

# THE VAN WERT PAGE.

Ralph Rumley is spending his Christmas vacation at home.

S. D. McCroskey, of Greenbay, had business in Leon last week.

Leo Price came home last week from Drake to spend Christmas.

Mrs. S. G. Edge was a visitor in Osceola Friday, where her parents live.

Mrs. Clark Fierce spent a few days last week with her parents at Decatur City.

Keith Murry, who has been very sick with lung fever, is some better at this writing.

Eugene Branaum made a business trip to Pleasanton Thursday, returning Saturday.

Luther Fuller has been confined to his home on account of sickness but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Saylor are the proud parents of a nice baby boy; born last Wednesday.

E. S. Shultz was in Kansas City and St. Joe nearly all of last week on matters of business.

Mrs. Laura Keller visited Thursday and Friday with the Keller sisters near Fairview church.

Hal Overton has purchased the Ed Pierce farm near Derby to which he will move in the spring.

George Smith and family drove to Osceola Saturday to look after some business matters at that place.

C. H. Fisher and family came over Sunday afternoon and remained to attend services in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson are home from Des Moines to spend the Christmas vacation with parents.

W. S. Throckmorton and wife of LeRoy, drove over Saturday to do some extra Christmas shopping.

Miss Helen Blair was in Osceola Friday and Saturday spending Friday night at the home of a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Trauple visited a few days last week with friends at Berwick, Iowa, near Des Moines.

Miss Virginia West, of DeKalb, visited friends in town Saturday and attended the entertainment in the evening.

Miss Nellie Easter and Don Price, who are attending Drake University, are spending their Christmas vacation at home.

The Pop Corn school house was very thoroughly fumigated the first of this week and rendered sanitary for public use.

F. L. Hall and family, of Weldon, drove over Sunday afternoon in their auto, stopping for a few hours at E. O. Stearn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolson drove up from Decatur Sunday to see the latter's sister, Mrs. Wood, who is slowly recovering from a long sick spell.

The M. W. A. camp met on last Wednesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year; the head officers were re-elected; H. D. Trauple, consul, and E. O. Stearns, clerk.

The DeK quartette, of the Midland Lyceum Bureau, rendered a very pleasing program Saturday evening to a fair sized appreciative audience. This is the third number of our winter Chautauqua.

Uncle John Corbett had his left eye removed some time ago by specialists at Centerville and is getting along nicely. He thinks of getting a glass eye when the soreness has entirely healed sufficient for setting a new one.

Mrs. Frank Smith received a telegram Wednesday stating that her mother, Mrs. Hart, of Maryville, Mo., was dead. She started the same day accompanied by Ray Smith so as to be there for the funeral.

Notice of Appointment of Executrix. In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Decatur County. In probate.

In the matter of the estate of J. H. Delk, deceased.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified as Executrix of the estate of J. H. Delk, late of Decatur County, Iowa, deceased.

All persons in any manner indebted to said deceased or his estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said deceased or his estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment.

Dated this 16th day of November, A. D., 1912.

ELIZA J. DELK, Executrix of said estate.

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## Round Knoll.

Mrs. R. B. Hawkins is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. Wesley Stein spent Friday night with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Irving and family.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simmerman is quite sick with whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brant and the latter's sister, Mrs. Ella Dutton, of Dakota spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collins.

Palmer & Ramsey delivered a new Ford auto to Ben Grimm the 16th.

Mr. R. A. Palmer and family called at the Fred Irving home Thursday evening.

Ben Grimm made a business trip to Leon in his new auto Friday.

Walter Ellston is rapidly recovering from his attack of lung fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Mina Palmer visited Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Will Devore and family.

Oscar West made a business trip to Grand River one day last week.

Remember the preaching at 11 a. m. next Sunday morning by Rev. Fisher.

## Inspiration In Dreams.

Coleridge must be added to the list of authors who have found inspiration in dreams, for he himself has told us that he composed over 200 lines of the "Kubla Khan" during a sleep of three hours.

On awaking he wrote down the fragment now existing, but the interruption of a visitor banished the rest from his mind.

The first idea of "The Ancient Mariner," too, was suggested to the poet by a dream of his friend Cruikshank.

And Kipling's "Greatest Story in the World" was but the half remembered dream of a commonplace young man.—London Mail.

## The Spit of Ceremony.

Among the Akiyu of East Africa, described by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Routledge in "With a Prehistoric People," to spit upon a person or thing indicates good will.

"The blacksmith spits upon the sword he has forged before handing it over to the owner. So, too, courtesy demands that a man should spit in his hand before offering it to a friend, and the female visitors spit upon the newly arrived youngster as a sign of welcome."

Even in England there are relics of the same custom in the habit among the lower classes of spitting on a coin.

## Wanted Particulars.

A little girl of about five was finding keen enjoyment in twirling the knob on the candy box on the seat in front of her at the theater.

"Don't do that, Ethel; it makes too much noise," said her mother.

Ethel paused, undecided, her hand outstretched for another twirl.

"I warn you," said her mother sternly.

Still Ethel hesitated. Finally she queried audibly, "With a hairbrush, mamma, or just your hand?"—New York Sun.

## Go to Blaize's.

When you think you are consigning a sore or any one who irritates you beyond endurance to a hot spot by telling him to "go to blaizes" it appears that you are mistaken and that instead of being rudely abusive you are in fact merely blandly polite.

The explanation is that once, in some far-away time, there was a good bishop named Blaize, who was always ready to dispense wise and sound advice to all applicants; hence it grew customary to say "Go to Blaize's."—Washington Post.

## The First Iron Ship.

The first iron ship has more reputed birthplaces than Homer. Both the Clyde and the Mersey claim pre-eminence in this respect.

Sir E. J. Robison of Edinburgh designed an iron vessel in 1816, which was not launched till three years later, and it is said that an iron boat was worked on the Severn even as far back as 1787.

Steel was not used in the construction of merchant ships' hulls until 1859. Old salts were not alone in their belief that wood was meant by Providence to float, but iron to go to the bottom.

A naval constructor of some repute once said: "Don't talk to me of iron ships. They are contrary to nature."—Chambers' Journal.

## The O. K Barber Shop

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Clothing cleaned and pressed to your order. Laundry shipped Wednesday.

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## THOSE FEMINE CRITICS



Miss Critic—So she was led to the altar at last.

Miss Spite—Led! Led! I guess you didn't see her. She didn't have to be led. When she started down the aisle you couldn't have headed her off with a regiment of cavalry.

## SECRET OF SUCCESS



Scribbler—To what do you attribute your phenomenal success, doctor?

Doctor—To my ability in mastering the art of concealing my ignorance.

## WANTED HIM TO KEEP DRY



The Bridegroom (happily)—Let me see! I declare, this is really my honeymoon.

The Bride (anxiously)—Yes, George, but I notice you go in the buffet car too often. Please don't let it be your wet moon.

## THE REASON.



Little Wallace—Pa, why does 'pop-corn pop'?

His Pa—Because, my son, like men, it doesn't know any better.

## Easy.

Assistant—Here's an article on how New York will look in 1950. What can we use to illustrate it?

Editor—Get that file of magazines over there for 1850, and cut out the picture of how New York was to look in 1910.—Puck.

## Practical.

Friend—Look here! There is nothing in the love of this young helmsman for you.

Chauffeur—Oh, yes, there is. There's millions in it.

## Paradoxical Qualities.

"Gossip is a very narrow sort of habit." "Yet it is one which spreads a great deal."

## Doing Good

"I'm kind of uneasy about my health, doctor," said the major. "I have been suffering from shooting pains in my right side, where my heart is, and all my organs seem out of whack in one way or another, so I thought I'd ask you to examine me and tell me what's wrong and give me a prescription."

"I'll be glad to examine you and prescribe, Major Standoff," replied the doctor, "when you have settled that old account of yours, which has been running for three years. At the last meeting of our county medical association we passed drastic resolutions forbidding members to have dealings with certain people, who are notoriously bad pay, and your name was the first mentioned in this connection."

"Well, great guns!" cried the major. "That I should have to be insulted by a lanternjawed sawbones right here in this town, which owes its very existence to my heroism and self-sacrifice in the times that tried men's souls! This surely must be an evil dream from which I shall presently wake! It doesn't stand to reason that any man, much less a one horse doctor, would dare to hand such an insult to the pioneer who made the wilderness blossom as the rose!"

"Why, sir, I have been the best friend you ever had since you hung out your shingle. I have boosted you in season and out of season. I took an interest in you from the first, and whenever a friend of mine fell sick I would say to him: 'Call on Doctor Standoff! He is the most divinely gifted physician in these parts.'"

"When old John Bonehead fell sick he was going to send for one of the old established doctors, but I labored with him and exhausted all my eloquence to get him to send for you. Now, I ask you, as man to man, did he send for you on my recommendation or did he not?"

"He certainly did, and I've always felt that it was a low trick on your part. Here I was a stranger in a strange land, a young physician trying to establish a practice, and you unloaded that old deadbeat on me and nearly broke me up in business! I treated him for six months and as soon as he was able to move he jumped the town and I haven't had a cent from him to this day."

"That's your idea of gratitude, sir, is it? When I go forth to the hedges and highways to find patients for you, you think I should be responsible for the bills they run up! I suppose you have forgotten who called you up when old Mrs. Toplofty fell sick. Just as soon as I heard of her illness I nearly fendered myself rushing to a telephone to notify you, knowing that you needed patients. I suppose you have forgotten that kindness?"

"No, I have not forgotten, major, and if it hadn't been for your gray hairs I'd have shown my appreciation with a wet elm club. I was just getting a footing in some of the wealthy homes of the town then. There was a mild epidemic of measles, and I was quite busy and the outlook was encouraging. Then you sent me your confounded telephone message, and I rushed down to see Mrs. Toplofty, and found that she had the smallpox! When my wealthy patrons learned that I was treating a smallpox patient they closed their doors to me. That experience set me back two years and now you have the nerve to come here reminding me of it!"

"Well, of all the shameless ingratitude that ever defaced the annals of our glorious country this is the worst! This is the reward a man gets for helping the poor and needy, for straining his hind legs rustling around trying to do good! A man may shed blood and sever his heart-strings trying to aid struggling young men, and after years they turn and rend him!"

"Well, you can go to thunder with your medical association. I don't suppose you could tell an attack of glanders from a lunar eclipse, anyhow, and so your diagnosis wouldn't be worth a cent. If I had a sick cow I wouldn't let you prescribe for her. The undertaker was telling me only yesterday that he'll have to buy an extra hearse if you stay here. So I bid you good morning."

## To Make Advertising Pay.

"Use good bait, fresh bait, and patience," is the advice Isaac Walton years ago gave to fishermen, and fishing after all is what men engage in—fishing for business. Have for bait good live copy; fresh, up-to-date "set up" and patiently fish in one pool. You never heard of a successful angler who rushes first to one pool and then to another. Get the best pool known by experience to contain the fish, and lure him on by offering the best bait in your kit. Fishing and advertising are alike.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

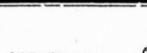
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It was Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y., who first advocated the extended use of some of our native roots, such as: Golden seal and Oregon grape root, mandrake and queen's root, black cherry bark. These are the chief ingredients in Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which has been so well and favorably known for nearly half a century. A harmless cleanser and stomach tonic that nature has provided.

J. DONALD MATTHESON of Ossining, N. Y. says: "I suffered for over five years with what the doctors told me was dilated condition of the stomach, associated with a catarrhal condition of same, and nervous heart. I had tried enough nux, bismuth, gentian, rhubarb, etc., to float a ship and naturally thought there was no cure for me, but after reading what eminent doctors said of the curative qualities of the ingredients of 'Golden Medical Discovery' I gave it a fair trial. Took the 'Discovery' and also the 'Pleasant Peppermint' and can truthfully say I am feeling better now than I have in years. I cheerfully give permission to print this testimonial, and if any 'doubting Thomas' writes me I will 'put him wise' to the best all-around medicine in the country to-day."



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