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ONLY THE BEST IS GOOD POLICY
—Courier Want Ads are the best obtainable. Good business policy demands that the use of these most necessary profit-producers be not spared, and a trial of the daily or tri-weekly want columns will convince you that the demands of the "good business policy" are correct. You try it once and see.

LOST.
LOST—SATURDAY, A LADY'S GOLD watch and chain between Church's shoe store and J. A. Warren's on the Ottumwa and Albia road. Finder please leave at Courier office and receive reward.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE—288 ACRES RICH, LEVEL bottom land, covered with virgin growth of oak and hickory timber, five miles railroad, price \$10 per acre, if sold by January 1st, 1904. Or if you want improved land send for list of bargains, enclosing stamp; Frank Landers, Doniphan, Ripley county, Missouri.

FOR SALE—CHOICE FARMS IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI at farmers' prices. Write for list and say what you want in first letter. W. S. Mallory, Winston, Daviess county, Missouri.

100 ACRE FARM AND WELL EQUIPPED dairy. Good milk route. For sale on reasonable terms. Jenk E. Wright, Chariton, Iowa.

MEAT MARKET FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. L. O. Porter, Halston, Iowa, 676.

5,227 ACRES FINE GRAIN, FRUIT AND STOCK ranch on Merced river, in Merced county, California. Water for irrigation free. Assessed at \$18,000; appraised by court appraisers at \$70,000; offered for sale for \$50,000. Will also rent to good farmer, with privilege of purchasing on easy terms. A bargain. J. W. Knox, attorney-at-law, Merced, California.

FOR SALE—FARMS IN DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA. In size from 40 acres to 200 acres, price \$20 to \$50 per acre. John Q. Adams, Drakeville, Iowa.

HOTEL FOR SALE—GOOD LOCATION, near depot in a new town; terms reasonable. Lock Box 5, Neuhama, Iowa.

FOR SALE—EIGHTY ACRE FARM, GOOD buildings, etc. Address Z. B. Connor, Comstock, Wisconsin.

BUY THIS FARM DIRECT—240 ACRES in the great southeast Kansas; no waste land; always watered; in Norman and schools, churches, wood, good markets, \$30 per acre if sold soon; if you want to buy, take this bargain; part cash, balance nine years if desired. Abram Johnson, Bedford, Kan.

FOR SALE—170-ACRE FARM IN SHERMAN COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Two miles from city seat. Improved in Norman and railroad runs into county seat. Good improvements; soil, timber, water and just the farm for a man to make some money on. Possession March 1st. L. Pilger, Loup City, Neb.

FOR SALE—500 ACRES RICH RIVER VALLEY land, partly improved; in Norman and Marshall counties. For particulars, address owner, R. H. Woodburn, LeRoy, Minn.

FOR SALE—112 ACRES, KNOWN as the Blacken farm, near Chillicothe in Cass township. For particulars, call on W. S. Dixon, at farm or C. H. Stuber, Dudley, Ia.

FOR SALE—FARM, 340 ACRES, FOUR sets of buildings, with orchards, fine stock farm, good water, school house on farm. Part second bottom, sloping to the south, balance pasture. Price \$30 per acre. E. R. Smith, owner, Fairfield, Iowa.

DR. A. J. MUMMERT,
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.
CORRECTLY FITTED.
FREE EXAMINATION.

THIS WEEK'S PROPOSITIONS.
I have a five room house and fair stable on South Side. I will sell at \$700; \$25 cash down and balance small monthly payments, or will accept a horse or team as part pay and give long time on the balance. Have also a good lot for rent at \$5 per month. Have two houses on the North Side I can sell in some way.

Yesterday I had a customer come to me from the country who owns a fine 4-year-old heavy draft stallion, a strictly good one. He listed him for sale but says he would trade him in on a city property or a small farm. This horse should be able to earn \$600 to \$800 in the stud the coming season, and he prices him right. Have also four high bred trotting stallions for sale on favorable terms or would take stock of goods of ready on them. The above items will appear but this once. So look after it now if interested.

MORRIS WILLIAMS,
Baker Bldg.
FOR SALE.
100 acre farm, six miles north from Ottumwa, well improved, good land, some timber, close to school, \$100 per acre.
One of the best 300 acre farms in Wapello county, two good sets of improvements, price \$100 per acre.
63 acres, three miles east from Ottumwa, rolling land, about 20 acres in cultivation, balance pasture, five room house, almost new, 800 apple trees, 1/2 bearing, cherries, plums, and peaches, about two acres berries, price \$45 per acre, can give good terms.
Several small fruit farms near city, improved and unimproved in all parts of the city.

JOHN H. SPRY,
Office 10 North Court street,
Ottumwa, Iowa.
FOR SALE.
Three room cottage on Meadow street, price only \$350.
Five room cottage on Main street, rents for \$7, price \$650.
Five room cottage on Schuyler and Stunt streets, full lot, very pretty home, \$700 on terms.
First class 200 acre farm, two miles from small town, will take in piece of city property on an 80 acre farm, price of water acres \$27.50 per acre.
Modern home, east \$3,200, hot water heat, and other conveniences, ten rooms, barn, price \$2,000, on terms.

NORTON & SMITH
First National Bank Building.
Will You Build
a house, barn, church, store, schoolhouse or other structure? Buy your lumber and building materials by wholesale and save money, time and worry. Write us about it, no matter how far.

BOECKLER LUMBER CO.,
94 Branch Street, St. Louis.

MAY BE EGG FAMINE LITTLE BITS OF NEWS

LOCAL RETAILERS UNABLE TO SUPPLY THE DEMAND FOR THE POULTRY PRODUCT.
SHORT TALKS CONCERNING PEOPLE YOU KNOW.
THE VICINITY OF OTTUMWA IN BRIEF

An Unprecedented Scarcity—Price is Skyward—Ottumwa Shippers Sell Product to Eastern Buyers—Christmas Decorations Are Here.
Ottumwa housewives are verging on an egg famine. Today there is the smallest quantity of the poultry product on the local markets there has been for a number of years. Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock not an egg could be purchased at one of the principal wholesale houses in the city, and the grocers could not supply the demands of the consumers. The price of eggs has been high during the entire month and from all indications it will remain high until spring, so at least say the dealers. A large majority of the eggs of this section are being shipped to the eastern markets. The farmers of Wapello county practice to supply the retailers with eggs, and the wholesale dealers consequently ship their stock to the east. Local wholesalers are supplied from northern Missouri and the counties surrounding Wapello.

Christmas Decorations.
The decorations for the great yearly festival day, Christmas, now flood the markets. Holly, mistletoe, evergreen, pines and holly wreaths follow up the traditional Christmas tree. Nuts, straws, candles, etc., have all arrived and are exhibited at the grocers. Holly is perhaps the cheapest, selling for twenty cents per pound and two wreaths for twenty-five cents. Evergreen goes at four yards for a quarter, mistletoe demands forty cents for the pound and pines can be purchased for twenty cents. Christmas trees vary in price, according to size.

How's This?
We offer the hundred dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY, & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honest, reliable, and in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WEST & TRUAX,
Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
WALDING, KINNA & MANNING,
Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Gehlenville is the name of a new town just platted in Plymouth county.
Report from the Reform School.
J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, Va., writes: "After trying all other cough medicines we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. It is a most effective and absolutely harmless." Sold by W. D. Elliott.

CANCER CURE
All form of skin diseases, including cancer and lupus (consumption of the skin) are now cured at the Finsen Light Institute of America, 30 State St., Chicago, a branch of the original Finsen Institute of Denmark. Call or write for information. Consumptive should investigate this, as remarkable cures are being made by the Light Cure.

LEGAL.
Notice of Change of Articles of Incorporation.
Notice is hereby given that the stockholders of the Dain Manufacturing Company of Iowa have decided to change the articles of incorporation of said company by increasing the capital stock thereof from two hundred thousand dollars to three hundred thousand dollars, and by increasing the limit of its indebtedness to a sum not exceeding two-thirds of the total capital stock.

LOWENBERG & CO.
Court Street.
C. OSTREITAG. L. E. ROGERS.
FOR SALE.
Eight room house on Ash street, good lot, cellar, cistern, two porches, price \$1,800.
A fine eight room house on Lincoln avenue all modern.
One acre lot in West End, will trade for good improved property and pay balance cash.
Seven room house on Green St., a bargain. Modern home on Fifth street.
Vacant lot near high school at \$600.
Ten room house with plenty ground, barn, fruit and a splendid home, cheap.
Six room house, bath, closets, pantry and cellar and furnace, good well, price \$1,200.
Improved property and vacant lots in all parts of city; also farms in all parts of county.

Ottumwa Real Estate Co.
Taylor Building,
Corner Main and Court Streets.
LAID TO REST.
Remains of Miss Flora Pedrick Interred in McIntire Cemetery.
The funeral of Miss Flora Pedrick, who passed away Wednesday in Mount Pleasant, took place yesterday from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pedrick, two and one-half miles south of the city. The services were conducted by Rev. S. E. Elder, pastor of the South Side Christian church, at 2 o'clock. The interment was in the McIntire cemetery.

Christmas at County Farm.
For the presents to be given to people at the County Farm, donors will please leave at any one of the following places:
S. D. Pierce & Son, shoe store 2d St.
Peterson's grocery, East Main St.
S. C. Cullen & Co.'s dry goods store.
J. E. Sease & Co. (Leader) next to First National Bank.
George A. Wilson, Supt.

Highway Notice.
To Carolan Allen, G. W. Warren, and all whom it may concern:
The commissioners appointed to view, and if required, to establish a highway known as the H. J. Israel, et al., road, commencing at the center of section 15, township 71, range 12, west 5th p. m. in Wapello county, Iowa, running thence north 240 rods and terminating at the intersection of the highway, have reported in favor of the establishment thereof, and all objections thereto or claims for damages, must be filed in the auditor's office on or before noon of the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1904, or such highway will be established without reference thereto.
Witness my hand this 2d day of December, 1903.
I. H. HAMMOND,
Auditor of Wapello county, Iowa.

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in which to finish your Christmas shopping. Don't crowd it all into the last day. Come TODAY. You'll find better assortments, and more pleasant shopping. Every department is "chock" full of the very latest designs.

- HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS** in immense variety. Pure Linen, hemstitched at 12 1/2 to 50c
- Soft white and fancy border Japanettes at 10c
- Silk, plain and fancy, at 25c to 1.50
- HOLIDAY SUSPENDERS**—Fine Lisle Thread Web, leather ends, at 25c to 50c
- Plain and fancy silk at 75c to 1.50
- HOLIDAY NECKTIES** in every style and shape at 25c and 50c
- HOLIDAY GLOVES**—Fine Kid and Mocha, Silk lined at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
- Kid, Mocha and Reindeer \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
- HOLIDAY MUFFLERS** in every style silk and wool at 25c to \$2.50
- HOLIDAY SWEATERS**, plain and fancy wool for men, boys and children.... \$1 up to \$3
- HOLIDAY UMBRELLAS**—Natural and fancy handles \$1.00 up to \$5.00
- TIE PINS** in immense variety at 25c up to \$3.50
- CUFF LINKS**—New styles at 25c up to \$2.50

TRUNKS, DRESS SUIT CASES and TRAVELING BAGS in endless variety.
Fine Suits and Overcoats at Greatly Reduced Prices

J. K. DYSART CLOTHING CO.

ATTEND CONTEST
LUCAS COUNTY PUPILS TAKE A PART IN PROGRAM AT ALBIA TODAY.
Superintendent Laura Fitch Accompanies Contestants to Monroe County Seat — Good Program Given — Other News of Chariton.

Chariton, Dec. 19.—(Courier Special Service.)—County Superintendent Miss Laura Fitch and twelve scholars of the rural schools one from each township, went down to Albia last evening where they will participate in a spelling match with the same number from the Monroe county schools. On last Saturday the best speakers from each district came to Chariton and held a contest to determine which were to go to Albia to enter the contest. Those who went from here last evening were as follows:
County superintendent, Miss Laura Fitch.
Elsie Morris, Benton township.
Mildred Boyland and Carl Bowen, Lincoln township.
Altha Lazear, Union township.
Martha Amberling and Ruth Bonnett Warren township.
Della Nell, Jackson township.
Bessie De Farice, Pleasant township.
Clarence Jennison, Washington township.
Florence Carroll, Whitebreast township.
Jessie Breneman, English township.
Lula Winslow, English township.

Other Chariton Items.
B. C. Hoskins, of Clarinda, was a business caller in the city the first of the week.
James Morrett and family packed their household goods yesterday and will soon leave for New Mexico where they will locate and make their future home.
Mrs. Bert Sanborn, of Lincoln township, is lying very low with a complication of diseases.
Chas. Mason, of Newburn, was in the city yesterday on business.
J. J. Hall, a former resident of the county, but now located in northwestern Kansas, was greeting his many friends on the street Friday.
D. A. McMains, the popular auctioneer of Derby, was in the city yesterday.

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J. H. Robinson was an Ottumwa visitor today.
B. Hinkle was in the city on business today.
Mrs. J. J. Skilling left today for a visit with friends in Selma.
C. J. Robinson visited friends in Ottumwa today.
Mr. and Mrs. George Whisler returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Denver, Colo.
Mrs. Will Wise was an Ottumwa visitor yesterday.
Miss Mamie Wise was an Ottumwa caller yesterday.
Misses Grace Griffiths and Netta Russell were Ottumwa callers today.
Misses Ruth Roberts and Bessie Enyart were Ottumwa callers today.
Mrs. S. Carter of Douds is visiting relatives in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Bush left today for a visit with Laddsdale friends.
Mrs. J. Strong was an Ottumwa visitor today.
Mrs. M. Spore of Belknap returned home today after a pleasant visit with Eldon relatives.

Notice to Farmers.
I can make you a special price on your Christmas candy. I have all kinds of candy at all prices from 7 1/2 a lb up. Call and look over our stock. It will be money saved because we make all our own candy and can sell cheaper than any one in Ottumwa. Remember the place, 111 South Court St., next to Wilkinson's Tea and Coffee store, Pixley the confectioner.

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229-231 East Main Street.