

New Year's Greeting!

To our many friends and customers we wish you a

A Happy New Year.

This has been a most prosperous year with us. We attribute this to the high grade goods which we handle and the general satisfaction they give our customers. We will endeavor in the future to maintain this high standard of goods and hope to merit a continuance of your liberal patronage. We have just received, direct from San Francisco, a large consignment of Canned Peaches, Pears, Egg Plums, Green Gage Plums, Gold Drop Plums, Apricots, Peeled Apricots, Cherries, Etc., price 15c, 20c and 25c. Include some of these with your next order and if they are not as represented they cost you nothing. Jan. 1st we discontinue trade checks. Will pay cash for produce.

J. A. CASTER.

Dr. Morris, the new dentist has opened office in Biggs' block opposite Dr. Foxworthy's office.

FOR SALE—Team, wagon and harness. All good. H. R. HELDMAN. 19-2t Leon, Iowa.

On account of my health I offer the Leon Bowling Alley for sale. A chance for some one to secure a paying business. M. S. BENEFIELD.

J. L. Palmer, until recently editor of the Van Wert Record, died at his home in Van Wert last Wednesday after an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever. His remains were taken to Wisconsin for burial.

A land excursion under the management of U. G. John, will leave for south eastern Arkansas the first Tuesday in January. Those desiring to make this trip should call on or address 18-2t U. G. JOHN.

If you want a farm sold or want a farm loan at lowest rate of interest and best terms go to E. J. Sankey, southeast corner Main and Commercial streets, Leon, Ia. When in Leon get your warm meals and hot and cold lunches at Detrick's restaurant. They have everything in season, cooked in the best style. Oysters served in all styles, and the finest line of confections, fruit, cigars and tobacco in the city.

Will A. Brown takes possession of the Hotel Enterprise this morning and will change the name to Hotel Leon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are exceptionally good hotel people and the traveling public will give them a cordial welcome. It is especially pleasing to Leon people to see them engage in the hotel business in this city again.

Mr. Frank N. Hansell, the popular manager of the Graham, Darrah & Hansell department store in this city was greatly surprised Christmas morning when the salesladies employed in his store presented him with a handsome picture as a token of their kindly feelings. Mr. Hansell is as popular with his employees as he is with the buying public, and he fully appreciates the gift.

The Davis City Lariat issued a 40-page and colored cover magazine holiday edition last week, which shows a great deal of enterprise for a paper in a town of that size. The edition was profusely illustrated with half tone cuts of prominent citizens and views of the town and scenery on Grand River. Gus Tjach, the publisher of The Lariat, is a hustler sure, and we are pleased to see him meeting with success.

The Amicitia Club held their second open meeting at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Varga Tuesday evening, December 30. An elegant dinner was served at 7 o'clock to about thirty guests. The evening was very pleasantly spent with music, recitations and contests. Each guest was given a list of questions to be answered by the name of a song, Mrs. Bowsler playing a small portion of a song and the guests guessing at the name as an answer to the question. Mrs. Olsen won the prize. Mrs. Rosenthal, of Unionville, Mo., and Mrs. T. J. Smith, of Lamoni, were out of town guests.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fulton, of Eden township, Wednesday morning.

J. R. Bashaw's stock of books of all kinds, juvenile, miscellaneous, bibles, etc., is complete.

C. V. Ruby has closed his store in the Finley block and shipped the stock to Princeton, Mo., Tuesday.

Detrick's restaurant is the popular place in Leon for warm meals and lunches. The best of everything to eat.

Having decided to change my location I offer for sale my residence property in S. E. Leon including several acres of land well improved. For prices see owner. 19-1f L. F. JENKINS.

Mr. R. E. Sloan, an experienced pharmacist from Keosauqua, has accepted a position as pharmacist at W. C. Stempel & Co.'s drug store, taking the place of George Carmean, who has purchased a drug store at Kellerton.

Dr. O. W. Foxworthy, who has charge of the case of the little daughter of Frank Coffin who was so seriously burned last week, reports the little sufferer getting along nicely, and although she is terribly burned it is thought she is well on the way to recovery.

The wrestling match which was scheduled to take place at the opera house in this city on Saturday night of this week between J. H. Alldredge of this city and Joe Cannon, of St. Louis, has been postponed one week and will be pulled off on Saturday night Jan. 10th.

The people at Chariton are busy themselves in building an electric road. The proposed road will run from Knoxville to Chariton and on to Corydon and Allerton. The idea of building the road originated in the mind of S. H. Mallory. Other local capitalists are being interested in the enterprise.

The dedication services of the new Friends Church at High Point will be held on Sunday, January 11th, at 11 a. m. The dedication address will be by Rev. R. R. Newby. Evangelists B. V. and I. E. Bachelor will also be in attendance and will begin a series of meetings in the evening. Rev. Carrie Butler, Pastor.

I desire to thank the many, many friends who gave me such loyal support in THE REPORTER'S piano contest, and although I was not the winner I shall ever remember the kindness of the friends who did so much for me and tried to win it for me. I assure one and all that from the bottom of my heart I appreciate it. MAX MARVIN.

Mrs. Belle Gunter received from her son Ed, of Dexter, Mo., a Christmas box containing valuables to the amount of \$40. The box contained a fine Christmas turkey, with cranberries, dates, figs, apricots, tomatoes, oysters, salmon, potted ham, crackers, butter, two dollars' worth of coffee, maple sugar, maple syrup, fine bon bons and many other dainty and toothsome table supplies. In addition the package also contained gold eye glasses, a gold scarf pin, a silver mounted toilet set, a black satin dress skirt, an embroidered handkerchief, three pairs woolen hose and \$12 in money.

Auction at Gates & Keller's Saturday afternoon and night.

J. R. Bashaw's stock of fancy china lamps, etc., is very complete for the holidays.

J. R. Bashaw has everything in the silverware and novelty line complete for holiday presents.

When you want your shoes repaired or a new pair built go to Tom Peniston at Hurst's store. He gets quick action and won't charge you too much.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockers as fine bred birds as you can find, especially for breeding purposes. Also some choice young Poland-China sows. 18t BERT WOODARD.

Concerning "Thelma" the Cairo, Ill., Bulletin says: "Excellent staged, in fact it hardly has been excelled locally for beauty and appropriateness of scenery and other effects."

Alvin Markham, an experienced workman, has opened a new shoe repair shop at the Lane Implement Co., and has received a fine new machine. He guarantees all work to be first-class and it will receive prompt attention.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give their regular monthly tea in the basement of the church on Tuesday evening, January 6. A good supper for 15 cents, and the public is cordially invited.

On Saturday evening Dec. 27th, Mr. T. E. Cottingham of Weldon and Miss Kate Stanley of Leroy were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at the Leon M. E. Parsonage by the Rev. I. N. Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kehler witnessed the ceremony.

THE REPORTER wants a bright boy of about sixteen years who wants to learn the printing trade. Must reside with his parents, and an exceptionally good opportunity will be given him to learn a trade at which he can always secure work at good wages. Apply at once if you want the position.

L. P. Sigler, the local agent of the Hawkeye Insurance Co., was handsomely remembered this Christmas, receiving a beautiful and expensive three-piece set of cut glass—creamer, sugar bowl and spoon tray. Mr. Sigler ranks as one of the best agents in the service of the company and from the value of the Christmas present sent him they evidently appreciate his services highly.

A. W. Harrell, a former Leon boy, who has been in the railroad service for several years, has resigned as joint agent of the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado and Southern railroads at Cucharas Junction, Colorado, and will enter the railway postal service, having been appointed to a postal run on the Denver & Rio Grande between Denver and Grand Junction. Mr. Harrell was considered one of the brightest young railroad men in Colorado, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Harrell, of Afton, who lived for many years in this city.

Goff & Son who have conducted the Hotel Enterprise in this city for the past two years have leased the Cameron House at Cameron, Mo., a modern 50 room hotel and will take possession of it today. During their residence in this city Mr. Goff and family have made many friends who are indeed sorry to see them leave Leon. They are first-class hotel people and have the reputation of running one of the best hotels in the state. The town of Cameron is indeed fortunate in having them locate there and they will surely have a good hotel.

Some miscreant threw a beer bottle through the big plate glass front of the State Savings Bank at Grand River on Christmas night and completely shattered the glass which was one of the largest in the county, being 14 feet 9 inches by 9 feet 10 inches, valued at \$140. Fortunately cashier Ackerly had it insured so the loss will not fall on the bank. The same night Oscar McCarl threw a beer bottle at George Hembrey which missed him but struck a barber named George Snyder and inflicted a bad cut in his face. Clint Cole was also assaulted by an unknown assailant as he was going home Christmas night and slugged with a billy or some blunt instrument and his face was badly disfigured. Verily Grand River is maintaining its reputation as the toughest town in the county.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, reveals the fact that the state of Iowa has only one distillery. It appears that Iowa's solitary distillery is a concern which manufactures, exclusively, fruit brandy. The report does not indicate the location of the distillery but gives the information that during the fiscal year the total output reached the enormous quantity of 188 gallons. While it may be said that no spirits were distilled in Iowa during the year, 106,000 gallons were imported into the state and rectified. It appears that Iowa has twenty-one rectifiers engaged in taking the raw product from the still and converting it into the finished article. There are 4,418 retail dealers in liquors and seventy-four wholesale dealers. Twenty-four breweries are in operation and 665 dealers in malt goods and 509 wholesalers. The approximate value of malt liquors produced was \$305,000.

Mrs. J. A. Caster entertained friends at six-handed euchre Tuesday evening.

J. R. Bashaw's toy goods line is complete. Everything for the little fellows.

For Oklahoma realty write or call on C. B. Jordan, Enid, O. T. formerly of Leon, Iowa.

Tom Peniston, the shoemaker has opened a shop at Hurst's store. He is prepared to do first-class work and his charges are reasonable.

Mather—the 30 years dentist of over 30 years experience is at Leon on the morning of the 27th and will remain until the last of every month.

I am now ready to grind corn, corn meal and chop feed, either for cash or toll at my poultry house on east side of square.

14t. J. L. METTER. We have sleighs and bob sleds, sleigh bells, robes, blankets, fur coats and mittens. We sell them too.

BOWSER & BIDDISON.

George Ashford, a man about sixty years of age living on George Baker and Ed Sharpe's farm near DeKalb, was found dead in his bed last Friday morning. He had been drinking hard for a couple of weeks and his death was probably from alcoholism.

ATTENTION COMRADES:—The joint installation of officers of Leon Post No. 251, and W. R. C. will be held at the G. A. R. hall on Friday, January 2, at 2:30 o'clock. All members of the Post and Corps are invited to be present. J. H. EVANS, Adjutant.

The following extract from the Danville, Va., Register speaks for itself: "Thelma" was presented to a large and appreciative audience by a strong company that understood the play thoroughly. It met all expectations and a welcome awaits its return to this city."

One of the most enjoyable dances ever given in Leon was that under the auspices of the Leon Club at the K. P. hall last Friday night. A large crowd was in attendance and excellent music was furnished by the 51st Iowa Regiment Band orchestra. The Club had decorated the hall in fine style and cozy easy seats and quiet nooks abounded everywhere. Delicious refreshments were served during the entire evening, and all present were loud in their praise of the members of the club.

No man can become greater than his own heart.

MATRIMONIAL.

Gibson-Hendricks.

A quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of W. C. Gibson, eight miles northeast of Leon at noon on Christmas day, the contracting parties being his daughter, Miss Augusta May and Mr. G. J. C. Hendricks of Pocahontas county, the ceremony being performed by Elder H. H. Hubbell, pastor of the Christian church, in the presence of the relatives and a few intimate friends.

The bride was born and raised in this vicinity, and graduated from the Leon High School last year. She is a most estimable young lady and in every way fitted to grace a home. The groom is a prosperous young farmer who formerly resided in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks departed Monday for Pocahontas county where they will make their home on a farm. Many friends in this county extend heartiest congratulations.

New Shoemaker.

Mr. Thomas Peniston is located on our second floor with an up-to-date shoe shop. He will do custom and repair work at short notice. Give him a call. Hurst Bros.

Aiden Benedict's new Attraction "Thelma"

On Saturday evening Jan. 3, Aiden Benedict will present at the Van Warden opera house, Chas. W. Chase's version of Marie Corelli's "Thelma." The action of the play is laid in Norway and in England and is a most refreshing dramatic novelty being entirely different from any other attraction ever produced upon any stage. The snow storm is a very realistic scene and the death of the Viking on board of the burning ship will bring tears to every one's eyes. The company is an excellent one, its leading members having been associated with the best managers.

One case where the figure 13 was lucky recently came to light in Oreston. There was an election contest over the office of county attorney. Higbee, the democratic candidate, had thirteen votes more than Frye, his republican opponent. The latter instituted a contest, but instead of winning out, it was found that Higbee had five more votes coming to him, putting him in by a safe plurality of eighteen votes.

To the Members of the Christian Church.

There will be a roll call of the members of the Christian church at the morning service Lord's Day, January 4, 1903. Every member is urged to be present. There will be a response to the roll call with scripture verses. Preaching service at 7:30 in the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

At the Presbyterian church the regular quarterly communion will be held next Sabbath morning. Preparatory service this, Thursday, evening to which all the members of the church are invited. The subject of the evening sermon will be "God's Covenant With Man." Arrangements have been made for special meetings at an early date, with the help of a well known evangelist. More definite announcements will be made later.

Services in the M. E. church for next Sunday will be as follows: Preaching by the pastor both morning and evening: Subject of morning sermon, "Church Prosperity"; in the evening, "Cornelius, the Truth Seeker." Other services at usual hours.

Rev. W. H. Hsley will preach at Crown Chapel next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The private cars of Superintendent of C. B. & Q. Iowa Lines McNutt and General Manager A. C. Goodrich of the K. & W. were attached to the south bound K. & W. train Tuesday and went down over the line to Cainsville and back. There is to be a new time card on January 11th, and it is reported on what appears to be reliable authority that there will be some radical changes in the running of trains on this branch of both the Q. and K. & W. One of the changes will be the establishing of a through service between Des Moines and Kansas City via Osceola and Leon, and it is said there will be only one passenger train each way between Leon and Chariton. The early morning and evening trains will take the place of the day passenger trains, which will run through to Des Moines from this city, and the present K. & W. train will be abandoned. It is also said there will only be a mixed train on the K. & W. south of Leon. Commencing this morning the K. & W. freight will run through to Des Moines instead of only running to Van Wert.

For Oklahoma real estate, write to call on C. B. Jordan, Enid, O. T.

HURST'S--Store News

Dress Goods

Clearing sale of wool suitings.

All wool 36 inch Etamines 45c per yard

5 colors in these—were bought for 60 cent line but came too late. Red Browns, Grays and Black.

38 inch Wool Venetians 45c black per yard

Good Grays, Browns, and Red mixes in these. Splendid values, worth 65c.

42 inch Mohair Melrose 50c per yard

Beautiful skirting cloth, possessing all the wearing qualities of the "Alpaca family. Extremely popular.

Odds and ends of 35c and 40c suitings 25c

These are from 34 to 42 inch wide in various styles. Much less than value.

The Shoes

Here's a chance Mr. Man to buy 2 and 2 1/2 dollar shoes for 1 1/2 dollars—Just 25 pairs of them—Nearly all sizes, new styles and various widths. Some by "Selz" and balance by other western factory. Why? Because we are consolidating our shoe lines and don't intend to handle these styles again. Ask to see

Men's Dollar and a half shoes.

Ladies' and Misses Wraps

Here's a problem. We have 28 misses and children's wraps on our racks and there are certainly 28 little girls who need wraps, who want to connect these 28 wraps with the girls. Here's the inducement—cut this advertisement out and bring it to us by Jan. 10th.—It will take the place of a dollar bill in the purchase of any misses' or child's wrap in the house. We are making very low prices on 19 ladies' wraps too.

Remnants-Bargains

Our regular semi-annual remnant sale commences on Saturday the 3d. All the short length and frizzle ends of all sorts of goods are piled out on the center counters for easy examination. The yards are marked plainly together with the price for the piece and your are always welcome to come and look them through whether you buy or not. We have a few remnants of carpets and matings and quite a bunch of samples to go this time making the sale of unusual interest. Our remnant sale is an even—Better arrange to be here at the opening.

Hurst Bros.