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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

Merry Christmas to one and all.

If you know of some poor family that you can make happy by giving something substantial do it.

Say if you contemplate bestowing a gift from the sense of duty better not do it. Unless the gift is given willingly it is better not given at all.

Volume one Number one of the Franklin Journal reached our desk this week and we bid it welcome. The new paper is owned by a Democrat and managed by a Republican hence it will steer clear of political partisanship. Its avowed object is to make money and boost Franklin. May it succeed in doing both.

We have heard it rumored that Bernard McNey of Red Cloud, was being groomed by his friends for entrance into the Attorney Generalship fight next year. Mr. McNey is reputed to be one of the best attorneys in this section and his entrance into the contest would lend additional interest to the fray. Mr. McNey is a democrat - Riverton Review.

The old excuse that Santa Claus could not come because he broke his sleigh wont do this year because every child knows that he is equipped with a wireless telegraph, wireless telephone, electric lights and flying machines. He can circle the globe a thousand times more easily, carry a million more presents and wont be compelled to delay matters by climbing every house before dropping down the chimney. He can but what's the use he couldn't stay away if he tried.

The Christmas spirit awakens all the good that ordinarily lies dormant in man. The more he responds to it the better he becomes and the bigger the man who responds to the true Christmas spirit becomes valuable to the community in which he lives. He will be found advancing the better interests thru out the year, every enterprise for the betterment of mankind will receive his endorsement and help. He will boost for his town, his state and his country. His labors will always be constructive and never destructive. All malice and hatred that weakens will be blotted out and he will be truly a man. Its possible for Red Cloud to have about 3000 such persons. That staggers us for just imagine what results might happen if 3000 people in one city should be entirely controlled by the Christmas spirit for one short year.

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Poor John D. Joe Cannon and the allied interests. We had all our Christmas money spent before we thought of them. We feel truly sorry that we cannot remember them during this season of rejoicing.

Christmas, the feast of Christ's birth, observed by the Christian church annually on the 25th of December. It was according to many authorities not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church, as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth. The death of the martyr Steven, and the massacre of the innocents at Bethlehem, had been already long celebrated, when, perhaps in opposition to the doctrine of the Manicheans respecting the birth of the Saviour, a feast was established in memory of this event in the 4th century. In the 5th century the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast, of the birth of Sol, tho no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed. Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year, and they held their chief festival of Yule to commemorate the return of the burning wheel. The holly, the mistletoe, the Yule log and the wassail bowl relate more to paganism than to Christianity.

In the East Christmas was celebrated on 6 January. As told in the Gospel of Luke Christ was born during the night, and therefore a divine service was performed in the night of 24-25 December, from the circumstance Christmas is called Yuleman, Weihnachtsen.

In the Roman church the priests are allowed to celebrate three masses against the devil which prevails every other day of the year. In the Greek and Roman churches the manger, the shepherds, etc., are sometimes represented. Most Christian churches celebrate this great festival in some way, and practically the entire community, including Jews and non-church going people nominally classed with Christian population, join in its social observance.

In the United States, England, and other countries business is commonly suspended, altho in Scotland this is only partially the case. The custom of making presents at Christmas is derived from an old heathen usage; but it has become consecrated by ages, and contributes greatly to make this festival an interesting event to families. The sending of Christmas cards by way of friendly greeting has grown up within a period of some 50 years. The Christmas-tree has been traced back to the Romans. It went from Germany to Great Britain, and is almost universal in the United States, where the customs of so many nationalities meet and gradually blend into common usage.—Americana.

SUNNY SIDE.

L. T. Parker shipped a car of hogs to St. Joe Monday.

Miss Lora Weesner closed her school Friday for two weeks vacation during the holidays.

Jake Ellinger thinks an auto is pretty cheap on feed. He has not had his out for some time.

Roy Fearn and wife returned to Superior after a few days visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Robertson.

WESTERN WEBSTER

Rev. Hill was in Inavale last week. The ice harvest is on in this section of the county.

Wm. Moore has been having a bad siege of rheumatism.

O. B. Harvey and family spent Sunday at C. L. Herrick's.

Lone Tree school closed Friday night for a two week's vacation.

Miss Adah Newton comes home this week from Crete to spend the holidays.

Miss Nettie Harvey closed her school at Mt. Hope last Friday night with a box supper, netting over \$25.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Newton are staying in Red Cloud this week, where Mr. Newton is taking medical treatment.

Geo. Garner and wife, and O. E. and G. M. Garner and their families leave this week for California where they expect to locate.

The privilege of reserving your Christmas purchases offers the special advantage of choosing gifts from complete assortments.

F. Newhouse

There is no better time for selecting your Christmas presents than now and having them laid away so as to avoid the regular Christmas rush.

Three Dolls given away. With every 50c purchase you get a ticket entitling you to a chance on the 3 Dolls. Dolls on display in our window.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Our Holiday Assortment of Fine Lawn and Linen Handkerchiefs is now practically complete.

Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs with all over Embroidery in very charming effect, dainty designs in eyelet, and new light effects some with scalloped edges, others with narrow H. S. hem, one of the best lines we have ever shown at 50c.

Embroidered Handkerchiefs in fine soft India Linen, some with narrow H. S. edges and some with elaborate scalloped and embroidered edges, at 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c.

Ladies and Gents Hemstitched all Linen Handkerchiefs at 5c, 7c, 12½c and 25c.

Children's picture Handkerchiefs at 2c and 5c a piece.

Make Christmas Things of Fleisher Yarns.

The rapidly growing popularity of knitted and crocheted garments and the interest our customers are taking in this branch of needlework has led us to make more than usual preparations to supply them with the best material. Most important is the yarn, and, as you probably know, the Fleisher Yarns are known everywhere as the standard. Whether it be a stylish and serviceable sweater, a pretty shawl or a dainty bit of baby wear, it will look best and wear longest if made of the Fleisher Yarns. And it is well to remember that the Fleisher Yarns contain more yards to the pound than lower grades—that means a saving on first cost.

- SILKS! SILKS!! SILKS!!!**
- Nothing is nicer or more appropriate for a Christmas present than a nice Silk waist or dress.
- Taffeta silk 27 inches wide at.....\$1 a yd
 - Messeline silk in fancy stripes, coin dots and plain, 27 in. wide at.....\$1 a yd
 - Plain black taffeta silk 36 in. wide guaranteed \$1 & \$1.25
 - Peau De Soie silk, 36 inches wide at.....\$1.50 a yd



Nothing nicer or more useful for a Christmas present than a Wool or Silk Scarf. Have them in a variety of styles and colors. Yarn Scarfs 2¼ yds long and 20 inches wide at \$1.25, others not so large from 35c to 75c all worth more money. Silk Scarfs 1½ yds long and 27 inches wide with the new Persian design and colors at \$1.75, same size in figured silks at \$1.50 and smaller ones in all shades at 60 and 75c.

CHRISTMAS GLOVES.

There is no one article more widely given at Christmas time than Kid Gloves. Have a carefully selected assortment and urge early shopping while the assortments are at their best. Ladies 2 clasp Kid Gloves, Paris point stitching, in black, brown, navy blue, tan and greys at \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

THE MINER BROS Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

== THE BIG STORE ==

Christmas Shopping Week is with us once again and we wish to offer a renewed Welcome to our Store.

If you are a patron of ours, we believe you will want to continue your patronage, but if you are not within the fold, and have never purchased Our kind of Merchandise we would like to gather you in.

If you will favor us with a call and allow us to show you our handsome and complete lines, you'll see a display that cannot fail to win your admiration.

You'll find our prices in every instance the lowest possible, consistent with the high quality of our Merchandise.

It is but a few short days now until Christmas. The days that intervene will be strenuous ones for shoppers and sales people alike. Begin now to plan your shopping campaign. Shop as early as you can. You can serve your own interests so much better, there's a greater variety to choose from, the goods are fresher, there's less inconvenience, in fact there is much that will profit the customer personally in early shopping.

WE ARE ADVOCATES OF Practical Giving For Christmas.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRACTICAL GIVING FURS ARE THE REGAL GIFT

What woman does not long for a beautiful set of FURS? You will make no mistake in selecting FURS for "her" Christmas, and you are assured of Up-To-Date Styles, High Class Workmanship and Dependable Qualities in selecting from our stock. You do not need to be an expert in Furs to buy "right" when buying of us.

We are ready to expedite your purchases, with well assorted stocks of Cloaks, Suits, Gloves, Mittens, Shawls and Scarfs, Underwear, Shoes, Slippers, Umbrellas, Silk Waists, Silks in Waist and Dress Patterns, Silk and Heatherbloom Underskirts, Silk Hose, Women's Sweaters, A full line of Notions, The Finest Line of Women's Handkerchiefs ever shown, Carpets and Rugs. A Large, Busy and Well regulated Grocery Department carrying the choicest kinds of Staple and Fancy Groceries, in fact we carry Everything for Everybody to Eat, and Everything for Women to wear. Our Merchandise is all New.

THE MINER BROTHERS CO.

H. A. LETSON, MGR.

Don't Forget Our Candy Department. It's The Largest Ever.

Our Clock will be Unveiled at 3:15 p. m., commencing Saturday, Dec. 18th. The unveiling will be on the Fridays preceding Christmas and New Years as our Store will be closed on the Saturdays of those weeks.

The Success of this bank is built on the friendship of its customers gained by earnest attention to their interests.



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