

HIGHLAND.

December 28, 1908.

Chas. Johnson and wife went to Marysville Thursday to spend the holiday season with the latter's parents.

Louie Swonger, of Greenfield, was the guest of relatives here over Sunday.

Glenn Evans and wife spent Christmas with relatives in Wilmington.

Edward Ballentine and wife, of Dayton, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Misses Edith and Effie Grice were visitors with relatives in Greenfield Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. Will Sayers, of Dayton, and Mrs. West, of Cuba, have been guests of Dr. and Mrs. Orebaugh since Christmas.

Mrs. J. S. Kerns and sons, Paul and Robert, were entertained on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adams.

Mrs. Sarah Sanders is visiting her brother, H. H. Sanders, at Columbus.

Mrs. Wm. Grice was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Keever, near New Vienna, over Sunday.

Thomas Johnson and Virgil Sprague spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson at New Vienna.

O. A. Dowdy and wife and little son, of Athens, and W. E. Smith, wife and son, Forest, of Millersville, spent Christmas with G. R. Pensyl and wife.

Miss Edith Horsman came up from Cincinnati and spent Christmas and the remainder of the week with the home folks.

R. H. Terrell and daughter, Helen, and Miss Fannie Thorburg are spending this week with Mrs. Frank Douglas and family at West Milton.

Olen Miller, of Pennsylvania, spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Roads.

J. R. Sprague and wife were entertained at the home of John Sylvester in Sabina, Christmas.

District Deputy Grand Master Geo. Setty will be at Chosen Friends Lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday, Jan. 5, to install the officers for the current term. All members are requested to be present.

R. S. Bonar, Wm. Morrison and F. M. Horsman, who were appointed to appraise the property on Railroad street belonging to the heirs of Lewis Hoskins, met for that purpose Thursday.

Married—Thursday evening, Dec. 24, at the home of the bride, near Samantha, Benjamin Stanforth, of Hillsboro, and Miss Elisabeth Wright, of Samantha, Rev. L. A. Washburn officiating.

Chas. F. Crawford, of Springboro, was the guest of Mrs. Jennie McPherson and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Kerns was visiting her mother at Pleasant Plain a few days last week.

C. C. Wood, who is teaching school at Picketown, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, R. O. Wood and wife.

Charles Horsman left Saturday morning for St. Louis, where he has secured a position with a large hardware firm.

A daughter was born to Thomas Davis and wife Wednesday, Dec. 23.

David Moore will spend this week with his sister, Mrs. Maud Barrett, in Grafton, W. V., before returning to school at Delaware.

Wm. Johnson sold his farm on the Leesburg pike, east of Highland, Monday, to Edward Bean, of Memphis.

Mrs. Dena Spinks and children, of Pleasant Plain, are guests of Wm. Kern and wife this week.

Solomon Marquis, of Chillicothe, spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Jennie McPherson.

Miss Imogene Terrell is a visitor with her sister, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Bailey, at Blanchester, and will also visit friends at Cincinnati before returning.

The Highland schools closed Wednesday with an interesting Christmas program by the primary and grammar departments. Miss Anna Smith, principal, is spending the holiday season at her home in Marietta, and Miss Syferd and Miss Boatright at their respective homes, Sabina and Russell.

Walter Hoskins joined his wife and children in Indianapolis last week to enjoy Christmas at the home of Mrs. Gusie Edwards and son, Harry.

An interesting entertainment was given by the Sunday School of the Friends' Church on Christmas eve. The tree was well laden with loving remembrances of the happy Christmas time and the house was well filled with an interested audience. The program of recitations and music was well rendered.

James McQuay, wife and little daughter, Doris, spent Christmas with Greenfield friends.

Robert Judkins, of Cincinnati, is spending his holiday vacation with his father, Dr. E. S. Judkins.

E. T. Rayburn and wife, F. S. Woodmansee and family, C. E. Hixon and wife and Mrs. L. C. Horsman were entertained with a Christmas dinner by F. S. Horsman and wife.

Misses Louise Head and Nellie and Edith Thornburg, students of Wilmington College, and Wm. Head and G. H. Woodmansee, of Delaware, are home for the holidays.

CARMEL.

Dec. 27, '08.

Frank Head, of Hillsboro, is spending his vacation here.

Anna Keelor, of Rainsboro, spent from Friday until Sunday with the family of her brother, Oscar Keelor, of this place.

Bessie and Stella Meyers, of Plum Run, spent Sunday with Thos. Holladay and family.

J. O. Sams and family spent Thursday night and Friday at the infirmary.

Misses Grace and Carrie McCoppin spent Saturday night and Sunday with their mother and family here.

The friends of Ruth Henry gave her a Christmas surprise post card shower. She received fifty five beautiful cards and a post card album.

John Sams and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Mollie McCoppin.

MARSHALL.

Dec. 27, '08.

Rev. R. M. Johnson preached a fine sermon at the C U church Sunday.

Benton Parks and wife and T. B. Cunningham, of Berryville, spent Sunday with Dr. Mason and wife.

The Ladies' Aid Society treated the Sunday School scholars to candy Sunday at the M. E. Church.

John Hogsett, of Columbus, is spending the holidays with his parents.

A. G. Cameron and family will remove to Columbus in the near future.

Burch Elliott, of Tennessee, is visiting his mother here this week.

David McCall and wife spent Christmas with friends at Fairview.

O. H. Hughes spent Christmas here.

PRICETOWN.

December 28, 1908.

Miss Exie Martin, of Belfast, is visiting relatives at this place.

J. W. Gossett and wife entertained a number of friends Friday.

Miss Ima Faris and Amanda Frye, of Fairview, visited the former's grandparents, C. C. Faris and wife, Friday.

Albert Doan met with a bad accident while working at the Landess saw-mill when he slipped and fell on the saw, cutting one of his hands almost off.

Mrs. W. S. Barker is visiting her brothers, Frank and William Miller, at Piqua.

Misses Thursie and Sylvia Young spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Clara Landess and family.

Miss Lilly Gossett spent Saturday night with her aunt, Amanda Pulliam.

Mrs. Lilly Donohoo, of Hillsboro, visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

The cantata given at this place Christmas eve was considered the best we have ever had.

E. N. Pulliam and wife entertained John Bennington and family and Alva Gossett and family Christmas.

Ora Workman and wife visited the latter's father, B. F. Cochran, at Danville, Friday.

A clay pigeon shooting match was held here Christmas afternoon. The winners were Frank Clossman and Willie Turner.

J. C. Landess and son, Ed., arrived at home from their western trip Friday.

When You Put On Stockings

Of the heaviest sort, do your shoes pinch, and your feet swell and perspire? If you sprinkle Allen's Foot-Ease in your shoes, it will give you rest and comfort, and instant relief from any annoyance. Sold Everywhere, 25c. Don't accept any substitute.

Maud—How pretty and careless Mabel's hair always looks.

Gertie—Yes, and it takes her two hours to make it look that way.—Philadelphia Record.

Celestine—And has Mr. Pryor's church such a small congregation?

Hilda—Yes, indeed. Every time he says "Dearly beloved" you feel as if you had received a proposal.—Magazine.

When winds shriek high in fleasht glee, And enters winter with his key Protect yourself, from disease be free; Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.

THE W. R. SMITH DRUG CO.

The city of Aleppo has an estimated population of 197,000 inhabitants. It is the center of transit of certain exports from Asia Minor, Mesopotamia, Arabia and Persia and is in a rich mineral district.

Willow baskets represent a prosperous industry, which was formerly scattered. An enormous exportation, chiefly to Germany, is the work of several hundred poor families of Italy.



DIRT ROADS.

How They Are Kept in Good Condition in Sections of Missouri.

There are three tools that are being used in Missouri in keeping the dirt roads in good condition, the grader, the drag and the harrow, writes a correspondent of the Farmers' Voice. The grader, costing from \$200 to \$500, is used in rolling up the roads. This is done, or at least, should be done, in the spring of the year. If the roads are graded in the fall they get terribly cut up by the travel after the rains in the late fall and sometimes become almost impassable. To say the least, they are miserably rough. When graded in the spring the roads get bad enough in the winter and spring, and it is only of late years that farmers have learned the use of the drag and harrow in putting them in good condition again.

The road drag is easily constructed by means of two timbers of split logs from eight to ten feet in length and about the size of heavy fence posts. They may be fastened together with oak cross pieces or by round spokes extending from the holes in one piece to those in the other. Good chains can be fastened to the pieces to which the double tree can be attached. If the drag is extra heavy, two teams may be used by hitching one at each end. When dragging the road one team should be kept a little ahead of the other, so as to pull the dirt toward the middle of the road. It is a good idea to have a sharp cutting blade of steel on the underside of the front timber. If this extends about half an inch below the edge of the timber and slants forward it will help wonderfully in cutting off the rough points in the road.

The drag, though simple, is a great invention. It is a power for leveling the roads in winter just after a dry freeze or in the early spring when the roads begin to dry. By running the drag over the road, ruts and horse tracks will be easily filled. If they contain water, it will run out and away, then the roads will soon be in good condition.

The common field harrow, while not so good as the drag, is being used frequently for leveling roads. Best results are obtained by using the harrow when the roads are rough, but dry. It acts as a leveler, but not as a grader. By raking off the clods and bumps, pulverizing them and filling the depressions.

The neighbors in a community, with the use of the drag and harrow, have no trouble keeping the roads about their farms in very good condition during most of the year. Of course there are times in rainy seasons when the roads must be let alone.

REVERSIBLE SLED.

It is Easy to Load, and Easy from Which to Dump Load.

Here is a sled that will work either side up, and from either end. It is handy for hauling stones or other heavy material, as it can be over-



Self-Dumping Sled.

turned and the load left where desired. If necessary, it can be drawn from either end, and will save a lot of extra lifting in unloading the material.

DO HAULING NOW.

Get Such Work Out of the Way Before Ground Gets in Bad Shape.

With the old plan of managing the farm there was always much hauling to do in the winter and in all kinds of weather. I have learned one thing about hauling, says a writer in Farm and Home, and that is it pays to do it when the ground is solid.

There is much feeding to be done during the winter. Generally the hay is stacked in the field at harvest time and hauled to the feed racks as needed. I have learned to haul and stack in the rack at harvest time. This takes a little longer, but saves time in the end and extra hauling.

I do my hauling, as far as possible, when I have firm footing for the horses. Trying to haul loads when the ground is soft has made more balky horses than any other cause. I believe, at any rate, this is a good time to bring out the balk in them if there is any. If you want to save horses, do the hauling when they can do it easiest and it will be easiest for you at the same time.

Easily Made Vinegar.

We make 10 to 12 gallons fine apple vinegar every year. As soon as apples come, we take the parings and put them in a six-gallon stone jar and tamp them with a potato masher till they are pretty well bruised, then pour water over them till covered. We continue to put the parings in till they have been in a week or more, then we strain out the parings and pour the cider into a keg and repeat the operation till one keg is full. We then lay an old piece of cotton cloth over the bung and let nature do the rest. In two months we have a keg of the finest kind of vinegar.

WEIGHT OF A HORSE.

Bad Guesses Made by Men Unskilled in Horsemanship.

Many people, even among those who frequently make use of horses, have little idea what an ordinary horse weighs and would have much difficulty to guess whether a given animal standing before their eyes weighed 500 or 1,500 pounds. Yet they would have no such difficulty with a man and probably be able to guess, especially if they were good Yankees, within ten or twenty pounds of his weight. The governments of Europe have long been purchasing and weighing horses for the military service and transferring them from carriage or draft employment to the various branches of cavalry and artillery. The animals are ordinarily assigned according to weight. The French military authorities find that an ordinary light carriage or riding horse, such as in the United States would be called a "good little buggy horse," weighs from 300 to 400 kilograms—say from 800 to 900 pounds. Such horses as these are assigned to the light cavalry corps. The next grade above, which in civil life passes as a "coupe horse," or carriage horse of medium weight, ranges in weight up to 480 kilograms, about 1,050 pounds. This horse goes to help mount the cavalry of the line.

Next come the fashionable "coach horses" of persons of luxury, which weigh from 500 to 580 kilograms, or from 1,000 to nearly 1,300 pounds. These horses go to serve the purpose of drill for the cavalry belonging to the reserve military forces. Above these there are still two grades of heavy horses. The first are those used for ordinary draft purposes and are commonly found drawing the omnibuses of Paris where such vehicles are still in use. These weigh from 1,100 to 1,500 pounds. The heaviest horses are the Clydesdales and Percherons, which are oxen in size and strength and which weigh from 600 to 800 and sometimes even up to 900 kilograms—that is, from 1,300 up to nearly 2,000 pounds. None of these Percherons of the heaviest weight are used in the military service, but some of the lighter ones are employed for draft and artillery purposes.—Buffalo Commercial.

AIDED HER RIVAL.

Romance of a London Society Leader and a Diamond Necklace.

The jewelers of Bond street could if they liked tell many an amazing story. There is no need to dilate on the fascination which scintillating gems exercise upon the feminine mind. That fascination is a fact and may serve to explain a mortal enmity which existed recently and probably still exists between two well known society leaders. To one of them a highly placed admirer mentioned his intention to purchase a diamond necklace. Knowing that the lady possessed more than a superficial knowledge of the value of stones, he begged her to select for him what he required. The price he was prepared to give was £1,500. The lady jumped to the conclusion that such a request could have but one meaning—viz, that she herself was to be the eventual recipient of the gift. She thereupon visited the jeweler's shop and inspected his stock, but at the price she was empowered to give saw nothing that particularly took her fancy. A fascinating piece of workmanship, however, did attract her, the price of which was 3,000 guineas. The desire to possess it became irresistible. She arranged with the jeweler to send the necklace to the purchaser and invoice it to him at the agreed upon price, while she gave her own check for the balance. Then she went home and awaited the arrival of the gift. Some days passed, but there was no appearance of the necklace. A horrible doubt which assailed her became certainty a day or two later when she saw the identical necklace she had helped to pay for sparkling on the neck of a younger and more beautiful rival.—Grand Magazine.

His Harmless Candidate.

A Georgia farmer posted this sign on his front gate: "Candidates Will Pass On. No Time to Talk to 'Em." One morning his little boy shouted from the garden walk: "There's one o' them canderdates here, and he says he'll come in anyhow!" The man looked toward the gate and said: "Let him in. There's no harm in him. I know him. He's been running ever since the war, jest to be a runnin'. It runs in his blood, an' he can't help it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Explanations in Order.

A man whose wife was extremely jealous planned a pleasant surprise for her in the form of a trip to New York to see "The Merry Widow" and wrote a friend in the city to let him know the earliest date for which he could secure seats. The next day when he was away from home the following telegram was delivered there, addressed to him, but opened by his wife: "Nothing doing with the widow until the 10th. Will that suit you?" Explanations were demanded.

As to a Courtship.

"He's telling everybody that she's his first love." "And she?" "She is confiding to a select few that he is her last chance."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Be-less.

Captious Criticism—I want a piece of meat without any bone, fat or gristle. Bewildered Butcher—Madam, I think you'd better have an egg.—Sketch.

ROBBERS TORTURE A VICTIM

BEAR THE FEET OF AN OHIO MAN AND SECURE \$180.

Family Drugged While Bandits Obtain Loot and Escape with Stolen Horse and Buggy.

Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—By burning his feet with lighted matches, two masked robbers compelled H. A. Schabow of Gurlice, near here, to open a safe in his farmhouse and turn over \$180 Friday.

After tying their victim to his bed with strips of a sheet and placing a gag in his mouth, the bandits went to the barn, stealing a horse and buggy, and escaped. A posse of farmers are in pursuit.

Upon battering in the front door the robbers placed an unknown substance upon a heated stove which overcame the family of seven, and the bandits then operated undisturbed. Schabow is in a serious condition, but will recover.

While one of the robbers was torturing Schabow with the matches the other kept him covered with a revolver, threatening to kill him if he uttered a sound. Schabow was country agent for the Lucas County Insurance Company of Toledo.

QUARANTINE IS MODIFIED.

Things Made Easier for Michigan and Maryland Cattlemen.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Wednesday modified the federal quarantine on account of foot and mouth disease in Michigan and Maryland, because no infection has been found in Michigan outside of Wayne and Oakland counties nor in Maryland outside of Carroll county.

In Michigan, interstate shipments, for immediate slaughter only, of cattle, calves, sheep and swine will hereafter be permitted from any point in Michigan except from Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties. The authorities of the state to which the animals are destined must be willing to accept them. The recent similar order applying to Maryland except Carroll and Baltimore counties was modified so as to require special permission from the chief of the bureau of animal industry in each case before the animals may be driven on foot from Maryland. This special permission is also required in Michigan.

TAFT WILL VISIT TEXAS.

Accepts Invitation from Thirty Cities of Lone Star State.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 23.—President-elect Taft decided Tuesday to visit Texas at some convenient time after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of congress which he is to call to revise the tariff. While his itinerary for the visit has not been arranged he will make the city of Dallas one of the principal points of the trip.

Thirty cities and towns of the Lone Star state united in a request for his presence at any time he should choose to come. The invitation expressed a keen desire on the part of the commercial bodies of the places in question to make the personal acquaintance of Mr. Taft.

Fire Makes 1,000 Homeless.

New York, Dec. 24.—More than 1,000 persons were made homeless and \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire which burned out an entire block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, Brooklyn, Wednesday. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but they were rescued by firemen and carried from their burning houses to places of safety.

The great Bush terminal docks on the edge of the fire zone were saved from destruction only by the strenuous work of one of the big fireboats which kept the flames from sweeping over Second avenue.

Alderman Coughlin Freed.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"We, the jury, find the defendant, John J. Coughlin, not guilty." This sentence, read in solemn silence in Judge Newcomer's court Wednesday, threw the cloak of innocence around the massive shoulders of Alderman J. J. Coughlin. A jury of 12 peers pronounced him guiltless of having slugged Lyman L. Atwell, photographer, at the First ward hall.

Revival Closes All Saloons.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 23.—Every saloon in Ottumwa was closed Tuesday night as the result of a religious revival. Saloon men claim the petition upon which the saloons were closed is insufficient, and one dealer will open to stand prosecution as a test case. This is the first time saloons have been closed here since prohibition days.

Canal Blast Killed Twenty-One.

Washington, Dec. 24.—According to the latest advices to the isthmian canal commission, there have been 21 deaths so far as the result of the premature explosion of dynamite at San Obispo December 12.

Cashier Robbed His Own Bank.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 23.—H. Barr Elliott, formerly assistant cashier of the First National bank of Bufaula, was arrested Tuesday on information charging him with the robbery of that bank on the night of December 14 last.

RAINSBORO.

Dec. 27, '08.

L. D. Ladd, of Tucum, Okla., is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Will Cameron, of Cynthia, Harry McCoy, of Youngstown, and Miss Grace Ferguson were guests of F. A. Cameron and wife Sunday.

R. R. Watts and wife and George Miller, of Marshall, were guests of J. B. Davis and wife last Monday.

S. L. Yochum and family are spending the holiday vacation with the home folks near Mowrystown.

John Waddell is improving his property by the erection of a new barn.

Miss Louie Roads, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Roads, was married last Wednesday evening to Ray Cameron, of Marshall, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. T. C. Carter. The happy couple then returned to the home of the bride, where a bounteous wedding supper was served.

Frank Adams and wife have been spending a few days with relatives in Pike county.

S. M. Strain placed a car load of Angora goats on his farm just south of our village on Tuesday of last week.

J. L. Smith and wife entertained several friends with a dinner on Christmas day.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold a literary session at the M. E. church on Thursday night of this week to which the public are cordially invited.

T. H. Harrington and wife entertained with a family dinner on Christmas.

W. T. Hodge and wife, who were called to Liberty, Ind., last week by the serious illness of their sister-in-law, returned home today.

The next number of our lecture course will be on the night of January 5. Ralph W. Hull, the magician, is the attraction for the evening and will be prepared to do marvelous things. Tickets will be on sale at Cameron's store. Then on the night of Jan. 14, Dr. Wm. B. Hartzog will be here to lecture on Sunshine and Sense. These two lectures come close together as we failed to have one in December but both come so highly recommended that no one can afford to miss either of them.

FORT HILL.

December 28, 1908.

Miss Grace Williams, who is attending school at Centrefield, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Williams.

Mrs. Alice East was a visitor at Waverly one day last week.

G. W. Murren and daughter took dinner with Bingham Murren and family, at Cliff Range, Christmas.

Mrs. Sarah Butler and son, Raymond, visited Mrs. Mary Rhoades and family, at Cliff Range, Sunday.

Miss Blanch Harens visited her cousin, Mrs. J. J. Butler, at Sinking Spring, from Thursday until Monday.

Isaac Bobb, of Springfield, is the guest of his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stuits.

Benjamin Murren and family, Ed. Mull and family and Verda Murphy and family, of Cliff Range, spent Sunday with the former's father, S. W. Murren.

J. H. Kilpatrick, of Adams County, spent last week the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. B. Turner.

Edward White and family and Miss Anna Shoemaker enjoyed a turkey roast with the former's parents, E. C. White and wife, of near Cliff Range.

James Irons, wife and daughter, Mrs. Mac. Knisley, Mrs. Mather Rhoades and Miss Ethel Wentz spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Alice East and family.

James and Ray Deardoff spent Christmas with their grand-parents, John Caplinger and wife, near Slate Hill.

Elmer Cameron and family, of Marshall, were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stuits, Christmas.

SINKING SPRING.

Dec. 27, '08.

Miss Theresa Kennedy, of Portsmouth, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cecil Belleston.

Miss Edythe Drake is spending this week with friends at Portsmouth.

Chas. Lawson, wife and baby, of Springfield, are spending the holidays with her parents, Frank Garman and wife.

Miss Grace Merritt is visiting relatives at Bainbridge.

Harry Rhoads, of Middletown, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Nellie Butler, of Elmville spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. James Butler.

James Faulds and family left Monday for Kansas where they will make their future home.