

TOWN TOPICS.

J. E. Nye went to Chicago last week on business. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams were in Dubuque Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Severson were in Cedar Rapids Thursday. Mrs. C. A. Poggis and Miss Kniss Boggs were at Cedar Rapids Thursday. Mrs. Sarah Bradley and Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson were in Dubuque Friday. Mrs. C. B. Otis and daughter, Miss Emily Otis, were at Dubuque Friday. Miss Laura Norris is at home for the Christmas vacation from DuPont where she is a student at a school for young ladies. James Winkle goes to Algona this week to spend Christmas with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cates and daughter visited with friends in Dubuque last week. The public schools of this city closed last Friday for the holiday vacation of two weeks. Miss Bertha Schroeder went to Guttenberg Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. Harvey Therpe of Chicago arrived in the city Sunday afternoon for a week's visit with relatives. Mrs. H. E. Riemer left Monday morning for Portland, Oregon, after a several months visit in Manchester. Miss Florence Riddell of Strawberry Point was in the city Sunday, as a guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Peterson. Uriah Morey left Wednesday night for Earlville, New York. Mr. Morey has been in the city for several weeks. L. A. Cates of Marble Rock, who is studying dentistry at Chicago, is enjoying a few days visit in the city with relatives. After his engagement at Ottumwa, the famous Rev. "Billy" Sunday goes to Cedar Rapids to pay his compliments to that city. J. A. Strickland and son Percy arrived home from Omaha Saturday night, where they attended the National Corn exposition. Augustine Miller of Portland, Oregon, formerly of Manchester is in town visiting with friends, and leaves this evening for Cedar Rapids. Mr. John Sullivan and daughters of Dubuque intend to return to Manchester after the first of the year and make their home in this city. Miss Blanche Otis leaves this week for Chicago, from which city she intends to depart for Albuquerque New Mexico, for an indefinite visit. Mr. and Mrs. John Bothford of Cedar Rapids were entertained at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Ellen Johnson, the first of the week. Rev. H. R. DeBra of Mount Vernon, field secretary for Cornell college, was in the city Thursday night. Dr. DeBra had been at Epworth on business. Ras Dunham is at Cedar Rapids visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Dunham will be at Cedar Rapids Christmas day. Hunt Armistead of Doon will spend a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Armistead, expecting to arrive in the city Thursday night. Cecil Adams went to Omaha Thursday to assist H. J. Schweitzer. In the work of the Illinois Central exhibit at the national horticultural congress held at Council Bluffs last week. Miss Bertha Winnard left Saturday morning for Tampa, Florida, where she will enjoy a two weeks visit with friends. Miss Winnard is a teacher at the West side public school. A. O. Stanger departed the first of the week for Havana, Cuba, where he will remain several weeks on a business trip. Mrs. Stanger and Miss Margaret will spend the winter at Miami, Florida. Miss Irene Thorpe is at home from Wyoming. Her friends will be glad to know that Miss Thorpe will be obliged to submit to an operation for appendicitis, which will be performed in this city. Monday, December 21, was the shortest day of the year, but as John T. McCutcheon of the Chicago Tribune cartooned it, was the longest for the clerks in the stores. Miss Pauline Appleby is being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Smith. Miss Appleby's home has been at Monticello, but with her mother, will remove to Portland, Oregon, about the middle of January. Clarence Torrey, librarian of the Chicago University, is expected home this week for a ten days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Torrey. They will spend Christmas day at Arlington, as guests of Mrs. Torrey's brother, C. B. Roe. George Miller arrived in town Friday morning from Mayville, Oregon, where he has been residing for the past five years. Mr. Miller expects to make an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Miller, before returning to Oregon. Fred Rabenu is at home from Iowa City, where he is studying medicine at the State University. Carl Rabenu will be in town a part of the week to enjoy a few days' vacation from his work at Monticello with the Standard Lumber company. A. D. Brown, the furniture man, who advertises a free chair to be given away Christmas morning, wishes to announce that coupons contained in the papers last week will be received, as well as those appearing in the Democrat today. Read what Mr. Brown has to say regarding this gift.

Miss M. Thompson was in Casson Saturday. Dr. T. E. Fleming was at Oelwein last week. A. Hollister is at home from Chicago for the holidays. Hugh Clegmans was at Mount Vernon on business Friday. Mrs. John Latimer is critically ill at her home on Fayette street. Mrs. E. S. Griffin and daughter of Magnaville were in town Saturday. Charles Walters is at home from Cedar Rapids to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. George Hickox are visiting at Fredericksburg with their son. Mrs. Mabel Webber-Wright was at Cedar Rapids Friday evening and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cloud are at home in the Hollister cottage on Marion street. Miss Essie Webber was a guest of her sister at Independence Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Miss Belle Graham is at home from Grinnell for Christmas, where she attends the Iowa college. George Adams is enjoying the holidays with his parents in this city. Miss Adams attends Upper Iowa University. The Manchester Co-Operative grocery company held its regular monthly meeting in this city Friday afternoon. Miss Cecil Cotter went to Grinnell Saturday morning to spend the two weeks vacation at the home of her mother. Miss Grace Rallsbach left Friday afternoon for her home at Vinton, where she will spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Lillian Fleming is enjoying a two weeks' visit in the city, expecting to return to Chicago Monday after New Year's day. Miss Eunice Eystone, assistant principal in the high school left Friday evening for Mount Vernon, where she will spend the holidays. Edwin Davis, James Davis and Miss Mary Collard are enjoying the Christmas and New Year vacation at their respective homes in this city. Miss Hattie Anderson is enjoying the holiday vacation at her home at Jefferson Junction. Miss Anderson is an instructor at the high school. Miss Hazel Barr, Miss Cecile Hines and Miss Clara Wolcott arrived home Saturday afternoon from Dubuque, where they attend school. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hollister of Belvidere, Illinois, will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollister and Mr. and Mrs. Cornelia Scott this week. The shops downtown have been open this week until 9:30 o'clock at night and will continue this accommodation for shoppers until after Christmas. J. S. Jones returned home Saturday morning from Ames, where he attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the Iowa State college, of which he is a member. A. N. Smith received a telegram last week announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. L. E. Wiener of New York City, who died at her home in that city aged 78 years. Mrs. Irene Jones-Bonnet went to Chicago Thursday to meet Mr. Bonnell. They intend to spend the holidays in this city, returning to Manchester today or tomorrow. John McIntosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McIntosh of this city, is slowly but encouragingly recovering from an operation for appendicitis which was performed last week. The Misses Belle Armistead, Clara Haebler, Florence Klam and Pearl Middleton are spending the mid-winter vacation at their homes in this city, and will return to Cornell after the first of the year. Mrs. F. E. Richardson went to Dubuque Saturday afternoon to meet her daughter, Miss Wauka, who teaches school near Waukon. Miss Richardson will spend several weeks in the city before returning to Waukon. Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Fleming and Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry are attending the diamond jubilee of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church at Dubuque this week. Dr. and Mrs. Fleming left Saturday and expect to return today. R. R. Robinson arrived home Friday night from a several week's trip through sixteen different states. Mr. Robinson was from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts during his recent journey and will be in the city until after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fogleman and two daughters, Misses Jessie and Lulu, of Washita, were entertained at the home of Theodore Hatch Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fogleman formerly lived in this county, south of Dyersville. Miss Maude Keith of Jacksonville, Florida, who is a kindergarten teacher at Ackley, was a guest Friday of Miss Nello Hatch, who is also a teacher at that place. Miss Keith left the following morning for DeWitt, where she will spend the holidays. The pen and ink drawing of Santa Claus, exhibited in the display window of Gildner Brothers, is a specimen of the handwork of H. A. Roe of this city. Mr. Roe is studying illustrating through correspondence and his work shows considerable ability. Lloyd G. Jones, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones of this city, is at Oakland, California, and is associated with the Daily Tribune. Mr. Jones is also doing correspondence work for New York papers, and is making good and thoroughly enjoying his profession. Miss Vera Moore is visiting at the home of her parents. Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Moore, Miss Moore attended school at the Iowa college at Grinnell, Jasper Moore, who is employed in one of the stores at Grinnell, will be in the city Christmas day, as a guest of his parents. 118 students are now attending the day sessions of the Oelwein Business University. 50-3 wks.

George Webber was in Cedar Rapids today. Bert Allen of Dyersville was in town Friday. Miss M. M. Merriam of Coggon was in the city Friday. F. H. Arnold, Stanley Atkinson, Edward Williams and John Masternan are at home from Iowa City. Mrs. L. C. Millard of Montour, Mo., Alice Walters and Mrs. E. W. Williams were in Dubuque today. Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Merry leave for Beloit, Wisconsin, today where they will spend Christmas week. Miss Laura Dunham is at home from Vermillion, South Dakota, where she is attending the State university. The motor car belonging to the Manchester & Onida railway company has been placed in the garage for the winter. Miss Jennie Robbins went to her home at Clarksville Saturday, where she will spend the two weeks vacation with her parents. Miss Fannie Haberle is at home from Epworth for two weeks, where she is engaged as an instructor at the seminary in that place. Miss Jennie McCarran is at home from Minneapolis for the holidays. Miss McCarran is a teacher in the public schools of that city. Rev. W. J. Suckow of Grinnell, former pastor of the First Congregational church in this city, was in town Wednesday on business. Rev. Mr. Suckow is a representative of the Iowa college at Grinnell. H. J. Schweitzer and Cecil Adams returned home from Omaha Monday afternoon. Mr. Schweitzer goes to Chicago today to superintend the placing of the Illinois Central vegetable and fruit exhibit in Central Station. You can get that beautiful piano in Lewis' Music store window if you will do a little hustling. The Manchester Democrat is going to give it away and another just like it to the two most popular girls. They are well worth the effort. L. H. Haebler of St. Paul, who is employed in the offices of the general freight agent of the Chicago Great Western railway, will enjoy a few days visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haebler, expecting to arrive in town Thursday afternoon. BRING IN YOUR VOTES AND GET A SPECIAL PRIZE. FINE JEWEL BOX FOR CHRISTMAS. A Little Work Guarantees That in Addition to Helping Your Chance To Secure a Valuable Piano. The big piano voting contest is now on in earnest and several of the girls are starting out with a determination that if maintained, to the close of the contest, cannot help but result in their securing the piano. All of them who have sent in \$10 worth of subscriptions by Dec. 24 will receive a handsome jewel box as a reward for their early efforts and at the same time the votes they receive will be counted toward their chance of securing the piano. Remember there is no lottery what ever about this matter. Every girl who works will be rewarded and the prize will be absolutely given away to all alike who have the \$10 worth in our office on or before Dec. 24. There is no charge of any kind connected with the contest. It is simply a business proposition. We have tried various ways in the past to increase the circulation of the Democrat and it is our constant aim to lead and let others follow. Any girl in the county is eligible to enter the contest. Even the prize which we give on Dec. 24 of a handsome jewel box is well worth your effort if you do not intend to strive for the piano. All votes must be in the office on or before Dec. 24 to be counted for the special prize. The Democrat stands back of every offer we make. Our honor is at stake in the matter, and a fair square deal is guaranteed to all who enter. Get your friends to work for you. Get them to subscribe and in turn get them to get their friends to subscribe with you, and you will be surprised after it is once known you are in the contest, how rapidly your votes will count up. If you have not already entered the contest, get busy now, and see how good we make our promise of a valuable jewel box on Dec. 24. To the young lady leading in the contest on December 24 we will give a handsome \$25 coffee set. DELAWARE COUNTY TAXES. The delinquent tax sales held during the past few days have amounted to the sum of only \$56.72, these taken from fifteen descriptions, nine of which have already been redeemed. This is indeed the lowest amount that any county has had this year. In a recent issue of the Register and Leader, the official paper of the state published at Des Moines, it was stated that the delinquent tax sales for Ida county amounted to \$280.23, and it was believed that this was the lowest amount that could be shown by any county in the state. Delaware county is less than one-fifth as much, and hence our people are claiming the distinction of having the lowest amount from delinquent tax sales. NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS. One of the rules of the piano contest is that contestants cannot sell or transfer their votes. Any ballots with erasures or found by judges to be transferred after once voted will be thrown out at the final count. 118 students are now attending the day sessions of the Oelwein Business University. 50-3 wks.

DISTRICT COURT. A number of settlements have been made at the district court of Delaware county during the past week, and the Miller vs. Harris case is now claiming the attention of the court. LAW. Wm. F. Meir, admr., estate of Charles Meir, deceased, vs. Chas. B. Harris. Jury called and sworn, trial continued by consent before H. Jurors, Kirkwood having been excused. Plaintiff chosen, testimony and notes. Defendant moves for verdict in his favor, motion overruled, defendant excepts. Testimony closed. Defendant motion for verdict overruled. Defendants excepts. Wm. Meir as administrator, vs. C. B. Harris, et al. Dismissed as per stipulation in Case No. 2978; costs in this case to follow Case No. 2975. Application of Lloyd M. Barnes. For drug permit. Court finds all the averments of petition are true; that the reasonable convenience and necessities of the population and surroundings, make the granting of the permit proper, and that the applicant is possessed of the character and qualifications required, worthy of the trust to be reposed in him, and fidelity. Application for permit granted and continue for 5 years upon filing and qualifying as provided by law. The Harkett Cigar Co. vs. Smith & Behan. Judgment and attorney fees, \$21.70 and costs against defendant; interest at 6 percent. Chas. Donovan Cigar Co. vs. Smith & Behan. Judgment against defendant for \$2.12 and costs. Interest, 6 per cent. Equity. Sarah Butterfield et al., vs. Hazel A. Barr. Supplemental report of sale and deeds to C. H. Niederfrank and Geo. A. Skinner approved. Statutory fees of \$255.88 allowed plaintiff's attorney. Referee's fees, \$375 by consent of parties. Referee to pay above expenses and court costs, make distribution of funds now on hand and distribute balance when same is collected. Almon Danford vs. Jennie Phillips Danford. Plaintiff granted divorce from defendant and custody of Dorothy Danford, minor child; awarded to defendant until said child is 14 years of age. Plaintiff to have privileged of visiting and seeing with her at any reasonable time or place. Judgment for alimony as per stipulation. Probate. Estate of George Commerford. Final report approved, administrator discharged and bond released. Estate of Mary J. Kerr. Hearing for final report fixed for January 4, 1909. Notice to be posted in 3 public places 5 days prior to hearing. Estate of Henry Hoelter. Petition for order to sell real estate. Administrator authorized to sell real estate to highest bidder for cash as prayed. Bond, \$15,000. Estate of Keziah M. King. Will admitted to probate on testimony of J. W. Dossie. Estate of Fred Stevens. Will admitted to probate. W. I. Millen appointed executor, bond \$2,000.00. NORTH MANCHESTER. Mr. S. Jackson is expected home to spend Christmas with his wife and baby. The Misses Eva and Winnie Burlington of Volga city spent Sunday at their Uncle Vernon Burlington's, leaving at 2 p. m. for Des Moines, where they will spend Christmas vacation. Mrs. Rose Parker and children arrived Sunday morning from Minneapolis to make her home with her father, Mr. Fred Kaltenbach. Mrs. Wolf has been quite sick but is on the mend. Christmas exercises will be observed Friday eve at St. Paul's Union church. Mr. Awcutt's folks have moved to town. Preaching next Sunday at St. Paul's Union church at 3:30 o'clock. BANKS AND POSTOFFICE CLOSE. The postoffice will be closed after 10 o'clock Friday morning until 5:00, when the general delivery window will accommodate patrons for one hour, closing at 6:00 for the remainder of the day. The registered letter and money order departments will be opened after 10 o'clock that morning. The banks of the city will be closed during the day the shops and stores and business offices will observe the legal holiday accordingly. SENDS FOR FAMILY. Oscar Mattson of this county, who lives in Prairie Township, has purchased of Joseph Hutchinson, agent for the Cunard Steamship line, tickets from Malma, Sweden, to this city, for the use of Mrs. Mattson and two children, who are in Sweden. They will leave that country January 23, 1909, and expect to arrive in Manchester by the first of February. A GOOD RECORD. During the fiscal year, ending November 1, 1908, the Delaware Co-Operative Creamery company paid an average price per pound for butter fat of 23.13 cents. The average test for the year was 3.60; the average price per hundred pounds for milk, \$1.05 and the average overrun for the year was 19 1/2 cents. IOWA RECEIVES SECOND. Indiana was the prize winner at the National Corn exposition held at Omaha recently, and C. P. Pecusovsky of Provolonia, Iowa, won second prize for the best half bushel of "Governor's Day," representing the state of Iowa in an official way. Handsome catalogue sent on request. Address Oelwein Business University, Oelwein, Iowa. 50-3 wks.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHOOL OFFICERS. On Saturday afternoon, December 19, at 2 o'clock, the rural school officers of county met in annual session at the Court house to consider certain problems now confronting educators throughout the State. In a call issued by County Superintendent F. D. Joseph, it was stated that many counties are following the path of least resistance, and as a result the rural school, having not received the attention they merit. The assistance and counsel of interested parties was needed and this might best be obtained through the medium of a discussion of plans and an exchange of ideas. The meeting was one of profit and encouragement, although the attendance was not as large as was expected. It was urged that another convention be held later during the winter, at which a speaker of state-wide reputation might be present and address the school officers of this county. The program was beneficial and well received. Mrs. Sarah Huffattn spoke on "What the Teacher Expected of the Ideal Director." R. J. Guthrie, Paul Schwantes and L. J. Gilbert engaged in a joint discussion, relative to what should be done with two or three pupils in school. "Are We Getting Full Value for Money Expended in Our Public Schools?" was the subject spoken of by F. H. Childs, J. W. Robinson and Chas. Clute. Two other discussions: "Should the Rural Directorship by Abolished and Schools Managed by a County Commission of Seven Members?" and "Should the County Superintendency be Removed from Political Parties and Made Administrative?" were interestingly considered by H. M. McElliot, S. B. Kow, W. H. Todd, and W. P. Harris, M. J. Fitzpatrick, F. R. Harris and J. W. Adams, respectively. STRICKLAND MEETS BRYAN. J. A. Strickland, traveling immigration agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Saint Paul, of this city returned home Sunday morning from Omaha, where he attended the National Corn exposition, having in charge the exhibit made by the Saint Paul railway. On Friday of last week, William Jennings Bryan visited the exposition, and incidentally called at the headquarters. The Nebraskaian complimented the representatives of the railway company upon their exhibit of fruits and especially many varieties of apples which were grown and shipped from the state of Washington. Mr. Bryan said that President Roosevelt had several barrels of these apples sent to him by one of his western republican friends, and after this information had reached the ears of an ardent democrat, Mr. Bryan was in receipt of a similar consignment of the fruit. The exposition was one of the most successful corn shows ever held in this country, and preparations are already being made for next year's exhibition, although it has not as yet been decided where the same will be held. CORN GROWERS PRIZES. C. E. Cawley of Manchester has been appointed county organizer for the Corn Growers' association, and will be pleased to assist anyone in Delaware county desiring information relative to becoming a member of this organization. The sixth annual corn contest will be held at Ames January 4 to 16, 1909, under the auspices of the association named. The various trophies and prizes to be awarded are: Whiting trophy, for the best ten ears of corn in the state; McCulloch trophy, best bushel of corn grown in Iowa; \$20; Wallace's Farmer trophy for the best club exhibit of fifty ears; \$15; Farmers' Tribune trophy, best work of judging in club of three members; \$15; district first premium, \$10; district second premium, \$5. The Delaware County State bank of this city has joined with other financial institutions in the state in promising to pay cash prizes to exhibitors who are residents of their respective counties, who shall win at this contest. But one bank in each county will make payments for these awards, nor more than two premiums shall go to one exhibitor. Colman Goes To Independence. W. B. Colman, local editor of The Manchester Press, will resign his position with that paper the first of the year and begin repertorial work on the Bulletin-Journal of Independence, one of the best weekly newspapers in the state. Mr. Colman was associated with the Delaware County News for nine years, and during his connection with The Press has "made good" and assisted materially in developing and bettering its news columns. Mr. Colman is one of the most energetic young news paper men in eastern Iowa and is known by "he fraternity" throughout the county and this section of the state. His success is assured with the Bulletin-Journal, which is most fortunate in securing his services. Mr. and Mrs. Colman and daughter will move to Independence in January and their many friends sincerely wish them prosperity in their new home. McNEELY IN LAND BUSINESS. Lee McNeely of Dubuque, for three years private secretary to Senator W. B. Allison, and well known in Manchester, will, on the adjournment of congress, take up his residence in South Dakota, where he will go into business with three sons of former Governor Jackson of South Dakota. Mr. McNeely was a newspaper man for several years before becoming confidential clerk to Col. D. B. Henderson when the latter was speaker of the House. Mr. McNeely has been elected secretary of the Pioneer Trust company of Dallas, South Dakota, and with his wide acquaintance among the public men of the country, his success should be assured in his new field of endeavor.

Christmas Shoppers THEY ARE Coming in Throughs TO THIS CLOTHES SHOP.. Every nook and corner sparkles with Christmas offerings. In Men's and Boys' Clothing and Shoes Are Special Prices. In Hats, Caps and Haberdashery are the best values for your Holiday money. See our Fur Caps, Mufflers, Boxed Neck Scarfs, Shirts and Bath Robes. Every conceivable gift for men - your friends. Our FIVE STORES make regular profit and lower prices possible, because we are big buyers. Gildner Brothers. E. E. GILDNER, M'gr. Manchester, Anamosa. Mason City, Nora Springs. Charles City. New classes are being organized for Jan. 4th, the opening of the mid-winter term and eighteen students expect to enter at that time. If you intend to enter then send in your name at once. 50-3 wks. FOR SALE. Poland China boars, fine stock and individually. Eligible to registration G. W. Briggs. 2 1/2 miles south of Manchester, Iowa. 52-2 wks. Phone, 3 on 25. WANTED. Chester White stock Hog. Phone 3-27. Wm. Straub. HOUSE FOR RENT. Situated on Fayette street, Manchester, Iowa. Inquire of 481. Tiritil & Pierce. Notice of Appointment of Administrator. STATE OF IOWA, Delaware County. -SS. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of John S. Hessel, late of Delaware County, Iowa, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance. Dated this 15th day of December 1908. JOHN H. McELEE, Administrator. Bronson, Carr & Sons, attorneys for estate. SACRIFICE SALE. A modern cottage, 6 per cent. investment annually. Enquire of this office. Another cottage for rent situated on Union street. Cocoanuts Make Good Fuel. "Mine is rather a curious business," said a man who owns a small warehouse and shed down near London's docks. "I deal in cocoanut shells, and last year I sold more than 50,000 bags full of them as fuel. "I buy thousands of cocoanut shells from stalk keepers all over London, from confectioners, from cocoanut oil extractors, from market sweepers and others. I won't tell you the usual price, but sometimes I get them for nothing, for carting them away, in fact, I sell them at fourpence a bag, most of my customers being poor people, who mix them, when broken up, with 'slack' coal. But in scores of hotels and large houses a quantity is bought to be mixed with coals as fire lighters, for the immense amount of oil in cocoanut shells makes them take fire at once. Try it and see. "I have rivals in the business in other parts of London, and some of the makers of patent fire lighters mix large quantities of the shells in their compositions." -London News. Effective at All Hours. "I've got the finest gardens in this part of the country," boasted the newly made millionaire. "Right in the center of them is the most expensive sundial in the world." "A sundial is all right during the day," remarked a listener. "It's useless at night." "Mine isn't," retorted the millionaire proudly. "I've got mine surrounded with electric lights." -Bohemian Magazine. Stones and Bricks. Mrs. O'Hoolahan - This paper says there do be sermons in stones. Pshaw! d'yez think av that? O'Hoolahan - Of tinnis about the sermons, but many a good argument has come out av a brick. O'f'n thinkin'. -Exchange.

Christmas Time With but a few remaining days to complete Christmas buying, the suggestions outlined on this page will be of interest to every individual. Christmas Apron Sale. An attractive line of aprons, fancy tea aprons in Swiss and fancy lawns, with bibs and bretelles, very prettily trimmed with embroideries and laces, a number of styles made expressly for Christmas gifts. Ladies' Dainty Neckwear A great variety of designs shown at the many prices will gladly assist in the choosing of satisfactory gifts. Fancy Linen Articles An attractive assortment of fancy drawn and hemstitched scarf, center pieces, lunch cloths, cluny lace pieces in a complete line of sizes. Handkerchiefs for Everybody A splendid assortment of handkerchiefs of every description Ladies, childrens and mens linen Initial, ladies fancy embroidered hemstitched all linen handkerchiefs in a great display and variety of prices. Greatest Cloak Values Ever Offered. 200 ladies, misses and childrens new coats at sweeping reductions, each and every one is a great value. Not only one or two styles to select from but in some sizes as many as a dozen. We must close out every cloak if prices will make a sale. B. CLARK Christmas Pointers POINTING TO BOYNTON'S Jewelry Store. ESTABLISHED 1859 Large stock of WATCHES, all popular sizes, cased in Solid Gold, Gold-Filled and Silver cases. Beautiful Neck Festoons, Bracelets, Brooches, Stick Pins, Cuff Links, in many styles. Ladies' and Gent's Signet and Stone Rings, Emblems, Pins, Charms and Buttons. Solid Silver and Silver Plated Ware, handsome Mantel Clocks and many other articles suitable for Holiday Gifts. We shall be pleased to have you call and see what we have to show you - a line too extensive to list. Very truly yours, W. N. Boynton WINTER GOODS. For Real Bargains in Ladies, Misses and Children's Cloaks, Men's Fur Coats, Youth's and Boys' Overcoats and Suits. Give us a call, as we have in stock a large assortment in the above lines, especially in the line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks of which we have a large assortment from which to select. They Must and will be Sold. Call and secure the benefit of the low prices before assortment is broken. Respectfully, W. L. Drew