

SANTA CLAUS at THE FAIR STORE.

Santa Claus will make his home at The Fair Store. We have loads of goods and are prepared for him. The great display and sale of Holiday Goods is now on. Our entire store has been rearranged to accommodate this grand assortment of Toys, consisting of

Doll Heads, Sleeping Dolls, Dolls that Don't Sleep, Bisque Dolls, Jointed Dolls and Kid Dolls, Hundreds of Boys' Iron Safes, Combination Safes and Banks, Cash Registers, and Iron Toys of Every Description

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THE FAIR.

BETWEEN THE RIVERS.

Isaac Ware from the vicinity of Sidney and Horace Wickard of Indiana were visiting relatives and old time friends in the valley this week.

Miss Jessie Vroman one of the teachers in the Hershey schools has been off duty a part of this week owing to illness. Miss Nora Holdingsworth had charge of her school during that time.

J. V. Robinson dumped 423 pounds of milk into the weigh can at the Nichols creamery last Monday morning.

Ware & Co. have had a hitching rack constructed on the east end and north side of their store at Hershey.

Will Eshleman, who is firing west out of North Platte, visited his folks in the valley the first of this week.

Henry Fulk, A. W. Arnett, G. M. Cary and Dave McConnell are among those in the valley who have lost cattle from eating dry corn stalks.

J. C. Gyger has returned from the west with a herd of cows.

I. E. Ware of Hershey received a letter the first of the week from J. L. Strickler dated at Coatesfield, Neb., saying that they had their new store building at that place well under way.

W. E. Miller from the south side has been loading hay at Hershey lately that he had sold to W. F. McGlone of the county seat.

Miss Louise Seeberger who is attending school at Denver is expected home the last of next week to spend the holidays with her father E. F. Seeberger at his home in Hershey.

G. W. Brown has his store at Hershey lighted with gasoline lamps.

Miss Annie Hansen of Sutherland, visited her aunt Mrs. Holtgrene and family at Hershey the forepart of this week.

A number of Fred Cole's young friends called upon him last Monday evening without a moment's notice and politely informed him that they were there for the express purpose of assisting him in celebrating his 21st birth anniversary. To say that all present enjoyed the

evening would be stating it mildly.

The truth in the old adage "that opposition is the life of trade," has been fully demonstrated by the increase in trade at Hershey since the third general store was recently started in that village by I. E. Ware & Co.

Word was received in this locality recently that H. W. Brown, formerly of the valley but now working with a B. & M. bridge gang with headquarters at Alliance, lately had a hand smashed while at work.

Mrs. N. B. Spurrier received a letter from her son Roy, who is working in the smelting works near Salt Lake, to the effect that he was laid up with a lame back caused by a bar of iron falling upon him but not considered serious.

Sheriff Patrick of Keith county, arrested three young chaps at Hershey last Tuesday for breaking into the Paxton school house that morning and taking books, pencils, etc., from the same. After searching them and finding nothing on them except a couple of old lead pencils on one, the other two were turned loose. He took the one with the pencils back to Ogalalla with him. He also apprehended one of the same gang as he supposed, at Sutherland, who he also took back.

A bright and charming daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laubner on Sunday evening of this week to remain permanently. All doing well, especially Leonard.

Will and Bessie Salisbury, of the county seat, were the guests of J. Robinson and family last Sunday.

STATE NEWS.

Prof. Hahn, of Mapleton, Ia., has been chosen as successor to state Superintendent-elect Fowler as principal of the Blair schools.

The York county agricultural society is suing the county for \$500, claimed due it for holding a fair, according to law.

Representatives of the fraternal orders and the Nebraska life insurance companies are together framing a bill for the consideration of the legislature. It will provide for excluding from the state all companies from other states that exclude Nebraska companies.

Howard county will take advantage of the general plethora of money and fund \$11,500 worth of 6 per cent bonds at 3 or 4 per cent.

Hay is \$8 a ton at Gordon. People who have been used to stuffing their bed ticks with it are now reduced to the economical method of buying eider down as a substitute.

Louis Larson, town marshal of Emerson, was found dead in an alley a few mornings ago, where he had gone to his last long sleep. His death is a mystery. Foul play is suspected.

A farmer drove to Gordon a few days ago with a load of hay, and a town cow swiped a few cuds of the valuable product. The farmer demanded \$3 from the owner of the owner of the cow. Hay is hay.

Judge Gordon, who had just been impeached in Omaha, has been given a decision of the supreme court in a fee case which awards him about \$3,000 heretofore withheld. He is not altogether out of luck.

Reuben Jackson, an old man who lived near Rushville, was hauling coal to the Indian agency. He was found crushed under his wagon, evidently having been thrown under the wheels by a sudden stop of the team. He recently inherited eight thousand dollars from an Iowa estate, but it is not thought his wife and eleven children will get the money.

No Unsightly Hairpins.

An inventive genius has come to the women's assistance with a very ingenious contrivance, and made it possible for a woman to curl her naturally straight locks and yet not be a guy during the process. This is done by the use of a set of hairpins and small rods and bits of baby ribbon of the hue desired. The hair is wound in and out on a hairpin and a piece of ribbon, which has its two ends left out. When this is completed the ends of ribbon are tied in a pretty little bow, the hairpin slipped out, and there you are, with your hair done up on ribbon.

Dramatic Note.

Wright—"I believe a good deal of human interest could be put into a play with the scenes laid in a pawnshop." Reed—"My dear boy, the interest in a pawnshop is something absolutely inhuman."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Choice.

Druggist—Have you the money for the medicine, little boy? "No, sir. Popper said if you could not trust him he'd rather go without it and get well."

When satan needs a good man in his business he always nicks out a loafer.

Trouble Enough.

"Cawn't go with you this mawning, Reggie." "Deah me, what's the mattah?" "Mattah enough, I assure you. My man, don't you know, is going to take a two days' vacation. It weally bweaks me all up."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE RED FLAG.

A Danger Signal Was Hoisted Over the Melon Patch.

A man was out driving one afternoon and went beyond the limits of Westport, says the Kansas City Star. He was jogging along the road taking things easy, more interested in his fair companion than in the landscape. Suddenly he pulled his horse in. Down the road he saw a red flag fastened to a pole stuck in the fence post. He stared at it silently for some minutes. "What is it?" asked his companion uneasily. "I can't make out. Perhaps it's a rifle range. Maybe they're blasting. Anyhow, it's a danger signal," he replied. He drove forward cautiously, stopping now and then to look at the red flag. There being no visible evidences of danger, he proceeded, and saw, hitched to the fence post by a long rope, the meanest mule in Missouri. It was humpbacked and skinny. Its loose hide was scarred and worn bare in patches. Its ears were ragged and its eyes were red. Its hoofs were abnormally developed. The rope by which it was tied was short enough to keep it out of the highway—beyond that was evidently danger. An old farmer sat on the fence in the shade of an apple tree across the road. "What's that flag for?" asked the man who was driving. "That flag means keep away from the mule," answered the old man. "Then why in thunder, 'don't you tie him up in your barn or in a field?" asked the driver. "That mule," replied the farmer, "is better than a constable or a bulldog. See that patch of muskmelons? The boys 'round here use to skin that patch most regular, an' I couldn't keep 'em out. They'd win every dog I set to watchin' 'em, but they can't win the mule. I lost so much sleep watchin' the patch that I got nervous prostration. Then I thought of ole Bill there, and we put him out. It took six neighbors to do it. He didn't want the job. I don't know how we're ever goin' to get him back again—shoot the rope in two, I guess. But every one about here knows Bill, an' you bet them melons is safe while he's there. You see, his rope is just long enough to cover the patch. Well—so long."

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