



Christmas is with us once again.

What joy it brings to millions.

It is the greatest day on the World's calendar.

Who of us is so old, that he does not become young again on Christmas morn?

Santa Claus will live as long as there is parental love and human brotherhood in the heart of man.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

The merriest you have ever spent.

We deem it not amiss to thank our patrons for the grandest business in our career.

Perhaps, we have merited it through the exercise of our best endeavors to conduct a mercantile enterprise worthy of your heartiest commendation.

Again thanking you for the liberal patronage extended to us during the past year and wishing you greetings of health and prosperity—we say, once again,

A Merry Christmas to All

Kraft, Grimes & Co.

Right Christmas Attitude

BEWARE of uttering pessimistic and cynical remarks about Christmas and Christmas joys. If only from motives of vanity, abstain from grumbling during the festive season, for nothing so surely fixes a person's age as disagreeable remarks about the utter futility and absurdity of keeping Christmas. However well preserved, however free from gray hair, wrinkles and other distressing marks of devouring Time, be quite sure that your Christmas attitude will not give you away. "Heigho for the holly! This life is most jolly!" is the correct attitude. It is the attitude of the child, and at Christmas time the immortal child which lurks in every human being wakes to life if we do not frighten it and allow it to creep back to its hiding place for want of encouragement. Grumpy, disagreeable people naturally do not like Christmas, because it shows them up.

KINDHEARTED.



"Are you going to hang up your stocking on Christmas eve?" asked the boy's uncle, patronizingly. "I suppose so," answered the boy, still more patronizingly. "Father and mother seem to expect that sort of thing, and it would be a pity to disappoint them."

TO KNOW FUTURE HUSBAND

Many Old English Customs and Superstitions Center Around Christmas.

All down the ages girls have been eager to find out their future destiny—whether they will be "old maids," or, as they are now called, "bachelor girls," or wives and mothers. Christmas, as well as all the other festivals, has been allotted its customs and superstitions through which the secret of the future may be learned.

To find the answer to the important question, wife or old maid, a girl had to go alone on Christmas eve and knock on the henhouse door. If a cock answered her knock by crowing, she would be married, but if no cock crowed in answer, then she would be an old maid. This undertaking would require a good deal of courage in the old days of superstition, as on Christmas eve evil spirits were supposed to have increased power and ghosts were supposed to prowl around.

If a girl wished to know the name of her future husband she took four onions and named each one after a boy friend. She then placed one in each corner of a room and the one that sprouted before January 6 bore the name of the man she would marry.

In some districts this was carried out rather differently. Several onions were selected and named and placed close together, and the one that sprouted first gave the name that was to be hers. We can imagine how carefully the warmest place would be chosen for some special onion.

In the Brave Days of Old.

In the "brave days of old" castle and hall rang with mirth and jollity for a fortnight and upward, and open house was kept. But the great feast given by the feudal chieftain to his friends and retainers took place on Christmas day itself, and among the dishes served up on this occasion the famous boar's head was first and foremost on the board. Heralded, we are told, by a jubilant flourish of trumpets and accompanied by strains of minstrelsy, it was carried into the banqueting hall on a dish of gold or silver by the server, who as he advanced at the head of a stately procession of nobles, knights and ladies sang one of the quaint old carols dedicated to the ceremony.

White Oak.

Miss Marble went to her home at Davis City to spend her two weeks' vacation Saturday.

Nate Myers and family spent Sunday at the George Myers home.

R. W. Jones and son were Humes-ton visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Lillard and Mr. and Mrs. Will Rosengrant and daughter visited Sunday at the F. M. Rosengrant home.

Floyd Scott and wife returned to Leon Tuesday having visited here several days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scott visited Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Charles Hinebaugh.

Relatives of E. R. White are visiting them from Illinois.

Mrs. Earl Warrington entertained the Embroidery Club Thursday afternoon. Plum pudding, whipped cream, coffee and apples were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. John West.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reynolds entertained the young people of this vicinity Thursday evening.

The following is the program given at the White Oak school Friday afternoon, after which Santa Claus appeared and treated the children to bon bons and oranges:

Song, "Merry Christmas," by the school.

Speech, "Do Your Best," Rhamy Hill.

Roll call, answered by quotations.

Recitation, "A Jolly Old Fellow," Gail Hill.

Recitation, "Santa and His Reindeers," Forest Davenport.

Reading, "Anna and Willie's Prayer," Freda Hill.

Song, "One by One," by the school.

Speech, "I'll Try; I Can't," Frank Hill.

Speech, "Christmas Secrets," Orville Davenport.

Song, Christmas Times," by the school.

Reading, "The Christmas Tree," Clinton Hill.

Recitation, "The Little Tree," Etta Davenport.

Recitation, "Mrs. Santa Claus," Ava Miller.

Recitation, Raymond Davenport.

Recitation, "Three Cheers for All," Blanche Miller.

Song, "The Christmas Welcome," by all.

Brush Colloge.

E. J. Evans had business in Davis City Monday.

Those who spent Saturday night and Sunday at John Hubbard's were Ralph Frost and wife of Leon, Annie, Beulah and Willie Hubbard and Jim Osborne.

Misses Mary and Edna Richard spent Sunday with Beulah Hubbard. Johnnie Grogan and wife and daughter Marie were Sunday visitors at Mike Griffin's.

Miss Hazel Evans spent Friday night at E. J. Evans'.

Miss Helen Barrett visited Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Rick Barrett spent a few days last week with Mrs. Tade Griffin.

Earl Still was a Pleasanton caller Saturday.

Willie Hubbard was a Leon caller Saturday.

Mrs. Tade Griffin is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Andy Smith spent Monday with Mrs. David Robison.

Quite a number of young folks attended the oyster supper at John Hubbard's Saturday night.

Earnest Robison has catarrhal fever.

Morgan.

Mrs. Sarah Robison of Leon, spent last week visiting her son, J. B. Robison.

M. L. Dale and wife visited in Leon Monday evening and Tuesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Worley.

Several from this vicinity attended the Cecil Duncan sale Wednesday, the stock bringing good prices.

Miss Anna Hubbard visited at M. L. Dale's Monday night and Tuesday. Ed Griffin and wife were Leon visitors Saturday.

Mike Griffin and Will Mahoney had business at Leon Saturday.

Jas. Nickles and wife were callers at M. L. Dale's Wednesday.

J. B. Robison shipped a car load of hogs from Pleasanton Monday.

Mart Davis and family visited his father in Missouri Sunday.

John Grogan and family visited Mike Griffin's Sunday.

Mart Davis delivered hogs for J. B. McDaniel Monday.

The box supper at Charm Friday evening was a decided success. They had a splendid program and proceeds amounted to \$45.50. Miss Cecil Hubbard was voted the best looking girl. Orf Fisher, the laziest man. Miss Barrett can be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

Mrs. Mert Cozad and son Ivan, of Strasburg, Colorado, visited relatives in this vicinity the latter part of the week.

Lonesome Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gammon, and Levi Virden and family visited at J. O. Garner's Sunday.

Miss Helen Barrett spent Sunday with home folks.

J. F. Bruny visited at E. J. Evans' Sunday.

Glenn Garner spent Sunday with Walter Evans.

The box suppers at Charm and High Briar school houses were well attended Thursday and Friday evenings.

Miss Hazel Evans spent Friday night with Hattie Evans.

Zack McDaniel spent Sunday at T. A. Webster's.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year to the editor, force and readers of The Reporter.

Special Saturday.

One pound Chocolate Molasses chips. A chip off the old block. 29c the pound. Bell & Robinson.

There seems to be more blockheads in the world than wooden legs.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

(Continued from Page 4) Misses Neva and Eva Curry, who are teaching schools near Grand River, came home Saturday evening to spend the Christmas vacation with their mother, Mrs. Anna Curry, in this city.

W. M. Riddle, of Norton, Kansas, who had been visiting with his brothers at Decatur City, departed Tuesday from this city for Red Rock, Oklahoma, where he was called on business.

Mrs. Amie Truesdell returned Tuesday from a visit with friends at Osceola and Chariton, and will spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hofflines, in this city.

Ronald Monroe, who is a student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich., arrived in Leon Saturday noon to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Mills, of Wray, Colorado, arrived Tuesday evening to spend the holidays at the home of his father, W. H. Mills, of Eden township, and other relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murphy, who had been visiting in this city at the home of their brother, T. B. Murphy, returned to their homes at Good Hope, Ill., last Friday.

Leland Ackerley, who is a student at the State University at Iowa City, arrived home last Wednesday to spend the holiday vacation in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ackerley.

Mrs. Margaret Waight and daughter Helen arrived Tuesday from Sumner, Iowa, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in this city. Mrs. Waight is principal of the Sumner High School.

Bob Teale, Frederick Hoffman, Delos Ackerley and Claude Ogilvie, who are students at the State University at Iowa City, came in Saturday morning to spend the holidays at their homes in this city.

Mrs. M. L. Cozad and son Ivan, who had been visiting for several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Charles Norton and other relatives in this city and vicinity, departed Tuesday for their home at Strasburg, Colorado.

Wade W. Warner, western representative of Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, dropped in Saturday noon and visited over Sunday with his many friends in this city. He was on his way home from a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. C. M. Richardson and daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. B. Richardson, of Allerton, came Friday evening to make their home in this city. Mr. C. M. Richardson and son will have charge of the Crawford lumber yard in this city recently purchased from the T. W. Ballew Lumber Co.

Mrs. Geo. W. Carmean and children, of Bancroft, Iowa, came Friday evening and will visit over the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans and many friends in this city.

Otto Harvey, of Letcher, S. D., was a visitor in this city Saturday. He is a son of the late Refine Harvey, one of the pioneers of Davis City, and went from here to Davis City for a few days visit.

Mrs. H. Acton, of Lamoni, returned home Saturday evening, having been called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. George Martin, whose funeral was held at Bethel church, south of Leon on Friday.

Mrs. R. J. Elder, of Topeka, Kansas, who had been visiting at the homes of Fred Fisher and other relatives in this city and vicinity, went to Kansas City Thursday to visit a few days before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stratton, Mrs. Ed Stratton and W. W. Moreland, who were called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nancy Moreland, who died at Bethany, Mo., returned to their homes at Bethany Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lent and son Virgil, who had been visiting at the homes of L. D. Miller and Mrs. H. J. Landis in this city, went to Pleasanton Monday for a short visit before returning to their home at Atton.

G. C. Ramsey, who was visiting at the home of his father-in-law, W. C. McKee, near Crown, went to Red Oak Thursday to visit a few days with relatives. His wife and baby went to Van Wert the same day for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Spencer and daughter, Mrs. Grace Renfro, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spencer and little daughter went to Mt. Ayr Saturday evening and visited a few days at the home of the former's daughter, Mrs. G. B. Turpen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and children, of Taylor, N. D., who had been visiting with relatives at Calmsville, Mo., were in Leon Monday, being on their way to Crocker, Mo., where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. M. L. Cozad and little son, of Strasburg, Colorado, who are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Charles Norton and other relatives, returned Thursday from Decatur City, where they had been visiting with friends for a few days.

Master George Havens, of Decatur City, returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days in this city at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clabe Brazelton. His brother, Lewis, remained for a more extended visit with them.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Garber and daughter Thelma, of Silver Crown, Wyoming, came in last Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents and other relatives in this vicinity. Mr. Garber has a fine claim near Silver Crown and is also teaching school at good wages.

A Profitable Calf.

A. H. Mettler sold his steer calf Mr. Meadows recently, weight 1500, age 2 years, 2 months and 13 days. This calf had been grain fed once a day since August, 1913. He had three crosses of A's breeding in him and was of his favorite family of cows, the "Golden Pippins." Twenty years ago C. S. Stearns took to the International Stock Show at Chicago, two big steers he had fed from calves to the weight of 3725 and 3964 pounds. The larger of the two steers was related to the "Golden Pippin" cows of Mr. Mettler, running back to the old roan bull, Doctor Goldendrop—Garden Grove Express.

Sun Worshipers' Christmas.

The United States bureau of ethnology has been making a special study of Christmas in America, and one surprising fact ascertained is that many of the aboriginal tribes on that continent long before Columbus landed were accustomed to celebrate festivals corresponding to that of Yuletide. Indeed, they pursue the practice even to the present day, and among the Moki Indians of Arizona there is much merry mummery at or about Dec. 25, with exchange of gifts and masquerading by persons who are got up in picturesque costumes to represent supernatural beings. The St. Nicholas of the Moki is the sun god.



Don't Get Mad

If you get an accidental daub of paint upon your coat, anger won't take out the stain—it will only help to stain your character. Instead, let us have the garment for a few hours, and see how quickly we will completely take out the marks without in the slightest way injuring the fabric. And our charges won't injure your pocketbook either.

Suits... \$13.00  
Trousers... 3.50

G. W. CONNOR  
Pantorium  
Over Pennington's Meat Market

Closing Out Sale
I will sell at public auction at my farm 1 mile north of Lamoni, on Tuesday, December 29, 1914
Commencing at 10 o'clock, the following property, to-wit:
133 HEAD LIVE STOCK
20 Head of Horses and Mules.
76 Head of Cattle.
37 Head of Hogs.
85 tons Silage
1 stack timothy hay
500 bushels of corn
Implements, etc.
Usual Terms.
JOHN TAPSCOTT