The Emporia News.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 1881.

Additional Locals on the Fourth Page.

New Advertisements This Week.

Cloaks and Dolmans—G. W. Newman & Co.
Note Lost—Robert Lear.
Notice—Banks.
Oysters—T. A. Jones

Try the New Howe Sewing Machine. M. H. Bonner, near the NEWS block.

STRAYED—A roan heifer, white face, branded with figures "16" on the right hip; yearling and neck. Five dollars reward for her return to John Henning.

Dolls, cups and toys, also full line of holiday groceries, near Fourth and Commercial street. LEW WOOD.

FOR SALE.—I have for sale a young red short horn bull of the Muscatowa and Planet families.

J. V. RANDOLPH.

REMOVAL—In a few days MacDonald & Lakin will remove their grocery to the large eligible middle room in the Whitley opera house block.

BOARDER'S HOME.—A new boarding house just started; southeast corner of Union street and 7th avenue. Good accommodations. Reasonable terms. Call and try it. J. H. PECK, Proprietor.

Money to loan in any amount, by the Central Loan and Land Company, at lowest rates. Call and see us before making your loans, as we can do you good.

ATTENTION WOOL GROWERS.—The annual meeting of the Kansas Wool Growers and Sheep Breeders association assembles at Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, January 17, 1882.

J. B. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

LOST—By Robert Lear, on the A., T. & S. F. mail train, December 26th, between Cottonwood and Florence, a pocket book containing a note for $50, drawn by J. J. Francis and in favor of Robert Lear, and secured by P. G. Hallberg. All parties are warned against the purchase of this note.

Pirkey's Emporia Business College is closed for the holidays, and will reopen Tuesday, January 3d. 1882. Several students have finished the course and received their diplomas. Prof. Pirkey's lectures on negotiable papers, contracts, agencies, and science of wealth, are alone worth more than the whole business course costs.

HATS AND CAPS—We have been in Kansas long enough to learn the sizes of your heads and we have your size and can supply about 1000 hats and caps at manufacturer's prices. Again we say the goods must be sold and we will put a hat on your head and money in your pocket if you will call and examine our stock and buy of us.

NOTICE—Our respective banks will not be open on Monday, January 2, 1882, it being generally observed as a public holiday. Parties having notes due on that day will please give same attention on Saturday, December 31st.

Emporia National Band, by C. HOOD, Vice-Pres.
Emporia Savings Bank, by H. DUNLAP, Cashier.
First National Bank, by C. S. CROSS, Cashier.

ANNUAL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the La Veta Coal and Mining company will be held at the office of its secretary in Emporia, Kansas, on the evening of the first Monday of January, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year as provided for in its by-laws, and for transacting any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Witness my hand and the seal of said company this 28th day of [SEAL]. November, 1881.

C. A. LEIGHTON, Sec'y.

Christmas at School.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 24, 1881.

Pleasant Grove school, Bertha Hurlbert, teacher, held oral examinations on Friday, the 23d inst. In anticipation of the day the children had cleaned and decorated the house and blackened the stove. Garfield's face looked down from a fitting frame of evergreen wreaths, all with black. Above this was the motto, "No Cross, No Crown." Other mottos, with maps and pictures, gave the walls a tasty appearance. The day was a perfect one, and by noon most of the neighborhood were present. Dinner was an important part of the program, and it was equal to a grange feast. The afternoon examinations were reading, second and fifth, history and geography of the United States. Miss Donelda Murray read a fine essay. Miss Clara Allen, the "History of the school," and Miss Lou Kent "A Prophesy." The teacher then announced that this was the close of the day's exercises. She was mistaken, for at that moment Miss Lou Kent came forward with an elegant silver napkin ring and a dainty silver salt-cellar in her hand. With a few well chosen words she presented them to the teacher, as a token of the love and esteem of her pupils, wishing her at the same time a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

School teaching has its share of clouds, but such a silver lining as that brightens the way wonderfully. Pupils who treat their teacher thus won't lose. R.

School House Dedication and Christmas Festival.

A very enjoyable affair was the dedication on Christmas Eve of the beautiful school house just finished in district No. 91. The patrons worked energetically to make it a success and they succeeded. The people turned out en masse. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Emma Robinson.

A fine literary program had been arranged consisting of recitations, essays, and addresses, interspersed with music. The recitation, "Rock of Ages," was finely rendered by Miss Lena Fife. A very excellent essay, "The Christmas of 1881," was read by Mrs. Robinson. The recitation by Miss Rose Miller, "The Signboard," was well delivered. An address by J. W. Anderson on "The First Christmas" closed this part of the program, for the president had turned herself into Mrs. Santa Claus and at this time entered the room, producing quite a sensation because of her fairy appearance, and after passing through the aisles disappeared behind the curtain where a large tree had been prepared for the reception of her gifts. She loaded it with good and beautiful presents which afterwards were distributed to the children both young and old.

The M. E. pastor of the Reading charge received a number of useful and beautiful presents from this as well as other Christmas trees within the bounds of the charge.

Everybody appeared happy. Altogether it was a pleasant time.

Dec. 26, 1881. J. W. A.

A. O. U. W.

At a meeting of the A. O. U. W. held Monday evening, December 26th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: P. M. W., T. B. Sherburne; M. W., P. J. Carmichael; Foreman, A. D. Shockley; Overseer, S. H. Rich; Recorder, L. F. Davenport; Financier, E. Beck; Receiver, H. Dunlap; Guide, W. O. Ferguson; J. W., D. S. Cassell; O. W., John Schanze; medical examiners, Doctors Wright, Sherburne, Jacobs and Frost; Trustee, A. E. Crowe; Representative to Grand Lodge, U. C. Spencer.

Myrtle, the little daughter of W. E. Dodge of the Eureka Republican, died a few days ago of typhoid fever. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Dodge our sympathy over their irreparable loss.

A healthy man requires about a pint of air at a breath. A consumptive man requires a 25 or 50 cent bottle of Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup, which will surely cure him.

The Santa Fe pay carpenters in Monday evening.

The Masons of Cottonwood Falls held their annual ball Tuesday evening. Several parties went up from Emporia.

Some one who ought to have been in better business, put a load of shot into George Braguinier's bird dog Friday.

An adult son of J. W. Wilcoxen died Monday at the residence of his father on Dow creek, of typhoid fever, and was buried Tuesday.

A new time card goes into effect on the Santa Fe on the first of January, and there are rumors to the effect that a through fast train will be put on about that time to run between Kansas City and Denver.

W. L. Mendenhall, a brakeman on the Santa Fe, mashed his right hand while making a coupling at the Emporia switch yard Friday, sustaining injuries that necessitated the amputation of two of his fingers.

Supper was served to 142 children at the Christmas festival held at the Congregational church last Friday. There was music and literary exercises and the affair is pronounced by those who were present a grand success.

After meeting a couple of ice men on the street Wednesday it was the most agreeable contrast imaginable to turn from their mournful visages to the radiant countenance of Tom Sedgwick, who has been dispensing cigars for the past two days with all the prodigality of a successful candidate after election day. Girl.

A delightful Christmas festival was held for the benefit of the Mission Sunday School at the west school house near the Santa Fe switch yard last evening. Mr. Marcey, as Santa Claus, dispensed over a hundred presents. Addresses were made, and the occasion was one which will long be remembered by those who participated in the festivities.

The Sunday school of the Christian church held its quarterly exercises on Sunday. At the close of each quarter the banner is awarded to the class that excels in increased attendance, per cent. of attendance and class exercises at the close of the quarter. These exercises consisted of class songs, recitations, etc. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. All were entertained and highly pleased. The decision of the judges was withheld until next Sunday at 3 p. m., at which time the banner will be awarded.

Ta, Ta, Volmer!

Volmer, the wheel of fortune man, was run in again Monday by Marshal Bell on a charge of selling liquor in violation of the state law and the city ordinance. Next morning his attorneys affected a compromise with the prosecution, Volmer agreeing to pay the costs in all the suits pending against him, and to quit selling, his intention being, as we understand it, to leave Emporia and go to Kansas City. On this basis the several proceedings against him have been dismissed without prejudice, but will be continued in the district court if the defendant is not scarce in this strip of timber when the March term comes around. The Emporia public will bid Volmer a cheerful adieu, in the hope that he has enjoyed his second attempt to overide the law in this city as fully as he did the first.

Gambling Den Pulled.

On Saturday night, Marshal Bell, assisted by Officer Page and Special Policeman B. F. Romaine made a raid on a gambling place at No. 123 Commercial street on the second floor, and captured two tables, some cards and a lot of chips, which were taken possession of by the marshal and subsequently offered as evidence in the police court. The parties in the room at the time were admonished of the invasion by a rap at the door, and had abandoned their game before the officers entered the room, and one of them, with great alacrity, shot down the stairs and made his way to the street.

Monday the keeper of the room, Rowland Hughes, had a hearing before Police Judge Barnes, who fined him $25.00 and the costs of prosecution, amounting to nearly $10.00. Judge Barnes further ordered that the place be declared a nuisance, and that the tables be placed in the custody of the marshal, to be disposed of according to law.

It has been an open secret for some time past that such a resort existed at this locality, and it is due to the backbone of Marshal Bell that its suppression has been accomplished.

Masonic Installations

The occasion of the installation of the officers of the several Masonic bodies last Tuesday, was a very enjoyable occasion. Judge Buck acted as master of ceremonies, and welcomed the bodies and friends, of whom there was a goodly number. He said Masonry was considered under two heads, "operative and speculative." By the first we allude, on this occasion, to the preparation in a culinary way, now nearing completion in the banquet room. The second is shown by the degree of patient curiosity you manifest in imagining what you are going to have for a banquet, the entire mystry of which will soon be revealed, as our exercises will not be tedious.

The occasion was enlivened by music furnished by Messrs. Prof. Fowler and Chas. Fletcher, Misses Bigger and Bartch and Miss Annie Goddard, organist.

The exercises will be in the following order:

Prayer—By Rev. Thos. Burrows.
Installation of officers of Emporia lodge No. 12, by J. Jay Buck, Past Master.
Pleyel's Hymn.
Installation of officers of Emporia Chapter No. 12, by James Smith, Past High Priest.
Anthem: "Shepherd of Thine Israel Lead Us."
Installation of officers of Emporia Council No. 7, by J. Jay Buck, Past Thrice Ill. Master.
Anthem—"God of Israel."
Installation of officers of Emporia Commandery No. 8, by J. Jay Buck, Past E. C.
Te Deum.
Benediction by Sr. Knight Rev. Mr. Adams, of Cleveland, Ohio.

An excellent supper was then served and a social hour happily enjoyed by all.

A Financial Success

The Wandering Star band festival drew a very large crowd to Jay's opera house last Monday, and we are glad to learn that the financial results of the venture have considerably more than met the expectations of those having it in charge. The band discoursed some very excellent music both before and after entering the hall, and by their creditable playing demonstrated how deserving they were of the new instruments to obtain means for the purchase of which the festival was given.

The voting for the several prizes was very spirited and it was from this source that the major part of the profits were derived.

For the gold watch there were four candidates, who stood, at the close of the canvass, as follows: Carrie O'Dare, 986 votes; Lottie Taylor, 586; Maggie Smith, 453; Sue Tipton, 155.

The gold-headed cane was won by Henry Williams, the popular porter at the Hotel Coolidge, who received 337 votes to 198 for Wm. Smith.

For the silver watch the vote stood as follows: Maud Smith, 365; Chas. Renfrow, 295; Willie O'Dare, 266; Charlie Page, 75.

The net proceeds are reported at over $600, which will be devoted to the purchase of instruments for the band. After the voting the floor was cleared for dancing which was continued till an early hour this morning.

OUR PICTORIAL.

The Holiday News.

We have made arrangements for the publication in our holiday weekly of about thirty cuts of the public buildings and leading business houses and residences. We shall present views of the Whitley opera house, Coolidge and Fifth Avenue hotels, new High School building, new Congregational and Methodist churches, the residences of Governor Eskridge, Dr. Moore, Wm. Jay, Senator Plumb, and many others.

The paper will also contain much reliable and statistical information about the city and county, such as a list of all the improvements for 1881, the cost of the improvements of 1880, a complete showing of the material growth of the county, etc.

This will be the finest paper to send abroad ever published in Emporia. The cuts alone cost $200 to the owners. The expense of getting it up will be heavy, and we trust the patronage will be commensurately liberal. The paper will be sold at five cents per copy.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

How the Day Was Celebrated in Emporia.

As Christmas began in Emporia on Saturday evening and extended far into Tuesday morning, this delightful festival was enjoyed to the fullest possible extent by old and young in a great diversity of manner, and there were comparatively few of our people to whom this pleasant anniversary did not bring something of gladness and good cheer.

On Saturday evening the Friends at their church on Sylvan street enjoyed a delightful festival, a prominent feature of which was a beautiful Christmas tree laden with a wealth of gifts that brought joy to many a heart, and every person in the large audience was remembered with some pleasant memento of this season of benisons and tokens of affection.

On the same evening the Presbyterians engaged in similar festivities at their church, which was most beautifully and tastefully decorated for the occasion, a Christmas tree brilliantly lighted and laden with gifts attracting the especial attention of the young, while among those of maturer years the motto in elegant gilt letters back of the pulpit and other appropriate emblems about the altar were the theme of unlimited praise. The exercises were interesting and fitted to the occasion, and the festival was one which must ever be associated with the most agreeable recollections with those who were present.

On Sunday Christmas discourses were delivered in most of the churches, and the day witnessed many family reunions and a general but decorous indulgence in good cheer.

Yesterday business was practically suspended, and the town was pervaded by a stillness suggesting the repose if not the devotion of the Sabbath. In the evening festivals were held at the Welsh Congregational and Presbyterian churches, of which accounts will be found elsewhere in this paper.

The number of handsome gifts bestowed was much larger than usual this year, and the Christmas of 1881 was one of the pleasantest that Emporia has ever known.

The exercises at the Welsh Presbyterian church Monday evening were unusually interesting and the house was densely packed with Sabbath school children and members and friends of the congregation. The beautiful Christmas tree presented a most beautiful sight with its blazing candles, glittering ornaments and manifold presents, and so fairy-like was the picture that Santa Claus himself might have appeared upon the scene without exciting special wonderment.

The program consisted of the recitations of appropriate selections, addresses, singing the good old songs of Wales, and the distribution of gifts, a feature of the entertainment that was fraught with special interest to the little folks.

The occasion throughout was one of unalloyed happiness, and reflected handsome credit upon all those who aided in making the festival such a grand success.

The Christmas tree festival and children's meeting at the Second (Welsh) Congregational church Monday evening was, as usual, a great success. Several coming in late could not find even standing room in the church. The program was filled up with recitations, readings, dialogues, and singing by the choir, Willie Rees accompanying on the organ. It was a pleasure to see the little ones ranging from 3 years of age upwards to 12 and 15 standing up and delivering the little pieces they had been working hard to commit to memory for their Christmas meeting. This is exclusively the children's festival without any other pretensions and it is gratifying to find that it did not in the least fall short in any of its features from those of previous years.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsome book to Mr. Joseph C. Jones by the pupils of his class in the Sabbath School. Mr. Jones has been for a long number of years one of the most indefatigable workers in this school and no one was more worthy to receive such a pleasant and fit recognition of his services in the Sabbath School.

After disposing of the many handsome presents on the tree the meeting ended and left many of the young ones happier than when they came in.

"Pocahontas."

The respectable audience which assembled at Jay's opera house Tuesday evening to witness the introductory performance of the Council Grove dramatic company, were mostly called out through curiosity to see what Council Grove talent was capable of doing, little anticipating the treat that was in store. The presentation of the extravaganza, "Pocahontas," proved a most agreeable introduction, and the audience were kept in a happy state of good humor from the first act till the curtain dropped over a "Quiet Family." "Pocahontas," as given last night is, in truth, an extravaganza of the most extravagant and laughable nature, pleasantly interspersed with well-executed singing by the several performers. The cast of characters was well sustained throughout. The role of "Pocahontas" was ably taken by Mrs. Kate Aplington, whose stage presence is easy and graceful. W. A. Moriarty's impersonation of the King of the Tuscaroras was indeed good, and Capt. John Smith had a creditable representative in W. F. Lewis. Ed. White brought down the house as Mynheer Rolff, and if the "Cosmos" doesn't receive the German patronage of Council Grove, it is not owing to a want of Teutonic proclivities on the part of its editor. The costumes of the entire company are deserving of mention for their completeness and appropriateness, and withal are rich and handsome. The afterpiece, "A Quiet Family" was equally well played, and enjoyed by the audience.

Wm. Smith, who is bondsman in the sum of $100 for the appearance of George Washington before U. S. Commissioner Buck to-morrow is very much interested in the whereabouts of that gentleman who is said to have "sloped" last evening. Washington was under arrest on a charge of selling liquor without special license from the government.

The county clerk is making up the semi-annual report of the sale and interest account of school lands. Persons who owe interest on such property must report and pay up before Saturday or be declared delinquents.

Rowland Hughes, who was convicted before Police Judge Barnes on Monday, for keeping a gambling place, failed to pay his fine, and in default thereof was committed to jail next evening.

Wilhoff's Fever and Ague Tonic, the old reliable remedy, now sells for $1.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. H. F. Miller is visiting his sister at Eureka.

Miss Frankie Brundage is visiting friends at Council Grove.

Miss Pearl Miller has gone to Bittertown to spend a few days.

Mr. Denman, Danford's former cashier, took in Emporia Tuesday evening.

The estate of the late Charles H. Withington is appraised at about $5,000.

Harry Peyton has gone to Pueblo to spend the holidays with relatives in that city.

T. C. Green and J. N. Sherk went to Chicago on Sunday night for a short visit.

Harry Riggs, of Lawrence, is visiting at the residence of his uncle, S. B. Riggs, in this city.

Clara Pye, daughter of G. W. Pye, of Cherokee, is visiting the daughters of Thad. C. Davidson.

Mrs. H. M. Bateman, of Bloomington, Illinois, is the guest of Mrs. Conductor Nettleton, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brewer, of Lawrence, have been visiting in Emporia for the past few days.

Rankin Hendy, who has been attending school at St. Charles, Missouri, is at home for the holidays.

Dr. Armor returned on Saturday from a shooting expedition of several weeks in the Indian Territory.

We were pleased Saturday to receive a call from J. P. Cochran, an attorney from Cottonwood Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. I. E. Lambert, in this city.

Wm. Hollingsworth and wife returned from Indiana a few days ago, where they had been visiting for several weeks.

We regret to learn that Mrs. C. B. Bacheller is lying in a very critical condition at the family residence on Union street.

Mr. John C. Morgan and Miss Maria F. Call were married in this city, on Sunday, December 25th, by Elder Lotz, of the Christian church.

Frank Lanstrum, editor of the Raton Guard, is spending a few days in Emporia. Frank is an old NEWS boy and we are gratified to learn of his success in his new field of labor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Davidson went to Eureka on the train Tuesday to attend the wedding of the daughter of our State Senator Cogswell, of that city which took place Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Roberts, of Kansas City, are visiting friends in Emporia and Americus. Mrs. Roberts *nee* Miss Effie Bond, added to the interest of the program at the Welsh Presbyterian church Monday evening by favoring the audience with several fine recitations.

Harry Sayre, of Cincinnati, arrived in this city last evening and is stopping at the Coolidge, where his parents, brothers and sister have been for some weeks. The family have already made a number of friends here who indulge the hope that they may conclude to locate in Emporia.

Walter J. Lewis, who personates John Smith in the extravaganza of Pocahontas; Edward White, who makes such a success of Mynheer Rolff, in the same play, and Elmer Youts, connected with the same company, and a former typo on THE NEWS, favored us with a pleasant call Wednesday. Mr. White is at once a commedian and journalist, being the editor of the Cosmos at Council Grove.

AROUND TOWN.

Emporia expects to have gas within ten days.

The roof of the Santa Fe depot is receiving a coat of paint.

The wood work at Whitley's opera house will be completed within a week.

H. J. Bird cleaned and repaired the time lock of the Emporia National bank Tuesday.

The rush at the county treasurer's office is over, most of the December taxes having been paid.

Thad. Davidson is meeting with very gratifying success in collecting subscriptions to the K. T. band.

The New Fifth avenue hotel silver has been received and is on exhibition in the show window of T. M. Fry.

The Emporia House has changed hands, A. L. Hathaway, of Americus, succeeding Mr. Sawyer, the former proprietor.

A squad of workmen arrived in Emporia last Tuesday from St. Louis, to put in the gas holder and commenced operations this morning.

The new Fifth Avenue hotel will be open to the traveling public at the farthest by the 10th of next month. The second floor was cleaned Wednesday and is ready for the furniture.

M. E. Felty put an elegant parlor set and four bed chamber suites into the new Fifth avenue hotel Monday. We learn that the proprietor has already purchased over $2,000 worth of furniture.

Frederick, Payne & Co are opening up a mammoth stock of groceries at the Boston store room, recently occupied by Volmer, the wheel of fortune man. We are glad to see a change of business at that stand.

The Christmas dinner at the Hotel Coolidge was one of the handsomest and most elaborate "spreads" ever made in Emporia, and is the theme of praise with all who sat down to the well-furnished tables.

Week of Prayer.

At the meeting of the Ministerial association of Emporia, held at the Episcopal rectory, the following outline of work was arranged for the "Week of Prayer," commencing January 2, 1882. All the meetings will be held in the Presbyterian church, and will commence promptly at half-past seven o'clock and continue one hour. All addresses will be limited to five minutes.

Monday evening Rev. Dr. Cordley will preside. Subject: "Thanksgiving for the blessings, temporal and spiritual, of the past year, and prayer for their continuance."

Tuesday evening Rev. Mr. Burrows will preside. Subject: "Humiliation and confession on account of individual, social and national sins."

Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Lotz will preside. Subject; "Prayer for the blessing of God on His church and on His word."

Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Kirby will preside. Subject: "Prayer for the young and all agencies for christian training."

Friday evening Rev. Mr. Tomlinson will preside. Subject: "Prayer for the universal prevalence of peace and righteousness."

Saturday evening Rev. Mr. Hendy will preside. Subject: "Prayer for christian missions, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the conversion of the world."

A cordial invitation is extended to "all classes and conditions of men," to meet together this coming week for the consideration of the above topics and to engage in prayer and praise.

THOMAS BURROWS,
Secretary pro tem.

School Report.

The following is a report of Central school, district number 43, for the month ending November 25th:

Number of pupils enrolled, 36; average daily attendance, 32; pupils, 90 and above in scholarship and deportment: Emma McClannahan, Etie McClannahan, Anna Rudisill, Flora Rudisill, Sadie Cowan, Addie Etherton, Lee Etherton, Bertha Mountjoy, Ida Nicklin, Hattie Nicklin, Grace Miller, Mamie Abraham, May Lumley, Susie Hamilton, Maggie Davis, Maria Davis, Ebbie Abraham, Eddie Jones, Sallie Davis, John Davis, Freddie White, Johnnie Lumley, Johnnie Kurtz, Hugh Cowan, Elmer Rice, Charlie Fisher and Harley Jenkins. M. G. G. MINIERS, Teacher.

Educational Meeting

JUNCTION SCHOOL HOUSE, Dec. 15.

A meeting was held at school house, district No. 28, the object of which was to bring together the people of the district and others, for the purpose of promoting the cause of education.

The meeting was called to order by the teacher of the school and the object made known, upon which Mr. Rogan, the teacher of the Rapids school, was introduced as the first speaker. Mr. Rogan touched upon the manner in which district schools were formerly conducted and the disadvantages against which the pupils had to contend, contrasted with those of the present day, through notwithstanding the improvements that have already been made, there was still need of improvement and reform. He deemed it advisable for district schools, as far as practicable, to adopt the graded course as laid out by the county superintendent, thus economizing the time of the pupil by teaching only those subjects on branches that would be of practical use to him, should his school life here close. The present excessive use of text books should, to a great extent, be abandoned and originality be urged in its stead.

Mr. Cook, the second speaker, rose with some reluctance, but spoke at length upon the different ideas advanced by Mr. Rogan. He fully concurred with the idea advanced in reference to the use of text books and originality, and made mention of the fact that our best educators anciently taught without the use of text books, and, judging by their scholars, with the best results; but as printing presses came into use and the use of books were introduced into schools, the people gradually fell into the error of their constant use—an error of which they now see the folly, and are now trying to retrace their steps back to the time when education did not consist in the amount of other men's ideas that they had committed to memory, but in the ability to originate for themselves. Though there were many improvments in the method of conducting schools, yet men rose through all obstacles, and the idea that pupils are to be educated without mental exertion upon their part should not enter their minds.

Mr. Blankenship, the third speaker, talked a short time upon the inconvenience of the school houses when he was a school-boy, and of the peculiarities of conducting the school, one of which was: The teacher was required to put in nearly the whole day in the school-room. The amount of time thus put in was an index to the quality of the teacher.

The fourth speaker, Mr. Snow, said he had always been a friend to education and concurred in the opinion that had been given. Mr. Snow spoke mainly upon the subject of government. He referred to the limb as a former method of correction, but did not see but that the present method was fully as effectual as the former, at any rate he believed that the children of the present day were as far advanced as those under the former mode.

Mr. A. E. Stoughton, the fifth speaker, dwelt mainly upon the subject of originality. He deemed it necessary that children should be taught to think and act independently and not to accept the ideas of popular men because they were popular, but to examine for themselves. He gave his own experience with the study of grammar and claimed that had it not been for the method of teaching that branch from the blackboard, he would have known much less of that study than he now does.

The speaking ended by a few remarks made by the writer in reference to the duty which parents owe to their children. That that duty did not consist in merely sending them to school it would seem as some did, merely to get them out of the way and thinking that the whole responsibility rested with the teacher. How quick the teacher observes the degree of interest manifested by the parents and how natural to respond according to that degree and how quick the child is to discover the indifference manifested by either. The cooperation of the parent and teacher are necessary for the benefit of the child.

Where Is It?

MESSRS. EDITORS: I have noticed some articles recently published in Emporia papers, with reference to cyclopædias. I want one, but I want one that comes near my ideal, which is rather high. Since a cyclopædia is a library in itself, it must have as many authors as the books of a library would have. The articles upon theology must be written by theologians, upon politics by statesmen, upon science by scientists, upon local matters by leading citizens of the locality, in each case. They must be *written for the work*, not clipped from books and periodicals a hundred years old. The world has learned something in the last century.

Upon chemical matters I do not care to read the opinions, statements or even the facts of fifty years ago.

Special articles must not only be by specialists, but by leading men in their respective branches of learning. They must, for love of learning or money or both, be induced to contribute and to do their best in their respective departments. If they sign their names to these productions, they will disgrace their names, and I shall then get the facts and also know who is responsible for the statement. One man, or even a half dozen, would be utterly unable to do this. The round of sciences must be treated by a circle of scientists, each confining himself to the department to which his life long study has been applied.

In controversional matters there must be fair play. These things must not be left out, but treated in a courteous and scholarly way, by those who believe in the different sides of each controversy.

To obtain this work might cost hundreds of thousands to the publishers, who must have capital and nerve to carry through the enterprise. Fifty millions of Americans demand such a work. It must be American in its origin, but universal in the scope of its work.

If a vast quantity of stuff that might be called "The Lives of the Saints" were left out or much condensed, matters concerning the American of to-day could be well treated in the same number of words used by the leading cyclopedias before the public ten years ago. By publishing the work in royal octavo with narrow margins, by using somewhat less grand-motherly type, (a book of reference does not need the type of a "first reader;") by using paper of fine texture and clear whiteness—in short by strict economy in the publisher's work, the scholarship required can be paid for; and the cyclopædia which I want can be produced at half the cost of those prominent before the people up to 1874. Though its cost will be half, its value will be double.

Has such a work been published? If so, where is it? I want it.

Yours in search of knowledge,
ENQUIRER.

Probably "Enquirer" had better see Professor Fowler of the Kansas State Normal School, who writes the following:

EMPORIA, December 28, 1881.

Mr. C. F. Adams:

DEAR SIR: After such examination and comparison as I have been able to make, I have no hesitation in saying that Johnston's cyclypædia is an admirable production. Its contents are ample in extent and variety for all purposes of general reference. An examination of a partial list of the articles which appear over the writer's names show that a very large proportion of the contributions, other than were statements of fact, are the work of men eminently qualified by special study to give information which shall be exact and reliable, and to select from all that might be said, those things that are of most importance and likely to prove most useful. It is a satisfaction too, to most people, to know on whose authority they are relying when they go to encyclopedias for information. The work also has the merit of being freshly written; it is not a revision of old articles that have got behind the times. The illustrations are excellent, the type clear, the paper and binding all that could be desired.

These excellencies taken in connection with the fact that it costs only about half as much as either of its prominent competitors, make it, in my judgment, the cyclopedia to buy.

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Teacher in mathematics, State Normal School.

A Holyoke, Mass., exchange alludes to the cure of D. O. Judd, Esq., U. S. Supervisor of Postal Card Manufactory, who was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of rheumatism.—Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard.

Christmas Eve at Wells' School House

The Christmas tree exercises at the old Rinker school house, Saturday evening, were highly enjoyed and appreciated by the large number who were present. The literary portion of the entertainment is highly spoken of, particularly the select reading by Miss Mollie Ireland; the declamation by Miss Lettie Hammond, and the song by Miss Hurlbert. Our reporter got there just in time to be too late for all these, but in ample time to vote for the prettiest young lady present. One of the most amusing features of the evening was the fishing pond, presided over by Miss Laura Moon. The tree was nicely arranged, and fairly groaned under its valuable burden of tokens of esteem from friends to friends. The list of presents was large and varied, and the useful and ornamental were about evenly divided, Mrs. H. Wells and Mrs. Cora Ireland receiving, perhaps, the most costly ones. After the presents had been distributed, a large and handsome doll was brought forward, to be given to the little girl receiving the largest number of votes. Several nominations were made, but only two of the candidates were voted for—Miss Mary Ramp received ten and Lettie Hammond ninety-two votes, when the doll was presented to the latter.

As is usually the case, the most interesting feature of the evening was left until the last. When it was announced that a handsome chromo would be voted to the prettiest girl in the house, there was a general stir on the part of the young ladies. Bangs were rearranged, dimples played about the cheeks, and smiles were indiscriminately bestowed upon the young gentlemen, as each young lady blushed with conscious knowledge of her charms. The young gallants present, suddenly remembered that, while there was not a doubt but their girl was the prettiest, votes were five cents apiece and their exchequers were p. d. e. Several candidates were mentioned, but only three received substantial backing. Miss Mollie Ireland received one vote, when an admirer of Miss R. Howell stepped to the front and to freeze out all competitors, ran the number of ballots for that young lady up to ninety-two. This was a clincher, and the faces of the other candidates grew elongated and sober—as did the countenances of Miss Howell's friends grow exultant—but they all reckoned without their hosts. The friends of Miss Allie Moon were confident, and only waited for the proper moment, which came just a minute before the time allowed for voting had expired. Tuey then came to the front with one hundred and sixty-two votes. This did settle it, and Miss Moon was presented with the picture. In a few well chosen words she gracefully accepted the same, courteously thanking her friends for their kindness. This closed the exercises, and all went home happy in the knowledge that Christmas of 1881 had indeed been a pleasant one.

THE AMERICUS NEWS.

EDITED BY "BURLOW."

FRIDAY, December 23.

Davidge and Henderson gave a free show last night at the school house consisting of vocal and instrumental music, and comedy. The violin music was excellent and the rendition of "Home, Sweet Home," and the "Mocking Bird," with variations was scarcely ever excelled. At the close of the entertainment a bound volume was voted to the most popular young lady in the house, which resulted in bringing the showmen $32 and upwards. We are afraid that the contest cost one young man a wedding tour. Towards the last of the contest one man stepped forward and throwing down a $20 gold piece told the opposition to cover it. "Why," says he, "I have bet more than that on a pair of deuces many a time." It is the intention to have the show over again to-night. ....Fine weather indeed....W. S. Avard is in Emporia. Why don't he come up and visit Americus as he promised to some time?

General harness and repair shops. New harness and harness fixtures, buggy tops repaired, by J. C. Craig at the Calken's building.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24.

'Tis the day before Christmas and so forth....Mr. Bartz and wife and Mr. Buzzard and wife went to Harvey county to be gone over Christmas.... The bell was raised to its wonted position on top of the tower at the U. P. church. Its melodious tones awakens memories of by gone times, and the sudden ness with which its notes strike upon the ear, makes a person startle as if at the fire alarm....Miss and Mr. Marks are visiting with relatives in this vicinity....The crowd at the free concert last night was just immense. A free thing is generally well patronized here. ....If it don't turn cold in a day or two the brick work will be completed on the church....Suit has been instituted by Bernheisel & Lowry against R. M. Adams and a garnishee summons issued....Rev. J. Vanooris has let the contract to rebuild his barn that was blown down in the tornado.

Canned and dried fruits in great variety at Willey's.

A good variety of gent's shirts at Willey's.

Tea and coffee very cheap at Willey's

Monday, Dec. 26.

Eddie and Allie Strawn are up on a visit from Chetopa. They will stay among their aunts, uncles, cousins and with grandma until next Thursday.....Joseph Cowan is enduring the luxury of having three boils on the back of his neck at one time....The brick work was finished on the U. P. church Saturday night. Plastering will commence about Wednesday.....Christmas was the nicest day we ever saw for this climate.....It is reported that "Pinkeye" has broken out among the Christmas dolls.... Charley Fisher won the largest number of Christmas turkeys at the shooting match on Saturday.....James Crock "embalmed" about 200 dozen of eggs which he purchased during the summer at 8c per dozen and sold them a short time ago for 27c a dozen.....If somebody don't keep up their hogs, perhaps it would be superfluous to say that they will be posted.

All the leading family medicines at Bond's drug store.

The best place to buy notions in the city is at Bond's.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27.

Ed. Jay, Ed. MacLennan and other Emporia gentlemen were in town yesterday....Mr. Frank Hawkins was the recipient of a handsome present from the M. E. choir. He was agreeably surprised and the gift will long be kept as a memento of friendship, and thanks are bestowed upon the donors by Mr. H. for their kindly remembrance....Work will be commenced on Mr. Vancose's barn immediately....Jubilee infantum concert to-night....Business is very dull. It has taken a relapse since the holidays....The Wise boys are supplying the markets of Americus with fresh fish.

J. S. Gibson has not got the time to advertise now, but look out for new goods next month.

Butter and eggs wanted at O. S. Willey's.

Mr. George Drake, 48 Oak street, Indianapolis, Ind., suffered terribly with "water" rheumatism. He used St. Jacobs Oil and was entirely cured.—N. Y. Spirit of the Times.

For one man who sincerely pities our misfortunes there are a thousand who sincerely hate our success. All men use Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup for coughs and colds. Ask your druggist.

THE READING NEWS.

EDITED BY MARY DE ZEAN.

TUESDAY, Dec. 27.

Born, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Simair....The school house was packed to overflowing Saturday evening, the attraction being the Christmas tree, which was full of presents and made a fine show. It yielded many comical and valuable presents, including bags of candy for the younger portion of the audience and jumping jacks for the grown up portion, dolls and tea sets to some of the young men, and a money bag containing $18 to Rev. and Mrs. Anderson. Santa Claus, with his long white beard, and dressed as if just from an icy and snowy country proved only to be that comical genius, Will Severy....The concert was postponed till New Year to allow Mrs. Shephard, of California, to deliver a temperance lecture. She sympathized with the drinking man and his family and aimed her blows at the rum sellers....Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson tender their thanks to their Reading friends who so kindly remembered them with a Christmas present....The Union Sunday school will have a festival next Saturday evening....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Love returned on the Sunday train, looking very much pleased at the result of their trip.

Reading Ripples

READING, Dec. 27, 1881.

EDITORS NEWS: There was a large dance at Steckley's, Friday evening.... The Union had a Christmas tree Saturday night. Santa Claus was there in person....J. J. Thomas is in town.... Frank Love has entered the married brigade in company with the Light brigade....Our school-master has joined the same army. Success and long life, boys!....S. Fillippie is on the M. P., and not on the K. P....A very pleasant company gathered at Mrs. Fillippie's on Monday night, and danced the hours away to the music of the violin....Rumor says W. O. Davis has sold out, and intends moving to California....John Williams is breaking on the chain-gang ....Sames Masterson has 150 sheep fattening....We noticed Mr. Simiar looking rather gloomy and asked what the trouble was. He replied: "Hard times, and two big boys to feed since Monday." ....The Christian brothers have bought a new farm on the Neosho Rapids road ....John Thomas has left Reading to accept the position of freight agent under S. Fillippie, at Versailles, Mo.

OCCASIONAL.

OVER THE STATE.

Eight inches of snow fell on the line of the Santa Fe Thursday in the western part of the state.

Leavenworth has passed a cow ordinance and will hereafter mow her business streets, instead of grazing them down.

Two convictions under the prohibitory law are reported from Lawrence. There is still hope for Topeka, Dodge City and Leavenworth.

The Kansas State Teachers' Association assembled at Topeka Tuesday. The Capital welcomes the visiting pedagogues in an editorial in which a handsome and well-merited tribute is paid to the educators of the "school state."

Senator Ingalls is to deliver his address on Garfield, at Leavenworth, on December 30th. He will have as a reception committee three ex-United States senators, who now live in that town, E. G. Ross, Alex. Caldwell and Judge Crozier.

A religious awakening of more than ordinary interest and power is reported at