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 - Hole Proof Hose for Men and Women—6 pairs in beautiful Holiday box, for \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00
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 - Full Dress Shirts \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00
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 - Silk Handkerchiefs—plain, fancy and initialed 25c, 39c, 50c and 75c
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 - Sweater Vests and Sweaters for Men \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00
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 - Mufflers and Reefers 25c to \$3.50—Special Values at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
 - Holiday Suspenders put in beautiful boxes 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
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 - Gloves and Mittens, for Men and Boys—in Kid and mohair 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
- The Best Present of All is a Fine Suit or Overcoat—Reductions in price to reduce our Great Big Stock—Makes Buying Pleasant and Easy.

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Open Evenings Until Christmas
We Pay Your Railroad Fare

CHARITON.

Chariton—Mrs. M. De Vore of Lincoln, Neb., returned yesterday after a visit with her nieces, Mrs. L. N. Edson, of this city and Mrs. W. S. Kelly, of Whitebreast township.

County Clerk Collins yesterday issued a marriage license to Fernan Nussbaum, and Miss Chloe West of Oakley.

Mrs. C. H. De Vault of Washington township left for Winterset, called to that place by the death of her father, H. F. Crow.

Mrs. Nettie Adams of Crawford, Col., who had been spending some time in Chariton with her sister Mrs. J. L. Clowser, went to Russell to visit relatives.

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Miss Madge Robb, of Albia, visited in this city with Miss Florence Maple and other friends.

Mrs. Fannie Fridley and Mrs. Grace Gilcrest of Centerville, came Monday for a visit with their father Leonidas Baker who well recently and broke a thigh.

Mrs. Frank Malone left Monday for a few weeks' visit in Des Moines with brother Jas. Boylan and family.

Miss Cora Haltom of Des Moines, returned home Monday after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. R. N. Nine and other relatives.

BONAPARTE.

Bonaparte—The members of the Presbyterian Sunday school of this place have organized a gymnasium club and have rented and are fitting up the Reese hall for their headquarters. Dr. J. Hall Whitney has been engaged as instructor. The young ladies members will meet for practice Thurs-

day night of each week and the boys have possession on Friday nights.

Dr. Holmes of Ottumwa was called to this place by the death of his brother, J. A. Holmes.

Mrs. Stella Gilbert went to Farmington Monday where she will find employment.

Miss Nora Burrer of Anson, Mo., is visiting her sister Mrs. Ezra Robinson.

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Miss Olga McCormick spent Sunday in Farmington with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith entertained the young ladies' Guild and their gentlemen friends to a taffy pulling on Saturday evening at their home on River street. An enjoyable time was had by all present.

Miss Bertha Meredith was a Farmington visitor Tuesday.

MT. ZION.

Mt. Zion—Galen Wolf was a business caller in Birmingham Monday.

Miss Emma and Minnie Watts were shopping in Ottumwa Saturday.

Mrs. T. L. Workman and children Thad and Gladys recently visited at the Frank Moore home in Eldon.

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Miss Vera Snyder of Keosauqua, who teaches here spent Sunday and attended church services at the Presbyterian church in this neighborhood.

Miss Claude Moore spent Sunday at home.

A. C. Barker will move to his new home in Mt. Zion this week.

Messrs. Arnold Gilchrist and others shipped cattle to Chicago Sunday.

Miss Nellie McGaffey of Keosauqua, who teaches in this neighborhood spent Sunday at home.

NEW MINE LAWS URGED BY RICE

FORMER OTTUMWAN, NOW HEAD OF MINE ACCIDENT DIVISION TALKS

A CHERRY HERO

He Assisted in the Work of Rescuing the Entombed Miners—Shows Perils of Sending Combustibles Down Shaft.

A number of radical changes in the Illinois mining statutes to prevent a repetition of the disaster at Cherry, Illinois, is advocated by George S. Rice, head of the mine accident division of the United States Geological survey. Mr. Rice is a former resident of Ottumwa, and during his sojourn here was employed as engineer for the Whitebreast Fuel Co. Since his removal from Ottumwa he has rapidly risen in the mining world and is now the head of one of the most important divisions of the United States geological work. Mr. Rice represented the government in the rescue work at Cherry, Ill., and was one of the inspectors who donned helmets, explored the mine, and helped to recover the twenty men who, of the 310 miners, came out alive.

Points Out Faults.
The ex-Ottumwan delivered an address at Chicago recently at the meeting of the Western Society of Engineers and he urges new mine laws whereby similar disasters can be averted and whereby similar accidents cannot happen. "The lessons we are to draw from the Cherry disaster," says Mr. Rice, "are as follows: "First, the danger of having combustible material taken down wood lined shafts and also timbered passageways.

"Second, the menace of having the approaches and the exits themselves of combustible material.

Urges Underground Rescue Chambers.
"Third, the danger of reversing a fan when these above do not know all the conditions underground at the moment of reversal. This may not have been a matter of consequence in the present instance, but the dangers are brought to notice.

"Fourth, the importance of having ample fire fighting equipment and systematic drilling.

"Fifth, that escape facilities suitable for a mine with underground workers may not be suitable for 500 or 600 workers. The depth of the working shaft should also be taken into account. Stairway exits which are required by the present Illinois law, while suitable for shallow seams, may not be so for deeper seams, except as an auxiliary means.

"Sixth, that fire-proof underground rescue chambers, supplied with food, water, and means of communication to the surface, preferably with an open drill hole, would be of inestimable value. Such chambers are used in some of the German mines, equipped also with oxygen self rescue apparatus.

Wants Compulsory Insurance.
"Safety provisions cost money. With the prevailing drastic competition in the mining industry, such expenditures would force many operators out of business. But the public, I believe, would be willing to pay for them.

"The maintenance of the widows and orphans should be as much a part of the cost of production of coal as the payment of wages and the means of living. A part of the cost should be a compulsory accident insurance made compulsory by the laws of the state."

During the lecture Mr. Rice made a general and sharp criticism of coal mining and the laws pertaining thereto in the United States, comparing them with those of European countries.

"The death records for the United States during the last fifteen years for the mining industry are remarkable," he declared. "No other industry shows such an increasing death rate. The death rate in 1895 was 2.97 to every 1,000 men engaged. In 1908 the death rate was about 3.50 per thousand. This is different abroad. The death rate for Belgium last year was .91 per thousand, and our figures show the United States to be where Belgium was eighty years ago."

ELDON.

Eldon—Mrs. G. Ryland and Miss M. Steadman were Ottumwa visitors on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. J. Acton and Mrs. Frank Hite of Eldon were Ottumwa visitors Wednesday.

Albert Young was an Ottumwa visitor Wednesday.

Dale Brooks who has been ill for some time is reported somewhat better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Friend were Ottumwa visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Davis were Ottumwa visitors on Thursday.

Mrs. J. Brown was Ottumwa visitor Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Hibbert was an Ottumwa visitor Thursday.

Returned to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Solomon Thursday Dec. 16, twins, a girl and a boy, only the latter survives, the girl living but a few hours.

EDDYVILLE.

Eddyville—Mr. Latham gave a lecture Monday night in the Baptist church. He spoke on the "Life of Christ" and the "Work of the Sunday School."

Mrs. Orville McCloney was a business caller in Oskaloosa Tuesday.

Mrs. Wortham went to Buxton Monday to visit her daughter, Miss Pearl Wortham who is employed in the company store at that place.

Hugo Seifert spent several days in Missouri last week on business. He returned home Tuesday.

Thirty eight new members were in-

ited Monday night into the order of Imperial Red Men. A large number from the neighboring towns were in attendance. Representatives from Kirksville, Des Moines and Oskaloosa were present. An Oyster supper was served in the Carson restaurant to 88 people.

Tonight there will be a masquerade at the skating rink. These are very popular and a large attendance is expected.

Miss Rose O'Connor who is employed as a stenographer in Ottumwa spent Sunday with her parents.

Ed Kussart was an Oskaloosa passenger Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Werner, who is attending school in Oskaloosa spent Sunday with her parents. She was taken ill while at home and did not return until Tuesday.

Bill O'Brien has gone to Kahoka, Mo., to assist his father.

Those on the sick list are Mr. Vail Olene, living south of town, Miss Mary Johnson and Mr. Lucas.

BIDWELL.

Bidwell—Warren Townsend of South Ottumwa visited Sunday at the C. H. Canfield home.

Frank Jones and family of near Blakesburg visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Dollie Fiske.

M. F. Chisman and son, Lowren, of South Ottumwa, were guests Sunday at the C. R. Chisman home.

Mrs. Elmer Rose and children of Pleasant Home visited Sunday night at the Cal Chisman home.

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James Knox and family of High Point visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Romola Chisman, who is teaching at No. 8 school house, will give a social on Saturday evening, December 18.

The Ladies' Aid society has decided to have a Christmas tree at Christiansburg on Friday evening, December 24. A fine program is also being prepared.

Will Younger of California visited a few days last week with his brother, Frank.

Mrs. H. T. Lathrop visited a few days last week with relatives in South Ottumwa.

RICHLAND.

Richland—Mrs. Violet Edwards and son of Dunby, N. D., are visiting the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Grover of this place.

Mrs. Mabel Allen and daughter have returned to Des Moines after a short visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Long.

Miss Flo Harkins and Miss Moore were visitors in Ottumwa on Saturday.

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David Bruns and Miss Lillie Bosworth were down to Brighton Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Hollowell was over to Ottumwa Saturday.

Mrs. A. C. Brady has returned from a pleasant visit in Chicago.

Mrs. Geo. Balderson, Mrs. A. Sellars and Mrs. J. Pendergraft have returned from a visit in Ottumwa.

Miss Florence Jones who has spent the fall in Winfield returned home a few days ago.

Harvey Livingston of Ida Grove is here visiting friends.

Mrs. A. F. Bridger who was the guest of her daughter in Fremont returned home Wednesday.

John Greeson who has been in Aberdeen, S. D., on a business trip is at home again.

D. C. Olive who visited relatives in Delta has returned home.

Mrs. Jacob Jones has arrived home from a visit in Winfield with her brother.

Frank Sention was a business caller in Ottumwa Thursday.

Clark Hadley has brought suit against the town of Hedrick for injuries his wife received while passing over a crossing in an automobile. He sues for \$5,000 damages.

Mrs. Polly Coble, an aged lady, 83 years old, was stricken with paralysis Monday morning while on a visit to her aged friend Mrs. Henry Morgan at Clay, Ia., four miles east of town. She will be brought home as soon as possible.

The M. E. Sunday school is making preparations for a Christmas entertainment.

The Richland poultry show begins this week. A large number of entries Delta has returned home.

Prof. Atkinson has purchased the old mill owned by the Brollian Co. and will convert it into a canning factory.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Sopher have

Xmas Presents For Everybody

Let The Children KODAK

Kodaks and Cameras

\$2 \$3 \$4 \$5 \$6 \$8 \$9 \$10 \$12 \$15 \$20 \$25 \$30 \$35

Just the Thing for a Quick Witted Boy or Girl.

Gillette's Safety Razors

Parkers' Lucky Curve Fountain Pens \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5

Gentlemen's Bill Books, Seal and Alligator

Traveling Cases

Shopping Bags, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5 to \$10

Icy Hot bottles, Every Home Needs One
Pints \$3.75. Quarts \$5.

Manicure Sets in Ebony, Silver and Cocobola

Toilet Sets, Mirrors, Genuine Ebony Brushes, Xmas Cards and Booklets, Xmas Candies and Cigars in Fancy Boxes.

Hurd's Exquisite Stationery in Hand-painted Xmas Boxes—An elegant present for a lady of refinement—Prices from 25c to \$2.50.

Hudnuts Fine Perfumes and Toilet Waters for the "Lady Who Cares"

See my Line before you buy—You need look no farther.

Hofmann's Drug Store

Corner 2d and Market Street

Public Sale

Having sold my farm I will sell at auction at the farm 2 miles west of County Line and 2 1/2 miles northeast of Eldon

Wed. Dec. 22,

Commencing at 10 a. m. the following property:

9 HEAD OF HORSES—Consisting of a brood mare 12 years old, with foal; mare 8 years old, blind; gelding 2 years old; yearling colt; suckling colt; suckling mule colt; pair of geldings 5 and 6 years old, and a horse 8 years old, lady broke.

48 HEAD OF CATTLE—Consisting of 9 milch cows four Durham and one Jersey; 9 two-year old heifers, 8 of them bred; 2 yearling heifers; 5 yearling steers; 8 calves, Hereford bull two years old; 12 yearling steers is not sold here.

18 TONS STRAW; binder, low down seeder, 16-inch walking plow, bob sled, corn planter, mower.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under cash; on sums over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given on approved notes bearing 6 per cent interest from date, 2 per cent discount for cash.

LUNCH ON GROUNDS

W. M. THARP

B. B. BURCHETT, Auct. C. W. FINNEY, Clerk

been selected by the Sunday schools of the Friends denomination as delegates to the Sixth World's Sunday School association to be held in Washington, D. C., May 19-24, 1910.

Injuries Last Summer Causes Lockjaw
Creston, Dec. 17.—A few weeks ago A. J. Rostalle of Grand River township was taken with something like lockjaw and left Tuesday morning for Creston, where he is receiving treatment. The cause of the trouble is not known unless it is derived from a slight hurt received during hay making last summer.

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