

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IS A PLEASURE

—AT—

Sharrar & Mulholland's Drug Store, Alma.

OUR FIFTH ANNUAL SAMPLE SALE OF CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

The only difference between a Sample Line Purchase and any other is

THIRTY-THREE CENTS SAVED ON EVERY DOLLAR.

And about five times as many things to select from. This year our samples are from a large New York House, and just about one year in advance of the small Western Houses. It would be useless in trying to enumerate the different articles, as we have in stock over 2,000 different articles, purchased especially for the Christmas trade. Below we list a few of the things that come to our notice:

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES

Either Framed or not, from **20 Cents to \$10.00**, and worth your time looking them over, whether you wish to buy or not.

Toilet Sets, Brush and Comb Sets, Shaving Sets, Desk Sets, Smokers' Outfits, Military Brushes, Mirrors of every shape and description, Photograph Boxes, Photograph Albums, Travelling Cases, Necktie Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes. All of these in endless variety, and one that usually sells for \$3.00 we sell for \$2.00. Come and inspect them and you will soon satisfy yourself.

Books, Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books.

What we say about our Book Line is this, that it is the most complete of any in Gratiot County. If you don't believe it come and ask for a book and we will produce it nearly every time.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THIS.—The **Tabard Inn Library** will furnish us before Christmas a limited number of new books, hot from the press, and for \$1.50. You can purchase one of the books, which makes the recipient of the book a member of the Tabard Inn for life, in any town in the United States. A member may change this book for any other by paying 5c at any station.

What would be better for a Christmas Gift?

Colored Books for Children.

Flowers from the Holy Land for Sunday Schools, Christmas Cards, Booklets, etc. We have Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens of every design and shape.

The famous Allegretti's Chocolate Creams, fresh from the candy kitchen, commencing with this week.

Also Lowney's Chocolates in Gift Boxes of beautiful design. Palmer's Perfumes need no explanation. We have them in all their beauty and fragrance.

Don't fail to attend this, our Fifth Annual Sample Line Sale of Holiday Goods, but show that you appreciate our efforts to make a little money go a long way in Christmas shopping. Don't forget the place.

SHARRAR & MULHOLLAND'S DRUG STORE.

LOOK! LISTEN!

Big Closing Out Sale

Everything at Cost.

and I mean cost, not an advertising scheme, but my entire stock of

- Double Work Harness from..... \$21 to \$29
- Single Harness from..... \$4 to \$15
- Good Halter with Stale..... 68c
- Genuine Irish Collars for..... \$2.75
- Heavy Leather Collar..... \$1.60

Blankets, Robes and Whips at same proportion.

Everything goes. Parties wanting Harness made to order, come in in tell me what you want and I will make it for you, remember at cost. I have a large stock of No. 1 Oak Leather I wish to work up.

This Sale will continue until everything is closed out.

C. H. DECKER, Alma.

First door east of The Hayt & Pierce Co.'s Store, Opera House Block.

A. A. SNOW PLOW WRECKED

Ran Into the Rear End of a Freight Train Stuck in the Snow Near Forest Hill.

Last Sunday afternoon the snow plow on the Ann Arbor bound north ran into the rear end of a freight train stalled in a snow bank near Forest Hill, which resulted in the snow plow being put out of business. Two flat cars of the freight train were broken in two, and the caboose caught fire and burned up, while J. Dean and four others were more or less injured in jumping from the snow plow.

The crew on the snow plow had notice that the freight was stuck in the snow at Parkinson, but it was a long train, the rear end reaching nearly to Forest Hill, and as the engineer could not see ahead on account of the snow plow in front of the engine, he was relying upon the man in charge of that apparatus for signals, which he claims he did not receive, and the collision resulted.

Passenger traffic was delayed considerably Monday morning, as it took some time to remove the wreck and release the freight stuck in the snow.

INTERESTING BOOK.

The Kodol Almanac and 200-Year Calendar.

The Record has received a copy of the 1904 Kodol Almanac and 200 Year Calendar, sent us with the compliments of the publishers of this most interesting, unique and useful booklet.

The Kodol Almanac and 200 Year Calendar, aside from other interesting features, points out your guiding star and tells you your most promising month. It also tells you your lucky day, your flower and your birth stone, and the day of the week upon which you were born or the day of the week upon which any other event has occurred since the day of our National Independence, or may occur upon any given date as far in the future as the year 1976.

Messrs. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, Ill., are sole owners and publishers of the Kodol Almanac and 200 Year Calendar and will be pleased to mail a copy of this booklet to any one enclosing a two-cent stamp with a request for same, provided The Alma Record is mentioned.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

I will be located in the room adjoining Justice Chadwick's office in the Pollack block after December 10, until further notice, for the purpose of receiving township taxes for the township of Arcadia.

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SEVILLE.

Mrs. O-born is on the sick list.

Chas. Sandel moved on his own farm Monday.

Geo. Dick and Will Shaver, of Elwell, have moved to Eoyne City.

Alex. Miller and wife are visiting the latter's parents near Grand Rapids.

Earl Abbott is working for C. Rockwell this week on the telephone line.

Maggie Mallory is slowly recovering from her recent illness. Dr. Saydam is treating her.

John Abbott, of Osoda, visited his brothers Frank and Silvers, last week, and started home Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Mallory, who has been confined to the house for the past four weeks, we are pleased to hear is improving.

There is plenty of telephone opposition in this section—Elwell, Bell and Union companies—pay your money and take your choice.

Next Wednesday night, Mamie Winn and Carrie Sandel will organize what will be known as The Youngs Cabbage Club at the home of Mrs. Anna Fink.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

(OFFICIAL.)

ALMA, MICH., Dec. 1, 1903.

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Alma in Council Chamber on above date.

Present: President Young, Trustees Montigel, Pierce, Sandelhoff and Struble.

Absent: Trustees Delavan and Demuth. Minutes of previous meeting read and on motion approved.

Chief of the Fire Department Fishbeck in behalf of the department presented a proposition to the council that the furniture now belonging to the department be retained by it, in its room for the use of its members.

On motion the proposition was accepted and adopted.

Mr. T. A. Ry in behalf of the business men of the village presented the village with a flag to be hung upon the police building.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the donors of the flag formerly accepted.

On motion the President was appointed a committee of one to investigate as to placing the flag staff upon the nose tower.

On motion the following claims were allowed at footing and the clerk instructed to issue orders for same:

Highway Labor—
John Greg..... \$28.00
R. Holiday..... 4.50
John Sharp..... 4.00
Water works labor..... 14.80

Miscellaneous—
John Deble, for sand..... 3.45
Chas. Fishbeck, blacksmithing..... 2.50
Alma Record Co., printing..... 2.50
Alma Fire Dept., opera house fire..... 7.50
Stockbridge Elevator Co., sundry supplies 25.38
S. B. Epler, fuel to quarantined family..... 2.50

Moved by Trustee Sandelhoff supported by Trustee Montigel that the applications for membership for the Alma Fire Department submitted upon recommendation of Chief Fishbeck be accepted, the following applicants be duly appointed members of said Alma Fire Department viz:

J. S. Kwoertzer, Carl Brown, W. J. Moore, Lloyd Campbell, P. T. Banghart, Bert Thompson, J. P. Sartor, Jr., Arthur Rogers, G. H. Thompson, Frank Rollin, F. C. Robison, W. W. Cuppen.

Motion carried as follows:
Yeas—Trustees Pierce, Sandelhoff and Struble.
Nays—Montigel.
Motion declared carried and said applicants declared duly appointed.
On motion council adjourned.
G. S. YOUNG, President.
W. W. KINCH, Clerk.

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