

**BIG PRIZES FOR CORN**

State College Corn Contest Held at Ames, Iowa, January 3-15, 1910.

This contest is to be held during the Annual Short Course in Stock and Grain Judging. Several thousand dollars in premiums will be given for corn. The W. K. Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes Co., of Battle Creek, Mich., will give ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS in cash for the best single ear of corn shown.

Everyone is invited to send corn. No entry fee charged and a good prize for every exhibitor whether a premium winner or not.

For premium list and full particulars, address,

P. C. Taff, Supt. of Contest, Ames, Iowa.

Good Christmas trees at The Racket Store at low prices.

**THEY AGREE TO DISAGREE**

Turbulent Voyage on Matrimonial Seas Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jones Disembark in Mid-Ocean.

Turning the key over to his wife W. D. Jones has gone to Des Moines and it is understood that he won't come back any more. Not even to get his Sunday clothes which went with the key. This solution of the matrimonial problem was reached after a double barreled brain storm which lasted several days. According to Mrs. Jones her husband abused her, striking and maltreating her and finally turning her out of the house to walk more than a mile into town one of the coldest nights of last week with her one year old infant in her arms. She arrived at the home of her mother, Mrs. Duncan, nearly exhausted and since then she has determined that wedded life had no more charms for her. Jones claims that he did not turn his wife out, but that she left in a fit of anger and of her own accord. It is a matter of common knowledge however, our city officials say that Jones and his wife had frequent quarrels and that he did strike her. The couple came to Denison last spring. Last summer it was reported that Mrs. Jones attempted to commit suicide by the chloroform route, later two prominent physicians rushed to the home to resuscitate a supposedly dying man only to find a very drunken man instead.

The case occupied the attention of His Honor the Mayor a couple of days last week but was finally compromised by Mrs. Jones taking the goods and Mr. Jones taking his departure. Jones is said to be a good worker and that he would be all right if he left liquor alone. Mrs. Jones is a young woman of attractive appearance and it is to be regretted that her home has been wrecked.

We can save you money on jewelry; let us have your order. The Racket Store.

**PHELAN HAS BIG CONTRACT**

Well Known Contractor Secures Large Canadian Grading Contract.

The daily newspapers, a few days ago, announced that a firm of contractors of Omaha, Nebraska, of which Mr. Phelan is a member, had been awarded the contract for building a large section of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad in western Canada, the portion of the road to be constructed by Mr. Phelan's firm being between Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, and Prince Rupert, the western terminus of the road.

The consideration for the construction is said to be not less than a million and a half dollars.

It may be of interest to the readers of the Review to know that Mr. Phelan's firm has, at this time, a contract to build seventy miles of road for the Union Pacific, in the neighborhood of North Platte, Nebraska, where the double tracking of the line is in progress.

He has also about seventy miles of work for the C. M. & St. P. R. R. Company, up in the neighborhood of the line between North and South Dakota.

These several contracts represent several millions of dollars and give some idea of the stupendous character of the work in which Mr. Phelan is engaged.

He told a party in Denison a few days ago that the work he is undertaking will require the use of 700 or 800 teams to insure its completion.

We are pleased to hear such good reports of a former Crawford county man.

Mr. Phelan is not the only contractor from Denison who has demonstrated his ability to handle large propositions. Mr. A. J. Gary has just completed a paving contract at Boone, amounting to \$55,000.00 or more, and his work is said to be entirely satisfactory, not only to the officials of Boone, but to the tax payers who are putting up the money to pay for the work.

The largest line of candy in the city at The Racket Store at 10c per pound

**SOCIAL NOTES OF THE WEEK**

The social clubs had the "social stunts" quite in their own hands this last week.

On Wednesday Coterie met with Mrs. J. E. Balle and a Christmas grab bag gave the Christmas cheer and no end of fun for the club. Mrs. Balle passed numbers and each member took her turn by number. Mrs. Bleakney drawing number one. The gifts were varied, dainty and exceedingly acceptable. Mrs. Auracher, Mrs. K. A. Romans and Mrs. Chamberlin were the guests of Mrs. Balle. Supper was delightfully refreshing and the ladies enjoyed Mrs. Balle's hospitality in her artistic home very much indeed.

Thursday Coffee Club met with Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin, the secret leaked out that it was Mrs. Chamberlin's birthday and wedding day as well. The ladies lost no time in providing tokens of their good will and interest in their hostess. Mrs. J. B. Romans presented Mrs. Chamberlin with a dozen napkins in a very happy little speech. Mrs. McMahon gave her a lantern to guide the footsteps of the worthy couple as they go on in life and also as a reminder of the crystal wedding. Mrs. McMahon's bright little talk was followed by Mrs. R. A. Romans who gave Mrs. Chamberlin a tete-a-tete tea set. She presented the virtues and comfort of tea in a clever little address. Mrs. Kirkup gave the hostess a birthday cake together with a poem on her birthday and at supper the ladies discovered the cake was as good as the poem. Mrs. Chamberlin was quite overcome with surprise and touched with the love and interest displayed, but she thanked the ladies most gracefully. Supper was served to sixteen, the guests in addition to the club being Mesdames Criswell, Sprecher, Ferguson, Mahoney, Kemming, McMahon and Miss Meyers. The table was decorated with a holly runner and flowers and fruit also added to its beauty. The place cards were postal cards of the Chamberlin family in their automobile and will be much prized by the guests. A very nice three course supper was served, Miss Ethel Chamberlin assisting. The last course had a dainty surprise in the form of a Japanese lantern mounted on a hair pin. The guests wished to be included as well as Coffee Club in Mrs. Chamberlin's birthday and the next day sent a table cloth to match the napkins with their compliments.

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Buffets at Fastje's.

**POPULAR FALLACIES**

A Great Lecture by Dr. O'Neal of Chicago on Tuesday Evening Last.

There was no disappointed listener at the lecture on Tuesday evening when the speaker was Dr. E. W. O'Neal of the First Methodist church of Chicago. He was introduced by Dr. Senseney, who said he had known the speaker's father as a Methodist minister for a quarter of a century.

Dr. O'Neal chose for his topic "Popular Fallacies." In true minstrel style he preached "from the text" all the evening. He made a plea for strong bodies to accomplish great things either physically or mentally. The men and women with strong bodies, great lungs and to this added vigorous brains would be the successful people of the day. He urged that no great successes came for genius, but from industry and earnest thinking. His arguments were reinforced by reference to the history of all times, and thus were most instructive. Dr. O'Neal is a great orator and many times his language and thought were electrifying to his hearers. Those who heard him can well account for his power in the pulpit and the great reputation he holds as an orator. This number of the local lecture course was certainly a success.

**FANCY VESTS**

In Brown, Grey and White \$2 to \$6 Empire Clothing Store

Adds a Brand New Fixture to His Store.

That Denison merchants are not only quick to take advantage of new and approved methods of doing business, but are bound to warrant the confidence of their customers to the fullest extent is shown by the recent purchase of Mr. Geo. Menagh & Co.

They have just received the most modern weighing machine, which almost thinks for itself. It not only weighs, but computes the cost, showing the exact amount of the purchase in dollars and cents without any hand or mental operation whatever. You just place the commodity on the platform and the scale does the rest.

Customers always like to see just what they are getting; and, on this scale the amount is plainly indicated on the customers' side of the device. The subject of scales has occupied a great deal of the time and attention of city officials and city sellers in all parts of the country. Many scales have been found unreliable and condemned.

This scale is springless and cannot wear or change. It has been found to be absolutely accurate and is recommended by officials everywhere.

This fixture will make a handsome furnishing for the Menagh store and they are to be commended for their enterprise and for the open above-board weighing which allows their customers to "see the wheels go around" for themselves.

We are making a special price on candy sold to churches. The Racket Store.

W. H. Laub spent Saturday in Carroll.

Our line of Christmas cards cannot be beat. The Racket Store.

Mrs. Oscar Fienhold of Paradise was a shopper in Denison on Saturday.

We have a fine line of Bon Bons in boxes. The Racket Store.

**COMBINATION**

Tie, Sox and Handkerchief Boxes \$1 to \$1.50 Empire Clothing Store

**ZULU TWINS WERE WINNERS**

Home Talent Play Scores Great Success, Ackley Brothers Prove to be Stars.

Last week the Review met with an accident to its press and not only did it stop the machine but it threw the editorial think tank out of order so that he forget to mention the overwhelming success achieved by the Zulu Twins during their all-too-brief appearance in Denison. The boys had a \$175 house. Almost an unprecedented record even for a home talent performance and every man who went got twice his money's worth.

Drawing inspiration from Teddy perhaps, the entertainment was staged in Africa, the scene from Zululand which was the work of Mr. R. H. Ackley was exceptionally fine. The natives were gotten up true to life and the comedians in their white duck suits contrasting flashily with their black skin made a hit even before they began their performance. Harry Ackley, Roy Mote, Ray Staininger and Hugo Harthun were the stars of this part of the performance.

Ray Staininger and Geo. Hover gave a high class musical novelty performance doing as well as the high priced artists of the vaudeville stage. The two Barborkas, father and son, also made a great hit. They played harp and violin and when encored each took the others instrument they received an outburst of applause.

"The Zulu Twins" was the cleverest kind of a sketch by the Ackley brothers. It was an original sketch and was not only well acted but well written. The grand finale, "The Return to U. S. A.," was a fitting close to a fine program. Denison people are delighted to know that a "return engagement" will be played here in January. Several towns in the county have asked the Denison boys to visit them and it is possible that the show will be given in Vail before it is given here again.

Bookcases at Fastje's. "The Better Treasure."

On page Seven of Section Two of this issue we publish the first installment of a Christmas Novellette which is well worth reading. Through an error on the part of our "make-up" man the line "To be continued" was omitted. When you come to the end of the column, therefore and jump off into intellectual space, just remember that there is more to follow. The Christmas Novellette will be complete in three installments.

Fire alarm tonight at Northwestern depot. No damage.

**SAY!**  
Just a Minute. We have something to tell you. We are giving 15 per cent discount on all our Combination Book-Cases from now until Christmas, and by the way don't forget to put in a bid on the Goodrich "B" Sewing Machine which we are going to sell at auction, on Saturday, December 18, 1909. Better do it today.

**BARTCHER & EWALL**  
DENISON IOWA

As announced in their advertisement on page seven of this issue The Balle-Brodersen Co. will remain closed all day on Christian Day. They feel that after the hard work of the Holiday rush their clerks are entitled to a full day of rest and enjoyment just like "white folks." It is the great Christmas Holiday of the year and this firm believes in observing it in full. Some of the stores feel that they cannot well close for the entire day but all the stores will make an effort to give their employees at least a half holiday. Frankly the fault that all the stores do not close, lies more with the people than with the proprietors. If customers would be more considerate and make an effort to arrange their purchases so that Christmas opening would be unnecessary we are sure the merchants would be rejoiced as well as the clerks. At any rate the Balle-Brodersen plan is mighty popular with the clerks.

Dining Chairs at Fastje's.

H. A. Dobson writes us to send his Review to Plainview, Texas, hereafter. His former address was Arthur, Iowa.

A letter received from R. W. Bamford tells that he arrived safely in Corpus Christi, Texas, tired but happy. The weather is delightful, he has discarded his overcoat and is delighted with the blooming flowers and balmy breezes.

Mrs. F. Nusbaum left on Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hayes at Dunlap. Mrs. Hayes was ninety-two years of age and had a wide circle of friends.

Miss Alys Knaul has a very beautiful display of hand painted china on exhibition at her father's store. Miss Knaul has achieved a reputation in this line which makes her work much sought and highly prized as Christmas gifts.

The children of St. Rose of Lima parochial school will hold their Christmas exercises at the school building on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 22nd. Owing to the limited capacity of the assembly room only the parents and immediate friends and relatives of the children are to be invited.

This is the season when the toy dealers always feel blue. They have a big lot of toys on hand and but few are being sold. As one fond papa told us, however, "I have eight children, they will have to have from three to six toys apiece, but I wouldn't buy one of them now. There is no place in the house that would be safe from their eager Christmas curiosity." Looking the stocks over we do not believe there are any more than enough toys to go round and we predict that before Christmas Eve it will be the buyers and not the sellers who are worrying about the toy business.

**Christmas Gifts For All**



There isn't anything that will make a more useful Xmas present than a good piece of furniture. It beautifies the home makes it more home-like and gives comfort for years to come for a comparative smaller expense than anything else as useful as nice furniture.

We offer our entire stock to select from. Such as bed room sets, dining room tables, chairs, china closets, buffets, side boards, Davenport, couches, Turkish and other rockers, Morris chairs, reclining chairs, easy chairs, parlor, library and center tables, stands, dressers, chiffoniers, beds, springs, mattresses child chairs, doll carts, baby carriages, carpets, rugs, linoleum, matting, etc.

See us for your Xmas Presents.  
**The Salomon Furniture Co.**  
THE OLD, LARGE AND RELIABLE FURNITURE STORE