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The World's Best Christmas Gifts

The reason holiday buying is often so trying is because the right goods and right people do not get together. Our advertising is intended to overcome this difficulty. We have an unusually complete stock of the world's most desirable gifts, a brief outline of which we give herewith. We cannot, however, give you any adequate idea of the extent or beauty of our line until you come to the store. We shall be glad to have you come as early and frequently as possible. Our stock is worthy of inspection and seeing it while everything is here will save you much labor and worry in selecting gifts. Our goods insure satisfaction and saving in holiday buying.

WORTHY TOILET ARTICLES

A line that is becoming more popular each Christmas. In addition to a full assortment of the grades ordinarily carried, we have a line of the finer goods that are especially desirable for presentation purposes. Hand-some Military, Hair and Cloth Brushes and Mirrors, singly or in sets, mounted on silver, ebony, rosewood and other beautiful materials. Toilet and Traveling Sets of the same fine goods. Manicure Sets and a variety of Novelties in this line. Be sure to see these things when you are in.

BOOKS

There is hardly a person who has Christmas gifts to buy who should not consider the selection of books. Our stock has been nearly doubled this season. It includes all the latest and most popular novels, together with standard fiction poetry, handsome gift editions. We can suit you no matter what price you want to pay. We regularly sell most books at less than the publishers' prices and will do so throughout the holiday season.

CUT GLASS

If you seek gifts of exceptional beauty and value see our cut glass. Some small pieces costing little, others larger costing more, but all sold at most reasonable prices.

LEATHER GOODS

Sensible gifts for both men and women in this line. We are showing fine Hand Bags and Pocket Books in all the latest styles and leathers. If she needs a new Hand Bag, don't fail to see our assortment. Also strongly made Wallets, Bill Books, Purses, Match and Cigar Cases for men. 50c to \$5.00.

STATIONERY ITEMS

Many attractive and useful things in this line. Fountain Pens, Gold Pens, Fine Box Papers in holiday packages, Portfolios, Desk Sets, Letter Openers, Paper Weights, Ink Wells, and other desk accessories.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Little reminders to send to those to whom you do not care to send any special gift. All the newest and most beautiful ones are here from 5c up.

NOVELTIES

We have thoroughly searched the markets for the newest and most desirable novelties and believe we have secured everything that is worth while. These things will be certain to go first and many of them cannot be replaced before Christmas, so don't miss seeing them while they are all here.

THE CHARLES DRUG CO. Paw Paw, Mich.

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE WORLD

Would be One of Our

New Round Oak Ranges!



Money spent for a good range is not an expense—it's an investment. It's an investment that always declares large daily dividends. Nothing about the house or the farm for so little invested will save the money and produce the satisfaction as a good Steel Range. Wouldn't this be a good year to decide to spend less for frivolous things and order from WATERS & CO. of Paw Paw, one of their Round Oak Chief Ranges. Take out some stock in a new Round Oak. If the investment doesn't prove the best you ever went into, Waters will take it off your hands.

H. G. WATERS & CO.

NEW JUVENILE LAW TO BE PROPOSED

Draft Made at Meeting of State Board of Charities and Corrections Last Week.

OLD LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

W. A. Prater Chairman of Committee Which Drafted Proposed Juvenile Court Law.

The annual meeting of the State Board of Corrections and Charities and County Agents was held in Kalamazoo last week. Many prominent people from all parts of the state were present and much business of importance was transacted. The most important feature of the meeting was the draft of the proposed juvenile court law, to take the place of the old law recently declared unconstitutional. The chief points in the proposed law are as follows:

Establishes jurisdiction of probate judges.

Provides for establishment of municipal juvenile courts in cities of over 20,000 population.

Jury trial possible if deemed best.

Juvenile offenders restrained, not incarcerated.

Quarters must be furnished outside of county jail or police station.

Child must be furnished full papers in release granted.

Warrants can not be issued for parents or guardians of juvenile offenders, but child, if found guilty, can be made to pay for damage to property and restore stolen property.

Bill aims to retain unsullied the moral character and standing of juvenile offender.

Women attendants for girls ordered taken to state school.

General public excluded from court proceedings.

Parents, guardians, or others directly responsible for child becoming offender may be sentenced to pay fine not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned term of six months in jail, or both at discretion of court.

W. A. Prater, agent of State Board of Charities and Corrections for Van Buren county was chairman of the legislative committee, and was largely responsible for the new bill. His report as given to the convention was as follows:

"The juvenile court law passed two years ago, was declared unconstitutional by many of the lawyers and jurists. A committee of which I have the honor to act as chairman, was appointed to draft a new bill to serve in the stead of the unconstitutional one. "The bill that we have prepared is modeled along the lines of the original bill, except that it is constitutional. "It has been said that every criminal has a moral deformity and so it is with each juvenile offender. "He has a mental or moral deformity, which has to be remedied and this law is for that purpose.

"There is a movement on foot to defeat this bill, which is backed by the poorasters and other interested parties. "This movement will undoubtedly be a determined one. "The probate judges are knocking the bill as it will make them more work and they already have a good deal. "We have done our best to conciliate the opposing factions in the draft and we will do all in our power to make this bill a law."

The draft of the new bill is evidently a marked improvement over the old law and will probably receive favorable consideration at the hands of the next legislature.

Third Number on Lecture Course.

The next number on the lecture course will be S. A. Long, lecturer, at opera house, Tuesday evening, Dec. 18. Subject "Lightning and Toothpicks."

A Fine Missionary Tea.

The ladies of the First Baptist church served a fine missionary tea at the home of Mrs. Wm. Killifer last Saturday evening. There was a large crowd present, who thoroughly enjoyed the many good things to eat, with which the tables were laden.

Special Train to Kalamazoo Jan. 18.

Arrangements are being made to secure a special train to Kalamazoo, the evening of January 18th, when Maple Grove Lodge K. of P. will go in force to that city, to attend a monster "blowout" of the K. of P. lodges there. Particulars will be given later.

EVENTS OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Happenings of the Past Week in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

S. A. Long is "The man who says things."

Sylvester A. Long at opera house December 18.

Lightning and Toothpicks at opera house December 18.

A card from Kalamazoo informs us Mrs. Edith Crapo is very poorly.

Born, December 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin E. Butterfield of Hastings, a boy.

J. C. Gould is a little better. He was able to ride down town in his chair Tuesday.

Don't forget the bake sale and bazaar at Shepard & Showerman's, Saturday, December 15.

Mrs. Gertrude Orton writes they are having warm, beautiful weather in Indian Territory.

Sylvester A. Long is one of the most effective speakers who appears on the American platform.

Guy Titus and wife have moved to Kalamazoo. Guy has a position with a life insurance company.

A fine bunch of deer arrived from the north Monday. They were secured by members of the "nasty nine" camp.

The evangelists, the Meade Bros., began a revival meeting last Sunday at Gobleville with a promising outlook.

The next session of the Free Baptist quarterly meeting will be held at Oshkemo, beginning next Friday evening.

It is rumored that the K. of P. lodge and families are soon to enjoy another venison supper. Let the good work go on.

The window in Charles' Drug Store, trimmed by Al Hindenath is attracting considerable attention. He is an artist at the business.

We welcome "Donald Bain" to our columns again this week. We trust this entertaining writer will find time to favor us each week.

Many potatoes are being marketed. The present prices range from 25c to 40c per bu. Will Rickerson has purchased over 12,000 bushels this season.

The Paw Paw fire department will give their annual dance at Longwell's Opera House Christmas night. It will be one of the social events of the season.

At the last covenant meeting of the Free Baptist church a unanimous vote of thanks was given Mrs. Lucy M. Bargs for her generous gift of a memorial window to the church.

The incidental expenses of the recent revival meetings, led by the Meade Bros., were \$45 to the Methodist church for use of house, lights, fuel, janitor, etc., \$12 for printing bills and \$10 for Mr. Haggarty.

A letter from Sam. Quay of Gaylord brings the sad news that his daughter Bessie is no better. Her friends of Glendale and Paw Paw will remember the pleasant visit she made them in the summer and still hope for her recovery.

We call your attention to the announcement of the Goss county map in another column. This is, without a doubt, the best county map ever made of Van Buren county. It should be in every home and every school room. Don't throw away this opportunity to secure one of those fine maps in connection with the True Northerner.

PAW PAW SCHOOL ITEMS

Happenings in Our High School of Interest to Out of School Readers.

Decatur sophomores 62 per cent; Paw Paw 70 12-13 per cent.

Commissioner Aseltine visited several of the rooms Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Ferguson, president of the board, was with us a few minutes Monday morning.

Visitors for the week: Mrs. North, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Sellick, Mrs. Glidden and Harley Ball.

These members of the class of '06 are wielding the birch successfully in the following districts: Mary Lake, Acorn; Carl Barrett, Solomon; Ruth Stevenson, White Oak; Lillian Pierce, Longcor; Oscar Olson, Steeple; Eva Marshall, Lyle.

Program for next Monday morning: America. Reading.....Charles Blackwood Instrumental solo...Delbert Linderman Recitation—Leadville Jim..... Irene Benwire Vocal solo.....Beatrice Taylor

The value of a good high school to a community is hard to estimate. It exerts a powerful influence of good upon the schools below; it holds up before the young ideals of higher and broader scholarship; it is the gateway to otherwise inaccessible realms beyond; it appeals to the ambition of the young; it is a golden strand in the interest that holds the scholarly endeavor.—Selected.

PICKPOCKET GETS BUSY IN PAW PAW

Mrs. Bryan O'Connell Relieved of \$45 on Streets Saturday.

CUT POCKET FROM HER DRESS

Begs Her Pardon for Stepping on her Skirt. Smooth Stranger Not yet Located.

A case of pocket picking was executed on the streets of Paw Paw last Saturday that would do credit to the "Levee district" or Halstead street in Chicago.

Mrs. Bryan O'Connell came to town with two \$20 gold pieces and about \$5 in change in her pocket which she had drawn from the bank several days before.

Soon after noon, while walking down Main street near the Dyckman house corner a man passed her hurriedly and in doing so stepped on her skirt and begged her pardon for his carelessness.

A few minutes later she discovered that her entire dress pocket was cut out and the money gone. The stick, polite (?) stranger had deftly carved out the pocket and coin when passing. The sheriff's office was notified but the villain had quietly disappeared and as yet has not been located.

Several saw the man as he passed the lady and would be able to recognize him should they have the pleasure of meeting with him again. A party answering the description of the supposed pickpocket boarded the west bound train but the officers were unable to get any trace of him at Lawrence or Hartford. He was undoubtedly a professional pickpocket who stopped here for some "easy money" and succeeded in getting away with the goods. The loss comes hard to Mrs. O'Connell and she has the sympathy of the community. But of course that don't help much in a loss of this kind. It is to be regretted that the guilty party could not have been apprehended and punished for his crime.

RYDER BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL

Examination Concluded in Judge Killifer's Court Yesterday. Will be Tried.

Roe Ryder, who is charged with stealing hides from Ocoobock's slaughter house, an account of which was given in these columns last week, has been bound over to the circuit court for trial. The examination was concluded in Judge Killifer's court yesterday. Baugher waived examination last week and is in jail awaiting trial and Ryder is out on bail.

Fred Ocoobock's Bear Arrives.

A large black bear weighing 250 pounds hanging in front of Ocoobock's meat market last week attracted considerable attention. It was one Fred killed while on his annual hunting trip in northern Michigan. Fred says "it don't do any good to tell people that he actually killed bruin for people won't believe it anyway, but that he killed him just the same," and the best of it is he has the proof of it.

Not the "Seven Year" Kind.

It is reported that there have been several cases of that dreaded disease known as "itch" in some of the rooms in the public schools during the past week. It is not the "seven year" kind, but just plain, everyday, common "itch." Prompt measures have been taken to stop the spread of the disease.

Paw Paw Stores Present a Fine Appearance.

The Paw Paw merchants have made extra efforts to please the trade this year. And the different stores are all taking on an attractive holiday appearance. Paw Paw is as fine a trading center as can be found anywhere. They should all receive a generous trade this year. They have the goods, at the right prices, and deserve it.

Co-operative Nursery Association.

A meeting was held at the council rooms last Tuesday evening to arrange a Co-operative Nursery Co. By-laws were drafted and the matter thoroughly discussed. The meeting adjourned for about ten days when another one will be called for the election of officers. Prospects are flattering for a successful organization.