

ARTHUR LINN, Editor and Proprietor.

Happy New Year to all.

Two-Thirds for Governor Vessey.

A number of the boys were talking politics in Mr. Kuddert's restaurant Monday and some were making stiff claims for some of the candidates for governor. There were 16 voters in the room at the time and a straw vote was called for which resulted in 11 for Governor Vessey and 5 scattering. That's about the way it will run through the state.

The Vermillion Republican says that the unusual display of sundogs this month has not reduced the price of sausage according to Vermillion tariff rates.

County Superintendent Lawrence has the hearty endorsement and support of all the leading educators of the state for State Superintendent, and State Superintendent Ustrud considers him the best man in the state for the office.

We do not believe there is a particle of foundation for the alleged charge that the demand for investigation of Ballinger conceals a desire to reflect on the administration of President Taft. Ballinger's public and private record brings him too close to the would-be coal land thieves that his innocence must be proven if he remains in the cabinet.

Mexico had no right to stick her greedy nose into the Nicaragua muddle, and Secretary Knox should call her down and demand the return of the plundered country for trial. If the killing Cannon and Grose is not avenged Americans will have a hard time in Latin America hereafter.

Give your boys a chance to test your seed corn. They will want to test their own and can test it all. The LEADER has faith in the boys doing the work well. If the boys need any instruction give to them and thus help to educate the coming farmer. The LEADER would like to see every boy in the county engaged in this work. It means so much for them—it means so much for all.

Judge Aikens, according to Sioux Falls papers, is compelled to sue James Kaufman for his fee in defending and clearing Mrs. Kaufman from the charge of murdering Agnes Polaris. He earned the \$20,000 he demands from Mrs. Kaufman and ten on top of it. No lawyer in this state ever fought a harder battle against such odds and won out.

The state railroad commissioners are trying to give the people some relief from the exorbitant rates charged by express companies. Under the present system the people are paying the railroads and the express companies make the people pay the railroad charges and their own. The railroads could do the business and avoid this additional expense. One N. Y. express company recently declared a dividend of 500 per cent. The state railroad commission must enforce its order for reduction because the people are being robbed.

1910 is before us with all its possibilities for individual and national progress, and is welcomed with hopeful anticipations in every walk of life. The farmer hopes for continued prosperity and good crops; the merchant for increasing business, the laborer for higher wages, and humanity in general seeking happiness and content amidst the wonderfully progressive spirit of the age. A year hence we may be able to note some wonderful achievements now undreamed of. This is indeed the golden age of the world.

James E. Hetter's name has been mentioned in the voters of the county as a candidate for County Treasurer by many friends in Grand Valley. Mr. Hetter is the peer of any man in the county and one of the early settlers, having located in Grand Valley in 1855. He has never held county office and his friends present his name with the knowledge that he is worthy and well qualified and the Leader believes there is no man in the county more deserving.

Special Agent J. A. Fiel has been appointed to traveling auditor for the Southern, and his district covers North Iowa, Minnesota, South and Dakota. He has a host of friends among the traveling public by his courteous treatment and prompt attention to the wants of those who call on him at the ticket office. He is thoroughly posted in all matters pertaining to passenger and freight and his ability in this direction is well known. He is a friendly gentleman, and a most reliable man.

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Correspondence

Lynn Township. Dec. 28, 1909.

Don't forget to write 1910 now!

Miss Calla Tucker spent Christmas with her parents in Canton. She is boarding at A. J. Kuhn's during Mrs. Rae's absence.

Miss Bertha Slocombe who is teaching in Dist. 40 spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Nelson and daughter spent Christmas at John Swanson's.

School closed in Dist. 34 Thursday for a week's vacation. Those present to hear the Christmas program prepared by Miss Reamer and her pupils were: Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Nelson and daughter Opal, Misses Martha and Maggie Sweeter, Miss Thrasie Noethlich, Misses Blanche and Thea Larson and Gust and Albert Ness.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Rae and daughter Muriel left Friday to spend the holidays with relatives at Marcus and Cherokee, Iowa.

Andrew Ness of Clark county sent a very appropriate Xmas gift to John, Sam and Ole Ness, when he sent each a big fat turkey.

Miss Ella Slocombe visited Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ness and children ate their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Noethlich.

Miss Lillie Noethlich came home from A. Brandhagen's Friday to spend Xmas at home.

Miss Jennie Reamer left Friday for Sioux Falls to spend the holidays with her parents.

Pete Temple, Rob Rae and Fred Matusbach have been busy shelling corn the last week.

Miss Calla Tucker who teaches the public school had a Christmas entertainment in her school house Friday afternoon.

Miss Hazel Hicks who teaches in Lincoln Center sent an invitation to old Santa Claus to be present at a tree there Christmas eve. There is no doubt but what he accepted the invitation.

Guy Thompson was a Thursday evening caller at O. P. Nelson's.

Grant. Dec. 28, 1909.

A recipe for roll jelly cake for our Dayton sisters: Roll out raised dough to a quarter of an inch in thickness, cut into equal squares put a spoonful of jelly in one corner, roll over and over and over. When raised light, bake in a hot oven.

Miss Minnie Stubstein has been helping her sister, Mrs. H. Skie for some time.

There has been a big demand for sleighs among the farmers but the implement dealers were unable to supply them.

There seems to be someone in the western part of Grant township that is hard up or full of meanness, as several mean acts were done just before Christmas. Mr. Slauter had a number of chickens stolen and Pete Murray lost a quarter of beef out of his cellar and other criminal acts have been committed. The parties are spotted and had better look out as they are closely watched.

Ed Jackson was seen last Thursday in Worthing as he was about to board the train. The boys asked him where he was going and Ed informed them he was going up into Clark county to look for corn picking. That didn't seem to satisfy the boys as he was dressed up for a holiday vacation, but possibly he may have a bone to pick with somebody up there and we hope Ed will return safely.

Jennie Reamer closed her school in District 34 Thursday for the holiday vacation. She left Friday for Sioux Falls to enjoy Christmas dinner with her parents.

Miss Bertha Slocombe closed her school in district 40 Friday for a few weeks' vacation.

Henry Lier has been busy the past week marketing grain.

People were so busy with Christmas shopping last week and otherwise engaged that we were unable to keep track of all.

The best field of corn we have heard of this year is Melvin Sundvold's. He told us a month ago he had two days left to pick. The next week he had a couple of men hunking for a few days and still had two days left. The next week he picked some more and still had two days left. Last week he picked several days and on Christmas eve still had two days left to pick. He informed us that he just couldn't account for it. The more he picked the more he had in the field. This is a great country. Melvin will not be bothered about it next year when he moves to Canton.

There was service in the Lutheran church Christmas day and a large number were present although it was pretty cold.

We felt sorry for the mail carriers who got orders to deliver mail Christmas day.

George Ulrikson of Highland has been out this way for several days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stubstein were callers at Henry Skie's Sunday.

Melvin Sundvold and family took dinner with Mrs. S. Hill Sunday.

Gilbert A. Fodnes and family drove up to O. Nilson's in the northern part of the county Sunday to enjoy a sleigh ride.

The families of K. O. Gedstad and Ole Fodnes took a drive over in Turner county Sunday and visited with the family of Andrew Waagard.

A baby boy arrived at the home of Henry Skie Sunday. We offer congratulations.

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enjoying a moonlight sleighride Sunday evening.

Andrew Hattlevetd has been visiting at the Hill home during the holidays.

Mrs. C. Fodnes left last week for Hartwick, Minn., to spend Christmas with her folks at that place.

O. Lier and family spent Christmas eve with Theodore Fodnes.

Get in the habit of writing it 1910, and we hope it will give us more smiles and sunshine.

We are thinking of our lady friends in Perkins county and feel sorry for their being out on their claims all alone this cold weather. Hope some good bachelor will look after them and leave some of them a good overcoat to use. It must be awful lonesome, not even a chance to say "Get up old man for breakfast."

Riverside. Dec. 29, 1909.

A Happy New Year to all.

Ideal Christmas weather with plenty of moonlight and sleighing.

Mr. Yofuf Brynjulson is a very sick man at the present writing.

Tom Belby has been at Sioux City and other points spending Xmas.

The Misses Hannah and Alpha Brynjulson expect to leave about Jan. 1st for Brookings college to take up a course in that famous institution of learning.

Some of our young folks drove into Canton Monday evening to enjoy a Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Holter are visiting with Lars Holter and family of Platte, S. D.

Lauritz Olson and Carl Holter arrived in Riverside on Christmas eve direct from Kennebec, S. D. to spend the holidays with their folks here.

Bob sleds are in big demand here at present.

Keith Bros. shelled corn for Mark Hunter last week.

Lauritz Olson and family and Carl, Otto, Martin and Laura Holter and Hannah Brynjulson were royally entertained at the home of Halvor Olson of Highland Center on Christmas day. Others present were E. Olson and daughters Inga and Helen, and B. Relerson and family.

Anton Torkelson and Miss Ida Olsen were Riverside visitors Monday afternoon. Miss Olsen returned to Sioux Falls on the evening train.

Grand Valley's hustling candidate for county treasurer has been busy for some time hauling from his big grove to the saw mill. Mr. Holter is still an active Grand Valley farmer and not a "former resident" as appeared through a slight mistake in a recent item.

Henry Anderson is helping Mark Hunter haul out a quantity of corn cobs.

The Grand Valley Telephone Co. held a special meeting Tuesday evening.

Norway Items. Dec. 30, 1909.

A number of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haldor Borgnes Monday and had a very enjoyable time.

John Newberg has been quite sick but he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson visited at Mr. Whiting's near Alcester Sunday.

Charlie Hall of Running Water, surprised his parents Xmas eve by coming home to spend Xmas. Charlie is a prosperous rancher and is glad to come home once in a while.

Miss Ollie and Arthur Gubbrud came home from Canton to spend Xmas.

Miss Ora Evenson is spending her vacation at home.

Will Anderson arrived home from the west last week.

Miss Nellie Cleveland departed for her home at Avon, Minn.

Miss Minnie and Fred Burki and Miss Edith Taylor came in from the west last week to spend a few days at home.

Miss Sophie Burki came down from Lake Preston for a Christmas visit.

Dayton. Dec. 29, 1909.

A fine Christmas program was given at Dayton Hall by the Sunday school last Friday evening. A large crowd was present as usual.

The Ladies Aid will serve a lunch at Dayton Hall on New Year's eve. Everybody come and help watch the old year out and the new year in.

Roy Leffert was confined to the house with a sick headache Tuesday.

Will Abbott and his daughter Mabel are visiting with Mrs. Ferries in Spink county during the holidays.

Ernest Olsen is back on the farm again after a two weeks' stay in Canton, helping in the store during the Olsen Bros. great clothing sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Quien and son Andrew Sunday'd in Dayton.

Pete Waterbury of Kimball is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Farley and wife of Sanborn visited at Falster's Xmas.

Dick Husman and family took Xmas dinner with Ed Selom's.

A goodly number came out Sunday to hear the Xmas sermon. Rev. Vernon made the story of the birth of the Christ child and the message it brought to us very interesting.

Pete Waterbury and Art Husman went over to Rock Valley Tuesday for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Jensen and daughter Vernate Xmas dinner at Andrew Nelson's.

Fred Keith shelled corn for Mr. Glaze last week. Anyone wishing corn shelled or hay pressed will do well to call on the Keith brothers as they have all the equipments that are needed to do number one work.

Wilbur Shaff is hauling hay for Mrs. Miller from the Thos. Thorson place. It takes a hustler to haul hay at 25 degrees below zero over these roads.

Miss Nettie Olsen returned from Canton Tuesday where she went to spend Xmas.

Anton Bratlie is doing chores for Will Abbott during his absence.

Rachel Wells began school Monday after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bankson drove out from Canton Friday night to be present at the Xmas exercises and spend a few days with relatives.

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Canton Township. Dec. 29, 1909. The Christmas exercises, at the school house Thursday evening were very well attended indeed. The school house was filled to overflowing and fully half of the people had to stand, but all seemed to enjoy the program which was very good. Santa Claus arrived in time to take the presents from the tree, and the children were delighted with that part, and Santa didn't get his whiskers scratched or anything happen to spill the evening. C. V. Ellis and family ate Christmas dinner with Mr. Ellis, parents in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson entertained a large party at a Christmas dinner Saturday. Will and John Haw and families, Lee Richardson and wife and Mrs. Mannell and children were the guests. Richardson and Alwood shipped a car of cattle to Sioux City Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have gone down into Nebraska for a visit, going by the sleigh route. A. Arnold and family were guests of O. D. Nims and family Christmas day. Another mild wave struck this part of the world and Wednesday morning the thermometer was near thirty below when the sun put a stop to it. Let us hope this is the last mild wave this winter. West Canton. Dec. 29, 1909. Frank and Miss Hattie Beck are home from Mitchell for the holidays. Miss Mary Anderson was a most welcome visitor at school last week. Mrs. Chris Thompson is spending the holidays with relatives in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Millage visited at L. T. Stetten's last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lantaff of Sioux City spent Christmas at home. Pupils of district 17 enjoyed a Christmas tree Friday afternoon. Rev. Burff and W. J. Byrnes were calling in this neighborhood last week. John Haw and family spent Christmas at J. J. Richardson's. Mr. and Mrs. Ardee Millage visited at W. L. Millage's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Welde and children of Esterville, Iowa are visiting at M. Walde's. The Beck and Roy Millage families spent Christmas at Rev. Bohen's. Mrs. Peters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peckham, arrived a few days ago from Cedar Rapids, Ia., and are visiting at the Peters home. They expect to live on the Charlie Johnson place just north of Mr. Peters. Mrs. Christopherson is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism. Fairview. Dec. 29, 09. Mrs. Hanson went to Hudson Monday afternoon to visit relatives. She returned home Tuesday evening and was accompanied by her little niece who will visit at the Hanson home several days. Mr. and Mrs. Mat Lien and two children spent Xmas at the home of Mrs. Ida Henry in Canton. Miss Emily Vermilya was quite sick last week. Mrs. C. R. Wilkinson and Miss Lilia Wilkinson are visiting in Fairview this week. A large crowd attended the Christmas exercises at the Fairview M. E. church Xmas evening. Miss Minnie Silvas is numbered among the sick. The Fairview schools will open Monday after a two week's vacation. The west room has been repaired and now looks neat and clean. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brant and children have returned home after spending a few days visiting Mr. Brant's parents at Westfield. A number of Fairview young people gathered at the Hanson home Monday evening as a surprise in honor of Miss Alpha who is home from Augustana college for her vacation. The evening was spent in dancing and a splendid time is reported. Gust Konz who lives near Mitchell is visiting relatives and friends in and near Fairview. Clem Perlisho went to Hudson Wednesday to have some dental work done by Dr. Okey. Ray Pulver who lives in Canton is visiting at the Vermilya home. A jolly crowd of young people drove out to the home of Knut Amunson Tuesday evening where they were royally entertained. The party was given in honor of Miss Clara Amunson.

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