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The Spirit of CHRISTMAS

is stirring in our store

NOT ONLY IN NOVELTIES BUT HUNDREDS OF PRACTICAL ARTICLES, FOR ALL YOUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, AT WHATEVER PRICE YOU MAY CHOOSE TO PAY. OUR LINE THIS YEAR IS MORE COMPLETE THAN EVER BEFORE AND THEY WILL SOLVE YOUR GIFT PROBLEMS THE MOMENT YOU SEE THEM.

TOILET SETS—Ebony, Ivory, Circassian, Wallnut, Romanesk, Gold finish, \$3.50 to \$25.

JEWEL BOXES—Gold and Silver finish, also Parisian Art Silver, \$1 to \$8.

FANCY STATIONARY—10c to \$3.00.

SMOKING SETS—35c to \$2.50.

MANICURE SETS—Keen Cutter Line, all guaranteed, \$1 to \$6.

NECKTIE RACKS—Ivory rings with mirrors, Mexican hand carved leather, metal with leather strap, 50c to \$2.50.

SHAVING SETS—in fancy boxes, also silver cups with brushes, 35c to \$4.

Children's Sets Silver Knives and Forks in neat boxes at 75c to \$1.50.

Hand Bags—\$1 to \$6.

Frames—50c to \$2.50.

Mirrors—35c to \$8.

Candle Sticks—China, Cut Glass and Brass, 25c to \$4.

Cut Glass and fancy and handpainted china.

Fountain Pens—\$1 to \$5. **Pipes**—25c to \$7.50.

Pictures—15c to \$4.

Toys and other articles too numerous to mention. Let us help you make your gift selection. We will store your packages 'till Christmas.

VALLEY DRUG STORE
A. W. Huxsol, Prop.



By JAMES ARTHUR

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WILLIE and his sister, Mabel, Long had looked for Santa Claus, Waked as soon as they were able Every Christmas morn, because Willie said that they might catch him Some time fore he got away. Then they'd peek and slyly watch him Riding in his reindeer sleigh.

But the Sandman on them creeping From their eyelids hung a weight, And somehow he kept them sleeping Always till it was too late. "Sandman is a mean old fellow," Willie cried, "an you'll just see I'll punch him an make him bellow When I'm big enough," said he.

ONE day, shopping with their mother, They a wondrous figure spied, It was Santa and no other, And their eyes were opened wide. Half affrighted, all excited, Timidly they sought him out. Then a smile his features lighted, And they closed in with a shout.

Each one by a hand they caught him, Clung to him and held him fast. To their mother soon they brought him. "We've found Santa Claus at last; We will take him home," they panted. So they prattled without end And his praises ever chanted: "Santa Claus, he is our friend."

THE SEARCHLIGHT SENDS

Christmas Greetings

TO ALL ITS READERS

School Notes

School closes this week Friday, Dec. 20 and will not open again until Monday, Jan. 6th, 1913. There will be a full two week's vacation and the heart of little Johnny will beat with delight next Friday which brings in the 16 day recess.

The composition contest has stirred the hearts of the future prose writers. The compositions have come in rapidly the last two days. Some good papers will be submitted you may depend on it. The time for handing in the papers was extended to Friday, Dec. 20.

Basket ball practice has been going on in earnest the last two weeks. The boys have rented the Duzahon club hall and have the use of it two evenings a week. The closing of dates for two games with Williston is about completed. There will be one game here and one at Williston.

The C. H. S. L. S. gave the first program of the year last Friday. Miss Ida Slette is president, and Richard Smith secretary. The next program will be given in the even-

ing some time after the Holidays.

Misses Dunn and Kavanaugh will go home for their vacation. Miss Dunn goes to Minneapolis and Miss Kavanaugh to Anoka, Minn.

Nellie Steeples, a pupil of the eighth grade, who has been spending her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister in the country, returned to school Dec. 11.

Christmas Flowers

The following prices are given by Valker's Green House of Minot. The Valley Drug Store is agent for this house and by ordering through them you will save the express, which you would have to pay extra if ordering direct:

Prices in effect Dec. 20 to Jan. 2

Carnations, Fancy any color,	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Roses, Fancy any color,	3.50 to 6.00
Poinsettias	6.00 to 12.00
Lilly of the Valley	1.25
Violets, per bunch	1.00
Parsley for garnishing	.50
Holly 50c per pound, Mistletoe \$1.00 per pound, Evergreen Rope for Churches, etc 20c per yd. We put up a Special Xmas Box of Flowers from \$3.00 to \$10.00. Get a Bouquet for your Xmas Dinner. Order early and save express. Valley Drug Store.	

Value of Good Seed

Bozeman, Dec. 14. Practical men agree that good seed is a most important factor in successful cropping. Authorities place the increase in crop due to the use of good seed over the general average at twenty-five per cent or more. Nearly two million acres of Montana lands are now producing crops; and, allowing the very conservative value of ten dollars per acre, the increased product from good seed would be worth five million dollars. It is important to emphasize the lesson A Seed Growers' Association has been formed to promote this enterprise, which will meet in Bozeman January 22 in connection with the short course in Farm Management held during Farmers' Week.

Cured of Liver Complaint

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Diamond Flour at Tanner & Best.

WON BIG PRIZE

Montana Stood Highest as a Wheat Producing State at the N. W. Land Show

Billings, Mont., Dec. 18. As was predicted by many persons who attended the Lands Products Exposition of the Northwest Development League at Minneapolis, the \$5,000 prize, hung up for the best five bushels of Wheat was won by grain produced in Montana. This decision has just been announced by the judges and the splendid award goes to Joseph P. Nash and Charles Bridgman, who are farming a large tract in the Shields River Valley near Clyde Park.

The prize winning five bushels were of the Turkey Red variety and weighed a little more than 60 pounds per bushels; the commercial score card gave it 92 1/2 points; it milled 104 7/8; the average yield was 59 1/2 bushels or a total of 3,085 bushels for 52 acres, and in this particular it was far in the lead of all competitors.

Not only does the big prize come to the Treasure State, but the records show that the three samples which stood next highest were also produced on Montana soil, this fact apparently "cinching" the claim that this State stands at the top of the column in both production per acre and quality of hard winter wheat.

The winning sample was not the highest scoring wheat by the commercial score card, but it was 4 7 points better than No. 2 Northern spring, which is the miller's standard in the milling test. It was the phenomenal yield which the Shields River Valley growers realized from carefully selecting their seed and the natural fertility of the soil, that placed the prize in their hands.

Inspectors who grade and pass on millions of bushels of grain on the Minneapolis market annually, looked over entry "No. 24," along with 50 or 60 others, and cut in one point for color, one-half point on purity; and three points because there was a trace of smut, leaving the commercial score 92 1/2.

ANNUAL MEETING

The United Norwegian Lutheran Church of Froid Elects Officers for Coming Year

The annual business meeting of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of Froid was held in the Dahly school house immediately after the services last Sunday. An unusually large crowd was in attendance. Some were admitted to the church. The pastor's salary was paid up in full and a handsome cash present was also made to him as a Christmas Gift. A collection of \$15.00 was taken up for the Church Synod for educational and other purposes and more is expected from absent members.

The settlement of the Church and cemetery site was postponed until a later date.

The following officers were elected: Ole Anderson, trustee for three years; Nels Sorbel and T. H. Hippe holding over; Martin Hull, secretary; John Peterson, treasurer; E. K. Dahly, janitor. Rev. O. J. Hagen, pastor.

Mrs. Nelson Dead.

Mrs. Nelson died at the home of her son, Austin Nelson, northwest of Froid, Saturday, Dec. 7th, after an illness of about three months. She was 88 years old. Among those who mourn her death are Austin and Sevarin Nelson and Mrs. Ole Mogaa.

STAMPS OF 12 DENOMINATIONS

Parcels Post Service Will Introduce Them for Sending Purposes—Extra for Postage Due

The parcels post stamp will be red in color and one by one and one half inches in size. The denomination of the stamp is indicated by a numeral in each lower corner and each size, as to value, is denoted by a different design. The classes by denomination and the figures shown on them are as follows:

10—Postoffice clerk.
20—City carrier.
30—Railroad postal clerk.
40—Rural carrier.
50—Mail train.
100—Steamship and mail tender.
150—Automobile service.
200—Aeroplane carrying mail.
250—Manufacturing.
500—Dairying.
750—Harvesting.
\$1—Fruit Growing.

There is a stamp for postage due of the same size as the usual one but the "postage due" stamp is green in color.

Patrons of the postoffice must remember that parcels post packages—that is, packages of mail matter of the fourth class—must bear parcels post stamps and ordinary postage stamps are not sufficient for parcels. Neither will first, second and third class mail matter be passed under parcels post stamps so it is of much importance that the package be properly marked and properly stamped unless the sender wants it held for postage. That is the order of the department at Washington and not the action of the local officials. The green stamps of the parcels post are not good for any purpose except to pay postage due.

All sums for postage not provided for by a particular stamp may be made up by combinations. If the charge is 17 cents, three fives and a two or a ten cent stamp with a four and a three would pay the postage. Other combinations are met on similar lines.

The postoffice forces are going to be laboring under a big handicap for several weeks after the service is inaugurated and the patrons of the different offices can materially aid the work if they will carefully hold in mind all printed suggestions they get and be guided by whatever instructions the postmaster offers them when they present a package for mailing.

MARRIED

Christian Paulson and Miss Elsie Thompson Wedded Wednesday in Dane Valley.

Christian Paulson of Froid and Miss Elsie Thompson of Dane Valley were united for life in the Danish Lutheran Church at Dane Valley on Wednesday of this week, Rev. H. P. K. Hanson performing the ceremony.

A large crowd of relatives and friends were present, and after the ceremony the company went with the happy couple to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen, the latter being a sister of the bride. There a big wedding feast was served, the entertainment continuing all the balance of that day and all day Thursday, according to the Danish custom on such occasions in the Fatherland. This was the main social event of the season in Dane Valley.

Chris Paulson is one of young generation of scientific dry farmers in this vicinity, and has made good. He recently erected a fine residence on his place, which being newly decorated and completely furnished throughout, is to be the home of the newly weds.

The bride is an accomplished and handsome young lady, who has not been in America very long. Since coming here she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. "Long" Jensen and has gained hosts of friends and admirers.

The Searchlight sends congratulations and Christmas greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Paulson and wishes them all kinds of happiness and prosperity.