

THE COST OF LIVING. These prices, Bill, are just a fright. That we are forced to pay, they now are nearly out of sight.

A pound of steak now costs two bits, a pound of ham still more, it nearly throws you into fits.

The price of eggs has reached the sky, and water kraut to boot. And when a peck of spuds I bought, four bits I had to pay.

And then I bought a can of corn, and apples just a few, and Bill, as sure as you was born, those things have gone up too.

And when they tell you all this trash, you almost want to swear, and then they start in to rehash the European war.

Some say things will be cheaper when we raise another crop, but we may die twist now and then unless these prices drop.

Local People of Vail Will Stage Theatricals on Friday Evening, December 8th.

The Vail Theatrical club will present "For a Brother's Crime," a four act play, at the Woodman opera house on Friday evening, December 8th.

Tom Dexter, one of nature's noblemen, A. J. Monaghan, Sidney Everett, of the world wide fame, Harold Quirk, Ben Latham, whose real name is Frederick Bannister, a wanderer, Matt McCormick, Andrew Dexter, Tom's father, John O'Connor, Heseckiah Hopkins, fond of an argument, Ed Kenney, Nathan Speck, help at the farm, Thos. Duffy, Carlotta Bannister, a child of fate, Clare Moiseed, Anastasia Bannister, her stylish aunt from New York, Mary Robinson, Amelia Dexter, sister of Andrew, Marie Ryan, Mrs. Muslin, something of a talker, "as you might say," Margaret Moiseed, Bell Ann, faithful domestic, Marie Maguire, Florine, a maid, Marie McCormick.

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VAIL, DEC. 5.—Special.—The death of Patrick Harrington, a respected resident of this place, occurred Sunday evening, November 26th, about 6 o'clock.

Act 1. The yard at Ferndale farm on an afternoon in July. The telegram.

Act 2. Same as Act 1, about a week later. The stranger found by Tom.

Act 3. Residence of Mrs. Bannister, New York City. Three months have elapsed. Carlotta in the hands of fate.

Act 4. Back at the farm two weeks later. The silver lining.

Act 5. Carlotta, a city girl, is forced by her fashionable aunt to give up her country lover and promises to marry a wealthy scoundrel who controls the aunt.

Act 6. The rustic lover, discovers Carlotta's father as a wanderer, under the assumed name of Ben Latham, clears his name, balks the aunt and frustrates her plot.

Act 7. Full of pathos, but also abounds in mirth producing incidental comedy. Prices 25 and 35 cents.

DENISON TEACHERS MARRIED. Miss May Smith and Mr. Marshall Eastman Married at Des Moines Last Wednesday Morning.

A wedding of interest to Denison people is that of Miss May Smith and Mr. Marshall Eastman, which was solemnized on Wednesday, November 29th at Des Moines.

The ceremony was quietly solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, 2731 Thirtieth street, the bride's father, who is a retired Baptist minister, reading the service at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

The bride wore a gown of Copenhagen blue taffeta and a corsage bouquet of pink roses and valley lilies. A color scheme of pink was carried out in the decorations and pink roses centered the table where breakfast was served following the ceremony.

The bride was graduated from north high school at Des Moines in 1912 and two years later from Des Moines college. She spent one year here in Denison, teaching in the high school, where she met Mr. Eastman, who was also a member of the faculty.

Mr. Eastman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eastman, of Des Moines, Ill. He is an alumnus of Coe college and is teacher of chemistry at West high school in Des Moines. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Eastman will be at home at 2731 Thirtieth street, Des Moines.

Obituary

Mrs. W. T. Wright departed this life in the quiet of her home in Denison, Iowa, on December 4th, while surrounded by her loved ones, who were unable to arrest the messenger of death.

Her illness began in February of this year, and while every possible attention which love and devotion could suggest in the way of skillful medical and surgical aid was given her, it proved of no avail.

The deceased, Florence Mable Brigham, was born in Boston, Mass., and was the youngest child of Jewett Boardman and Julia Fuller Brigham, and passed the first years of her life in the city of her birth.

When a child of tender years her parents moved to New York City, where she passed her early girlhood days and where in the public schools she received her education. Left without a mother at the age of eight years, she owed a mother's care and training to her sister, Adelia, between whom the ties of love and affection were very close, as well as with her brother, Frank, now of Ute, Iowa, who, with her niece, Mrs. Mable Bird, and daughter, Florence, survive her.

At fourteen years of age she was separated from her sister and brother, as well as her loving father, they having come to Ute, Iowa, while she completed her education in New York. She early learned to solve the problems of life for herself, and thus became very self reliant and thorough in everything she undertook.

She joined the Presbyterian church in her girlhood and few doubts ever marred her christian faith.

In 1882 she joined the rest of her family at Ute, Iowa, where in October, 1891, she was united in marriage to Dr. W. T. Wright, of Vail, Iowa, but never of Denison, whom she leaves, together with three daughters, Winifred, Edna, and Edna Alice.

After her marriage she learned to love the services of the Episcopal church and was confirmed in that faith.

While devoting seemingly all her thought and energy to her family, she still found time for club work, where she was an active member of the D. A. R., the P. E. O. for more than fourteen years, of the Friday club until the care of her family prevented her keeping up the work, and a happy member of the social coffee club.

Very frank and democratic in her nature, true and earnest in meeting every obligation, she leaves many very dear friends who will greatly miss her. In her family she was not only a devoted wife and loving mother, but a companion and counsellor whose every thought and act was for the welfare of her family and loved ones.

From the time her illness first manifested itself her devoted husband made every effort and sacrifice to win back her health, but the highest skill of the medical profession was not able to cope with her ailment which hastened her death.

The funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal church at 2:30 p. m. today, the Rev. Morgan Williams, rector at Mapleton, officiating.

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Mr. Harrington was born in County Cork, Ireland, in the year 1840, and came to America in 1865, and located at Fall River, Mass. He was married to Miss Mary Lyons Nov. 27, 1873, and in 1879 they came to Iowa and settled on a farm near Vail and have since made this their home.

He leaves, to mourn his demise, his wife and six children as follows: John, Mike, Mrs. Joe Garvin, Mrs. P. Garvin, of Dixon, Neb.; Mrs. Frank Maguire and Dan, of Vail. He also leaves one brother, Cornelius, and two sisters, Misses Kate and Mary Ellen Harrington, of Fall River, Mass. He was a sincere Catholic, a good neighbor and friend, a kind husband and father and will be greatly missed.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from his home at St. Ann's church at 10 o'clock. Rev. Father Murphy read mass, at the conclusion of which he delivered a touching sermon and spoke in highest terms of the deceased. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends followed the remains to St. Ann's cemetery where they were laid to rest. The pall bearers were A. T. Curry, of Denison; Frank Lally, J. A. Dieter, J. A. Holland, John McCormick and John Hickey.

DISTRICT COURT. Adjournd Last Thursday Morning—Home Auto Co. vs Bartelt Settled in Favor of the Plaintiff.

The district court finally adjourned last Thursday morning, after having been in session for three weeks and a half. The case of the Home Auto Co. vs Bartelt required ten days for trial at the time of going to press last Wednesday the attorneys were making their arguments to the jury. The jury retired at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and after deliberating until Thursday morning returned a verdict in favor of the Home Auto company for \$2,194.29.

This case grew out of the destruction of the garage building in Charter Oak last summer, occupied by the Home Auto company, who claimed it was destroyed through the carelessness of Bartelt, who was making some minor repairs to his car in the building. A blow torch was overturned, igniting gasoline and causing the destruction of the building as well as several attachments. It may be possible that several other suits will grow out of the one just tried. No doubt the case will be carried to the supreme court.

Judge Hutchison will return to Denison December 16th to attend to some minor business.

DRESS TRIMMINGS.

Style Tips About the Very Latest Garmentings.

For those who may still be doubtful regarding the fashionable dress trimmings of the season a review will not be amiss.

Among the most salient trimmings is wool embroidery in separate motifs or in bands. The richest oriental colors are used for the purpose, and in some instances the wool is combined with metal embroideries. Motifs in silk combined with wool are also, in vogue. Such trimmings you can use appropriately on odd shaped pockets, on belts, on flat sashes, on corners of tunics and on the ever present bags.

Wool fringes in blue, gray and black are in high favor. Beaded fringes, drops and tassels are very well liked. On evening gowns beaded bandings are very modish. They are used as garnitures, as straps for corsages, and in some instances they are used to give the effect of a necklace. These bands are particularly well liked in jet, in crystal and in opal.

Persian colorings prove an incentive in the making of bead medallions. Combinations of bead with chenille are used on gowns for both afternoon and evening. Chenille alone is also a strong trimming and is used in all sorts of colors.

Never before have spangles been so important. They are offered in infinite variety and are used largely to form the long waisted bodice, suggestive of the moyen age line. Fur in larger quantities than ever is a favored trimming. Mole and seal are the favorites, but coney, skunk and opossum are not far behind. Fur cloth is also used a great deal and has proved a very pleasing substitute for the real fur.

Where laces are concerned silver, gold and chintilly seem to be the favored ones.

HOLIDAY BASKET.

None Too Soon to Begin Your Christmas Lists.

Almost any kind of weave, sweet grass or just plain straw, will make the base of this workbasket. To keep



DAINTY DIPS. out the dust a figured silk top is shrirred on to the upper rim, closing tightly with a silk cord of the same color. Any number of variations may come from this design.

WHEN YOU SERVE TEA.

Things to Do in Order to Be Really Hospitable.

Remember to add as a finishing touch to the tray or tea table a vase with a few flowers, a single rose, three or four asters or a yellow daffodil or so placed in a bud vase or held in place in a flat dish by a Japanese frog.

Always serve cream as well as lemon. Many persons do not enjoy tea without cream, and of course they will not be so frank as to tell you so when they see that the tea tray is not supplied with any.

Serve the cut sugar in the small half lumps. For a small cup of tea a large lump often proves too much, and it is always awkward to have to break a lump or to take a lump from the cup when it is half dissolved.

Take pains to see that the teapot and hot water jug are both well heated before pouring in the boiling water. By doing so the temperature of the boiling water will not be reduced in bringing the teapot and jug to level.

Remember to carry the pot to the boiling water and pour the water on the tea leaves while the water is actually boiling. Many persons wrongly feel that if the water has boiled it matters little whether or not it is still boiling when it is applied to the tea leaves.

Always serve sandwiches or toast in small portions. It is very awkward for the tea drinker to have to manage large portions. Bread and butter sandwiches should be of wafer thinness and should be cut in inch wide strips. A godly supply should be on hand to make up for the smallness of the single pieces.

Guimpes For Children. Guimpes are coming into vogue again for children. The practical wash fabrics are still to be among those popular with the smart little folk. Little plaided skirts seem to be used on practically every model, even on the smallest child. Some have the jackets slipped over the head or buttoned on the shoulders. Guimpes, which have often been made for little folk from their mothers' shirt waists, will be of much use to them this season, since practically all have the little white sleeves and yoke of lawn, linen, batiste, organdie and other sheer materials. For the fancy dresses georgette is used.

Church Notes

Methodist Notes. As previously announced next Sunday will be devoted to Sunday school interests. Rev. O. G. Orcutt, of Des Moines, state Sunday school worker, will preach at 10:30 a. m. At 2:30 p. m. a conference for workers in various departments of Sunday school work will be held. In the evening Rev. Orcutt will give an address in keeping with the rest of the day's program.

Plans are being made for an inter-denominational religious canvass of the city. Five of the churches will be represented by ten members each in this canvass. It is designed primarily to stimulate a greater religious and spiritual atmosphere and to bring all of our city into a larger and better spirit of unity in Christ, our common Lord.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pierce will entertain the Berean Sunday school class next Friday evening at the parsonage. A splendid time is anticipated by this class of young married people.

Katherine Woolston was hostess to the King's Herald on Monday after school. At the close of the meeting the boys and girls had a nice treat of sandwiches, chocolate and cookies.

Special attention is called to the coming week's services. The week of December 10-17 will be Home Mission week in the Presbyterian church.

Next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. the theme will be "Christianity the Hope of America." At the evening hour there will be a beautifully illustrated stereopticon lecture on "The White Man's Alaska."

Members of the church and congregation are asked to bear in mind that during this week a special self-denial offering will be asked of you, to assist in the great work of making our nation christian.

Another special address will be given December 17th, and another fine stereopticon lecture given the evening of that date on "Mexicans in the United States." The week's special offering will be taken up at the morning service on the 17th.

We cordially invite the public to unite in the week's special services. Baptist Church Notes. The church services for the week are as follows: Sunday morning preaching service at 10:30.

Bible school, 12 m. Junior Union, 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U., 8:30 p. m. Sunday evening preaching service, 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Choir practice Friday evening at 7:30.

Rev. C. E. Hamilton, Pastor. The B. Y. P. U. held the annual election of officers on Monday of this week. The following officers were elected: Mr. Elliott, president; Rudolph Brandt, vice president; Myrtle Ahrens, secretary, and Winifred Patrick, treasurer.

Banked Rails. In rounding a curve the tendency of the weight of a train is invariably to shift to the outside wheels. To counteract this tendency the outer rail of a curve is raised on a higher level than the inside, the elevation being in an exact proportion to the sharpness of the curve as determined by the principles of engineering. If both rails of a curved track were of exactly the same elevation a train would not dare round it at high speed.

In Behalf of Accuracy. The reporter was interviewing the leading politician. "This," said the interviewed, "is the age of steel, and—" "Pardon me, please," interrupted the interviewer, "but in behalf of accuracy would you kindly spell that word?"—Browning's Magazine.

Diplomatic. "I want you," said the fair society leader, "to give me a plain opinion as to my latest photograph." "Madam," said the gallant cavalier, bowing, "to speak in plain terms of that portrait would be impossible!"—London Telegraph.

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Home Cookery

Pepper Vegetable Soup. To one cupful of shredded green sweet peppers add one cupful each of diced carrots, tomato pulp and lima beans. Add enough water to cover and cook until all the vegetables are tender. Press through a sieve, add the juice of an onion, two tablespoonfuls of washed rice and more water if necessary. Cook until the rice is tender. Then add one heaping tablespoonful of butter, and hot milk to dilute to the desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve with croutons.

Curried Tripe. Cut two pounds of tripe into small pieces. Cook two large sliced onions in a couple of tablespoonfuls of drippings until they are a golden brown. Add to them two-thirds of a pint of stock, one tablespoonful of flour and a teaspoonful of curry powder, cook about forty-five minutes, then strain and add the tripe, and cook slowly about an hour. Before serving add a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Place on a hot platter and surround with boiled rice.—Country Gentleman.

Baked Spiced Ham. Select a nice ham, from twelve to fifteen pounds; soak overnight in cold water, wipe off and put on enough water to cover. Simmer for three hours; let cool in the water in which it was cooked and take out and trim. Put into a baking dish, stick with cloves and cover with brown sugar. Bake in a moderately hot oven for two hours, baste with vinegar and serve with any salad or sliced thin.

Pear Pudding. Beat two eggs until light, and one pint of stale bread-crumbs, one pint of sliced pears, one level tablespoonful of butter, one-fourth cupful of sugar, one-fourth teaspoonful of cinnamon, a pinch of salt and one and one-half cupfuls of milk. Mix well and bake in a buttered baking dish in a hot oven until firm. Serve hot with lemon sauce or any other favorite sweet sauce.

South American Horses. In many South American countries the horses go unshod or with shoes on the forefeet only.

Not His Fault. Vicar's Wife—I'm sorry to see you coming away from the public house so often, Priggs. Blacksmith—Yes'm. They won't let me stay there two minutes. As soon as I get set down comfortable-like somebody's sure to want a job done, and out of the place I has to come again.—London Punch.

Valuable Guidance. "Are your children much of a help and a comfort?" "Yes, indeed. I can always depend on them to tell me where the best moving pictures are to be found."—Washington Star.

Corroborative Detail. "Had that talkative woman any proof to offer that she had really climbed the Alps?" "Oh, yes; she wore a Swiss dress, and her chatter was an avalanche of words."—Baltimore American.

Poor Pal. Tommy—Do you go to bed very early, Mrs. Graymare? Mrs. Graymare—Yes, Tommy, sometimes—when I feel tired. Tommy—You wouldn't go so early if you were married to my pa, would you? Mrs. G.—Oh, Tommy, you funny boy, why not? Tommy—Cos my pa told my ma that if he were your husband he'd make you sit up!—Brooklyn Citizen.

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