



# For Xmas Dinner

Christmas is near at hand and perhaps you may need some of the following articles for your Christmas Dinner.

Anderson's Soup, Ham Loaf, Veal Loaf, Beef Loaf Wetmore's Prepared Puddings, Burnham's Hasty Jelly cans, Richelieu's Evaporated Peaches, Prunes and Apricots, Sultana Raisins, Condensed Mince Meat, Jams and Jellies, Cranberries, Cream Cheese, Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Fish, Bremmer's Saratoga Flakes, Cheese Straws, Fancy Cookies and Cakes, Cream Candies, Assorted Nuts, California Fruits, Grain O., Postum Cereal, chocolate, cocoa, or a box of choice cigars.

# For 6 Years

We have stood in the lead with the finest assortment of HOLIDAY GOODS and this year we are not lacking but keep up with the times by buying the latest and best goods on the market.

Would be pleased to show you our Holiday Goods.

## BUTTER, EGGS, APPLES, POULTRY and WILD GAME!

# J. A. CASTER.

We want



## You Take Pills?

Everybody does! But not every one gets them as pure as those who patronize our store. Perhaps we are a bit "cranky" about the purity of everything we sell. Might make more money if we substituted some harmless substances for high priced drugs, but as human life depends on the quality of our preparations we sell only the best.

### F. J. HONNOLD.

New rug! Brand new at Hurst's. Climax plug tobacco 35c pound. J. A. CASTER. Holiday goods of every description at Alexander's. Don't be need a new tie? Look at the new ideas at Hurst's. Duck coats all kinds, all prices at the Leon Cash Grocery. Fascinators make useful presents. Don't buy until you see Hurst's line. Seaside seats early to-day for the 51st Iowa band concert at the opera hall to-night. Two Short-horn bulls, both red, full blood, for sale. W. B. REDMAN, DeKalb, Iowa. Fine candies at the Leon Queensware Co. in fancy boxes at 30, 50, and 75 cents per box. We invite you to call and inspect our big line of holiday goods. The largest ever shown in Leon. W. A. ALEXANDER. The 51st Iowa Regimental Band which appears at Van Werden's opera house to night, is endorsed by Admiral Dewey, Generals McArthur, Hale, Otis, Byers, Miller, Wheaton, Gov. Shaw, Col. Loper and the whole 51st Iowa Regiment!

Bandmaster Landers, you take my advice and keep your organization together. You should be in the regular army—we want such bands—but if you must go to America, tour the country and let the people hear one of the best military bands I ever listened to. GENERAL MCARTHUR. At Van Werden's opera house to-night. If you want something nice for a Christmas present in the way of a bric-a-brac, fancy furniture, or anything in the way of a musical instrument you will find it at Alexander's stores. What nicer present can you get for your wife or daughter than a piano, organ, violin, mandolin or guitar, or a beautiful bed room suite, a couch, or chair. Come in and look over our big stock before the grand holiday rush. W. A. ALEXANDER. Robert Bowsher is in receipt of a letter from his son J. R. Bowsher who with his wife, son and mother left last week on an extended trip to California. They were at Denver when he wrote and having a fine visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kreider, old Princeton friends now living in Denver. From Denver they go to Colorado Springs and Manitou for a week and then go on, Salt Lake City being their next stopping place. Speaking of the mountains Jim says "they are 18 miles from Denver but only look like they were a half mile away. They are 90 miles long and 50 miles wide, and as to you that the idea got out of the geography, was not what I now know them to be. They are covered with snow but there is no snow at the bottom of the foot-

If you want bargains in real estate see E. J. Sankey. Seen the furs at Hurst's? Big line of the right kind. J. R. Bashaw is headquarters for holiday goods at bedrock prices. See Alexander's display of holiday goods. It is the largest in the city. Try a sack of that \$1.00 Cream of Dakota flour. LEON QUEENSWARE CO. Big presents for the big people and little presents for little people at Alexander's. Underwear, hosiery, blankets and all heavy goods at very low prices at the Leon Cash Grocery. Kid gloves are always acceptable Christmas gifts and you can find a good assortment at Hurst's. A fancy line of fine salad dishes at 75 cents. Would be cheap at \$1.50, at the Leon Queensware Co. Our line of holiday books, bibles, booklets, fancy books are the very best variety to be found. J. R. BASHAW. See our \$1.00 fancy lamps with shades. A beauty. Every lamp of this kind is worth \$1.75. LEON QUEENSWARE CO. Two good Poland-China boar pigs, old enough for service. If taken at once will be sold at a price. See them, W. H. HAZLET. On account of the State Teacher's Association conflicting with the regular examination dates, the usual teacher's examination will be held December 22 and 23. J. E. CUMMINS, County Superintendent. The classes of '97-'98-'99, of the Leon High school are arranging for a joint reception at the opera hall on the evening of Dec. 29th. A banquet will be served and the alumni are expecting a grand good time. County Superintendent J. E. Cummins has been elected assistant teacher in the Leon High School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Margaret Young, and will commence teaching the first of the year. His salary is \$45 per month, the same as was paid Miss Young. The last will of Mrs. Mary E. Vowell has been filed with Clerk Stockton. It is dated Oct. 30, 1893, and is witnessed by A. A. Roy and Marion F. Stookey. She bequeaths the sum of \$300 to her son Willard L. Tew, and \$300 to her grandson Dan D. Tew. The balance of her property is bequeathed to her son W. F. Tew, who is appointed executor of the will without bond. During the month of November Treasurer Cochran, paid out the sum of \$4,470.71 from the county treasury on warrants drawn by Auditor Sears on the following funds: County.....\$3,048 03 Bridge..... 707 29 Pauper..... 12 20 Insane..... 599 59 Soldier's Relief..... 60 00 Total.....\$4,470 71 Don't forget to visit the big stores of W. A. Alexander when you go to make your selections of Xmas presents. He has anything you want no matter how small or how large your pocket book is. He has the goods, don't propose to have any left after the holidays. Call and inspect his stock. There are three big store rooms crowded with suitable things for the holidays. Elsewhere in this issue we publish a detailed statement of the losses paid during a period of ten months, from January 1, 1899 to November 1, 1899, by the old reliable Farmers Insurance Co. of Cedar Rapids, the total amount of the losses settled being \$5,383.63. Quite a number of additional losses have been adjusted and paid since November 1. The agent of this company is J. D. Williams, of Des Moines. He is a pleasant and courteous man to do business with and the published statement of the losses paid in this county is the best endorsement that can be given his company. When you want any insurance drop him a card at Decatur and he will call and see you.

Take your laundry to J. A. Caster. Dolls and toys, the biggest stock in Leon, at Alexander's. Anything you want for bootwear at the Leon Cash Grocery. Have your watch cleaned and repaired by Kohler the jeweler. J. R. Bashaw's stock of albums and scratch books is complete. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Norman last Thursday. Buy her a new dress. Big holiday showing in dress goods at Hurst's. Silverware novelties, knives, forks, spoons, nut picks, fruits and knives, at J. R. Bashaw's. We want every person in Leon and Decatur county to see our fancy china. LEON QUEENSWARE CO. Toys, thousands of them for the little folks at Alexander's store. Call and make your selections, and have them laid away. William Gibson and his big extra gang came in from the south Saturday. They have been working on the new Q extension for several months. On account of the absence of several councilmen the town council transacted no business last Thursday evening, but adjourned to meet this evening. Col. S. J. Burnison, the boss auctioneer from Davis City, is coming Tuesday to assist at the big cattle sale held Tuesday. Col. Burnison is a splendid auctioneer and always gets good prices for what he sells. E. B. McClelland last Thursday opened the restaurant owned by C. H. Roberts and will conduct it as a first class restaurant. Claude Lorey is looking after the front part while the kitchen is under the care of Morris Benefield. The new Vienna Home Bakery will be opened the last of this week. Ella Gunter the well known artist in this line will have charge of this new enterprise, and will furnish the best of home made bread, cakes and pies, at all times. The children will also find a nice line of pure homemade candy of different kinds. Rolla asks for and will merit your patronage. North west corner square. Tom C. Burns and wife, of Chinook, Montana, came in last Thursday to visit his mother, Mrs. Abner Burns and brother, John Burns. He had not seen his mother since May 1862. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted and was mustered out in 1862. After spending a short time in Leon in company with his wife and brother, Robert Burns, he went to Des Moines and started west with an ox train their destination being Fort Benton, Montana. The train was six months making the journey and had a number of thrilling experiences with the Indians who thronged the plains in those days. After reaching Ft. Benton he spent six or seven years prospecting with various success and then served several years as a civil engineer with the U. S. government, exploring Montana. Later he drifted into the cattle and sheep business and is now one of the big ranchmen of Montana. Since leaving Leon he has made and lost half dozen fortunes and is now well off in this world's goods. One winter's experience cost him almost \$20,000. In company with three other cattle men he started to drive his herd of 400 four-year-old steers to a point 300 miles distant to where grass was plenty, intending to return as soon as the country was reached and send men to care for the cattle and supplies for the winter. Just as they reached the place a big blizzard came and covered everything with snow. Instead of getting home in a few days they were compelled to stay in the canyon until March, rustling like beavers to gather enough wood during the day to keep from freezing at night. When spring came out of a herd of over 2000 steers only about 30 remained after the prairie being covered with dead carcasses. They made their way back home and surprised their friends, who had given them up as dead months before. Mr. Burns is connected with a big English cattle syndicate and left Tuesday for New York City to meet their representatives. Mrs. Burns going to Perry the same day to visit her mother. They will return to Leon for a more extended visit before returning to their western home.

## PLEASE NOTICE!

I desire all my customers whom I have accommodated the past year to call and settle their account by cash or note before Jan 1st. Please accommodate me as I have you. M. S. 218. A thoughtful lady of Leon asks if it would not be a good idea for every lady in Leon who employs a washwoman to remember her this Christmas with a suitable offering of clothing, food or some article that would be useful to them or their families. There are quite a number of Leon editors who are in Leon who toil over the wash tub through force of necessity. Suppose we all try to make them happy this Christmas. When W. S. Chandler first heard the news that the 51st Iowa was coming home he determined to kill a fatted calf to celebrate the safe return of his son Elmer, who was a member of Co. I. Since that time the calf has been stilled until last Thursday when it was butchered and a few friends assisted in eating it. The Rev. Editor was remembered with some fine veal steaks for which Mr. Chandler has our thanks. The 51st Iowa Band of 30 men appears at Van Werden's opera house to night. This is the original band, under the leadership of Geo. W. Landers, of Burlington, which attracted so much notice and favorable comments at San Francisco, Honolulu, and Manila. During their long service in the Philippines they showed they could carry a gun as well as a horn. Let the opera hall be crowded to hear them to-night. E. K. Patch has purchased the interest of his partner, Pearl Craig, in the restaurant business and is now sole proprietor. He will arrange so that he can spend more time in Leon and will personally look after the business. Nate Craig, the veteran, will be in charge of the kitchen and ready to cook anything on short order. Sam Patch is a hustler and will see to it that the restaurant is run in an up to date manner. He has many friends in Leon and will do a good business. There has been considerable stir the past ten days among the local republicans on account of a statement that Representative Eiker would vote for Cummins for U. S. Senator. He has been counted all along as a sure Gear man, and the Gear bosses are panic stricken. They are circulating petitions asking Dr. Eiker to vote for Gear. It seems the bosses are having a hard time controlling him as he shows a disposition to represent his constituents in preference to the bosses. The last will of K. J. Bartlett has been filed with Clerk Stockton. It is dated Oct. 3, 1899, and is witnessed by S. H. Amos and C. S. Stearns. He bequeaths all his personal property to his wife, Susannah E. Bartlett, and also a life interest in the north east quarter of the northeast quarter of Sec. 21, township 69, range 24, Decatur county, at her death the property is to go to his daughter, Della Aten. His other children, Geo. W. Bartlett, Clarence Bartlett and Harriet Traupel, have been provided for by property bequeathed to them before their father's death. Grand River Lodge No. 78. A. F. and A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year Tuesday evening. The new officers will be installed Friday evening. W. M.—W. E. Moore, S. W.—W. A. Brown, J. W.—W. C. Myers, Treas.—F. Targa, Secy.—W. Beck, S. D.—Dr. J. W. Rowell, J. D.—Dr. F. A. Bowman, S. S.—D. F. Avery, J. S.—Harry Shumway.

## HOLIDAY CANDIES.

We will have the largest and finest assortment of candies for the holiday trade ever in Leon. All kinds, mixed, bon-bons, creams, chocolates, fancy boxes, etc. Mr. Patch will personally look after the holiday trade and as he represents the largest factory in the country, the quality and assortment and quality will be all that could be asked for. Will make special low prices to Sunday School, churches and school teachers. Let us make you a price. E. K. PATCH, The Leon Grill Room.

## PURELY PERSONAL.

Persons having friends visiting them or knowing strangers visiting in the city will confer a great favor upon the Editor by informing him either in person or by note. J. H. Kling, of Davis City, is in Leon. Dr. A. Brown was in Decatur Monday. Thomas Teale had business at Lamoni Friday. Dr. Dudley was visiting Lamoni friends Tuesday. V. R. McGinnis had business at Decatur Tuesday. Mrs. W. A. Brown visited at Davis City last Friday. Mrs. Wallace had business at Decatur last Friday. Marlon F. Stookey had business at Creston Tuesday. M. L. Reiker, of Mt. Airy, had business in this city yesterday. P. M. Walker, of Pleasanton, was a Leon visitor last Friday. A. P. Olsen, of Lamoni, had business in this city Thursday. S. W. Hurst and Dr. J. B. Horner visited over Sunday at Albia. Miss Maude Lowe, of Osceola, is visiting with Miss Folk Oney. New! Judd, of Garden Grove, was visiting Leon friends Monday. V. R. McGinnis went to Des Moines yesterday on legal business. Mrs. S. W. Hurst returned Tuesday from a few days visit at Davis City. E. B. McClelland returned yesterday from a business trip to Chicago. S. C. Jennings, of Grand River, had business in this city last Saturday. C. E. Edwards, of Osceola, visited over Sunday with his family in this city. Mrs. Thos. Teale returned Saturday from a ten day visit in Des Moines. N. W. Clothier, of Homeston, attended the big cattle sale in Leon Tuesday. Miss Joseph Bowman returned Saturday from a week's visit with friends at Davis City. E. B. Brown, of Hastings, Neb., was visiting his brother in this city last Saturday. B. D. Conwell, the optician, returned Saturday from a professional trip to Mt. Moriah. Dr. A. Brown and Postmaster Ledgerwood were interviewing Lamoni citizens yesterday. Postmaster Ledgerwood and Dr. A. Brown had political business at Decatur Thursday. Mrs. Jonathan Hamilton returned Monday from a visit at Pella with her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Hopton. Mrs. J. F. Pennivel returned Tuesday from a visit at Derby with her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Throckmorton. F. M. Brammer, of Richland township, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Acton, at the first of the week. Miss Emma Heiler, of Ridgeway, was visiting with Miss Nettie Bowman in this city the latter part of last week. E. C. Smith, of Center township, returned Saturday from a three week trip to Decatur, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. Pattison, of Jasper, Mo., and Mrs. Wilcox, of Newton, Mo., are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. A. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. S. J. Hendricks, who has been visiting her father Uncle Frank Smith, returned to her home in Bethany Monday. Mrs. S. A. Hawkins, of Leon, arrived this morning for a visit with the family Rev. W. G. Hohansheld.—Red Oak Express. Miss Kate James, who is teaching the East Elk school in the west part of the county, was in Leon the latter part of last week. Miss Jess Evans returned Saturday morning from Plattsmouth, Neb., where she has been trimming in a millinery store. Mrs. Ida Gutbric, of Tingley, passed through Leon Saturday, going to Davis City to attend the funeral of her brother's child. Mr. and Mrs. M. Mayer went to Osceola Monday to visit a couple of days with Mrs. Mayer's sister, Mrs. David Goldsmith. Fred Waight, traveling salesman for Pitkin & Brooks, of Chicago, came in yesterday to visit a few days with his parents. Dr. A. Brown, Capt. J. D. Brown and J. W. Harvey made a trip to Burlington last Friday afternoon, returning home the next morning. Walter H. Dewey, editor of the Charlton Democrat, and one of the brightest editorial writers in the state was in Leon a few hours yesterday. Lysa Gibson and family returned to their home at New Hampton, Mo., Monday after visiting for two weeks with her parents in this city. Mrs. Thos. Brazier, of Andover, returned home Thursday after visiting a few days with the family of John F. Rumley north-west of Leon. Mrs. W. E. Myers returned Thursday from a two weeks stay in Des Moines, where she was taking a special course of musical instruction. Dr. H. R. Layton and G. A. Long went to Centerville yesterday to attend a meeting of the Shriners. Mr. Long will be installed at this meeting. Mrs. Addie McCartney returned Friday to her home at Batavia after making a pleasant visit in Center township with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Caster. Amos Martin and son Ed drove in Friday from Council Bluffs and will become residents of this city. Mr. Martin is a son-in-law of Samuel Lindsey. Homer Dye is home from a long trip through northern Iowa and the Dakotas, where he was engaged in writing up towns for the local papers. S. Varga and wife were passengers for Davis City Monday to eat dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dorn, it being the fifth anniversary of their marriage. John Enix, of Moline, Kas., came Friday to visit a few days with his nephew, J. A. Jones. He will go to Albia this week to visit his brother and other relatives. Miss Helen Young spent Friday and Saturday at Homeston visiting the high school, of which she has been elected assistant, and will go to Homeston Jan. 1st. Mrs. Geo. W. Sears and baby and her father, John Fank, of Long Creek township, left yesterday for a six months visit at their old home at Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Mrs. J. L. Young went to Garden Grove Tuesday, where she will visit friends until Saturday, when she leaves for Washington, D. C. to spend the holidays with Major. Mrs. W. R. Smith, of Webb City, Mo., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Albaugh, went to Chariton Sunday and visited until yesterday with her sister, Mrs. Stanley. G. A. Wood returned Tuesday from Mt. Airy where he has been employed in Bevis Bros' office. He has accepted a position as stenographer in county attorney Baker's office. Miss Bessie Moore went to Weldon Saturday and on Monday commenced teaching the winter term of school in District No. 1, which she has taught so successfully for several years. Dr. J. W. Rowell and Mrs. Adda L. Curry returned Friday from Atton where they attended the funeral of Dr. Rowell's parents. Mrs. Rowell and little son remained to visit a few days. Miss Bessie Reed spent a couple of days at Mt. Airy the latter part of last week. She has accepted a position as stenographer for Bevis Bros. in that city and will enter on her duties the first of the year.

## Kohler the Jeweler.

Do not forget to read the Leon Queensware Co. adv. Get him a pair of kid mittens and you'll find them at Hurst's. To-day is the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington. A nice pair of shoes (get them at Hurst's) will be a very useful gift. A girl baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Dunn Woodland township Tuesday. Most complete line of felt boots arica and legging in Leon at the Leon Cash Grocery. Come and see our nice cut glass ware some of the finest cut designs. All to be found at J. R. Bashaw. The Iowa Steam Laundry is the largest and best equipped in Iowa. J. A. Caster is agent. Send on Tuesday, deliver on Thursday. Dr. W. H. Slater last Saturday shipped a sixteen pound, old English Pointer dog, Rex Bang to Dr. Julian, of St. Louis. The dog sold for \$50. The building just north of Biggs new block owned by A. Harris is being remodeled and will be occupied as soon as finished by Rolla Gunter who will conduct a bakery. The 51st Iowa band of 30 men which appears at Van Werden's opera hall to night is the finest musical organization which ever visited Leon. Don't miss a good thing by staying away. S. B. Johnson is now traveling salesman for the Em El Lioner Store, of Rock Island, Ill., his territory being all over southern Iowa. Styl is a hustler and is employed on a regular salary. W. H. Albaugh has so far recovered from his severe illness as to be able to again occupy an office. On Mondays and Saturdays of each week he will be found at his office over Alexander's drug store. County bridge superintendent Joe Leeper and his workmen last week completed the new bridge over Grand River and are now at work putting in a bridge near W. McDonough's farm in Center township. George Spicer was arrested last Thursday and given a three day jail sentence by Mayor Woodard for drunkenness. He refused to work and all by Saturday stood on the street corners wearing a ball and chain for a foot bracelet. 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