautiful Head Scarfs for Christmas, **75c to \$3.50**
Ladies' Embroidered Hose at **50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50**
Ladies' Alligator Bags at . . . **\$3.98**
Ladies' Fascinators in White and Colors.
Plain and Embroidered Lunch Tray Cloths at **50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00**

Ladies Phoenix mercerized mufflers in white and colored at . . . **50c**
Beautiful rush collars 25, 35, 50, 75 and up to . . . **\$1.00**
Ladies back combs in almost any style and quality you may desire 25, 35, 50, 75, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and . . . **\$3.00**
Ladies belts put up in Christmas boxes 50, 75 and . . . **\$1.00**
Ladies silk lined kid and mocha gloves at \$1.25 and . . . **\$1.50**
Silk hose with lisle sole colors black, pink blue and white.

GRAY'S

Beet Sugar in Europe.
Europe's production of beet sugar in the season of 1907-'08 was 6,552,000 tons, a decrease of 158,000 tons from 1906-'07 and 380,000 tons from 1905-'06. Germany led in 1907-'08 with 2,132,000 tons followed by Austria-Hungary with 1,440,000 and Russia with 1,410,000.

An Echo, Not a Voice.
He who floats with the current, who does not guide himself according to higher principles, who has no ideal, no convictions—such a man is a mere article of the world's furniture—an echo, not a voice.—Henri Frederick Amiel.

Seaweed as a Water Filter.
Seaweed may be planted in the Schuylkill river in Pennsylvania as an experiment to attempt to filter the water which is used for drinking purposes in Philadelphia.

Glass Bottle Making.
Although glass bottles were made by the Romans as far back as the year 70 A. D., their manufacture was not begun in England until 1558.

Much Wood Needed.
It takes about 2,000,000 cords of wood a year to make the newspapers that go through the presses of New York city.

Devon Silver.
We hear little nowadays about the silver mines of Devon, but the time was when they flourished exceedingly. So late as 1800 we hear of 9,000 tons of silver ore sent to South Wales for smelting. The mines are now discontinued, but there is plenty of silver there yet.—Cardiff Western Mail.

Cigarettes in Egypt.
Cigarette smoking is epidemic in Egypt. Of the 12,000,000 natives, one-half smoke an average of ten a day, making a total daily consumption of 60,000,000. Dr. Lips Bay of Cairo found among 25 patients 22 who were suffering from the effects of nicotine poisoning.

Is Head and Heel Worker.
A woman may be a ballet dancer and yet have other brains than those in her heels, as is attested by the fact that Miss Marie Rutowska, a ballet dancer in an opera house at Warsaw, has just received her degree of law. She will be a lawyer in the daytime, but will continue to dance at night, and will no doubt make more money at the end of the day.

Hadn't Been Kissed for Years.
Ella—She isn't a very attractive girl.
Stella—That's right; if anybody ever printed a kiss on her lips the copyright must have run out.

Practically Impossible.
The chance of gas fingermark being exactly like another is one in 64,000,000,000.

Hope.
There seems to be no one so hard to discourage as the person who can't sing.—Atchison Globe.

Where Air is Pure.
The atmosphere is free of microbes at an elevation of 2,000 feet.

A Chinese Delicacy.
Soup made of fried wasp is a Chinese delicacy.

ALBERT RASMUSSEN

HOMER TIFFANY

H. B. ROBINSON

COLUMBUS MERCANTILE CO

SUCCESSOR TO

HENRY RAGATZ & CO.

GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE AND CROCKERY

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

In making announcement of our entry into grocery circles in Columbus, we desire first above all to make it known that under the new management the old Ragatz grocery will go on just about as close as possible to the old and good lines adopted by Ragatz & Co. It shall be our aim to do as Ragatz did—carry the largest line of fresh and up-to-date groceries, crockery and queensware in Columbus.

We shall try to retain all the clerks who have contributed to make the Ragatz store so popular. We shall make it an every-day endeavor to keep the atmosphere of our house just as cheerful as Ragatz kept it, and we shall go just as far as he went in offering accommodations.

The active management will be in the hands of two men of good name in grocery circles in Columbus—Mr. Albert Rasmussen and Mr. Homer Tiffany, both being members of the Columbus Mercantile Company. Mr. Rasmussen began his grocery career with Ragatz & Co., and of late has been conducting a house of his own in Lindsay. Mr. Tiffany will be pleasantly remembered as formerly with Gray's grocery department.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 22, 23 and 24

We will give a souvenir to every caller at our store. Come and get one, no matter whether you are an old or new customer, or whether you ever intend to be

COLUMBUS MERCANTILE CO.

Watch for the Beautiful Ring.