FRANKLIN

Misses Helen and Margaret Slade, of Detroit, are visiting Mrs. Buell, of this village.

Mrs. A. Benedict, of Detroit, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith.

A friend of Miss Grace Wallstead's from New York is visiting at her home during the holidays.

Herbert Steehle, of Linden, has been calling on friends and neighbors here. Welcome, thrice welcome.

Mrs. Allen, of this village, has just returned from a visit during Christmas among friends and relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. F. D. German enjoyed Christmas dinner with the latter's sister, Mrs. W. McKinney, of Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McKinney, of Birmingham, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mr. A. O. Dunbar, the past week.

The Iola club will give one of their series of dancing parties on New Year's eve at Franklin Public hall. A prize will be awarded to the best waltzers.

Miss Lucile Randall, of North Farmington, called on friends on the Town Line. She was accompanied by Mrs. Edwards also from the same place.

Mrs. G. H. German and daughter Amy have returned from Lansing, where they have been visiting at the home of Leon German. They had a lovely time while there.

The holiday rush is now on and every one carries a happy and contented look This is one of the brightest times of the year, the season that is now passing and of the new year before us.

The Edgewater club met at the home of Miss Esma Harger, of Pine Lake. A fine time was the order of the evening. The next meeting will be at the home of Ward Eagle, near this village.

Christmas day was well spent in the American way of having family dinners and Yuletide merry making. One of the dinners was given at the home of W. W. Adams'. A lovely time was had by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Adams, of Pontiac, formerly of this place, are rejoicing over the arrival of a Chriatmas gift in the way of a young son. May he live long for their future happiness are the wishes of their many friends here.

One of the bright events of the holiday season was an elegant house party given by Miss Addie Sly at her spacious home in honor of some of her close friends and neighbors. An elegant repast was served and those present report a fine time and a day long tobe remembered.

Mail carrier on route 2 was the recipient of Christmas gifts from some of his friends. One gift we noticed which proved to be a very beneficial one but still a good joke on the one receiving it. But never mind, no more said. Only a little fun on the receiver but a gift well meant from the giver.

Miss Keller, who teaches in the German district, gave a Christmas entertainment on Thursday eve. The pupils with their recitations and Christmas dialogues did well under the direction of their teacher. Many of the younger pupils filling the places of the older pupils, a credit to their instructor. A Christmas tree with a real live Santa Claus which the children enjoyed to the fullest. A vacation for a week is now in vogue.

Stung for 15 Years

By indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and $200.00 worth of medicine in vain, B. F. Ayscue, of Ingleside, North Carolina, at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure constipation, billiousness, sick headache, stomach, liver, kidney and bowel troubles. 25c at James W. Cobb's, Charles J. Shain's and J. F. Wooster's.

BIG BEAVER

Miss Strong spent a day in Detroit, recently.

Mrs. Burt Shults is visiting relatives in Lansing.

Miss Edna Harris was home for Christmas.

Miss Daly of Detroit, is at home for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Palmer Howlett spent Thursday shopping in Detroit.

Homer Ebling and wife were guests of Edgar and Mrs. Lamb.

Will Clark and family spent Xmas with D. Harris at Royal Oak.

Clark Harris and family took Xmas dinner with son Jay at Royal Oak.

Mr. Fred Ford and family had Xmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. Converse.

Miss Elizabeth and Katie Levy have have been spending a few days in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Harry Simpson and family were visitors at Mrs. Simpson's parents' in Royal Oak, recently.

The Misses Dora and Pearl Lamb are at Flint visiting, and were present at the wedding of a dear friend.

Mr. Harry Gardner, of Royal Oak, has made several trips here lately in the interests of the Lavery estate.

Daniel Pearsall has sold his grocery business at Hale, Mich., and 'tis said he may in the near future embark in business here.

Mrs. Orville Smith, and Mrs. James Dongero of Rochester, were Christmas' guests of their parents' Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lamb, sister and brother, Miss Lamb and Mr. Samuel Lamb enjoyed Xmas dinner with Payson Halsey and family.

A large number of people gathered at the M. E. church here on Xmas eve. where a christmas tree and interesting program was given and much enjoyed by all. Mr. Bert Clark did duty as old Santa Claus.

Served as coffee, the new coffee-substitute known to grocers everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee will trick even a coffee expert. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Pure, healthful, toasted grains, malt, nuts, etc., have been so cleverly blended as to give a wonderfully satisfying coffee taste and flavor. And it is "made in a minute," too. No tedious 20 to 30-minutes boiling. All grocers.

R. D. NO. 1

Howard Russell is home from the North for a two weeks vacation.

Charles Shepherd and family took Christmas dinner with his brother Wm. Shepherd.

John D. Rocke—no! Evans presented L. H. Rousseau with a bag of Northern Spies.

Miss Ruth Russell is spending her vacation up with her cousins, and will be there 8 or 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hanna spent their Xmas at Detroit with their mother, Mrs. William Mills. It was a family reunion.

Druggist C. J. Shain presented all R. D. boys that smoked a box of cigars, and those who didn't smoke a nice pocket-book.

Marion White lost a valuable horse last week. They took a load to Detroit and coming home the horse took sick and died shortly after getting home.

Now then, the R. D. Carriers want to thank their patrons, one and all for their many kindnesses in remembering the boys. Many thanks to you all. The Rural Delivery Boys.

District No. 7 had a Xmas tree, and you talk about a big bunch of happy little people. Here they are. A good time was given to all who attended by the teacher, Miss Baker.

At the Cort's home Xmas presents were numerous and valuable. Miss Hazel received a hand-made dresser, Oscar, a dandy hand sleigh, and last but not least, Master Nelson received a fine watch.

R. D., No. 3, August Skibowski was also remembered, by a $5.00 gold coin, a big box of Senator K. cigars, candy and a lot of other things he ain't saying a word about. Just the same he is as happy as the day is long.

Henry W. Cort and family held a Xmas reunion. John Cort and family of Redford, and William Cort of Livonia, and Mrs. Cort, his mother, and his sister and husband, Grover Woodruff of Detroit, and your Hon. also took a big dinner in.

Sam'l S. Rogers, R. D. 5, that good old man was made happy by his patrons Christmas day by receiving a big purse of money as a token of his goodness to his patrons. He also received potatoes, chickens, apples, oats, squashes, pork, and lots of other things good to eat.

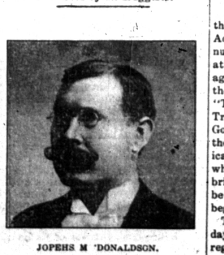
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Young & Sons have resigned their positions at C. G. Jackson's after 2 years and 3 months, and gone to work S. C. Axford's big 190 acre farm. Mr. Young has been a faithful man to Mr. Jackson, and we shall all miss the family very much.

Rural Carrier, No. 4, the Rt. Hon. Adam F. Gray was also presented with a big chicken ready to go into the oven by that good lady, Mrs. Mack Shain, He also received lots of presents from other good people on his route, such as cigars, oats, apples and other eatables.

Now then, cometh R. D. No. 2, Mr. I. N. Voorheis, with a big turkey. Just think! From the good Sly family. Now remember everything went with it to make a Christmas dinner. He also received en route chickens, apples, oats, and in fact everything to make life worth living at this time of the year.

Now Carrier No. 1 received his share and is happy. A bag of oats from LaVerne Blumberg, also one from Henry W. Cort, bag of shelled corn, from Mr. Robert Cromie a big basketful of Xmas dinner, chicken, squash, jellies, plums etc., etc. from the Fairview farm; a nice big piece of fresh pork, and pie pumpkins, box of cigars from Dr. F. W. Young; honey from Carl Code, and many other artilcles too numerous to mention.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, New Hampshire, writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by all druggists.



JOPEHS M 'DONALDSON.

Jos. M. Donaldson, prop'r of the Home Furnishing Co., of Pontiac has made many homes happy this winter. He furnishes your home with everything you need from the cook stove to the cradle. Read their new advt. in next week's ECCENTRIC.

TROY

Mrs. Helen Clark is quite sick again.

Harvey Briggs and family are visiting at Chauncey Buttons.

Merry Christmas is past and the next in order is a Happy New Year.

Charles Gibbs has been quite sick, but is now able to be out again.

Bert Butler and his daughter Irene visited in Troy one day last week.

Miss Pearl Burrows and sister Clara spent Christmas with their parents in Troy.

Dr. and Mrs. Freeland, of Mason, and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Smith spent Christmas at the Hadsell home.

Wedding bells were ringing when Miss Mary Crell and Wm. Fröhm were married at the home of the bride's parents near Rochester.

One of the finest school exhibitions we have ever witnessed was given at Troy hall Christmas eve by the children of the north school under the management of their teacher, Miss Grove. The hall was full to overflowing and the exercises were a success.

Preventics, the new candy cold-cure tablets, are said by druggists to have four special specific advantages over all other remedies for a cold. First—They contain no quinine, nothing harsh or sickening. Second—They give almost instant relief. Third—Pleasant to the taste, like candy. Fourth—A large box, 48 Preventics, at 25c. Also fine for feverish children. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

Clawson

Mr. and Mrs. Payson Halsey had a family reunion Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Floyd Hunt spent Christmas in Pontiac

Charles Poole has gone to Midland to spend Christmas also a few days hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson entertained company from Detroit last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortman gave a dinner for their children on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bowers.

Jack Lawson and family ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, in Detroit.

The Log Cabin school exercises were very good and well attended last Thursday evening.

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best, but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them—makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures pimples, sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Try it. Infallible for piles. 25c at James W. Cobb's, Charles J. Shain's and J. F. Wooster's.

COUNTY LINE

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin spent Sunday in Warren.

Anthony Wolf has purchased the Alpha Parks farm.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bohm recently, a boy.

John Preisel will move on his own farm in the spring.

John Martin visited his brother Will, of Corunna, last week.

Nellie Terry, of Pontiac, is spending her vacation with Edna Busch.

Charles Anderson and Terrance Dunn have purchased gasolene engines.

Mrs. Metro, an old resident of Warren, was buried their last Thursday.

Miss Ora McClure is spending two weeks with her parents in Washington.

Miss Emma McClure is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Martin.

Miss A. O. Blunt, of Birmingham, spent Christmas with M. H. Blunt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz and family spent Christmas with Detroit friends.

Fred T. Wilson and Miss Grace Martin spent Sunday with H. C. Wilson and family.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste make it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Cures constipation. Sold by all druggists.

AT THE THEATRES.

LYCEUM.

Mr. Mort H. Singer, with the aid of the successful authors, Messrs. Hough, Adams and Howard, has produced numerous successful musical comedies at his beautiful Princess Theatre, Chicago, notably "The Time, the Place and the Girl," "The Prince of Tonight," "The Golden Girl," "Honeymoon Trail," "The Girl Question," "The Goddess of Liberty," etc., etc., but the greatest of all was his quality musical play, "A Stubborn Cinderella," in which Mr. Homer B. Mason is the bright particular star and which will be seen at the Lyceum for one week beginning next Sunday afternoon.

The engagement opens with a Sunday matinee, in addition to which the regular Wednesday and Saturday matinee will be given.

The Woman's Missionary society, of the First Presbyterian church, will meet with Mrs. T. B. Smith, on Maple ave., Wednesday, Jan. 5th. at three o'clock p. m.

GATHERED SMILES

THEY ALL S-S-STUTTERED.

A highly esteemed theatrical manager stammers and stutters to some small degree, and, oddly enough, his ticket-taker has the same peculiarity.

The matinee was just ending, when a well-dressed gentleman appeared at the door, and remarked: "Ex-ex-excuse m-me, b-b-b-but d-d-d-did I leave n-n-my um-um-umb-b-brella here?"

"If you di-di-did," stammered the ticket man, "you will f-f-find it in th-that office over by the d-d-door."

The stranger walked over, and addressed the manager. "Has m-m-my um-um-um-b-b-b-brella b-b-been brought in h-h-here?" he queried.

"What k-k-kind of an um-um-um-b-b-b-brella was i-i-it?" asked the manager, scowling savagely.

"Oh, b-b-b-b-blazes," he stuttered, "you c-c-can k-k-keep the b-bub-bub-blamed um-um-um-b-b-b-brella!"

The Landing.

"Did you have any trouble in descending from your airship?"

"No, the aviator says we didn't. He says it was one of the finest gliding descents he ever made."

"It had no effect on you personally, then?"

"Why, little. After we struck the ground and I contrived to shake my Adam's apple down from my upper cerebellum and untangle my waist band from my necktie I felt all right."

Grace's Hat and Her Friend.

Her Kind Friend—Why Grace, there you are dear with your new hat. Isn't it just lovely! A perfectly stunning creation and I'm sure you are most bewitching in it.

(As Grace disappears down the street)—I'll bet the people who read this joke think I'm going to knock Grace now that she's gone, but I'm not. I really do think she's too sweet for anything.

In the Wrong Place.

Grocer (answering kicker's phone call)—Dry as a bone, you say? Why, sir, you must be mistaken. Those oranges I sent you were selects—the best in the store—they were raised in California, on irrigated land.

Kicker—Oh, the dickens with the irrigated land! I want irrigated oranges!

DARING WILLIE BUGG.

Mrs. Bugg—Willie, come down from that north pole this instant! Do you want to catch your death of cold?

Polyglot Parrot.

Our parrot talks three languages,
The talk of course, is rot.
But you'll admit that Polly is
A sort of polyrat.

A Promise.

"Say, old chap," complains the bridegroom to the reporter, "your paper didn't print very much about our wedding at all. We really felt slighted."

"Well, the story was crowded out by some unusually big news," explains the reporter. "Tell you what. We'll make up for it by giving you folks a whole column when you get your divorce."—Chicago Post.

Taking Due Precautions.

"Maria," said the man who was in the habit of coming home late in a suspicious condition, "I wish you wouldn't have the carpenters repair the front stoop."

"And why not?" inquired the wife.

"Well, I can't waltz into the house at midnight if I have to learn three or four new steps."

Worth Talking About.

"Speaking of Dr. Eliot's five-foot shelf of books, which has lately been extended—"

"Oh, I'm tired of hearing about Dr Eliot's book shelf."

"I was going to say there used to be a pantry shelf at home about five feet long that was always full of jam."

Compared.

Little Willie—Say, pa, did you ever see a mummy?

Pa—Yes, my son.

Little Willie—What did it look like?

Pa—Like a dried apple on a large scale, my son.

Just Possible.

"Man was made to mourn," quoted the moralizer.

"Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "and woman was made to see that he does it."

Looking Forward.

"Why are you looking so happy?"

"My rich uncle has bought him an aeroplane."

"But Curtis says an aeroplane is as safe as an automobile."

"And I believe it; that's why I am so happy."

Different Now.

Mathews—They say your grandfather was very successful as an explorer.

Travers—Yes, he was. Nearly everybody used to believe him.

CAN'T ALWAYS TELL.

He always went to Sunday school,
That little boy so good,
And looked into his teacher's eyes,
As if he understood.
He never broke a window out,
Nor punched a smaller chap;
Who didn't have his length of arm,
Or strength with which to scrap.

I guess you never saw a boy
Who had much better traits.
And now you'll say: "I know; he soon
Grew up and went the gaits.
And broke his poor old mother's heart
And landed in the pen
And sadly pondered through the years
Over what he might have been."

My friend, you'd better guess again—
That little boy so good,
Who looked into his teacher's eyes,
As if he understood,
Is drawing twenty thousand plunks
A year for salary
And by the world's considered as
Successful as can be!

A NEW WEAPON.

A New Jersey woman says the frying-pan is the cause of many divorces. Has the frying-pan taken the place of the poker?

Variable Results.

Although a careless word may be
The cause of troubles most intense,
How many speeches long we see
That don't make any difference.

Just Possible.

He was a humorist. At least he had convinced the editor of the Beanville Bazoo to the extent of four dollars per week that he was.

"Do you believe that story about George Washington chopping down a cherry tree is founded on fact, Mr. Squibbs?" queried the editor's daughter.

"No, I don't," answered the four-per funny chap. "It's plain to be seen that it was invented by a hack writer."

The Limit of Everything.

"What is the most exasperating thing which may happen to a newspaper man?"

"It's when he writes an editorial denouncing papers which reproduce articles without credit and then finds that seven unscrupulous sheets run his brilliant essay as their own."

The Outlook.

"Your boy is in college, isn't he?"

"Yes."

"What business or profession will he follow when he leaves college?"

"Crippled beggar on a street corner, I believe will be the only thing he'll be fitted for; he's on the football team."

Between Friends.

Pearl—I hear that your future husband is a little eccentric?

Ruby—Just a little, dear. He talks to himself, but I'll wager a box of bonbons against a cruller that he won't talk to himself after we are married.

Pearl—No; he won't have the chance.

Just So.

"If possession be nine points of the law," queried the professor, "what is the tenth?"

"Hanging on to the nine with the tenacity of a bulldog," answered the bright law student.

PEPPERISH.

Cynthia—Pa has no feeling at all. Mrs. Hardapple—What's the trouble now, my daughter?

Cynthia—Why, I told pa I was going to render a new opera and he said I had better be rendering lard.

Where Placed.

A kiss may be
Worth while or not,
Depends a great
Deal on the spot.

Hard to Get.

"Do you collect rare coins?"

"Yes."

"What, for instance?"

"Well, the silver dollar is extremely rare with me."

On the Rialto.

"Boothe says he has a leading part in that new show."

"Yes, in the second act he says: 'May I play to a heart?'"—Yale Record.

The Cause.

"Do you believe in auto hypnotism?"

"What else makes people walk right in front of 'em?"

Observant.

"Those people are evidently lovers of music."

"I suppose you say that because you saw the phonograph, but that phonograph is broken."

"Yes, and it looked like it had been broken with an ax."

Feminine Charity.

Him (at the reception)—When the girl at the piano was asked to sing, she declared she couldn't.

Her—Well, she seems to have been guilty of unintentional truthfulness.

Nineteen Ten

Shoes for Men

We are showing all the new and attractive styles in dependable Footwear—Patents, Dull Leathers, Kangaroo, Vici Kidd, Box Calf, and all the new shades in Winter Tans and Oxbloods.

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