

RECEIVED BY MANY

MISS RHEA WOODMAN IS GIVEN A FAREWELL RECEPTION

Members of the Christian Church received her at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hill—she is presented with an elegant set of the Complete Works of Dickens—She leaves the City of Her Birth in About a Week, and Will Remain Permanently—Other Affairs of the Holidays.

At the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hill, No. 241 North Emporia avenue, last evening from 8 to 11, there was given a reception by the members of the Central Church of Christ in honor of Miss Helena Rhea Woodman, who is too well known in this city to even hint at introducing here. The reception was given as a mark of honor to show the appreciation of the untiring energy which she has labored in the cause for which all religious bodies bend their energies. She has left no stone unturned, no step untaken, no work undone which she could do, and now that she is soon to depart from the city of her birth to remain permanently after being so long the prospect of her leaving is felt.

The house was thrown open in all its spacious and handsomely furnished apartments and the entertainers soon filled it and warmly received their guests when she arrived. Under each chandelier hung a large bunch of mistletoe, while the rooms were otherwise prettily decorated about the walls and mantels. In the bay window at the south end of the dining room stood a table upon whose snowy white linen rested a large bowl containing lemonade with the accompaniment of iced cream and vanilla sauce.

During the evening Miss Rhea was presented with a handsomely bound set of the complete works of Charles Dickens. Miss Woodman in her reply to the neat and concise presentation speech by Miss Lelia Mills, thanked every entertainer with its beauty of phrase and tender regard for the thoughtful friends who had thus remembered her.

Miss Woodman leaves about the first of the year for Lawrence, Kan., where she will remain at the State University while pursuing a special course of study until June next, after which she expects to go on to Chicago, Ill., to study for a year. To say that she will be missed in the social circle in which she has been a moving spirit is not the least sort of an exaggeration. Her many friends, her daughters in Hippala and in her part, and more than her part as a church worker would almost be intense irony.

Her friends, beyond counting, give her all that it is possible for them to give, warm, loving, lasting heartfelt hopes for her future.

THE FANTASTIC

The Commercial Travelers' ball on the night of Christmas was a very enjoyable affair. The jolly drummers never enjoy things by halves, and they did not break their record this time. The floor was in excellent condition, and the attendance was ample enough to satisfy any one, and the floor was as full as was comfortable during every number.

Professor Blume supplied the atones which set the dancing and exercising enjoyed themselves thoroughly until quite a late hour.

The hall had been previously decorated with ferns, evergreens, and large foliage plants, and this added not a little to the enjoyment of the scene. Among those present were: Messrs. and Mrs. James S. McNaughton, G. A. Johnson, O. E. Elliott, C. W. Jackson, Danton, L. G. Whittier, Charlie Mosbacher, J. H. Berry, George Diamond, S. B. Amidon, Guy Reynolds, Charles Westard, H. C. McClure, Joe Griffith, C. W. Jackson, E. E. Beach, J. W. Walters, F. Niles, Will Beattie, G. V. Wells, J. P. Peever, H. W. Roach, C. H. McKnight, E. A. Kinnear, W. E. McNaughton, E. E. Keck, G. B. Crum, A. C. Crum, Thomas Elliott, Ralph Millson, Mason Nevins, Mrs. Woodcock, Misses Kate English, Bessie Crum, Neil Howard, Miss Cook, Marie E. Munson, Frank J. Jessing, Lewelling, Olive Clayton, May Zimmerman, Cad Johnson, George Adams, Maud Sargent, Lillian Lewis, Beryl Lehman, Marie Berry, Lena Cox, Miss McQuinn, Marie Berry, Lena Cox, Charles Englehart, Harry Mosher, Dave Kehlner, A. Smith, Dr. Hoffman, George Chapman, Julius Lulling, Ed Grant, Howard W. Dickerson, Matt and De Los Woods, Charles McClain, John Maxwell, Charles Joseph, Bruce Priddy, Tom Glaze, L. B. Jones, C. P. Fullinton and H. Hottel.

SURPRISED THE CHILDREN

Mrs. P. M. Bentley and Mrs. C. M. Garrison entertained a number of their friends at the home of Mrs. P. M. Bentley on South Water street. The house was beautifully decorated with evergreens. About 9:30 the children adjourned to the parlor and found a beautiful Christmas tree laden with presents. Beneath the tree was a beautiful house and garden, and fruit, candy and nuts awaited the children, when they heard the sound of bells, and Santa Claus made his appearance with presents for the little ones. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wigglesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Clair, Mrs. George Dickerson, Mr. Freeman Van Deventer, Miss Mamie Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Hillard, Miss Anna Skinner, Mrs. Van Deventer, Mr. and Mrs. George Whittier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Mr. C. M. Garrison, Mr. P. M. Bentley, Jessie Whitlock, Emma Frank, Lillie Wigglesworth, Pearl Barrows, Ruth Hillard, Emma Munson, Agnes Munson, Gertrude Garrison, Lillian and Dora S. Clair, May Wilkie, Mildred Bentley, Edna Bentley, Hazel Van Deventer, Elsie Van Deventer, Francis Munson, Myrtle Dickerson, Matt and Adeline Hassfeld, Grover Wigglesworth, Charlie Dickerson, Willie Hassfeld, Charlie Hassfeld, John S. Clair and Edward Wigglesworth.

ENTERTAINED AT WHIST

The North End Whist club was entertained by Mrs. Montgomery Bryant last Friday afternoon, at her residence in Park Place. The guests indulged in the game quite interestingly and the prizes were captured by Mrs. Aley and Mrs. Ford. During the course of the afternoon a dainty luncheon was served the guests present. A list of the guests follows: Mrs. George Whittier, Mrs. J. H. Aley, Mrs. Sternberg, Mrs. George Steele, Mrs. Wells Miller, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Judge Reed, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. James Gallop,

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BELICATE WOMEN

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By wife was bedridden for eighteen months, BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR for two months, is getting well. W. M. JOHNSON, Malvern, Ark. BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. Each box of Druggists at \$1.00 per bottle.

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Mrs. George Darling, Mrs. E. E. Keck, Mrs. John Chain, Mrs. L. Villars, Mrs. E. C. Churchward, Mrs. E. B. Churchward, Mrs. Ed Jewett and Mrs. Fred Robinson.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Ida Howard was given a very pleasant party by a number of her friends last Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday. The house was prettily decorated with evergreen, holly and of course a bunch of mistletoe in the center of the parlor. During the evening delicate refreshments were daintily served to the guests present. The evening was spent in games, music and animated conversation, which was by no means least among them; and the guests departed at a late hour wishing Miss Ida many happy returns of as pleasant evenings as any one had been.

TO GIVE A CHRISTMAS TEA

The Ladies' Society of the First M. E. church will give a Christmas tea in the basement of the church on Tuesday evening, December 29, from 5:30 to 9 o'clock, at which the following menu will be served: Cold Turkey, Escalloped Oysters, Hot Rolls, Pickles, Potato Salad, Cheese, Coffee, Pie.

The holiday season opened unostentatiously in society circles. No very elaborate Christmas functions being held. At nearly every home in the city, and in the year for that matter, the event of Christmas eve, and Christmas day was observed to a greater or less extent. It is a day and evening preceding it, by no means the exact or proper time for a Christmas dinner, but it is doubtless in any one can possibly get as much merriment from it as they can. The holly and mistletoe are a part of the festive decorations, and the people who are older than the little folk or grown up little folk not yet old.

In the city the holly and mistletoe are by no means so prevalent as they were a year ago, but it is safe to say that there was more money spent this year for the good, seasonal class of Christmas presents than last season. The falling off in the use of the usual Christmas decorations and especially the mistletoe, need not be regarded as a falling off of the Old English customs, but simply because there is a smaller number of gatherings among your people; and who can say that those which have been and will be held will be enjoyed all the more.

ONE KISS

When my body weakened with fever; When a weight oppressed my brain; When I tossed with the fiery fever, And the pain of the fevered brain; Then wert the great physician, And I could have lived for this, But for the kiss of thy dear hand. If thy lips might meet mine in a kiss, One such as thou couldst have given, But flood me in anguish now, Life I thought to be a dream, But I stagger under my load, And in spirit I follow thee, From the solitude of the road. "Then I'm most long for the blessing, E. A. Kinnear, W. E. McNaughton, E. E. Keck, G. B. Crum, A. C. Crum, Thomas Elliott, Ralph Millson, Mason Nevins, Mrs. Woodcock, Misses Kate English, Bessie Crum, Neil Howard, Miss Cook, Marie E. Munson, Frank J. Jessing, Lewelling, Olive Clayton, May Zimmerman, Cad Johnson, George Adams, Maud Sargent, Lillian Lewis, Beryl Lehman, Marie Berry, Lena Cox, Miss McQuinn, Marie Berry, Lena Cox, Charles Englehart, Harry Mosher, Dave Kehlner, A. Smith, Dr. Hoffman, George Chapman, Julius Lulling, Ed Grant, Howard W. Dickerson, Matt and De Los Woods, Charles McClain, John Maxwell, Charles Joseph, Bruce Priddy, Tom Glaze, L. B. Jones, C. P. Fullinton and H. Hottel.

A Very Popular Calendar

Few people in these busy days are willing to live without a calendar to mark the passing of time. This fact, no doubt, accounts for the calendars of all kinds, colors, shapes and sizes which flood the mails at this season. Among them all the one that best suits us is that issued by N. W. Ayer & Co. of Lowell, Mass. Everlastingly At It! Newspaper Advertising Agents of Philadelphia. We have just received our new copy and are fixed to send you a copy free of charge. This calendar is so great a favorite. The figures on it are large enough to be read across a room; its handsome appearance makes it worthy of a place in the parlor, and its contents are so valuable, it is business-like all the way through. The publishers state that the demand for this calendar has always exceeded the supply. It is now on your way to place upon it a nominal price—25 cents, on receipt of which it is sent, postpaid and securely packed, to any address.

WICHITA COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

Notes and Dots Made of the Week's Transactions. About two-thirds of the students departed for their homes on Thursday to spend their holidays at home or with friends. Miss Hattie Hunt, a recent graduate of the southern department and whose name graduating has been filling nice positions at the college at Gardner and Perry, O. T., made the college a pleasant visit while spending a short vacation in the city. Miss Nellie Clark, a former pupil of the college, who is now teaching in the business college at Hutchinson, Kan., called to visit the college Thursday. Mr. John A. Murphy, who graduated from the commercial department last summer and who has an excellent position in a bank at Enkl. O. T., made a valuable stop at the college Saturday.

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RETURNED TO TOWN

TRAMPS RELEASED TO LEAVE BUT ARE SOON BACK

Officer Horner Takes Them to the City Limits in His Doggy, But They are Caught Later in the Day on East Douglas Avenue—When Caught by Officer Rempeur One of Them had Just Stolen a Coat From a Store—Evidence in Hand Points to Them as Members of a Regular Gang of Thieves.

Yesterday morning three tramps were released from the city castle, paddled over the most instead of sending them out over the drawbridge and compelling them to pay toll. Officer Charley Horner kindly took them into his buggy and helped them on their way by carrying them to the city limits, as they were to leave town immediately upon being released. They promised to not return when set down at the edge of the city, and accordingly started on their way apparently rejoicing at thus being allowed their freedom.

Yesterday afternoon Officer Rempeur arrested one of these same fellows on East Douglas avenue immediately after he had stolen a coat from a merchant. Rempeur was acquainted with the entire outfit and was not much surprised to find all three together. He simply took possession of the coat, the thief and the two other fellows, called the patrol wagon and returned them to the Hotel De Burt. After they were locked up it was found that the same outfit had been operating extensively in this city, and are suspected of being the perpetrators of almost numberless minor robberies which the police have been endeavoring to locate for some time past. They would steal small articles and then offer them for sale in another part of the city. They were placed in a cell to insure safe-keeping and no developments may be looked for later. The names they gave are Burrey, Connors and Pane and in appearance are common, every-day tramps.

STANDS AT THE HEAD

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough and cold. I have spoken of it before. I speak of it now because I have cured my cough and cold with it." Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head of all "cure" preparations. Free trial bottles at Geo. Van Warden's Pharmacy, 238 North Main St., and G. Gehring's Drug Store, northeast corner Topeka and Douglas avenues.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

THE SLAYTON COMPANY

In the engagement of the Slayton Grand Concert company by the Lyceum association for the evening of December 30, the amusement lovers of Wichita have reason to expect a musical treat. The company is a well balanced one, as each member has a well-established reputation for his or her respective line. Miss Mae Estelle Acton, the soprano, has made for herself a wide reputation, not only through her work with her present company, but also through her several years' association with the company of the great violinist, Edouard Reményi, as his soprano soloist. The New York Press, on her initial appearance in that city, pronounced her singing as a revelation in point both of range and intonation. Miss Edith Adams is pronounced by her critics to be one of the most successful and successful young lady cellists on the concert stage this year. Her connection with the Chicago Marine band as a soloist on that instrument has done much to make her reputation for success in her line. Miss Jeanne Scott is the pianist of the company. She is noted for her great versatility, rendering with equal facility classical and popular programs, and critical audiences everywhere pronounce her work, both as a pianist and accompanist, surpassingly excellent. Miss Anna LeBaron, who is with the company this season, is a representative of a new school of popular entertainers, and has displayed wonderful dramatic talent in her work. She is a graduate of the Lyceum, Boston College of Oratory, and Clara Bowton Elderly, who is at the head of that institution, predicted for her at the time of her graduation, a most brilliant future. That this prediction was a wise one is proven by the flattering criticisms her work has received from both the eastern and western press.

LOUIS JAMES

The dramatic festival with which the management of the Grand Grand regarded the theatre goes of Wichita for the past two days with Louis James and his excellent company, closed last night with the fine production "The Keeping Everlastingly At It" Newspaper Advertising Agents of Philadelphia. We have just received our new copy and are fixed to send you a copy free of charge. This calendar is so great a favorite. The figures on it are large enough to be read across a room; its handsome appearance makes it worthy of a place in the parlor, and its contents are so valuable, it is business-like all the way through. The publishers state that the demand for this calendar has always exceeded the supply. It is now on your way to place upon it a nominal price—25 cents, on receipt of which it is sent, postpaid and securely packed, to any address.

FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE NOTES

Fall Professor of the Past Week at Fairmount College. Professor Leonard in Chicago continuing business with recuperation. Professor isly accompanied by his family, is spending the holidays with his wife's relatives.

QUEEN LIL IN BOSTON

She is Sociable With Friends Made During a Former Visit. Boston, Dec. 26.—Ex-Queen Lilflunka passed the day quietly resting in her suite of rooms at the Parker house. In answer to inquiries she said she had made few plans as yet for the coming year. The ex-queen had hardly finished her breakfast before callers began to arrive, relatives of her husband and other friends made during her previous visit here. They were all received cordially and the hostess seemed to bear the fatigue of her long journey remarkably well.

ON THE LONDON STAGE

"Pilgrim's Progress" is Not up to the Mark by a Good Deal. London, Eng., Dec. 26.—A peculiarity of the amusement world here is the large number of prominent theaters which are closed this week and, incidentally, it has leaked out that the real reason of Sir Henry's withdrawal from the Lyceum theater until after Christmas is not an injury to his leg, but because Saturday's production of "Richard III." showed that the play needed more cutting and revision. The work must be superintended by Irving himself. Julia Arthur, the American actress, who was given a great chance by Ellen Terry, not being in the case of Richard III. apparently failed to embrace the opportunity. Her Queen Ann displeased the critics. The annual performance of "Elijah" by the Royal Choral society during the afternoon of Friday next, Jan. 1, at the Albert hall. The same organization will present the "Messiah" on the evening of each of the next three nights. The first presentation of "Pilgrim's Progress" took place at the Olympic theater on Thursday. The play proved to be a failure, and the manager, Mr. Buryard's work. Grace Hawthorne was

AS EVER FOR WANT OF ROOM

The shelves are all full and more space must be provided during the vacation. Dr. H. M. Graves has placed in the Library 51 magazines, 61 pamphlets and 23 volumes on medicine and surgery. Mrs. Deane, of the Lyceum, can encourage her library by giving him an armful of books or magazines when he calls.

THE MODERN MOTHER

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, than by the use of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

AMERICAN MEAT PRODUCTS

Germany Still Pretends to Turn Up Her Fastidious Nose at Them. Washington, Dec. 26.—There are general indications that the war on American meat products in Germany is to be prosecuted with fresh vigor. United States Consul Warner, at Cologne, has this to say on the subject in a report to the state department: "Notwithstanding the assurances of the United States government that all meat products for export are subjected to a strict examination, the interminable agitation in Germany against the wholesomeness of these products will not cease. It is necessary that the Agricultural association of the district of Cologne the subject of adulterating German sausage with American diseased beef was discussed. I have called your attention to the fact that beef was examined for maggots in Germany, but not so in America. Since in the former country (Germany) sausages are made with infested with American beef that was infested with maggots than with potted meat, the law in force in Germany against dishonest competition, it was said, should be applied in the case of sausages, which would require the marking of the goods as to whether they were of German or foreign origin and had been officially examined or not. Another speaker remarked that it made an immense difference to the welfare of the German people, whether home or foreign meat was used. He therefore declared it necessary that the origin of the meat used in the preparations of the sausages be given. A chemist present said the American beef was not so profusely infested with maggots, but it came to Germany prepared with borax in an astonishing manner. On the exterior of the meat, there was, he asserted, a complete crust of borax and the meat was completely pickled with it. This way and were offered for sale it was clearly a fraud in the sale of food stuff.

ARMOR-PLATE INSPECTION

Investigation Shows it to Have Been Next to None at All. Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Herbert today took up for consideration the report of the special board which investigated the complaints from the Newport News constructors that steel of inferior quality had been supplied by the Carnegie works for the battleships Kentucky and Kearsarge. The report is a copious statement of the facts disclosed in the many tests made by the board and the inquiry has been fully satisfied. The inquiry has demonstrated that the present system of inspection is ineffective, and plates are shown to have been stamped with the name of the inspector's marks. The board has not yet examined the plates for the battleships, but the inquiry has revealed the necessity for another arrangement in the inspection and Secretary Herbert will probably substitute expert civilian inspectors for the present naval officers now employed acting under a special board composed of a constructor and engineer and one line officer, for the present steel board, made up of naval officers, and a representative of the Carnegie works.

JUSTICE PYBOK HAS A DOUBT

He Gives "Immemorial and Uniform Policy" the Benefit of It. New York, Dec. 26.—Justice Roger A. Pryor, of the supreme court, today denied the application of the Aggravated Haste Health, a Hebrew religious society, for a certificate of incorporation. The justice takes exception to this clause of the articles of incorporation: "The time to hold its annual meeting is to be on each and every second Sunday of January of each and every year." Justice Pryor says: "The question is not whether such meetings on Sunday are illegal, but whether they should be approved by a justice of the supreme court. A thing may be lawful and yet not laudable. "As justice of the supreme court, I may not approve that which the immemorial and uniform policy of the state condemns. Because the holdings of corporate meetings on Sunday is contrary to the public policy of the state, if not to the letter of the law, I decline to approve this certificate."

MERELY A MATTER OF FORM

Content Nexion Stated Upon Kentucky's Branch Streets. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 26.—The Republican state committee today served notice of contest on W. B. Smith, the sole Bryan elector who was elected in Kentucky. The notice consists of fifty typewritten pages and alleges fraudulent voting, building, unfair appointments of election officers and other irregularities. Chairman Sam J. Roberts says the notice was prepared and served merely to protect the rights of Republicans in case the Democrats should file contests against the twelve successful Republican electors, as threatened for a time.

HIDES ARE HIGHER

Half a Cent at Around, According to a Trade Journal. Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Chicago Cattle and Leather Review says the hide market is at least 1-2 cent higher all around. The cold facts are that the demand for hides exceeds the supply and the packers are not up to the price. It is thought the sudden appreciation of values will have the effect of checking the buying movement and thus preventing further advance. Country beef hides were sold at 5 cents in Chicago and the big packers

NEWS PAPER ONLY

MANUFACTURERS' COMBINE ON-TEMPLATES NOTHING ELSE

Eastern Trade Differs From Western Trade Hence Getting Together of Manufacturers of the East and of the West is Necessary—Pool to be Formed in the Bituminous Coal Trade—Hides are Higher—St. Louis Sub-Treasury Enters the Clearing House Association—Business Notes.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Evening Post says: A delegation of Wisconsin paper manufacturers headed by J. A. Kimberly have been in this city for several days past conferring with representatives of eastern manufacturers of white paper used by newspapers with a view to entering into a pool with the western manufacturers of the same kind of paper. It is stated that the pool will agree to the proposed combination. Allotment and percentage are the main questions. The trade in the west differs from that in the east and the prospect of an open market for concerns situated at a distance from the great centers is believed to be one of the objects of the proposed union. All that now remains to complete the union of eastern manufacturers seems to be formal action concerning questions of contract, agreement, etc. Although most of the manufacturers are identified with the production of other lines of paper, it is stated positively that the negotiations now pending concern the newspaper paper.

BIUMINOUS COAL TRADE

New Pool is Contemplated for the Tidewater Region. New York, Dec. 26.—The Commercial-Advertiser today says: Important developments will take place in the bituminous coal trade in a few days. It is learned from reliable sources that the association of soft coal interests controlling the tidewater trade has been dissolved for some time past and it is now planned to reach an understanding which shall be stronger and more binding than ever before. There has been continued cutting in prices and the official quotations lately have been nominal only. Meetings of representatives of coal companies have been held recently in this city, Philadelphia and elsewhere to formulate plans in aid of the tide-water bituminous coal trade. The prominent bituminous interests are contemplating the formation of a new pool, stronger and more binding than the present organization. The date has not yet been definitely fixed but the meeting will take place at an early date next year in Philadelphia. What the new plan of agreement provides for will not be made public until the interests have agreed to it.

ST. LOUIS CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Secured \$1.2 cents for active steers. Packer light native cows were also sold 9 cents and Texas steers brought 8-13 cents. In some instances the advance is 1 cent a pound.

MADE THE OPENING PAY

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26.—Sull has been begun by the Empire Mining and Milling company of Maine against the Tomahawk Mining and Milling company of Hartford, Conn., for \$500,000. The two companies own adjoining properties in Maine and the plaintiff has secured a contract to open the property of the plaintiff for \$100,000, and that the defendant company, in opening the plaintiff's property, sold \$500,000 worth of coal.

McKINLEY STAYS IN BOSTON

Canton Mail Carriers Will be Glad When March 4 Comes. Canton, O., Dec. 26.—Major McKinley remained closely inclosed this morning. An unusually heavy mail was received, the mail carrier making a half dozen trips from the postoffice to the residence, each time laden with large bundles of packages, papers and letters. Mr. P. B. Laird of New York called early Saturday morning. Mr. F. G. Crowe of Cincinnati was announced. Both were cordially received and secured a moment's conversation with the president-elect.

BUCKLER'S ARNICA SALVE

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Burns, Scalds, Itching, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale at Geo. Van Warden's Pharmacy, 238 North Main street, and G. Gehring's drug store, northeast corner Topeka and Douglas avenues.

NEERING FISHERY PORTS

Four Thousand People of Fortaine Bay, N. F., Likely to Suffer. St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 26.—Official report to the government that the herring fishery at Fortaine bay, mainly under taken by American vessels, is a total failure and that thousands of people along the harbors in the vicinity of where the herring are usually caught are threatened with starvation. It is estimated that about 4,000 people are injured and that the most of this number will become a burden upon the colony.

CASTORIA

For Children and Invalids. Castoria is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of children and invalids. It is sold at druggists.

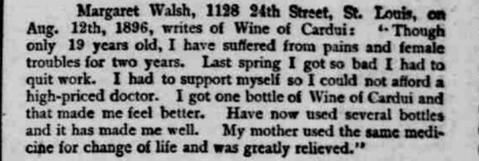
McELEE'S Wine of Cardui FOR WOMEN WHO WORK.

Employment requiring women to stand on their feet or sit in the same position all day increases the tendency to "femal weakness" and bearing down pains. Thousands of women suffer untold misery from this cause every month. They have almost constant bearing down or dragging pains in the abdomen, small of the back and loins. There is a dragging sensation in the limbs, great fatigue and pain in walking, inability to lift heavy weights, constipation and often colic and nausea.

Many women are forced to give up paying positions on account of these troubles. Often ladies will not consult physicians about such disagreeable subjects and many physicians do not treat these difficulties properly. McElee's Wine of Cardui goes right to the root of the trouble and strengthens the afflicted organs themselves. It makes a woman so strong she can stand the unusual strain to which her work subjects her. It is taken quietly at home so that all offensive publicity and humiliating examinations are avoided.

Margaret Walsh, 1128 24th Street, St. Louis, on Ang. 12th, 1896, writes of Wine of Cardui: "Though only 19 years old, I have suffered from pains and female troubles for two years. Last spring I got so bad I had to quit work. I had to support myself so I could not afford a high-priced doctor. I got one bottle of Wine of Cardui and that made me feel better. Have now used several bottles and it has made me well. My mother used the same medicine for change of life and was greatly relieved."

Wine of Cardui is the best medicine for women known to medical science. It regulates the menstrual habit perfectly. It relieves falling of the womb, whites, suppression and flooding. A few doses each month insures painless menstrual periods and freedom from any menstrual disorder. Then a woman can easily be self-supporting and independent. Women who want relief are invited to use Wine of Cardui. Druggists all sell it. \$1.00 per bottle.



LADIES' ADVISORY DEPARTMENT. For advice in cases requiring special attention, address, giving symptoms, LADIES' ADVISORY DEPARTMENT, 1128 24th Street, St. Louis, Mo. NOGA MEDICINE CO., Chattanooga, Tenn.

secured \$1.2 cents for active steers. Packer light native cows were also sold 9 cents and Texas steers brought 8-13 cents. In some instances the advance is 1 cent a pound.

MADE THE OPENING PAY. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26.—Sull has been begun by the Empire Mining and Milling company of Maine against the Tomahawk Mining and Milling company of Hartford, Conn., for \$500,000. The two companies own adjoining properties in Maine and the plaintiff has secured a contract to open the property of the plaintiff for \$100,000, and that the defendant company, in opening the plaintiff's property, sold \$500,000 worth of coal.

McKINLEY STAYS IN BOSTON. Canton Mail Carriers Will be Glad When March 4 Comes. Canton, O., Dec. 26.—Major McKinley remained closely inclosed this morning. An unusually heavy mail was received, the mail carrier making a half dozen trips from the postoffice to the residence, each time laden with large bundles of packages, papers and letters. Mr. P. B. Laird of New York called early Saturday morning. Mr. F. G. Crowe of Cincinnati was announced. Both were cordially received and secured a moment's conversation with the president-elect.

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