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B. C. MARQUARDT, Agent, Avoca, Neb.

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Our local agency will be more than pleased to give you all of the time that you require to make the importance of this matter plain to you. And remember that this agency carries other lines that may interest you.

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

W. I. Smoots was here from Berlin, Sunday.

Mrs. L. J. Marquardt was at Omaha Monday.

Chas. Royal was over from Nehawka Monday.

J. W. Waldrip was at Omaha the first of the week.

Claud Fahnstock is working at the Bank of Avoca.

Mrs. Eugene Harshman is reported as being on the sick list.

G. A. Malcolm spent Sunday with his parents near Talmage.

Peter Jorgensen was at Omaha Tuesday with a car of cattle.

Miss Viola Lehn, of Berlin, was the guest of Miss Lydia Benecke Saturday.

A. Zimmerman and son Adolph, were over from Nebraska City Tuesday.

Earl Schroeder and family were visiting relatives near Elmwood Sunday.

L. F. Dunkak and family moved Monday to the W. I. Smoots residence.

A box social and watch meeting will be held at the town hall New Years eve.

Miss Birdie Fahnstock has returned home from a visit with Kansas relatives.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held at each church Christmas eve.

Miss Louise Ruhge is at Berlin for a few days assisting her aunt, Mrs. Fred Hillman.

Miss Elsie Jensen, of near Elmwood, was visiting Avoca friends Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Lola and Marie Malcolm, of near Talmage, was the guest of Miss May Royal last week.

Clyde Jenkins, of Manley, has been assisting his brother in his tonsorial parlor for a few days.

Geo. Harshman, sr., has returned from Kansas, where he has been at

the home of his son Floyd.

T. S. Pittman was unable to work this week, being injured while at work for the M. P. last week.

Wm. Kohl and family are busy moving into the big new house just completed on the Henry Straub farm.

Follow the crowd and you will land at Copes' drug store, where you will find Christmas gifts for everyone.

Miss Eda Marquardt, who is teaching school at Douglas, Wyoming, is spending her holiday vacation in Avoca.

Clarence Fleishman, from near Nehawka, has been at the James Fleishman home to assist in caring for his brother.

Chas. Hinze and family moved in from the farm Tuesday. They occupy the property recently purchased from L. F. Dunkak.

Miss May Bogard gave a very pleasant social dance at her home Friday evening. The Harmon Bros. orchestra furnished the music.

Edward Shackley and wife left Monday morning for Denver, where they will visit with George Shackley and family during the holidays.

Ed. Mohr and Jos. Sherfey were hurt one day last week by being struck by pieces of a circular saw, which broke while they were sawing wood.

Peter Jorgensen bought the H. J. Behrens farm of 160 acres Tuesday, consideration \$15,950. If Pete keeps up the gait he has been going the past few years he will own most of Cass county.

James Fleishman, who was so badly injured last week by a stump puller, is reported as getting along nicely, with an even chance for recovery. A trained nurse is caring for him since the operation.

Mrs. Samuel Johnson was down town Saturday afternoon for the first time in seven months. Her limb was

broken by being struck by the automobile and she has been unable to walk any distance.

Santa Claus is working over time at Copes' drug store filling the orders that are pouring in. Dolls, doll cabs, tables, chairs, dishes, wagons, stoves, carpet sweepers, books, everything a little girl could wish for.

Fred Ruhge, Jr., got a little shaking up Sunday evening and escaped what might have been a serious accident. As he was driving with a lady friend, the neck yoke broke, letting the tongue down and the team started to run. Fred turned them into a telephone post and saved the day, but had to borrow another buggy.

The last call—If at the last moment you are at a loss as to what to purchase for a present, run in and we can fit you out. Something in jewelry, books or chinaware, silverware, or toilet articles, Christmas cards, pocket-books and other things which we will show you when you call.

Ora E. Copes.

Ladies' Aid Society Bazaar.

The Ladies of the Congregational Ladies' Aid society gave a bazaar and social at the town hall Saturday afternoon and evening. Aprons, quilts and fancy work of every description were sold. Coffee, sandwiches, pickles popcorn and home-made candy were dispensed from the different booths. A short but interesting program was rendered in the evening. "The Courtship of Miles Standish" was given by Mrs. John Busch, Elsie Opp, Rev. Kokjer and Fred Ruhge. Something over eighty dollars was realized.

Walter Nutzman.

The sad news reached Avoca Saturday that Walter Nutzman had passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ida Ruhge, in Texas, where he had gone hoping to be benefitted by the change in climate.

Walter has been in very poor health for more than a year, at times seeming to be much better and at other times suffering terribly from Bright's disease.

Walter was one of our brightest and best beloved young men and will be sorely missed by his many friends and sorrowing relatives.

Walter Nutzman, son of Ernest Nutzman, sr., was born in Otoe county, Neb., being aged at the time of his death, twenty years.

About one year ago another son of the family, a few years older than Walter, died.

There are left to mourn his death, the father and mother, the sisters, Mrs. Lydia Van Debergh, Mrs. Ida Ruhge, Mattie, Ruby and Merna Nutzman, brothers, Fred and Omah. The funeral was held at the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon.

Farm For Sale.

160 acres two miles from Avoca. Two houses and barns in fair shape. Will sell for \$140 per acre. A sixty-acre tract, well improved, 2 1/2 miles from Avoca. And lots of other lands in other sections. Come and see me before you buy.

Jacob Opp, Avoca, Neb.

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Mr. John P. Meisinger, of Eight Mile Grove precinct, was in the city doing business with the merchants today.

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Our grocery stock is very complete. You will find here just what you want for your Christmas dinner: Cranberries, Oranges, Sweet Potatoes, Celery Grapes, Apples, Cauliflower, Grape Fruit, Lettuce, Figs, Dates and Pop Corn.

-E. A. WURL-

OPEN EVENINGS THIS WEEK!

THURSDAY PROVES TO BE JONAH DAY FOR THREE LAWBREAKERS

Judge Travis Sentences Jack Crawford to Five Years in the Penitentiary for Grand Larceny—Davis and Peabody Receive Sentence for Passing Worthless Checks.

Judge Travis convened the district court for a short time this morning for the purpose of accepting pleas of guilty in any criminal cases which might be on the docket undisposed of. County Attorney Taylor prepared information in the case of the State vs. Davis and Peabody for forgery and in the State vs. John J. Crawford for grand larceny and had the same served by the sheriff upon the defendants, who all three are confined in the county jail. The law provides that the information shall be served on the defendants twenty-four hours before he is arraigned in court, but as all of the defendants had talked the matter over with the county attorney and had practically agreed to plead guilty, and as there would be no jury term before April, the prospect of lying in the Cass county shell and vermin incubator is to say the least not inviting, the men all stuck to their promise to plead guilty when arraigned before Judge Travis. There have been several cases where the accused made the promise to plead guilty, and some sympathetic attorney got an interview with the prisoner before arraignment and convinced the criminal that he had a good case, and when the prisoner would be arraigned, the county attorney would be disappointed in his hope, but not so in the cases before the court today.

National Bank check blank, but no town designated. At the time of their capture Davis had in his possession other checks on the same party for small amounts. The defendants were arraigned before Judge Archer, pleaded not guilty, and were bound over to the district court and in default of bail placed in jail to await the coming of the jury next April. A few nights in the jail convinced the men that years in the penitentiary was to be preferred to four months spent in the jail.

The offenses charged against Crawford was the stealing of 100 bushels of R. L. Propst's wheat, to which with a four months' siege in the county jail staring him in the face, Crawford was willing to enter a plea of guilty and begin his term in the penitentiary.

The penalty for either offense was the same, from one to seven years in the penitentiary. All three men pleaded guilty before Judge Travis this morning, and the sentence in each case was that the prisoner be taken hence to the penitentiary and there confined at hard labor, Sundays and holidays excepted, for a period of five years. Sheriff Quinton took the men back to jail, and will probably escort them to the penitentiary next week.

Stanley Hall, ordered restrained at Lincoln by the county insanity commission, has not yet been taken to Lincoln as the institution cannot find room for him. He is violent at times and it is necessary to keep him in the cage.

Mr. August Nolting and family, of Eight Mile Grove precinct, were in the city today doing their Christmas shopping.

AN OPPORTUNITY

≡ SELDOM, IF EVER, EQUALED! ≡

ONE-HALF!

Saturday at 4 p. m. all Toys and Holiday Merchandise we do not wish to carry over will be placed on one large bargain square and sold at 1/2 the regular price. Remember Saturday 4 p. m. is the regular price buys toys and holiday merchandise of every description.

In wishing you a merry Christmas we extend to you and yours the season's the greetings, and our wishes that you and yours may enjoy a happy holiday season, as you bid farewell to 1910. As you take the measure of it's three hundred and sixty-five days, we hope you will find there has been more joy than sadness, more sunshine than shadow and more prosperity than misfortune.

To those of you who have given us your business, much or little, we are truly grateful. We have worked hard, tried to treat you as we would wish to be treated; made mistakes for which we are sorry, yet enjoyed one of the most prosperous years that we have had in our business experience here in Plattsmouth.

The Variety Store

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