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## NEW YEAR'S DANCE!

Under the auspices of the W. O. W. and W. C. Degree Teams, in the

## ARMORY CRESCO

ON  
Wednesday Evening  
DECEMBER 31

Music by The  
**FISKE & CONROY ORCHESTRA**

Dance Tickets \$1.00. No Spectator Tickets Sold

As the Armory has been sold, this will probably be the last Public Dance in the Armory, and this together with the fact that the W. O. W. and W. C. Dances are always successful, should insure a Big Attendance at this the last dance of the year.

### Morgan Rural Church Notes.

The Morgan Rural League meets on Saturday this week at the church, at 8 p. m. Special invitation extended to rural young people to attend our meetings.

Next Sunday the Sunday School service is held in the morning at 10 a. m. Worship and sermon at 11 a. m.

Keep in mind the grand musical entertainment given by the Rural Epworth league Saturday evening Jan. 3, at 8 p. m. This will be a strictly first class entertainment. Miss Lucia Roggmann, the instructor in piano at Epworth seminary is a brilliant player. She won the gold medal honors in contest with a large class at one of the leading musical colleges of the middle west. She has played for some of the leading vocal artists in the country. Her piano numbers will be a rare treat.

Miss Mae Hoag comes as the violinist and reader. She will charm the audience with her music and capture them with her readings.

Miss Juliette Howard will sing. Tickets 25c for adults. Boys and girls under fifteen for 15 cents. Tickets will be for sale next week by the leaguers. Buy your seats in advance.

The Christmas program at Morgan on Tuesday night was well attended practically every seat was taken. The children did their parts well. A special number on the program was the original chalk talks by Miss Lathe, of Ridgeway. Miss Lathe is assistant art teacher in the University High School in Chicago. She drew with lightning rapidity three panel scenes representing scenes of Christ's birth, the Inn at Bethlehem, the Wondrous Star, the Shepherd's Watching their Flocks by night and the Journey of the three wise men.

Considerable merriment was aroused when she tried to discover latent artistic talent in the audience. She called for volunteers to come forward and make any sort of a line or dots with the charcoal. With considerable display of wit and skill in reading the characters, she brought out with deft touches and colored chalk some very amusing, indeed very funny pictures.

Charley Curtis was a cross between a shanghai rooster and a turkey gobbler on stilts. Rev. Sylvester was sketched in a familiar pose behind the pulpit; Paul Brown was fond of scenery and shady nooks; Mrs. Krum

showed a woman's fondness for millinery; Jacob Powers showed his talent led to a fine looking Berkshire hog. Willie Howard was sketched in the alarming pose of chasing a jack rabbit and he was surely going some. Miss Marguerite Brown was hanging the week's washing on the line; and Leon? O, Leon that was a good joke on you. Nuf said! The audience appreciated Miss Lathe's work and will be glad to have her back again. Boost for the community center. A Merry Christmas and many Happy New Year's to all Morganites.

### Hold-up in McIntire.

Saturday evening, after the theater, at about 11:45 o'clock a lone masked bandit entered F. V. Doran's barber shop at McIntire, and proceeded to hold-up the barber and seven men who were awaiting their turn for the chair.

The bandit, at the point of a gun, compelled the barber's helper to go through the pockets of the men, relieving them of money, watches and such valuables as they happened to have. Francis Doran was relieved of a gold watch and chain and a small amount of silver. The fellow got about \$7.00 in change in the raid, and then disappeared as quietly as he came.

It is said that at least two of the robbed men had guns in their pockets but lacked the nerve to make any opposition. One of the men in the shop thought that the affair was a bluff by some acquaintance and approached the man, but instantly seeing that he meant business, backed off—Riceville Recorder.

### Lucky Automobile Accident.

Waterloo, Ia., Dec. 21.—Eye witnesses were horrified Saturday to see a Great Western train plow into an automobile in which were sitting F. Willis Jenks' four children, aged 2 to 12 years.

The frantic father tried to crank the machine, but was too late. The car carried nearly 100 feet on the pilot, being badly demolished, but the children escaped without a scratch.

Engineer H. W. Blake of Des Moines, who was in charge of the engine, said it was the most awful moment of his life. He expected to find the little ones ground beneath the train.

Mr. Jenks is a nephew of I. J. Booth and frequently visits in Cresco.

### W. B. Webster Afflicted.

The last issue of the Port Angeles Olympic Leader, edited by W. B. and E. E. Webster, contained an item signed by the latter concerning an affliction which was growing upon Mr. Webster while he was a guest of Cresco friends last summer. Mr. Webster may be sure of the sympathy of a host of Cresco friends.

"Friends of the Olympic Leader, not understanding, have occasionally of late remarked the fact that W. B. Webster, the senior editor, failed to recognize them when passing on the street. Afflicted with a cataract, a slowly thickening film which grows over the eye, he simply is unable to distinguish faces a few feet away, and neither can he longer read the papers, tho he is still able to attend to considerable office work. A similar film was removed a few years ago, since he has been living in Angeles, and we trust that when the conditions are right for the operation, he may be able to see again as well as before.

### For Sale.

125 Duroc-Jersey spring pigs of March, April and May farrow. Nearly all of these pigs are sired by King Select, our \$100 boar that we bought at the Minnesota State Fair. This hog is a large and lengthy fellow. We furnish pedigree with every pig sold. Write, or better, come and see them. Mrs. Joseph Bouska & Son, Calmar, Ia., Route 2. Phone Protivin line.

### Charles Sexton Killed Near Bluffton.

As the result of an unruly horse backing into a ditch twelve or fourteen feet in depth, Charles Sexton was killed Christmas night at about 11:30. He had driven to a neighbor's, Henry Courtney, to spend the evening, and on his return home was accompanied a few rods by Patrick Courtney with a lantern to light him past the ditch. They had passed it and Courtney was starting to get out of the buggy to return home when the horse became frightened and backed into the ditch. Both young men were under the buggy but Courtney was able to get out. Sexton told Courtney he was not hurt but to cut the harness and get the horse off, but before it could be done the horse gave a plunge to free himself and in so doing crushed the life out of Sexton, who gave a single groan and expired. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. James Howard of Cresco.

### For Sale.

Aberdeen Angus Bulls for sale, two years old past. Also Big Type Poland China Fall and Spring Boars, sired by A. Wonder, Big Joe, O. Wonder, and Long King. 521f J. A. BEAUMASTER, Elma, Iowa.

### Dad Wants More Light

on the subject. He thinks perhaps it's the suckers standing on their heads in the Iowa River to get water that causes such poor light for the suckers on the land. The land kind will and the water kind will rot bite.



Four generations met in Minneapolis October 12th, 1913, and paid a visit to the photo studio of Lee Bros., where the photograph reproduced above was made. The eldest of the group, Mr. B. D. Everingham, who resides at Cresco, Iowa, is 82 years of age, a veteran of the Civil War, member of Co. I, 38th Iowa Volunteers. His daughter, Mrs. S. R. Walter, of Becker, Minn.; his grandson, Bertram O. Walter, and great-grandson, Chalmers O. Walter, of Ingram, Wis. The youngest member of the group is 13½ months old.—Becker (Minn.) Herald.

### Iowa Congressman Dead.

Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Congressman Irving S. Pepper, of Muscatine, representative from the Second congressional district, died at the hospital at 4:50 this morning following an operation for gall stones. He was greatly weakened by typhoid fever and could not survive the shock.

When Mr. Pepper came to Clinton in November from Washington, he went at once to the hospital where he has remained. He had a hard struggle with the typhoid fever, had recovered from that disease except that the fever had left him in a very weakened condition to stand the ordeal of an operation which the surgeons seemed to think was necessary to remove gall stones. He passed a very bad night Friday night and friends were called to his bedside. Among them was his brother, Dr. John L. Pepper of Goldfield, who gave out a statement Saturday evening that the congressman was threatened with peritonitis. His pulse was 120. The physicians were unable to reduce this nor to lower his temperature. Spells of vomiting were frequent Saturday night and Sunday and his physicians saw that the end was but a few hours away.

Mr. Pepper was a young man of splendid talents and an earnest advocate of democratic principles. For a new and young man he had made wonderful strides in the house of representatives, being the secretary of the democratic congressional committee and chairman of the house committee on expenditures of the post office department. He was one of the three democrats from Iowa in the house. He

had been suggested as a candidate for the United States senate and had come to Iowa to canvass the situation when taken down with typhoid fever.

### District Attorney Van Wagenen Removed

Judge Anthony Van Wagenen, of Sioux City, appointed attorney for the northern district of Iowa about six months ago, was asked to resign by the Attorney General and refusing to do so was summarily removed from office by President Wilson for incompetency in conducting the business of the office.

He was removed in spite of the fact that he was one of the original Wilson men of Iowa and a personal and political friend of Secretary Bryan, Jerry Sullivan and Louis Murphy, and his removal is a sure indication that the administration intends to hold competency in office higher than personal friendship or political reward.

### Schley M. W. A.

At a regular meeting of Schley Camp No. 11679 M. W. of A., held Dec. 13th, the following officers were elected:

V. C.—E. J. Cenek.  
W. A.—John Barnes.  
Banker—L. V. Svestka.  
Clerk—James Malek.  
Escort—Lewie Derr.  
Watchman—Frank Harris.  
Sentry—Gus Paul.  
Trustee—Mike Derr.

### Cured of Liver Complaint.

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend the to every one." For sale by Fred Lowry.

## HOUSEKEEPERS Must be Watchful

For great efforts are being made in this vicinity to sell baking powders of inferior class, made from alum acids and lime phosphates, both undesirable to those who require high-grade cream of tartar baking powder to make clean and healthful food.

The official Government tests have shown Royal Baking Powder to be a pure, healthful, grape cream of tartar baking powder, of highest strength, and care should be taken to prevent the substitution of any other brand in its place.

Royal Baking Powder costs only a fair price per pound, and is cheaper and better at its price than any other baking powder in the world.

### Des Moines Wins Tax Fight.

The State of Iowa won a victory in the capitol extension case Tuesday when the supreme court upheld every contention made by Attorney General Cosson in his defense of the law enacted by the last general assembly. The law, briefly, provided that a half mill levy be made for two years and that a levy which would raise \$150,000 be made each year for eight years following. The whole amount to be used in the purchase of additional grounds about the present capitol building and the improvement of these grounds.

Action to have the law declared unconstitutional was brought by John W. Rowley and others of Keosauqua. One suit was against the officers of Van Buren county and the other against the state officials. The cases are combined in one opinion as handed down by the supreme court.

The court holds that the state may anticipate the two years' levy and \$250,000 in excess of that. The contention of those opposed to the law was that it provided for a debt in excess of the constitutional limit of \$250,000. Under the ruling of the court the state may issue warrants for the year 1914 and 1915, which under the half mill levied will amount to about \$460,000 a year, and in addition to that may anticipate \$250,000 for 1916 or succeeding years. This gives the state more power than it asks for as the executive council already placed itself on record as in favor of anticipating the tax year by year and not in the total amount.

Des Moines generally gets whatever it goes after.

### Model Pantorium

We are now ready to do all kinds of French Dry and Steam Cleaning of ladies and men's clothes. The holidays will soon be here. Bring your clothes in early so as to give us plenty of time to get them ready for you. Laundry baskets sent each week to New Process Laundry Co., Cedar Rapids.

SORIBEN & BATEMAN, Props.

### Tonight.

Tonight, if you feel dull and stupid, or bilious and constipated, take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will feel all right tomorrow. For sale by Fred Lowry.

### For Sale.

Holstein Bull calves, seven- and nine months of age, from high producing cows. Wm. Connolly, Cresco, Ia.

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### Important School Announcement.

A card will bring you the most beautiful catalogue ever published by a business school. It contains full information about the leading school of business training in the Northwest, the only school that proves its claims by offering you ONE MONTH TRIAL FREE. Mid winter term begins January 6. Now is the time to write and make arrangements. You can be prepared for a position by Spring. A few more students just sent to positions.

Arthur Weigel, International Lumber Co., International Falls, Minn. Ralph Wymann, International Securities Co., Winnipeg, Canada. John Holm, First National Bank, St. Charles, Minn. Lloyd Kurth, Gund Brewing Co., Watertown, S. D. Clara Fitzpatrick, Capoli Button Works, Lansing Iowa. Cora Castner, Greenwood State Bank, Greenwood, Wis.

Send for free catalogue. Address Wisconsin Business University, La Crosse, Wis.

A political development of the week which added to the gloom in the Republican camp was the activity of the Bull Moose party in Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. The Illinois Progressive party in conference adopted a platform and agreed to name a full ticket. The Iowa Progressive party leaders called a conference to be held in Des Moines, January 8th and 9th for the same purpose and Bull Moose leaders are at work organizing every county in the state for the campaign next year. The situation struck the Moose leaders in Congress as amusing and they adopted a resolution declaring that they viewed with interest the "death-bed repentance of the Republican leaders for the sins of the late Republican Convention and their present hypocritical offer of reform." They added that they "accepted with profound gratitude President Wilson's endorsement of the progressive principle of direct Presidential primaries and pledge to him our support."

### To Our Customers.

We prove that we make photographs as good on dark and gloomy days as on bright days.

Your photographer,  
C. Aminoff Blomquist.

### Standing Timber for Sale.

Will sell good standing timber by the acre or in lots to suit purchaser. Also wood choppers wanted. Everett Smith, Rt. 1, Cresco, Ia.