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Charles says

Some Help in Choosing your Christmas Presents

YOU know how it goes every Christmas, how you put off and put off buying your presents from day to day until presently you find yourself face to face with Christmas week or even Christmas Eve, and all your gifts to buy. Then you start out buying at random, first here and there, often paying twice as much as you originally intended for the reason that you have no time to look around.

Isn't it about that way? Let us help you out this Christmas season. No more than five minutes' time will enable you to carefully note on this list whatever you want to buy.

FOR LADIES

Perfume
Candy
Books
Jewelry
Toilet Sets

FOR GENTLEMEN

Books
Cigars
Shaving Sets
Brushes

FOR DISTANT FRIENDS

Box of Stationery
A Book
A Cut Glass Bottle
A Mirror
A Bottle of Perfume
Fountain Pen
A Set of Brushes
A Manicure Set

When you are ready to make your selections, whether it is to-morrow morning or the last hour before we close Christmas Eve, come to this store and you will be able to make an intelligent selection for your list from our varied stock.

And we guarantee you will not pay more than you expect.

The Charles Drugg Co

H. C. Waters & Co. HARDWARE MERCHANTS

COLD WEATHER SPECIAL IN THE "Talk to Waters" Hdw. Store

5-A HORSE BLANKETS

We have two leading blankets at \$1.75 and \$2.50 each that make both man and beast smile. The man smiles because they are such good bargains; the beast smiles because they are so warm.

Stable blankets at 85c to \$1.75 each. Buy more blankets and less feed.

5-A PLUSH LAP ROBES

We bought too many robes. Didn't know it when we bought, but we do now.

We wanted to return them and exchange for blankets, but the factory says, "no." We marked them to sell at 20 per cent. profit. We have decided now to sell every robe at 25 per cent. off the first marked price. We made the mistake, now must "pay the fiddler."

WEATHER STRIPPING

At 2 and 3 cents a foot will save a lot of coal and, perhaps, several good hard colds. Twelve feet will be enough for the average door.

SOAP STONE FOOT WARMERS

Why go with cold feet when you can buy an 8x10 soap stone for 40c.

FOR GLASS & PUTTY TALK TO WATERS.

BUILDING PAPER

Will keep the heat in and the cold out. Good for stable, chicken house, or any unplastered room in your house.

Fuel is too expensive to try to heat the outside of the house.

500 square feet costs 65c, 75c and 85c. The tarred felt costs about 40c a 100 square feet, or about \$1.25 a roll.

SAUSAGE GRINDERS

At the price we charge for meat grinders all can afford them. \$1.00 and \$1.25 buys the usual family sizes. They are good to use the year around.

These make a very suitable Christmas present.

SECOND-HAND STOVES

We have a few second-hand stoves left and we will soon convince you that we are anxious to sell them out.

Our prices will bear us out in this statement.

We have some for wood, some for wood and coal, and four or five hard coal base burners.

"THE NOVELTY CIRCUS CO."

Title of New Book by Jules Verne Des Voignes. Is intensely interesting.

We have on our desk a copy of the latest work of the young author, Jules Verne-Des Voignes, son of Judge and Mrs. L. Burt Des Voignes. The title of the new book is "The Novelty Circus Company" and is intensely interesting from start to finish. It is written especially for juveniles, but is also popular with adult readers.

The work reflects much credit on the young writer, who is fast gaining prominence in the literary world. It is now on sale in Paw Paw at the Emporium and at Chappell's book store.

Marriage of Anna Dorgan to Edward S. Clark.

The marriage of Miss Anna Dorgan of Bloomingdale and Edward S. Clark of New York occurred at St. Mary's church, Paw Paw, at 10 o'clock last week Wednesday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Clarkson. Mr. Clark for several years has been employed in the Kalamazoo city engineering department. After the wedding the guests drove to the bride's home, where a wedding breakfast was served, the train being then taken for Kalamazoo. Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark, Miss Katherine Fitzgerald, E. A. Welch, John Siatery and Mrs. Catherine Buckhout and daughter Helen of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Cody, William Cody and Ray Patterson of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Yorkville, Mrs. John Lynch of Bangor and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cagney, Agnes and Walter Cagney and Miss Anna Clarkson of Paw Paw.

Township Sunday School Convention.

A township Sunday school convention will be held at the Bloomingdale M. E. church Wednesday, December 9; also one at the Alamosa M. E. church, Thursday, December 10.

Several of the county department superintendents will be present to discuss their special lines of work and local workers will have a part in the program during afternoon and evening sessions.

Dam Went Out.

The dam at Free & Morrison's mill went out last Monday night. It leaves the proprietors in bad shape, coming, as it does, when the mill is crowded with work. They will install a traction engine to run the mill until a new dam can be built.

CONTEST CLOSES AT EIGHT O'CLOCK NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Turn in Your Orders Early. Don't Wait Until the Last Minute. Several Candidates are Close. Only a Few More Days.

THE MAIN COMPETITION IS FOR THE DIAMOND RING

Candidates in a State of Uncertainty. Secure Every Possible Vote Between Now and the Close of the Contest. Friends are Hustling for Their Favorites.

With the end nearly in sight the contestants in the great True Northerner contest are busier than politicians on the eve of election. Each one is gathering together his or her forces in preparation for the final struggle which will determine who are the fortunate winners of the most splendid prizes ever offered in a similar contest in this section of Michigan.

Every possible fair means for getting votes is being employed. The value of friends is now greatly appreciated by the hustling candidate who is determined to be successful.

Not only are new subscriptions being solicited in order to secure voting certificates, but those who are reading the True Northerner and are owing back accounts are being urged to pay up and also to pay in advance, by enterprising participants in the great race.

The True Northerner is the recognized leading newspaper of Van Buren county. In its columns are presented the news of the county as it happens day by day. The prizes at stake in the voting contest are more valuable and appropriate than have ever been offered in this city before. It is no wonder then that the interest should be so intense and universal. Everyone is talking about the contest; every one is anxious to help favorite candidates. To secure votes is by no means difficult, but to get enough to secure the diamond, that is another matter. Not one or two, but several have made up their minds to be winners. Only a limited number can succeed. Who will they be? They will be the ones who take advantage of every possible moment from now until the voting closes and who are not deterred by the gains or made over confident by their own accomplishments.

Candidates must have all their reserve votes in the ballot box by the closing hour or they will not be counted at all. This ruling is absolutely necessary, but by following instructions no candidate need suffer by it. Get your votes and subscriptions here by the closing hour. That's all necessary.

The contest will close promptly at 8 o'clock standard time, Wednesday evening, December 9. As soon as the hour of 8 o'clock strikes all votes will have been cast. All subscriptions must be turned in so that the votes can be issued in time to place them in the ballot box before 8 o'clock. All reserve votes must be cast also. In other words, no votes can be cast after that hour.

Candidates outside the city must either send their votes one or two days in advance to be held until the last day or else have them here by the specified time. Subscriptions will be received up to the last minute, but the votes must be deposited by the closing hour. Obviously, those who have subscriptions to turn in should not wait until the last minute and run the chances of being too late.

The final counting will be done by a committee of the candidates present and will be started immediately after the close. All candidates are requested to either be present or else have a representative on hand. This is not absolutely necessary, nor will anyone who fails to have a representative stand any chances to lose any votes.

All free coupons must be in the ballot box by Monday, December 7, as none will be accepted after that date. Candidates should remember that no votes are transferable. The gentlemen in charge of the counting will be instructed to examine each certificate closely to see that the original name has not been erased and if any are found they will be destroyed.

The general public and the friends of the contestants, as well as the contestants themselves are requested to be present and witness the final count of the men who will act and determine any question that may arise. If candidates will follow the directions given each day, no trouble should be experienced at the close and no criticism should follow as a result.

Now let us all join hands and make this one of the most successful contests ever inaugurated. If you haven't done your duty by your favorite, do it now.

This Coupon Counts for 1 Vote

For M _____
R. F. D. No. _____
City or Town _____

Must be Cast on or before Dec. 7, 1908.

THE VOTE

Mrs. I. B. Sheldon, Bangor	12227	Miss Anna Carrier, Berlamont	706
Mrs. Jay Tresscott, Paw Paw	11737	Mrs. Wm. Beeching, R. 5	662
Miss Etouille Aler, Paw Paw	11694	Mrs. L. L. Cole, Paw Paw	125
Miss Minnie Welch, Paw Paw	11576	Miss Hattie Barber, R. 1	120
Mr. W. F. Plumb, Decatur	10955	Mrs. Chas. Duncombe, Keeler	111
Miss Floy Rickerson, R. 4	9821	Mrs. Chan Post, Gobleville	110
Miss Hazel Danahy, Paw Paw	9224	Mrs. John M. Haven, Bloomingdale	102
Miss Pearl Sidenius, Lawrence	6756	Mrs. Geo W. Brown, R. 6	100
Mrs. Rena V. Bench, R. 2	4974	Mrs. C. A. Finch, R. 6	90
Mrs. C. L. Bowen, R. 5	2124	Miss Alice Sweatland, Bangor	69

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE

Brief Mention of Home Events, Society News, Personals, and Every thing in the Way of Local News that is of Interest to our Readers.

Literary meeting at the high school today.

Miss Eva Longwell spent Thanksgiving in Kalamazoo.

Harvey Sherman has been in Cass county attending court the past week.

The second committee will entertain the Maple City club at their hall this evening.

Mrs. Byron Soble returned Tuesday from a week's visit with relatives in Angola, Ind.

The C. E. of the Presbyterian church will give a colonial supper at the church parlors tonight.

Mrs. Dr. Lanphere and two children returned home Monday from a week's visit in Lawrence.

Abner Moon and family of Dowagiac spent Sunday at Ben Sheldon's place north of Paw Paw. He made the True Northerner a pleasant call on their return Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Throop have sold their photograph gallery and have gone South to spend the winter.

George Longwell, sr., has been appointed special administrator in the A. C. Martin estate and the store is closed for the present.

Sylvester Carp, wife and two children of Hartford spent Sunday in our city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Killefer, returning Monday.

The many friends of Hon. Sam. H. Kelley of Benton Harbor will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed secretary of the state railroad commission at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

The Knights of Pythias held a smoker at Castle hall last Monday night after regular lodge work. Election of officers for the ensuing year will occur at the next meeting Monday evening, December 7.

WM. HOLT LOST LIFE IN MINE

Overcome By Gas, Fell to Bottom of 700 Foot Shaft. Funeral Here Tuesday.

We frequently read of some terrible mine disaster in which many lives are lost, but not until one of our own relatives or friend is numbered among the unfortunate victims do we fully comprehend the meaning of such a catastrophe.

The people of Paw Paw were horrified last Saturday night to receive the sad news that William Holt had lost his life in a salt mine in Detroit. He with five companions was working on an elevator lift 300 feet below the surface of the earth. The engineer in charge of the hoisting engine heard frantic jangles from the signal bell and hoisted the lift, but it was empty. It is supposed that the men were overcome by the poisonous gases from below, and that one by one they dropped from the elevator and fell to the bottom of the shaft, which was nearly 700 feet deep. William's dead body, together with those of two of his companions, was recovered soon after, but the other three could not be located until Tuesday.

On receipt of the news, Henry Holt, father of the unfortunate boy, left for Detroit and returned with the remains Sunday night.

The funeral was held from his father's home Tuesday, the services being in charge of Rev. McBain Milne. The bearers were boyhood friends and school mates. Had he lived until Sunday, November 30, he would have attained his 22nd year. The house was taxed to its utmost capacity to contain the sympathetic concourse.

Will was an energetic, industrious boy, well liked by all who knew him. He had worked in the mines since last July and earned big wages. A pathetic feature of his death is the fact that he was to have been married on Christmas day to Miss Elva Rasmussen of Oakland.

Those who attended the funeral from away were a brother, Chas. Holt of Detroit, his betrothed, Miss Rasmussen of Oakland, Chas. Pepper an uncle of Union City and John Pepper of Galesburg.

Burial was at Prospect cemetery. The sincere sympathies of the entire community are extended to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

FAVORS NEW TELEPHONE LINE

Subscriber Takes Issue With True Northerner on Advisability of New System.

Berlamont, Mich., Nov. 30, '08. Editor Northerner, Paw Paw, Mich.

Dear Sir: After reading your editorial in last week's paper regarding the proposed new telephone company, I wish to make a few statements regarding the same and hope you will give them space in your paper, as I believe it only fair for you to do so, and that it is for the best interest of Paw Paw and vicinity.

Your conclusions are natural ones to be drawn by one somewhat familiar with the Kibbie phone, but not informed about the new company, and I would be very glad for you and all others interested, to come to the council rooms next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. and learn more of the plan of management of the new company.

We claim that the value of a telephone depends to quite an extent upon the number of subscribers on the line in your immediate vicinity, and have proven by actual experience that our system will get many more subscribers than the system you now have. We also claim that it costs no more to keep a mile of wire in repair that has four phones connected with it than one that has only one, and the cost is divided between four patrons in one case instead of being borne by one in the other.

We know but little of the dividends of other companies, and care still less, but we have proven by actual test that our plan of operation enables a patron to get better service at actual cost than has been given by any company operated for profit. There are other reasons why this can be done and if you come to our next meeting they will be explained to you.

Distinguished Soloist for Special Meetings.

Mrs. Louise Morgan Ansberry, a lyceum soloist, who will have charge of the music at the church of Christ during the special meetings beginning December 6, has a beautiful, tender voice wonderfully adapted to religious services. Mrs. Ansberry has had the best teachers in the world, which fact is revealed in the unusual finish of her voice. Mrs. Ansberry travels part of the year as soloist with her husband, Wallace Bruce Ansberry, the noted writer and reader.

Lawton Man Killed Wolf.

Fred Kellogg killed a wolf while in Ontonagon county last week. As that county gives \$40.00 bounty for wolves and a taxidermist gave \$10.00 for the carcass, Fred just about paid for his expenses with a single shot.—Lawton Leader.