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 In the future as in the past we shall endeavor to make the coming year as prosperous as possible for you by giving the best shoe values for your money to be found anywhere. That we have been doing so in the past is attested by the magnificent patronage we have enjoyed during the year that is just closing. Many a person has found that our motto, "It Pays to Buy at Going's," is indeed true. To YOU who have not been enjoying the prosperity due to our shoe values, we desire to press our claims upon YOU. We can save you money if you will only give us the chance.
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ANNUAL LINEN SALE

Beginning Tuesday, January 2, 1900.

We shall open our annual sale of Linens and Home Furnishing Goods. A full and complete stock of Damask and Damask Sets, Napkins, Towels and Spreads.

Everything Marked Down During this Sale.
 In every department all Seasonable Goods, short lengths and odd lots will be marked down at prices to close them out.

We advise our customers to make their purchases early in the month and secure the best selections.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The Church Societies observe the Day With Appropriate Ceremonies.

Another Christmas is numbered with the past and will soon be only like a pleasant dream which we all trust will come again. The usual gifts to the needy were made by those in more fortunate circumstances and several homes were made happy by thus being able to enjoy just as good Christmas dinners as anyone would wish for. All that was lacking to make the day a genuine Michigan Christmas, was snow and sleighing, but the clouds being in the clouds for travel is not for this to some extent. As in the custom, the different church societies observed the day in various ways and the children were made just as happy as they could be.

The M. E. church held their exercises on Saturday evening and despite the storm the church was filled to the doors. The program of the evening was a cantata read by members of the church and Sunday School and where all did their best to give an one for special mention. Old Santa Claus was represented by Ed Hagerman and he did his part in a very creditable manner. The part taken by Mr. LaFargy added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The church was handsomely decorated, a large Christmas bell being one of the chief attractions and in the song by the children was made to take an important part. The tree was loaded with presents which were distributed at the close of the program.

The Presbyterian Society held their exercises Monday night. The edifice was trimmed with evergreens and other decorations were everywhere visible and a large audience was present to witness the exercises. The society gave a cantata called Santa Claus and the U. S. M. the first character being taken by Presley Hanna and the latter by Charlie Shain. The way these gentlemen listened to various appeals and disposed of worthy matters was well worth remembering to say the least. The Christmas convention, as it might properly be called, was represented by delegates from different countries all of whom had a good word for Santa Claus and the U. S. M. The characters were represented as follows and all did well in the different parts: Uncle Sam, Charlie Shain, Santa Claus, Presley Hanna; Mrs. Santa, Mable Knott; Little Nicholas, Jack McLaughlin, E. S. Jennie Cagle, Indian, Marion Elly, Orient, Marion Cagle, G. W. Ward, Ward, South, Lou McLaughlin, France, Ann Millard, Ireland, Minnie Ford, China, Earl Ward, England, Jessie Baker. Besides these a band of pickaninies whose faces looked strange and whose names we did not recall were also present and enjoyed themselves greatly. The distribution of gifts followed the exercises and everyone of the scholars were remembered by some token which was judging from appearances highly appreciated.

The Christmas exercises at the Baptist church were exceedingly interesting as usual, consisting of suggestive songs, recitations, readings, etc., winding up with the appearance of a real live Santa Claus. E. J. Kinnaman, to assist in distributing the presents. A most enjoyable time was had, the children were all delighted as well as everyone else present. This society observed Monday night.

The United Presbyterian church had speaking, singing and other appropriate exercises Monday evening which were enjoyed by all present. A tree in the basement of the church was made the hearts of the children rejoice and they were not disappointed. Each one received a present of some kind. A nice little supper was served by the ladies of the church for which there was no charge made and was heartily enjoyed by all. The number of scholars in this church is about 50 and much good is being accomplished in a quiet way.

The extra attractions for Christmas at St. James Episcopal church consisted of very beautiful decorations and solos in the Te Deum by Miss Belle Smith, soprano, and Messrs. E. R. Smith, tenor and John Rainey, basso. There was no Christmas tree. The Sunday School as conducted by Mr. Sanger, of Detroit, is being augmented weekly by new members and awakening interest. A trip to the new Wonderland in a special car over the D. & P. Electric is one of the things the Sunday School is looking forward to in the near future both by the scholars and all their teachers.

The only accident that we have heard of occurred at Miss South's school in the City district in Southfield. While the presents were being distributed, Santa Claus, represented by Wylie Bassett, got too near one of the wax candles and before he could extinguish the flames his whiskers had gone up in smoke. The exercises proceeded, however, and a hearty laugh was the only result of the

NEWS FROM MANILA.

Officers Elected.
 Birmingham commander, No. 41, Independent Order Red Cross, have elected these officers: Commander, M. R. Blair; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Stella Parks; prelate, W. Burtraw; recorder, Miss Minnie Wilson; financier, Mrs. Leta Wilson; treasurer, Elmer Monroe; 1st sergeant, Mrs. William Hardy; 2nd sergeant, Mrs. Beanie Monroe; guard, Mrs. W. Burtraw; sentinel, Mrs. Zua Mills; trustee one, I. N. Baker; trustee two years, A. McDougall; trustee three years, Mrs. Emma Tibbils.

The Ladies Foresters elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. C. Ida Simpson; Sub. C. C., Louisa Reynolds; K. S., Sarah Carter; F. S., Fannie Shain; G. G., Lolla Hutton; L. G., Polly Greer; I. G., Mary Wright; O. G., May Baxter; Trustees, Mrs. Mary McBride, Mrs. Anna Fall and Mrs. Abel.

Fred and Flora Chatfield Tell of That Far Away Land.

MANILA, P. I., Oct. 30, 1899.
 My Dear Father, I got to bed last night and I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I like the place pretty well. We are a reserve company and we are in the trenches along the river and bay. We are five miles inside the real lines, but we see a good many insurgents. I can say that we keep supplies going all right. Some men from the U. S. M. take more than five pounds of rice through a hole in the ground to the other provision. A good many natives live between here and the line and a good many try to get large loads through on the pretense that they are taking it home. But I guess that they don't get much past our post. The first night we were here some men on the line imagined he saw a man in a tree. He fired at the supposed Filipino and in less than a minute bullets were flying thick. Some men from the U. S. M. got out of the line and got a bullet through his shoulder. But he is not seriously hurt. When Flora came out here last evening she brought her camera and I went to try to get some good pictures for you. Sue has nerve to stay in this country, much less to come away out here. She works part of the time and she is doing her best work. She has changed a good deal, but anyone would say that I was the older of the two. We will soon join Wheaton's company. I would like to see you and go out in the line (I should bear a share of a fight).

The people are much different from the ones we had in the States. I must say they are nearer in appearance. They keep their homes cleaner, too. Yesterday I saw a wedding. It must have been a wedding from the States. Everyone turned out with a crowd. The men and the ladies were in full dress. Shoes are scarce, too, but they are not bothered with coming going barefooted. The men put on a pair of thin pants and a shirt, and with a cigar worn in the south-east end of their mouth are dressed out of sight. The procession was headed by a band, I heard some man call it a band, and he still lives and following them we four men carrying a beer on their shoulders on which was some image. I do not know what it was to represent. It was profusely decorated with brass trimmings and parlor lamps. The crowd was so thick that I could not see very well. While the crowd stood around the church, the band stood under the trees and made life miserable for all within their hearing, and made us all wish that we had gotten out. I do not know how it would take to quit it. I do not know when the ceremony took place, but the people who had been smoking cigarettes and chewing snuff began laughing, so I supposed that the misery had been ended and one more people had begun life's raps.

The people are fast becoming Americanized. They drink a native liquor, which gives a man epileptic fits after about two drinks; shoot craps and all other American sports. A custom among them is the free distribution of cigars at funerals. We have several of them every day, and our first thought in the morning is, "How many cigars will we get today?"

O. S. Well, I had a flying trip to Manila today. I went in on business. My company has 18 sick out of 103. But my opinion is that a good many are affected with "cold feet."

I want to see the Wallied City. This Manila proper. It is surrounded by a high stone wall with only two entrances. Each gate is protected by a draw-bridge and

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Friendless Old Man.
 Patrolman Crosby found feeble old man in the possession of rags and chilled to numbness. He is almost in his dotage and without a friend or relative in the city he has a book, unfurnished room in a shanty on Woodbridge St. and wanders about to earn a meal, which he gets at irregular intervals.
 "I was just warm'n' my fingers, judge," he said to Justice Wheaton in a quavering voice. Sentence was suspended—Detroit Journal.

To Whom It May Concern.
 Having sold out my bakery and restaurant to Harry J. Featherston, and wishing to have all accounts settled, I would like to have all those owing me to please call at the restaurant as soon as convenient and settle either with myself or Miss Wilcox.
 Mrs. EMMA TIBBILS.
To the Taxpayers of Troy.
 I will be at the Exchange Bank Saturdays formerly Mondays; Robbins' store, Big Beaver, Tuesdays; Cuttings' store, Troy Corners, Wednesdays; Harris' store, Cleburn, Thursdays; at home, Fridays, until January 10, 1900. CHAS. BARKER, Township Treasurer.

Notice to the Taxpayers of Bloomfield.
 I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham on Saturdays until the 10th of January, 1900. I will be at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac on Saturdays, and at home every Friday until January 10th next. I sincerely hope that this notice will not be misunderstood and am very sorry that my former ones have been misconstrued.
 N. C. HERNSON,
 Township Treasurer.

Notice to the Taxpayers of Troy.
 I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham on Mondays, Robbins' store at Big Beaver Tuesdays, at Cuttings' store, Troy, on Wednesdays, Harris' store in Cleburn on Thursdays and at home on Fridays, until January 10, 1900.
 CHARLES BARKER, Township Treasurer.

Notice to the Taxpayers of Southfield.
 I will be at the following places to receive taxes: Southfield, December 26; Erit's Mill, December 28; Harmon P. O., Jan 2; Bedford, Jan 4, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., and every Friday at Franklin during tax season.
 H. J. BROUGHTON, Southfield Treas.

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