

Cut this out and bring with you

# SANTA CLAUS

Suggests that you order him to deliver any of the following from

## Peirce's Drug Store

Cor. Court and Second Sts.

For the Boys and Girls.

- Games, Cards, Etc.
- Pocket Companion.
- Pocket Comb.
- Fancy Perfume.
- Pocket Knife.
- Shell Novelties.
- Harp.
- Work Box.
- Bible or Testament.
- Book by Alger, Henty, Wiggins.
- Box of Stationery.
- Purse or Wrist Bag.
- McCutcheon's Boy Calendar.
- Mirror.
- St. Nicholas for 1904.
- Album.
- Glove and Handkerchief Box.
- Burnt Wood Novelty.
- Pyrography Outfit.
- Set of Water or Oil Colors.

Any of the above can be bought at

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FOR YOUR LADY FRIEND.

- Manicure Set.
- Photo Box or Album.
- Fancy Stationery.
- Sachet Envelopes.
- Padded Leather Pockets.
- Jewel Boxes.
- Christy's Old Sweetheart.
- Divinity Cigarette or Celluloid.
- Bibles.
- Fancy Calendars.
- Wrist Bags and Purses.
- Puff or Bonbon Box.
- Ink Stand.
- Card Case.
- Leather Pillow Cover.
- Picture Frame.
- Mirror Hand or Stand.
- Gold or Fountain Pen.
- Perfumes in Fancy Package.
- Perfume Atomizers.
- Bonnet Brushes.
- Stag or Ebony Hair Brushes.
- Flesh and Hand Brushes.
- Rubber Sponges.
- Comb in Celluloid or Rubber.
- Novelty Shells, Boxes, Etc.
- Stag, Ebony, Celluloid Sets...

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Gifts for Gentlemen:

- Waterman Fountain Pen.
- Cloth Brush.
- Hair and Hand Brushes.
- Hat Brush.
- Soap Box, Metal or Celluloid.
- Military Brushes.
- Traveling Cases.
- Roosevelt's Works.
- Any of the Latest Fiction.
- Pocket Dictionary.
- Burr McIntosh for 1904.
- Ink Well, Desk or Traveling.
- Paper Weights.
- Desk Sets.
- Letter Trays and Knives.
- Desk Calendars.
- Paper Knives.
- McCutcheon's Cartoon Calendar.
- Card and Photo Racks.
- Card and Cigar Cases.
- Purses or Bill Books.
- Pocket Dairy.
- Memo. or Address Book.
- Shaving Brush.
- Razor and Strop.
- Pocket Comb.
- Pocket Companion.
- Pocket Knife.

Select one of these at

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The Tri-City Railway company at Davenport will give each of its 375 employes a Christmas turkey.

Boy's Life Saved from Membranous Group.

"My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar," says C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind. "He got relief after one dose, and I feel that it saved the life of my boy." Sold by W. D. Elliott.

### Tri-Weekly Courier.

**CHANGING ADDRESS.**  
Subscribers wishing their address changed will please give the name of the Post Office to which the paper has been sent as well as the Post Office where they desire it to be changed to.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Try Clark's drug store for Christmas shopping. You will be satisfied.

W. D. Terman of Eddyville, returned to his home last evening after a short business visit in this city.

Born, Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Egan, 310 Mabel street, a daughter.

Miss Flora Drake, 131 North Washington street, left yesterday for Eddyville, on a short business visit.

Mrs. E. Stewart, of Richland, after a short visit in this city, left yesterday for Red Oak, to visit with friends and relatives.

Manicure sets for ladies at Hofmann's drug store.

Miss Edna Black of Kirkville, who has been attending school in this city, returned to her home last evening to spend the holiday vacation.

Miss Edna Shea, of Blakesburg, a student in St. Joseph's academy, returned to her home this morning on the Milwaukee to spend the holidays.

Everything for Christmas at Clark's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson of Fairfield after a short visit in this city left this morning on the Milwaukee for Foster where they expect to locate.

Mrs. J. H. Bishop and little daughter Miss Carrie of Berlin, Wis., after a short visit in this city left this morning for Powersville, Mo., to visit with relatives.

Boys, buy your girl a nice Christmas bottle of perfume for Christmas at Hofmann's drug store.

Frank Veivan, a colored man who resides in Harrow's branch, fell down a chute while working in the hair drying department of John Morrell & Co. Thursday evening about 6:35 o'clock.

The ambulance was called and he was removed to the Ottumwa hospital. He sustained some slight injuries to his right side. He is reported to be improving rapidly. Dr. J. B. Wilson administered the necessary surgical attention.

Pocketbooks for Christmas at Hofmann's.

No trouble at all to purchase Christmas merchandise. Your merchants have inserted "Ads" in this issue, that will surely assist you in choosing easily and profitably from the brightest, newest and most complete class of merchandise ever brought to Ottumwa. Make your purchases, after reading these "Ads" and you can't help from telling your friends, about the articles seen on display, and best of all the rock bottom prices placed on them.

**A Good Thing for Mother.**  
If she is tired out, sickly, run-down Electric Bitters will give her new life, or there's no charge. Try them. 50c. F. B. Clark.

### BARGAINS IN SAMPLE JEWELRY.

The Great Sample Line at Neasham's is Fine.

Never during any holiday before have I been able to offer such bargains in jewelry and toilet articles as I am now giving to the people.

By taking this offer of a sample line I am able to offer some of the finest goods at the prices of ordinary stock. This is a good opportunity for dealers in the smaller towns to call and fill up their stock. Prices move these goods while they last we will sell as cheap to the single customer as to the dealer.

Come as soon as you can.  
J. W. Neasham,  
120 East Main.

### RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared, and I was able to preach three times on Easter day. I know this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours,  
E. A. Langfeldt, M. A.  
Rector of St. Luke's Church.

This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of Letters Remaining Unclaimed at Ottumwa, Iowa, For the Week Ending Dec. 12, 1903.

**WOMEN'S LIST.**  
Bates, Mrs. G. W.,  
Camun, Mrs. L. F.,  
Cherlike, Mabel,  
Gray, Mrs. Walter,  
Kelster, Mrs. M.,  
Rogers, Mrs. M.,  
Turax, Emma,  
Miller, Lottie.

**MEN'S LIST.**  
Anderson, Tom,  
Brown, Ira,  
Fitzgerald, Harry,  
Harris, Lewis,  
Harrow, Nute,  
Kuntzheim, Lewis,  
Marschall, F. C.,  
Newman, P. L.,  
Peck, G. B.,  
Russell, A. H.,  
Stallworth, W. M.,  
Stoglike, F.,  
Taylor, Virge,  
Wrebb, E. S.

Parties calling for these letters should mention the fact that they have been advertised.  
Fred W. Wilson, Postmaster.

### SOUTH SIDE NEWS ITEMS.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Mrs. G. H. Mundell, 118 North Weller street, left yesterday for Eldon, for a visit with her father, C. E. Buce.

John Day and daughter, Miss Irma, of Blakesburg, spent today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Day, 215 South Willard street.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bradford of Iowa City, are expected to arrive Thursday to spend Christmas with South Ottumwa relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Right, and Miss Clara Day, of Mt. Sterling, spent today at the home of Mrs. Otis Day, 215 South Willard street enroute to Blakesburg, to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Right's and Mrs. Day's parents.

From Monday's Daily.  
Miss Clara Cooper of Bladenburg, returned to her home this morning after a visit at the home of Mrs. Wm. Lindsay, 101 North Davis street.

Mrs. E. B. Yoder of Eldon, has returned to her home after a visit at the home of Mrs. E. B. Jones, 116 Sheffield street.

Misses Edna McElroy and Susie Hartman are expected home Wednesday evening from Grinnell to spend the holidays at the homes of their parents.

Saturday evening Miss Leola Ellis entertained a few of her friends at a "granite shower" at her home, 109 North Weller street, in honor of Miss Ella Kenyon, who will be married to Samuel Menefee next Wednesday evening. Many useful articles were presented to the bride to be, and an enjoyable evening was spent in music and social conversation. Those present were Mrs. Cora Hansell, Misses Marjorie Graham, Leola Ellis, Blanche Olney, Ono Church, Lulu Pangborn and Mabel Kenyon.

### Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure, and will not constipate. It has long been a household favorite for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take and acts promptly. Sold by W. D. Elliott.

### FIRE AT SCHOOLHOUSE.

Bloomfield's New Public Building Narrowly Escapes Total Ruin.

Bloomfield, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—A disastrous conflagration was narrowly prevented yesterday morning at the new school building, which is now nearing completion. About 7 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded, and upon investigation it was learned that fire had broken out on the first floor of the public school building, and it was only by prompt action of the fire department and citizens that the building was not greatly damaged. It seems that in one of the rooms on the lower floor the workmen employed upon the building have been accustomed to build a fire each morning in a stove. Yesterday morning one of the workmen made a fire as usual in the stove, and in shaking down the ashes one of the legs of the stove was displaced, and the stove toppled to the floor, while the fire from the same ignited a quantity of rubbish scattered upon the floor. The fire was making rapid progress, and had the men not acted promptly in sounding the alarm and in fighting the flames, the new \$30,000 structure might have been reduced to ashes.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Pauline Payne, daughter of Hon. D. H. Payne, to James Alfred Glendenning at the Methodist Episcopal church, Wednesday afternoon, December 30, at 4 o'clock.

G. E. Rogers departed yesterday for Sioux City on business.

Justice J. A. Cernon, of Belknap, was transacting legal business in this city yesterday.

### Rutledge.

Rutledge, Dec. 18.—Wm. Loving, who has been employed in the Phillips Fuel company for several months, has resigned his position and moved to South Ottumwa.

A. Johnson, who has been very ill, is much improved.

There will be a Christmas tree and an entertainment at Center No. 1 on Thursday afternoon and the pupils of this school are invited to the Christmas entertainment at Center No. 2 on Thursday evening.

Will H. Wycoff expects to leave soon for an extended visit in California.

Harry Padick, one of the well known farmers in this vicinity expects to leave about January 1 for Seymour, where he has recently purchased an interest in a hardware store.

A very interesting lecture was delivered at the Salem M. E. church last Tuesday evening.

Miss Sybil Walker is visiting relatives in this city.

### Pleasant Plain.

Pleasant Plain, Dec. 20.—News was received here today of the death of Hon. B. A. Haycock at Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Haycock was a long resident of Keokuk county.

The funeral services were held at Richland, his home. He had been spending several months in Colorado with a daughter.

The Friends' Sunday school of this place is preparing for a Christmas entertainment.

Hattie Prizer of Brighton, was here Friday.

Mrs. Sargent is home from State Center, after an absence of a month. Ed Smith of Richland was in this village recently.

Van Osdale leaves shortly for Marshall county.

A runaway of Mr. Wood's team proved serious, resulting in the loss of one of the horses.

The grammar school gave an entertainment Thursday night.

### Bonaparte.

Bonaparte, Dec. 21.—Thos. Hombach, a highly respected citizen of this place, is ill with the grip.

The pipes for the waterworks have arrived and are now being added to the main that supplies the city with water from the river and will be extended to a place just below the dam site, where there is always sufficient water.

A number of young people attended the dance at Farmington Friday night.

The funeral services of the late Geo. W. Meredith were held from the M. E. church in this city Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. Erskine, and interment was made in the Bentonsport cemetery. The services were largely attended.

Several members of Shriver post, G. A.



## GIFTS FOR THE HOME

**LET US FILL YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS**

A store filled with prettiest and best Furniture China-ware, etc. Sensible, serviceable gifts. Yours for cash or credit.

<p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>Till Christmas with each purchase of \$3 or over, your choice, if you ask for it, of a</p> <p><b>FANCY BASKET</b></p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>DRESSING TABLES</td></tr> <tr><td>PRINCESS DRESSERS</td></tr> <tr><td>MUSIC CABINETS</td></tr> <tr><td>PARLOR TABLES</td></tr> <tr><td>LIBRARY TABLES</td></tr> <tr><td>LADIES DESKS</td></tr> <tr><td>FANCY ROCKERS</td></tr> <tr><td>CHINA CABINETS</td></tr> <tr><td>TABOURETTES</td></tr> <tr><td>HALL SEATS</td></tr> </table>	DRESSING TABLES	PRINCESS DRESSERS	MUSIC CABINETS	PARLOR TABLES	LIBRARY TABLES	LADIES DESKS	FANCY ROCKERS	CHINA CABINETS	TABOURETTES	HALL SEATS	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>HALL GLASSES</td></tr> <tr><td>MORRIS CHAIRS</td></tr> <tr><td>PARLOR LAMPS</td></tr> <tr><td>JAPANESE CHINA</td></tr> <tr><td>JARDINIERES</td></tr> <tr><td>PICTURES</td></tr> <tr><td>SLEDS</td></tr> <tr><td>COUCHES</td></tr> <tr><td>FOOTSTOOLS</td></tr> <tr><td>LEATHER CHAIRS</td></tr> </table>	HALL GLASSES	MORRIS CHAIRS	PARLOR LAMPS	JAPANESE CHINA	JARDINIERES	PICTURES	SLEDS	COUCHES	FOOTSTOOLS	LEATHER CHAIRS
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**FANCY PIECE OF CHINA**

**OPEN EVENINGS TILL 10**





# CHRISTMAS

SOLE DISTRIBUTORS FOR  
**Alfred Benjamin & Co**  
MAKERS \* NEW YORK  
*Correct Clothes for Men*

## THE MODEL

J. B. SAX

### Only Three More Days

To select "the present--"HE" will like, from the avalanche of suitable, seasonable Christmas presents now on display here.

Where stocks had been depleted through brisk selling, we ordered by telegraph and received by express complete new lines, and so we can say in all candor—

## IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE STOCK PAR-EXCELLENCE

The store where you can find a bigger and better variety, perhaps more than all other stores combined. Save time, trouble and money and shop at THE MODEL.

**NOTE—Determined to carry over none of our holiday goods. Deep cuts have been made on many articles. Now when you need them, read the list below:**

Juvenile Sweaters, Wool and Silk, worth 75c to 90c <b>59c</b>	Men's Pure Wool, \$1.50 Sweaters, with double neck ..... <b>1.00</b>	HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS, SILK AN DFINE LINEN. Pure Linen, hand Initialed 37 1/2c grade, box of six, for... <b>1.50</b> Fine French Cambric, Hand Initialed, box of six, for 75c and real Japanite with silk initial <b>25c</b> Finer ones to \$1 each, and cheaper ones to 5 cents.
Pure White and Pineapple Sweaters, extra fine worsted, worth \$1.25 <b>1.00</b>	28 Ladies' Beautiful Sweaters, to close at cost and below, as we will discontinue selling Ladies' Sweaters, Pure Worsted, \$3 grade for... <b>1.75</b>	HOLIDAY GLOVES FOR MEN AND BOYS. Fur, Kid, Mocha, Dog Wool and Worst-ed, Fur, Lamb, Silk and fleece lined, from \$6 to ..... <b>25c</b> Real Electric Seal Gloves worth \$5 ..... <b>3.50</b>
Boys' Pure Wool Sweaters, never sold in Ottumwa under \$1.00 ..... <b>75c</b>	Finer ones to \$4, and cheaper ones as low as 25 cents.	HOLIDAY SUSPENDERS in gift boxes pure Silk with real Silver and Gold Plated Buckles, \$2, \$1.50, \$1.00..... <b>75c</b>
Finer ones to \$2, and cheaper ones to 39 cents.	SPALDING'S EXTRA HEAVY FOOT-BALL SWEATERS, \$5.00 quality, to make every high school boy happy, special price... <b>4.00</b>	

## THE MODEL - J. B. Sax

Open Every Night until 10 o'clock. Come and shop with us of evenings.

## India Paper Bibles

Fine assortment of India Paper Bibles, Morocco and Seal bindings. SPECIAL DISCOUNT from now till Christmas. NEW PICTURES TODAY. See our window.

### MOWATT'S BOOK STORE

117 East Main Street

The Want Columns are Business Getters

**PISO'S CURE FOR**  
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.  
Best Cough, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc.  
in time. Sold by druggists.

**Russell.**  
Russell, Dec. 20.—Misses Harriet DeLano, Tern Sprague and Olive Massey arrived at home Friday on No. 2

from Des Moines, to spend their holiday vacation.  
Helen Vanarsdale spent at her home near Chariton.  
The Russell school was dismissed Friday last for a two weeks' vacation.  
The next lecture will be by John Temple Graves, January 12.  
Miss Grace Everett returned Friday from Avery, where she has closed out her millinery store until the spring season.  
G. F. Dyer and wife of near Beth-lehem spent Thursday in Russell.