



Tomorrow Is Christmas.

We have the largest and most complete line of Holiday goods ever shown in Leon or Decatur County. They are exclusive lines that cannot be duplicated. Make your selections before the lines are broken.

A Few Suggestions

Hand Painted China

Which we will close out at cost.

50c plates.....33c

\$1.00 plates75c

Candy

Liggett's chocolates 40c 1/2 lb., 80c 1 lb., assorted nuts 50c 1/2 lb., \$1.00 lb., Fenway candies 30c 1/2 lb., 60c 1 lb., Guth candies 40c 1/2 lb., 80c 1 lb., Bunte's candies in 10 and 25c jars, Regents chocolates 25c 1/2 lb., 50c 1 lb.

Cut Glass

We are the exclusive agents for the Libby line, none better.

We also carry a large line of the American cut glass.

Leather Goods

Bill Books.

Collar Cases,

Cigar Cases.

Card Cases.

Music Rolls.

Pennants.

Toilet Articles

Solid sterling toilet sets, French Ivory toilet sets, Brushed Brass Jardineers, Fancy Japanese Bamboo Baskets and Sandwich trays, Crumb trays and Jardineers, Thermos bottles, Party cases.

We have the most complete line of Toilet Waters and Perfumes, Stationery fancy box and initial crest, Fountain Pens, Xmas Letters, Garlands, Seals, Tags, Xmas Wrapping Paper, Xmas Tape, Cord and Twine.

Cigars

Well known brands put up in all sized boxes. We have the largest line in Leon.

Just the thing for "him"

Candies

Liggett's, Guth's and Bunte's. The finest made. Put up in all sized boxes and fancy packages.

Just the thing for "her"

BELL & ROBINSON,

LEON, IOWA

The Rexall Store

SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

Can You Tell What this Combination of Figures Portends?

This may not amount to much—in fact it may not amount to anything—but still it might make you speculate just a little—as it has Fred Worden, the well known advertising manager of the Leader, who submits it.

All the world is now engrossed in war—is talking war—is reading war—and much of it is now engrossed in war. People are wondering how the great conflict between the German nations and the allies will result—and they cannot help but notice anything that has a reference to the great conflict.

Count VonBismarck was the greatest character in the history of modern Europe. The Iron Chancellor was the man of the hour in the progress of the German empire—was the man of destiny, and all Germany responded to the doings and sayings of that great statesman.

Now, Worden, who is a student of history, has accumulated some figures that are more than interesting. He starts with 1849, at which time Bismarck was young; but he was not too young in that year to be made chancellor of Prussia. Now Worden puts it this way:

He takes the figures 1849. Then he adds 1849 this way.

1849
1
8
4
9

1871
This gives the result 1871—and 1871 was the year that Bismarck closed the Franco-Prussian war and crushed France—and established the great German empire which is now involved in the gigantic struggle. Then Worden adds the figures again and they show:

1871
1
8
4
9

1893
That was the year that the Iron Chancellor died. Then Worden tries it again and once more adds:

1893
1
8
4
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1915
And the war is now on. What does it mean? What does it portend?—St. Joe Observer.

Pease & Pease have removed their insurance office from the rooms in the rear of the Exchange National Bank to rooms in the Biggs block, over Hansell's store, where they will be found ready to serve their patrons.

A tax on war talk would produce enough revenue to pay the national debt.

To Find Hardy Varieties of Alfalfa Adapted to Iowa.

A test of all the known varieties and strains of alfalfa is being made by the farm crops department of the Iowa State Agricultural College. Some 259 different lots of alfalfa seed were secured altogether and planted early in the summer the college is endeavoring to find a type of alfalfa which is unusually hardy and best adapted to Iowa climate. In a letter to Henry Field of Shenandoah, the seed man, Prof. Hughes states that he has already noticed a great difference in the plants just from their growth during the past season. He says in this letter:

"In all we secured 259 different lots of alfalfa seed. These were planted side by side, early in the summer. I did not expect to see any difference this year, but the difference which has been showing up the last few weeks is wonderful. On some strains the leaves were fine and green right up to the frost, while others right beside them stopped growing some weeks ago. Then there is a great difference in the height. One strain in particular is eighteen inches high with large leaves and large strong stalks, while another variety very near it did not grow more than three inches high, with very fine leaves and stalks. Of course the main test will be the winter. We plan to cut off about one-third of each of these plants so that they will go into the winter entirely bare and unprotected. The other two-thirds of each plot will not be cut at all this fall. We think it will be worth a great deal if we can hit on certain types of alfalfa that are very hardy. In addition to the resistance to cold the resistance to drought and leaf spot will also be studied."

Make money your god and there's the devil to pay.

Words are used to express ideas or the lack of them.

PE-RU-NA

Peruna is not a new and untried remedy—our grandfathers used it.

Fifty years ago it was on sale, nearly every drug store in the country can supply it. It is recognized as a household remedy in thousands of homes for coughs, colds, grip, catarrh and those troubles arising from such disturbances.

TODAY IT IS JUST AS EFFECTIVE, JUST AS RELIABLE AS EVER AND NOTHING BETTER HAS BEEN DEvised AS A READY-MADE MEDICINE.

Those who object to Liquid Medicine will find Peruna Tablets a desirable remedy for CATARRHAL CONDITIONS.

LAXATIVE-TONIC

The January American Magazine.

Two very remarkable contributions about the war appear in the January American Magazine. One, by Ray Stannard Baker, is entitled "The Last Phase of the Civil War." It is a fiction story of the German invasion of America in 1915-16 and is a sort of imaginary history of the war supposed to be written one hundred years hence. The United States wins without any fighting at all and the story of its victory is ingenious and full of sense, humor and surprise. The other contribution on the war is entitled "Hats Off to France!" It is by Will Irvin, special correspondent of the American Magazine and it reports the courage and coolness with which the French are taking part in this war. One gains from this article the impression that France is determined and sportsmanlike to the last degree.

In the same issue Ida M. Tarbell continues her new series of articles entitled the "Golden Rule of Business." In her present article she writes under the title of "The Gospel of Safety," and gives a complete account of the tremendous development of the safety movement in American industry. Cleveland Moffett writes a wonderful account of the new invention by which moving pictures are now taken under the sea. This invention opens the way to the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of lost treasures. Its benefit to oceanographers is of course obvious. Stewart Edward Whiting, writing under the title, "A Lion Adventure," gives an account of his personal experience with wild animals in Africa. A husband, who has been married twenty-five years, gives a highly entertaining and suggestive account of his experiences with the problems of matrimony.

Fiction is contributed by David Grayson, author of "Adventures in Contentment," in the way of a new novel entitled "Hempfield," and there are others by John A. Moroso, Mollie Best and Maravene Thompson. J. Montgomery Flagg, the well known humorist and artist, presents "Four Easy New Year's Resolutions," and the "Interesting People" department completes a lively and beautiful issue.

Irl R. Hicks 1915 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac, now ready, grows more popular and useful with each passing year. It is a fixed necessity in homes, shops and commercial establishments all over this continent. This famous and valuable year book on astronomy, storms, weather and earthquakes should be in every home and office. Professor Hicks completes this best issue of his great almanac at the close of his seventieth year. The almanac will be mailed for 35 cents. The Rev. Irl R. Hicks fine magazine, Word and Works, is sent one year, with a copy of his almanac, for only one dollar. Send for them to Word and Works Publishing Co., 3401 Franklin Ave., St. Louis, Mo. You will not regret your investment. Try it for 1915.

Brush College.

Lester Lillie spent Saturday night with Glenn Garner.

Ralph Frost and wife of Leon, were Sunday visitors at David Hubbard's.

Miss Annie Hubbard visited one afternoon last week at M. L. Dale's. Mrs. Jane Lillie and daughter Erra were Leon visitors Saturday.

Dwight Freeman and children were Sunday visitors at John Garner's.

M. L. Dale and wife were Leon visitors Monday night and Tuesday. Ben and Elzie Lillie spent Sunday with their uncle, Glass Finch.

Mrs. Tade Griffin is on the sick list. Glass Finch spent Monday at Mrs. Jane Lillie's.

Wille Hubbard spent Monday with James Osborn.

Mike Griffin and family and Miss Helen Barrett were callers at John O'Boyle's Saturday evening.

Miss Annie Hubbard spent Monday night and Tuesday with Miss Blanche Dale.

Mike Griffin delivered hogs in Leon Monday.

Glenn Gammill called at M. L. Dale's Sunday evening.

Glenn Garner and Lester Lillie spent Saturday evening at John Hubbard's.

Though haste is not always advisable, it is preferable to procrastination.

No girl's education is completed before she is married.

A Test for Liver Complaint Mentally Unhappy—Physically Dull.

The Liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your Liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the Bowels freely, tone up your Stomach, cure your Constipation and purify the Blood. 25c. at druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.

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 John B. Preston, Deceased.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as executrix of the estate of John B. Preston, 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 3rd day of December, A. D. 1914.

MARTHA A. PRESTON, Executrix of said estate. By A. P. Olsen, her attorney.

THE economy practiced in the use of Ivory Soap for the toilet simply is a matter of paying 5 cents for a six-ounce cake of soap instead of 8 cents, 10 cents or 25 cents for a smaller cake of soap that cannot be a particle better.



It is simply a matter of knowing from experience that Ivory Soap is as mild and as pure as soap can be; that it agrees with the skin as well as any "complexion" soap; that it is the most pleasant and refreshing soap that ever entered a bathroom.

There is more satisfaction in practicing Ivory Soap economy than in indulging toilet soap extravagance.



IVORY SOAP
99 3/4% PURE

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The man who will get you the most money for your stuff and who always makes a sale a success. He knows the value of stock. Has cried more sales than any auctioneer in this section.

Write or phone for dates.

Kellerton, Iowa.

DRAIN TILE

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