

KIDDIES' FUND KEEPS GROWING

Is Slow Work, However, and eGood Fellows are Asked to "Kick In" Soon.

TOTAL NOW \$207.95

Fourth Grade Kiddies Come Forward With a Collection.

Previously acknowledged	\$198.45
Irene Ely's Fourth grade	1.50
Margaret Bell	1.00
Mrs. J. M. Richardson	5.00
A Friend	2.00
Total	\$207.95

The school children show a continued interest in the Kiddies Santa Claus club. Miss Irene Ely's fourth grade the other day took up a penny collection, which netted \$1.50. The fourth grade kiddies are a sympathetic bunch of youngsters. They want the less fortunate kids of the city to have a merry Christmas and the dollar and a half they have contributed will help in accomplishing that result. The spirit they show in the giving of this little fund is most commendable.

Only a few days more remain in which contributions may be made to the Kiddies Santa Claus club. There are an unusually large number of youngsters about the city this year to whom Santa Claus is likely to be a stranger. If you, gentle reader, want to do a good turn—if you would like to be a party to giving some little kiddie a happy Christmas—join this club at once. A happy kid on Christmas day is an inspiring sight and can you imagine a more dejected kiddie than one who wakes Christmas morning only to find that Santa Claus has forgotten him?

If you expect to join this club, do it today.

Stores to Open Evenings.

Stores of the city will remain open until 9 o'clock in the evening on Thursday and Friday of this week and until 10 o'clock on Saturday, in order to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Eight Die in Fire.

Mrs. H. G. Fagan, formerly Miss E. Stark of this city, now living in Detroit, sends the Freeman-Journal a newspaper account of the death of eight people in one family. All were burned to death in the home. The house caught fire because some gasoline got mixed with kerosene at the oil station. The mother of the family tried to use the gasoline to kindle a fire. The oil company distributed posters over the city asking all who had bought kerosene that day to return it at once and get their money back.

CHICAGO MARKETS

The volume of cream delivered to creameries during the past week continued to show an increase over the same week last year. It is generally recognized, that in most territories, at present, grain can be fed for milk production and give a larger return than if disposed of direct.

Increased butter receipts have caused a slight decline in market values, with corresponding lower prices prevailing for butterfat, but even at present prices, the comparison on butterfat prices is still favorable.

There has been a continuous heavy movement of poultry during the week, but prices are generally unchanged.

Continued open weather has resulted in further increases in the supply of fresh eggs, and as there is still a large quantity of eggs in storage, it has resulted in somewhat lower prices, both in buying and selling.

RANGE IN PRICES.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	1.07	1.09 1/2	1.06 1/2	1.09 1/2
May	1.12 1/2	1.14 1/2	1.12 1/2	1.14 1/2
July	1.02 1/2	1.04 1/2	1.02 1/2	1.04 1/2

Corn.

December	.46 1/2	.47 1/2	.46 1/2	.47 1/2
May	.52 1/2	.53 1/2	.52 1/2	.53 1/2
July	.54 1/2	.55 1/2	.54 1/2	.55 1/2

Oats.

December	.32 1/2	.33 1/2	.32 1/2	.33 1/2
May	.38	.38 1/2	.37 1/2	.38 1/2
July	.38 1/2	.39	.38 1/2	.39

LIVE STOCK RECEIPTS.

48,000 hogs. \$7.10.
23,000 cattle.
21,000 sheep.
5,000 hogs over.

LOCAL MARKET.

Shelled Corn	.51
Ear Corn	.29
Oats	.21
Wheat	1.00
Barley	.40
Eggs	.45
Butter	.30

JUNIOR RED CROSS FUND REACHES \$40

Contributions From Four More Schools Received.

The fund for the Junior Red Cross reached \$40.06 last week when contributions totalling \$9.48 were received from four schools in the county. The latest schools to report collections for the fund are: Town of Ellsworth, C. G. Staehling, Supt., \$3.00; town of Blairsburg, C. G. Bray, Supt., \$4.58; No. 3 Liberty, Minnie Hassebrook, teacher, 95 cents; Independent district, Coal, Elsie Humble, teacher, 95 cents.

Junior Chamber Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce this evening at 8 o'clock in the club rooms of the organization. Important business matters are to come up.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Dr. T. B. Larrabee, Osteopath. d-1f

Traver, the photographer. d-1f

Expert radiator repairing. Wilson Battery Co., 916 Seneca street. 10-11d1f

Kodaks at Fastenow's. Fine for Christmas gifts. 19d2

Mrs. W. J. Mullen of Williams was a Webster City visitor Saturday.

"Buster" Brown—Christmas box candy. 12d6

Mrs. Joe Hudson spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Williams.

Specialty of Christmas cigars at Fastenow's drug store. 19d2

Auto livery and taxi. Phone 630W. 12-10d1mo*

Christmas stationery, a fine and large assortment, at Fastenow's. 19d2

Give HIM a box of Interwoven Lisle Hose for Christmas. Assorted colors in holiday wrapping at Bernmann's. d1

Bert Drago, now traveling for an advertising firm, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. John S. Heffner and daughter Charlotte, of near Blairsburg, are Webster City visitors this afternoon.

New selected Columbia gramophone records at Cook's. Also gift envelopes. 19d2x

Mrs. F. B. Schrader of Waterloo, who has been here visiting her friend, Mrs. R. H. Mabbott, returned to her home Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday and Wednesday, all framed pictures at 20 per cent discount. A Mother Goose at 25c. The Little Gift Shop. Mrs. Edgar J. Brown. 19d2

Women are buying Interwoven Lisle Hose in Christmas boxes. They are gifts that any man will appreciate. Bernmann's. d1

Mrs. J. E. Parker, Mrs. Millie Goodrich and visiting sister, Mrs. L. Trudell, of Minot, N. D., went to Williams Saturday afternoon to visit their sister, Mrs. R. J. Hurd, over Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Crosley and daughter, Miss Charlotte, have moved from their home at 515 Walnut street, to the A. M. Potter home, 626 Elm, to remain for the winter.

Mrs. E. B. Evans and son, Mrs. W. J. Cottle and daughter, Miss Jessie, Miss Hattie Poffenberger, and Miss Katherine Gleason, all of Blairsburg, were in the city Saturday.

Merville Gilmore arrived home Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he is attending Georgetown university, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Gilmore.

Ugliest Indian has Many Marriage Bids

(By The Associated Press.) Mexico City, Dec. 19.—Beauty contests are held frequently but students at the national university recently held a contest to discover the ugliest Indian in Mexico. Jesus Memije won without a struggle. Despite his handicap he is said to have received countless dozens of proposals of marriage from "admirer readers" ever since his photograph was published in the Mexico City newspapers.

CAMPS MARKED BY ENTHUSIASM

Citizens' Training Carried on With Excellent Spirit, Says Committee Report.

SUCCESS ARMY AIM

Spirit of National Service Possible in Peace Time.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 19.—The National Executive Committee of the Military Training Camps association of the United States in reporting on the success this year of the Citizens' Training camps says that youth and enthusiasm stood out prominently in all camps and that the spirit of the camps was excellent. One striking feature was the wholehearted way in which the army had taken up these camps and was determined to make them succeed, the report adds.

"The boys attending averaged a little under eighteen.

Service in Peace Time.

"Showing the spirit of national service is still possible in peace time, provided you begin with men while they are young enough," says the report.

"Athletics and recreation varied with each camp but uniform satisfaction can not be reported. All the camps had both athletic and morale officers. In none could a failure be reported but the local conditions and training schedules, made this a matter to be considered separately. All the camps had canteens and service clubs.

Camps Vary.

"Discipline varied according to the camps. Instruction and training varied markedly in the different camps. The war department had tried to get the best personnel they could, but the known qualified instructors were simply not to be had in sufficient numbers. The professors of military science and tactics at the colleges were uniformly excellent. All the camps had large numbers of young officers, the great majority being excellent but very few of them having practical teaching experience.

"No radical wrong, not any serious complaint was found in any of the camps and as a whole they were noted for the extraordinary lack of serious complaints."

FOR SALE—1920 Ford sedan. Equipped with electric starter and demountable rims. In first class mechanical condition. John D. Hunter. d-f-j-f

For fine Foss chocolates go to Fastenow's. 19d2

FOUND—a rhinestone brooch. Call, identify, pay. 19d2f1j

DRAINAGE BONDS SELL ABOVE PAR

Wright County Bonds Sell at a Premium of \$7.00 a Thousand.

Clarion News: Last week Wright county sold around \$300,000 of drainage bonds to the Bechtel company, of Davenport, at a premium of \$7 per thousand. It was the first time in the past few years that these bonds had sold at a premium, according to the county officials.

Whether the sale of the drainage bonds at a premium is a healthy note financially is to be determined. Some men may say that it indicates money is becoming more plentiful, and investments are more in demand. Others may argue that because this money is going into tax free channels it is a bad sign, as just that much more money is being taken from legitimate channels. On the other hand, when you consider that the money spent for drainage represents considerable labor and material expenditures, it is putting it right back in circulation in channels where it will really circulate.

But it is better to get a premium for such bonds than to sell them at a discount, as some were sold during the past few years.

Campfire Girls Make Money.

The Kiowa Campfire girls held a bazaar and candy sale Saturday at the J. C. Penney store, taking in \$22. They wish to thank the public for its patronage and the Penney company for its kindness.

A Christmas List.

A book—well written, good and true. That merits reading through and through: And, to enjoy its scope and power, An uninvaded leisure hour.

A fountain pen—self filling, free. With equable delivery. Warranted never out of joint. And always writing to the point.

A camera—with lenses clear. Recording scenes and faces dear. Plus skill with focus, time and stop. And carte blanche at the camera shop.

A car—for ease and grace designed. With the best engine one can find—That on or off the beaten track Is guaranteed to bring me back.

A sum—bequest, investment, gift. That cannot through my fingers sift; The increment to me conveyed In quarterly installments paid.

A watch—with magnifying face. Enlarging every moment's space. So opportunity may exist To use the presents on my list.

—Helen A. Lee in the Chicago Daily News.

Six pair of Interwoven Lisle Hose in a Christmas box, ought to make a fine gift for "H.M." Bernmann's. d1

BARLEY USED FOR STOCK FEED

Crop Formerly Used for Making Liquor Gets New Use Since Volstead Days.

ACREAGE IS NOT CUT

Crop Failure Stunts Production but Much is Still Planted.

(By The Associated Press.)

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—What happens to the barley the brewers used to buy?

What was the fate of one of the most important grain crops of the United States, formerly used as a foundation in the manufacture of malt liquors, the special market for which was, theoretically at least, destroyed by the late passage of the Volstead act describing beer as an intoxicating liquor prescribed under the Eighteenth Amendment?

No Acreage Reduction.

An investigation made here by the Wisconsin Agriculturist, shows that there has been practically no reduction in the acreage of barley planted since prohibition was adopted. The crop in the United States this year was shown to be 167,000,000 bushels, compared with 171,000,000 bushels the year before and a five year average of 208,000,000, the reduction not being due to any cutting down of acreage but to an unanticipated crop failure. The Agriculturist reports that the new market for this grain is a contribution to the farmer by the agricultural schools of the midwest.

Test for Feed Value.

Anticipating that the stoppage of the manufacture of malt liquors would to a great extent do away with the barley market, the Agricultural Colleges of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin began a series of tests to determine the feed value of the grain. These tests which have been continued in combination for three years have demonstrated that barley is ultra valuable as a stock feed; that it contains more protein than corn and more carbohydrates than oats, lacking only slightly in fat content.

Better Than Oats.

In feed value, the experiments have shown that an acre in Illinois will produce 339 pounds more actual digestible feed if planted to barley than if planted to oats. In Indiana, the barley produces 299 pounds more feed than oats, in Iowa 246 and in Wisconsin 286, according to the report.

An experiment conducted by J. G. Fuller, beef cattle expert of the Wisconsin college of Agriculture on twenty head of Chicago steers returns a verdict for barley over corn. The steers were divided into two lots and fed an

identical ration except that in the case of ten of them crushed barley was substituted for cracked corn. With the disposing of the steers in the fall, it was found that those fed on barley had gained their flesh at a cost of \$24.01 per hundred pounds and those fed on corn \$27.44 per hundred.

"Buster" Brown—flashlights—85c to \$2.00. 12d6

Blairsburg.

Miss Kathryn Stafford, spent the week end at her home in Webster City. The basket ball game between Blairsburg and Owasa which was to have been played at Owasa Friday night, was postponed until the latter part of January.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lynd were Webster City callers Saturday.

Miss Genevieve Bendorf acted as one of the judges at the declamatory contest at Webster City Friday evening.

M. Sorenson received quite a cut on his forehead last week by being hit with a spade. It was necessary to have a stitch or 2 taken.

Randall Walrath of Ellsworth college spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Walrath.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ballentyne and daughter Adeline, of Alden, visited the former's sister, Mrs. Joe Segar, Tuesday.

Miss Vandle Mattice of Webster City was a visitor here one day last week. Little Lorene Streveler has been on the sick list the past week.

The "Mulligan stew" which the La-

dies Missionary society served in the church basement Friday evening, netted the society over \$36.

James Weir of Fort Dodge spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Weir.

Mrs. Roy Segar and child were Webster City callers Friday.

Mrs. Clara Bartlett spent last week in Webster City on business.

The first of a series of club dances was held at the opera house Friday evening.

Mrs. Tippin and children of Clarion are visiting at the M. Sorenson home. Mrs. Veda Porter and baby returned home last week.

Merle Fowler and the Misses Florence Matthews, Edna Hoag, Vesta and Florence Lynd attended the declamatory contest at Williams Friday evening.

O. and M. Sorenson, who have been ditching near Williams, spent the week end at their home here.

Dec. 19.

Read This List of Last Week Specials

- 3/4 Carat Perfect Diamond in 14 kt. white gold ring\$294.50
- 3/8 Carat Perfect Diamond in 14 kt. white gold ring\$214.50
- 1/2 Carat Diamond in gent's ring\$105.00
- 1/5 Carat Diamond Rings, snappy stones\$29.85
- Many Others at Extra Special Prices
- Some as low as.....\$9.95
- 16 Size, 15 Jewel Elgin Watch in 20 year open face case\$14.75
- 16 Size, 7 Jewel Watch in a 10 year gold filled, open face case\$7.35
- Waltham 12 Size Watch in a 20 year, gold filled closed case\$14.75
- 12 Size, 7 Jewel Elgin in a 25 year Boss open face case\$11.65
- 12 Size, 15 Jewel Crown Movement in a 20 year open face case\$11.65
- 21 Jewel Railroad Grade adjusted 16 size in 20 year case\$24.95
- 15 Jewel Bracelet Watch in solid gold case, round shape, plain polished\$11.65
- 15 Jewel Bracelet Watch in 20 year case Octagon shape\$11.65
- Another lot of Alarm Clocks at.....98c
- Sterling Silver Tea Spoons in assorted patterns95c
- Sterling Silver Baby Spoons, bent handles at.....95c
- A number of odd pieces in Sterling Silver, values up to \$3.50 and \$4.00—while they last.....\$1.48
- Bedroom Dresser Clocks, in bronze, mahogany, and French ivory cases, values up to \$6.50 at\$3.65
- Pyrex Casseroles with cut glass tops, a few left to go at 1/2 Price
- Gentlemen's Ruby Rings, heavy mountings, values up to \$15.00\$7.95
- A few strands of Indestructible Pearls left that will make a beautiful gift, at..... 1/2 Price
- Athenic Bronze Desk Sets, \$9.00 and \$10.00 values at\$3.95 and \$4.65

Above are just a few of the Extra Special Values I am offering for the Christmas week.

Don't fail to pay this store a visit this week. I have already saved many 20 to 50% on their Christmas buying and I can do the same for you. The values are so big that they come back for more.

Downard's Christmas Liquidation Sale

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See these in our window
BLOOMERS and PETTICOATS
All the newest colorings and they make ideal gifts.
\$2.95

HANDKERCHIEFS

What Could be Better
Boxed Handkerchiefs
They are daintily embroidered and come three in a box
65c 75c 89c \$1.35

All Pure Linen
Initial Handkerchiefs
For ladies, with the initial daintily set in the corner
35c

Men's Initial
65c



Store Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights

At—Shipley-Black's

"The Treasure House of Christmas Gifts" Now for the Five Busiest Days of the Year

The question of what to give is easily solved here

She is sure to be delighted with

Gloves

Fine Kid and Cape Gauntlets
\$4.50

Fine Cape in all Popular Shades
\$2.50

Wool Gauntlets
\$1.50 \$1.89 \$2.25

Fancy Linens for Gifts

Madeira Napkins in pretty Xmas boxes, set of six
\$6.00 and \$7.50

Luncheon Sets, pure linen, one cloth, 6 napkins
\$6.50

Holiday Special for Tuesday at 9:00 o'clock

Fancy Organdie Aprons
Daintily Embroidered and Lace Trimmed
95c



Groceries
N. B. C. Crackers in square containers, about 7 lbs.
Plain Sodas, lb.12c
Premium Sodas, salty, lb.14c
Oysterettes, lb.14c
Cysterettes, pkg.5c
Uneda Biscuits, pkg.5c