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The enormous business done by us keeps our goods moving so rapidly that nothing becomes stale. Everything is fresh. We pay spot cash for every bill of goods that comes into our store, that is why we are enabled to distance all competitors in quality and price.



Twenty-five years of experience in the business has taught us what to buy. We are constantly on the lookout for bargains. The best products of the country are to be found in our store. Among them the celebrated canned goods of Curtice Bros. We are sole agents for Chase & Sanborn's fine Teas and Coffees.

The same courteous treatment accorded to all. We solicit your patronage and will strive to please you.

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Columbus Journal.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1906.

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Society Notices.

EPHRAIM LODGE No. 41, A. F. & M. S. will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the lodge, 11th and 12th streets, Columbus, Neb.

LEBANON LODGE No. 41, A. F. & M. S. will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the lodge, 11th and 12th streets, Columbus, Neb.

WILSON LODGE No. 41, A. F. & M. S. will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the lodge, 11th and 12th streets, Columbus, Neb.

COLUMBIAN CAMP No. 5, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the camp, 11th and 12th streets, Columbus, Neb.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, January 3, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the church, 11th and 12th streets, Columbus, Neb.

FARM FOR SALE.

A good 160 acre farm under a high state of cultivation. For sale by Herman Oshlich & Bro. 2m

—Miss Ruby Rieck entertained a party of friends at her home Tuesday evening.

—Willie Johnson has the contract for carrying the mail between this city and Bobest.

—Miss Beanie Sheldon entertained several friends to six o'clock dinner Monday evening.

—The Crest collegians returned to their studies Monday, after spending vacation at home.

—H. P. Coolidge has sixty nice Plymouth Rock chickens for sale. Come early and get the best.

—Clark Gray formerly of this city, now of Denver, brother of S. C. Gray, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Denver.

—The fast mail train Saturday morning killed a man at Shelton, and is reported to have also killed one at Fremont.

—George Erb tells us that the court house at Alliance is built upon rock that was quarried in the same county—magnesia.

—Joe Coolidge is out on crutches, says he is getting along all right, but it will be some time before he is able to go to work.

—Mrs. E. H. Andrews and Miss Florence Elliott of Leadville, Colo., were called here by the serious illness of John Elliott.

—Hans Elliott retires from the county treasurer's office, having given general satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

—Mason Beall is not only a connoisseur in chickens, but also has a fine lot of them, and takes a wonderful interest in them.

—Thomas N. Dishner adds his name to our list. He seems to be steadily recovering from his injuries received some time ago.

—Wm. Schiltz makes boots and shoes in the best styles, and uses only the very best stock that can be procured in the market.

—Died, Friday evening last at 6 o'clock, of cancer of the throat, the infant child of Jacob Kipple aged seven months.

—We are in receipt of a letter from a friend in Manitoba, upon the Bior question, for which we shall try to find space next week.

—FOUND—A number of keys in a bunch, that were probably lost Monday. Evidently valuable. Call and pay for this notice.

—N. S. Hyatt went to Lincoln Thursday to attend the meeting of the Mutual Insurance company, being one of the directors.

—FARMERS, ATTENTION. You can get an 8-foot Freepost Galvanized steel windmill from A. Dunsell & Son for only \$25.00. If

—A midnight mass was given at St. Bonaventura Catholic church Sunday night, which was attended by a large crowd of people.

—The members of the Women's club are arranging to celebrate their fourth anniversary on January 11, at the home of Mrs. L. Gerrard.

—J. H. Galley's family moved into their new home on Fifteenth street Thursday last, Sheriff Byrnes moving into the dwelling vacated.

—All the practicing attorneys of the city were invited to a surprise party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Speice Friday evening last.

—There is no better place than home, and woman in its room. Let her assert her gracious sovereignty under the full guidance of Truth and Love.

—Baptist church, J. D. Palla, pastor. Services January 7, 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Morning—"A Feast of Life." Evening—"The Kiss of Reconciliation."

—In a certain office a placard read—"Strangers must be identified here." One whose vision was defective read it aloud: "Strangers must be terrified here."

—Miss Kate Vogel entertained the Bachelor Girl club Monday evening to a banquet to celebrate New Year's. There are fourteen young ladies in the club.

—Misses Lydia and Anna Sturgeon invited a few friends Monday evening to a skating party, after which a supper was served to the hungry crowd about midnight.

—Trains on all roads from the east now run into Omaha, doing away with the Union transfer. The great passenger depot at Council Bluffs will be only a whistling station.

—Found, a package of dry goods on Christmas day. Owner may have same by paying for this notice, calling on Mrs. A. J. Smith, Eighth and Kummer streets, and proving property.

—The Mennocher society had pleasant celebrations of both Christmas and New Year, speaking, music and dancing, besides refreshments. They know how to enjoy themselves.

—Deceit people around Turnover are determined to stop the illicit and illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, if they can find officials to enforce the laws with courage and fidelity to duty.

—Sup't. W. J. Williams, Principal I. H. Britell and Prof. R. M. Campbell were at Lincoln last week in attendance at the State Teachers' association, as also were Misses Anna Hoben and Lizzie Sheehan.

—William Roth has just finished a residence for Paul Gortchak, six miles north of Monroe. The residence is a fine building of twelve rooms and is a good improvement for that thriving community.

—The fragile babe and the growing child are strengthened by WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It destroys worms, gets digestion at work, and so rebuilds the body. Price 25 cents. A. Heintz and Pollock & Co.

—Perfect health is that condition of the body when digestion is so perfect that the physiological balance between the destruction and construction that goes on constantly in cell life is daily kept normal.—E. R. Newman.

—Adam Lockner, an old-time Columbus boy of the '70s, was in the city Saturday and went over to Butler county to visit relatives, returning to his home in Cedar Bluffs, Monday, where he is engaged in the hardware business.

—L. F. Gottschalk went west Saturday evening and will for the next year be in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway in construction work in Wyoming. For the present his headquarters will be at Green River.

—The JOURNAL is sorry to mention the fact that E. H. Henry's health does not seem to improve with the coming of winter weather. He is now confined to his bed. His many friends wish for a speedy improvement.

—Whoever has suffered from piles knows how painful and troublesome they are. TABLET'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure them. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. A. Heintz and Pollock & Co.

—Thursday night the Ladies Orpheus gave a card party at their hall, some thirty-five couples participating. Adolph Bauer carried off first prize. During the evening light refreshments were served, and all present report having had a splendid time.

—Albert Lewis Coolidge, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Coolidge, and Miss Nora Herlihy were married Sunday, December 31st, at the home of the bride's parents in Lead, South Dakota. The many friends of Bert extend to him sincere congratulations.

—John Elliott, one of our well-known citizens has recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and is now lying in a critical condition at his residence in this city. His many old friends in this city and elsewhere could hope that he may be restored to perfect health.

—The work of prayer will be observed this week. Tuesday at the Baptist, Wednesday at the Congregational, Thursday at the Presbyterian and Friday at the M. E. church, with the following leaders respectively: Rev. Vest, Palla, Rogers and Prof. Williams.

—The new barn about completed on the J. H. Galley premises Fifteenth street is perhaps the most complete and convenient in the city, having cement floor and being supplied with coal-pole and other conveniences. It is in keeping with the fine, new residence.

—I have 30 acres of timbered land in Muscatine county, Iowa, within eight miles of Muscatine, which I desire to trade for a house and lot in Columbus; will assume some incumbrance, not too much. Price of land, \$30 per acre, no incumbrance. C. S. Easton.

—Happy New Year! May it mean to all of us greater opportunities for good, not only to ourselves but to all with whom we come in contact. "Peace on earth, good will to men," can only have full fruition as from the "fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men."

—The properties of BALLARD'S SNOW LIME have a range of usefulness greater than any other remedy. A day seldom passes in every household, especially where there are children, that it is not needed. Price, 25 and 50 cents. A. Heintz and Pollock & Co.

—Fred Hengler of Bellwood writes us on business and incidentally adds that he recently lost all his hogs but three, by cholera, and many of his neighbors have been equally as unfortunate. He wishes his old Platte county friends a happy New Year, and they reciprocate for him and his.

—Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of the death of a loved one from a neglected cold. BALLARD'S HORNED SYRUP is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price, 25 and 50 cents. A. Heintz and Pollock & Co.

—Don't forget that next Saturday night installation of officers took place at Baker Post No. 9, G. A. R. and Union Camp of Veterans No. 134, will take place at their hall on Eleventh street at 8 o'clock p. m., to which all friends of the order are cordially invited. Refreshments after installation.

—There was a dance at Gerhold Loeble's the other night at which there were twenty couples who enjoyed the occasion, which, however, was a little exacting on the musician, Frank Arns, violinist, and his brother Albert, who accompanied him on the dulcimer, from 8 o'clock in the evening till 2 in the morning.

—Kimball Bros. of Lincoln, contractors for the Soldiers' monument, inform Chairman Galley of the committee that one of the large stones of the foundation was broken and must be replaced, which delays the erection. Treasurer Speoery is constantly at work to bring the two ends together on time.

—Many of the blotches, pimples and other affections of the skin are caused by the failure of the liver and kidneys to cast off impurities, which remain in the system. HERBINE will stimulate the liver and kidneys, and cleanse the system of all impurities. Price, 50 cents. A. Heintz and Pollock & Co.

—There is no telling what may yet be found between the surface and the center of the earth in Nebraska. At Jackson, near Sioux City, speculators are endeavoring to buy up the newly discovered coal fields. A third strike was made the other day on the Goodfellow farm, a vein of coal six feet thick being found at a depth of 162 feet.

—Friday evening of last week at the residence of Paul Hagel a party was given in honor of the Misses Teresa and Mattie Feight of Plattsmouth, cousins of the Hagel family, and Misses Mattie Howes and Teresa Lockner of Omaha. A lively crowd of young people was present, and an enjoyable time had in playing games, listening to good music, and the partaking of dainty refreshments.

—Married, Monday evening at 5 o'clock at the residence of M. Brugger on Ninth street, this city, by Rev. Newman, Albert Stenger and Miss Lina Steiner, both of this city. The JOURNAL unites with the many friends of the happy couple in extending heartfelt congratulations on this joyous occasion and wishing long life and unclouded happiness to the genial and talented groom and his fair and gracious bride.

—Sunday night the Orpheus singing society had a great time at their hall when they gave their Christmas treat specially arranged for the little folks. Wm. Hagel made an excellent Santa Claus and caused a good deal of merriment while distributing the numerous gifts. About fifty couples were present and all agree that the arrangement of the treat and the program as carried out was decidedly the best ever given by the society.

—HERBINE should be used to cure and purify the blood; it cures all forms of blood disorders, is especially useful in fevers, skin eruptions, boils, pimples, blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effective cure. Price, 50 cents. A. Heintz and Pollock & Co.

—A special from Chadron to the Omaha World-Herald, December 31, contained a sensational story in regard to Col. John G. Maher, well known here, having formerly lived at Platte Center, organizing a regiment for service in favor of the Boers. The dispatch claims that it is part of a great movement all over the United States, especially interesting the Irish, either natural born or American born. The slow coach will doubtless bring the truth.

—A. M. Jennings writes from Fitzgerald, Georgia, to J. A. Turner, under date of December 29th: "I am busy these days hoeing in the garden among strawberries, turnips, cabbage, radishes, onions, etc., cutting wood and burning stumps, building some picket fence to replace some board fence, so you see I have plenty to do. I have kept track of the thermometer for the last twelve days, and 40 is the lowest, 53 the highest for that time at 7 a. m. December 4, there was a little ice formed, the only time this winter."

—A business letter from David Anderson, dated Dec. 27, says: "Well, here we are in the Italy of America and the Paradise of the World. One must be here to fully realize the beauty and grandeur of this country and climate. I will not undertake to depict or describe it, for I am not capable of doing it justice. Every day we meet our dear, old friends and neighbors, and meet with many happy greetings. I cannot go into details, but if the spirit moves me, perhaps I may write you a letter for publication."

—Mrs. Roy Rhone and son Robert, instructors in guitar and mandolin at the Wesleyan university, Lincoln, were in the city Sunday night, and favored the congregation at the Methodist church with two selections. In the Kingdom of Harmony they are evidently doing a good work. They took the R. & M. train Monday morning for Lincoln. Mr. Rhone is learning to play the harp, that wonderful instrument of the ancients, and which was "used as an accompaniment to the psalms sung by the early congregations of Christians."

—Gus B. Speice retires from his position as clerk of the district court, having occupied the office three consecutive terms. If it hadn't been for the Bryan fad, in combination with the populists, he probably would have been nominated and elected for another term. He has shown strong capabilities for the office, and if his successor pleases the people half so well, along the line of accommodating callers and promptness in attending to business, he will do well. We haven't at any time agreed with Mr. Speice politically, and what republicans were unable to do, viz., put a republican into his place, the combine of populists and democrats did, easy enough.

—The Platte Center Signal says that Miss Fannie Thomason is very sick. C. H. Dack has gone to Iowa. D. D. Lynch of Lincoln visited with his parents Tuesday and Wednesday. Presiding Elder Simon preached in the Methodist church Wednesday evening. Dennis Sullivan, jr., had his right shoulder dislocated Friday. Miss Anna Meyers took the train at Columbus Tuesday, bound for the Fremont normal. J. F. Siems has returned from a few weeks' stay at Annapolis and other Louisiana points. John Winkelman of Columbus visited friends near town during the fore part of the week. Miss Mary O'Neil was at home the fore part of the week and returned to Columbus Thursday. David Thomas of Postville shipped a car load of hogs Wednesday evening and went to Omaha with them. Wm. Schroeder is again in Platte Center. He was working in the U. P. shops at North Platte for the past two months.

—If any of you wish to see two good cartoons drop into I. Gluck's office on Eleventh street and ask him to show you where democracy is represented as a mother administering medicine from a bottle of gold cordial to Billy Bryan, who is making a very face, but she holds him by the ear, while she feeds the objectionable dose in a spoon and says, "Take your medicine, Billy." The other represents where Bryan has led the democracy—into the Dismal Swamp. He is represented as a soldier, the plume in his hat is labeled "Little America"; under his right arm a book titled "Free Silver and Anti-Expansion. Old leaders deposed. Populists in control. Nothing left to lose. It closes with these: Not a democratic senator from any northern state. Both houses of congress republican. New York lost by 200,000. New Jersey lost by 80,000. Connecticut lost by 60,000. Indiana lost by 18,000. We think it is no wonder that the Jeffersonian and Jacksonian democracy have tired of being led around by the Bryan-populist democracy, and will "no more of it."

—A Manufacturing Center.

—In answer to an interrogation from the Omaha Bee, Mayor Fitzpatrick had this to say the other day. The mayor is eminently correct, and could have written almost without limit in regard to the natural advantages of the Columbus situation.

—The improvement of opportunities is the bounden duty of communities, as it is of individuals, and Columbus has lagged altogether too long already. But here is what the mayor says:

"I do not hesitate to say that a good sugar beet factory located in or near this city would pay a large dividend to the investors. My reason for this is because we are located in the very heart of a country especially adapted to the culture of the sugar beet. Hundreds of acres pass through here every month of the shipping season, handling the bests either to Norfolk or Grand Island, and the logical conclusion is that right here is where the product should be manufactured. The field is open and I don't believe it will be long until somebody with capital recognizes the fact. In this connection I want to also state (although your question does not call for it) that this city has the very best natural resources in the state for developing a water power. The never failing Loup river, with its swift current, is only awaiting the harness which a little capital could supply. It could then furnish all the power needed for a city four times the size of Columbus."

—Miss Anna Hoppen is visiting in Schuyler.

—Miss Jessie Schram spent New Year's in Omaha.

—Dennis Sullivan is visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

—Miss Meta Hensley is visiting friends in Schuyler.

—Busher Thompson of Albion was in the city Monday.

—Editor Brother of Monroe was in the city Saturday.

—Fred Williams visited friends in Fairbury last week.

—Ed. Early made a business trip to St. Edward Friday.

—Allen Smith of Silver Creek was in the city Monday.

—Bert Donaldson of Central City was in the city Monday.

—Mark Rover is home from Chicago to spend his vacation.

—Albert von Borgen of Humphrey spent New Year's at home.

—Jay Cushing of Hastings, visited the home folks last week.

—August Wagner is up from Lincoln spending his vacation.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rohlfstetter are attending the State Teachers' association.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bonister of Silver Creek were in the city Monday.

—C. E. Rieckly went to Omaha Friday for a few days' visit with his family there.

—Mrs. Prof. Williams and Mrs. Alexander visited Platte Center over Sunday.

—L. A. Ewing of the Humphrey Democrat was in the city Saturday and Sunday.

—George and Miss Emma Scheidel of Platte Center were in the city Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Matthews of Omaha, visited friends over Sunday, in this city.

—P. H. D. Hagel, accompanied by two acquaintances from Cedar Rapids, went to Omaha Saturday.

—Mrs. Warner and daughter Mattie, of Schuyler, visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hagel.

—Miss Teresa Lockner and Miss Mattie Howes of Omaha, visited relatives and friends here last week.

—Miss Lizzie Steffis of Humphrey returned home Monday, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Eimers.

—Mrs. H. A. Rowe returned home to Norfolk Monday after several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Turner.

—Mrs. Otterpohl and children of Humphrey returned home Monday after spending several days with relatives, the Wagner family.

—William Gibson and family passed through the city Saturday on the way to their home at Cedar Rapids. They had been at Spokane, Washington.

—Miss Mary Turner and her nephew, Craig Turner, returned home Saturday evening after a week's very pleasant visit with relatives in Perry, Iowa.

—Miss Teresa and Hattie Feight of Plattsmouth, left Saturday for their home after a week's visit with relatives, the Hagel and Schroeder families.

—Mrs. Philip Bender, Mrs. Forsmith and Mrs. Gorgeon, all of Humphrey, spent two days with Mrs. O. E. Steinbaugh last week, returning home Wednesday.

—Mrs. Frank Bowers and baby of Oregon, visited with friends yesterday, on their way home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cooney of Nance county.

—Bro. Brodtzsch passed a couple of days visiting at home last week, returning Thursday to Lincoln, where he has a good position with the leading jeweler of the capital city.

CHRISTMAS IS PAST!

The Good New Year is Ahead.

WE WILL SAVE YOU SOMETHING ON EVERY PURCHASE FROM OUR SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

WINTER GOODS!

— RIDE PURCHASES —
POPULAR RICES!

— CONSISTING OF —

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Ladies' and Misses' Caps and Cloaks, and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

A FULL LINE of GOOD GOODS!

Ladies, call and see our line of Fur Collarettes and Muffs, — just the thing for comfort.

A new line of Men's FUR COATS, just opened up. Prices from \$12.50 to \$22.50.

Our Motto: "Satisfaction; Reasonable Prices"

J. H. GALLEY,

605 Eleventh St., COLUMBUS, NEB.

THE PIONEER.

hasn't located all the desirable property— we've some choice bits on our books for sale at prices that appeal to the people of common sense. The properties are located in fertile sections, well watered and drained, handy to market and shipping points and at our prices and terms are decided pick-ups.

BECHER, JAEGLI & CO.,

Thirteenth St., COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA

MAJESTY'S

Cut Flowers, Floral Designs and Green House Plants at all seasons of the year.

Also new Ornamental Plants such as Palms, Ferns, etc., received recently.

Short Horn Bulls.

Seven bulls from eighteen to twenty-two months old, for sale at ORELICH & BRO'S FARM. 2mo.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's parents in South Madison on Christmas afternoon, by Rev. J. E. Fowler, Miss Maud E. Steen was united in marriage to Wm. W. Muirgrave of Columbus. The wedding ceremony was supplemented by an elaborate Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs. A. T. Steen, mother of the bride, and heartily discussed by the family and immediate relatives.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Steen, and a well known teacher of this county. The groom is storekeeper for the Union Pacific railroad at Columbus, and a former member of Co. K, First Nebraska, and did valiant service in the Philippines.

The young couple, who were thus happily wedded, left on the evening train for Columbus, where they will make their future home. The Chromisus and hosts of friends will wish Mr. and Mrs. Muirgrave all the joys and none of the sorrows of a long and prosperous life.—Madison Chronicle.

District 44 and Vicinity.

Fred Luckey, jr., was shelling out a large crib of corn Friday for O. McGinn.

The little members of Mr. and Mrs. John Diechmer's family are having a stage of scarlet fever.

James Haney, jr., Patay Haney and sister Lizzie were visiting with friends up on the hill Friday.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Currie who has been dangerously sick for some time, is now convalescent.

We fear there is much sickness north-east of this place, as doctors' rigs have been following each other past here, night and day, in rapid succession the past week.

Miss Minnie Diechmer was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday, and was so sick Friday that the family became alarmed for her immediate recovery; but at this writing we are pleased to state that she is considered out of danger.

Mrs. Herring, who has been a long sufferer with an abscess on the head, of the nature of a tumor, is now enjoying good health; a surgical operation removed the trouble. Her daughters Minnie and Edith came down from Norfolk and remained with her until all danger was passed.

Richland and Vicinity.

Hurrah for the snow! We all wanted to see a white Christmas.

Misses Anna Diechmer and Flenia Diechmer were calling on their Richland friends last Tuesday.

Wm. Youkie, who was injured in a

BIG DISCOUNT SALE!

To close out what little remains of our Holiday Goods, consisting of

Perfumes in Boxes, Atomizers, Ebony Mirrors, Puff Boxes, Manicure Sets, Etc.,

We will for the next TEN DAYS give a discount of 25 per cent up on all articles shown in our east window. Many choice goods are left. Call early and GET A BIG BARGAIN.

Stillman's Drug Store.

We give Knives and Atlas Checks to our Customers.

runaway a few weeks ago, is improving and able to walk about the house.

Miss Lizzie Kluck, who is learning the art of dressmaking at Schuyler, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kluck.

Clint Stevenson is having a fine hog shed built 12x36, the cost of which when completed will be about \$200. Wm. Bockley does the carpenter work.

The revival meetings at the Richland M. E. church will be continued one more week. Rev. and Mrs. Hovers are untiringly for the salvation of the sinner.

Joe Smith with his steam power has just finished shelling 2,000 bushels of corn for Ed. Ketchum, who had it contracted for Ketchum Bros. for 22 cents per bushel.

Joe Bucher has rented his farm of one section to other parties and the present renter, Fritz Benzinger, moves to Henry Luckey's farm in Platte county, while Mr. Luckey becomes a citizen of Columbus.

W. H. Grover, who is at Painesville, Ohio, visiting, has sold his farm of 120 acres and purchased one near Silver Creek, to which place he expects to move in the spring. We regret to lose Mr. Grover and family, as they are good Christian citizens. Our loss will be Silver Creek's gain.

The Christmas and New Year campaign is evidently over. Hosts of our farmers purchased goods at Columbus and Schuyler. People had money to spend and the store keepers took active measures to have them spend it. We think there was a larger and finer display of holiday goods this year than ever before. The joy of Christmas is one of the few exceptions that never grow old. The delight of giving is perennial—an ever-recurring proof of the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

During a recent high wind the wire to Rich Stevenson's tripod steel mill broke and with the wind blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour and the 8-foot wheel revolving very rapidly, it was dangerous for one to ascend the tower to make repairs. But hoped the wind would go down, but it did not it had to run all night and part of Sunday before it could be temporarily repaired. The owner regrets it, for it was the first time the mill had ever run on Sunday and the first accident to it since its erection in March, 1890.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Talbitter of Monroe have gone to Ohio and Pennsylvania to visit old friends.