

COUNTY NEWS.

OTTER CREEK CLIPPING.

We wish the readers of this paper much joy and happiness during the coming New Year.

Alfred Peter and Frank Kuntz have been doing quite a little grubbing on their respective farms, during the last week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aegerter and family entertained to dinner on Christmas, C. Schild and family. The afternoon was passed together in a social way.

Mike Kratz was a caller at Cresco, one day last week, on business.

No R. F. D. this week Thursday. Uncle Sam's servants will begin the New Year with a holiday. So be contented and smile.

Charley Hornberger entertained, as a guest, Will Klitzbach, of McGregor, for a few days last week. The latter also visited friends at Cresco and Lime Springs, before returning to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hanneman, of Cresco, visited at the Philip Smith home on Christmas day.

John Reinhart took a load of wheat to Decorah, one day last week, to get exchanged for flour.

Albert Aegerter, who has been working for his brother-in-law at Sumner during the past season, arrived home last Saturday to stay during the winter.

Hattie Kratz, who spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Walter, of Golden Ridge, arrived home again recently.

Clara Kuntz and her sister Alma, who have been absent the last three months or more attending the Charles City College, spent the holidays among their relatives and friends here.

Jacob Hornberger and others through here were marketing hogs in town, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oen went to near Decorah on Christmas Day, to eat dinner with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oden.

Alfred Peter and Frank Kuntz autoed to Cresco, one evening last week, for pleasure and business.

Rev. F. A. Damerow, of Decorah, held preaching services at the German M. E. church here on Christmas morning.

Fred Burr, of Cresco, took Carrier Miller on his rounds on Christmas Day, making the trip in the forenoon in ample time to enjoy their Christmas dinner.

A number from these parts took in the Xmas exercises at the M. E. church in town, last Thursday evening.

Frank Kuntz and family autoed to Decorah, one day last week, to see the sights and do some shopping.

School in District No. 4 reopened this week Monday, after giving teacher and pupils one week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kratz and son Walter, Mr. and Mrs. John Wonderly, and Albert Koch, of Ridgeway, dined with Amel Koch and family on Christmas day.

Mrs. Harry Weidman and children and Ed Weidman left for Indiana, Monday eve this week, to spend some time visiting friends and scenes of their childhood.

Nettie Koch spent a few days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Falck near Ridgeway.

Rev. L. N. Day and wife, of Cresco, visited at the Chris. Schild home, last Sunday afternoon.

Charley Kuntz and family, Fred and Roy Koch, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kratz visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falck, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuntz, Wm. Kuntz and Miss Clara autoed to Decorah, the fore part of the week, to do some shopping and sight-seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vopava returned home from their honeymoon trip to Watertown, Wis., one day last week.

Fred Koch found a mitten on the road recently, nearly new, that was evidently lost by some rejected suitor. Owner may have same by showing mate.

Orie Johnson, who has been working for Fred Falck the past season, is at present staying with Henry Halverson.

A number from this vicinity attended the program and basket social in School District No. 2, Sumner Twp., the other week one evening, that was a great success in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vopava and Amel Koch did shopping at Cresco, one day last week.

GOLDEN RIDGE

Leslie Bly was a Bonair caller Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Scheurer, Josh and Tilla, also Leslie Bly and Elsie Scheurer, called at Albert Bronner's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Naat and daughter Mollie and little Emma Bigalk, who has been visiting here, left Saturday for Landon, Minn., to visit at the latter's home.

Tilla Scheurer came from Waterloo, Saturday, to spend a few days with her parents.

Charley Bigalk spent a pleasant Sunday evening at Will Keune's.

Albert Bronner and family and Mrs. Sherman Jeffers, son and daughter, ate dinner Friday at J. J. Scheurer's. Alberta Keune spent Christmas at home.

Joe Owens hauled barley to Bonair Saturday.

Wesley Kratz, from near Ridgeway, came Wednesday afternoon to spend Christmas with Louie Walters.

Albert Bronner and family ate Christmas dinner at John Michel's.

We are sorry to report Will Keune is not much improved.

Josh Scheurer spent Sunday evening at John Dotzler's.

Leslie Bly and Elsie Scheurer were business callers Monday at Cresco.

Albert Bronner and Gordon Jeffers were Granger callers Saturday night.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take and contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by Fred Lowry.

SCHLEY

Wish you all a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Frank attended church at Davis Corners, Christmas Day.

Fred Amman was a business caller in Cresco, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, of Cresco, spent Christmas with their son Thos. and family.

Frank Barnes, of New Hampton, was a caller in our town, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ohmacht and son Clarence autoed to Cresco, Friday afternoon.

Geo. Price is busy delivering oats at Cresco, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Derr entertained a large number of friends and relatives at dinner, Christmas Day.

John Hoshek and family spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hron.

Mrs. Fred Döcker, who recently underwent an operation, has so far recovered as to leave the hospital last week.

Mrs. George Eppens and children from Calmar, and Mrs. Fingelson, from Nora Springs, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rethamel.

Gust Paul was a Cresco caller Monday.

James Ondrasek and family spent Sunday at Spillville with relatives.

Adolph Kalishek, from Protivin, is spending the holidays with Malek Bros. W. J. Chitek and Clarence and Eugene Barnes attended the dance at Jerico Monday night.

Ed Cenek and wife called at the Geo. Price home last Friday.

Adolph Kalishek and W. J. Chitek called at the J. Nohale home Sunday evening.

Frank Harris and wife attended the party at J. Doherty's Sunday night.

Henry Rethamel was a Cresco caller Tuesday.

Johnnie Dunt, who has been away visiting the past two weeks, returned to Adam Frank's where he will work the coming year.

Frank Milota left last week for Nebraska.

Louis Ondrasek was visiting friends near Maple Leaf last Sunday.

Bert Reinhart called at the H. Rethamel home Sunday.

Severt Johnson, from Riley Ridge, called at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Amman, Christmas day.

MAPLE LEAF

Frank Zobeck assisted Dave Hutton in moving last Monday.

Charlie Haskovec, John Opat, Joe Ludwig and Frank Kobliiska called at the J. Rochky home Sunday evening.

Bessie Zobeck left Tuesday for Cedar Rapids after a week's visit at home.

Joe Zobeck has moved onto the Y. Buresh place for the winter.

Agnes Zobeck left Tuesday for Cedar Rapids where she intends to work for some time.

Visitors at the S. Kubicek home Monday evening were Charlie, George, Bessie and Anna Zobeck, Jimmie Vit and Frank Voves.

Frank Horesch called at the Joe Zobeck home Sunday afternoon.

Charlie Zobeck autoed to Lime Springs last Thursday and made a short stay with his brother Lewis.

Mrs. Joe Zobeck visited at the Anton Zobeck home last Friday.

Pete Milota called at the Mike Haskovec home Thursday last.

Agnes and John Voves visited at the John Kubicek home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hutton and children called at Will Frank's, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Anton Zobeck visited friends and relatives in Lourdes, the last week.

Stacia Ludwig left for Spillville, Sunday, to visit relatives.

Joe Sira and Frank Necas and his new bride left for Montana, Tuesday, where they will reside on a claim.

Frank Dushek called at the John Bilek home, Sunday.

James Dushek took a herd of cattle to Mike Bigley, last Tuesday.

Josie Rochky and Anna Zobeck called on Agnes and Helen Kubicek, Friday afternoon.

George Zobeck assisted his brother Joe in moving, Saturday.

Frank Lipa was an Elma shopper, Monday.

Jim and Frank Lipa, John, Will and Joe Soch called on Frank Zobeck, Sunday evening.

CHESTER

Alice Turner was in Chester visiting at Jerome Roper's.

A sister and brother of Mrs. Ed Roper, from Bird Island, Minn., are in Chester for a visit during the holidays.

Mrs. C. G. Lake served Xmas dinner to her friends.

An Xmas programme was given at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening. An Xmas tree was one of the attractions. The children were all made happy, and possibly some of the older people.

Emmet McWilliams went to Postville to spend Xmas.

A new barn is nearly completed on Mrs. Wilhelm's place.

Mrs. Will Breedlove is ill and confined to her bed most of the time. It is hoped she will soon be about again.

Jack Metz is on the sick list. It is reported that he will be unable to attend to business for some time.

Mrs. L. E. Emmons, of Cresco, was a guest of Mrs. Ed Capper.

John Bratrud, of Minneapolis, Minn., is in town.

Charles Gue was called to Austin by the serious illness of his aged mother.

Mr. Hadley, of Wisconsin, is visiting his brothers, Art and Oscar.

Let Us Show You.

If you are a sufferer of piles or hemorrhoids in any form, come to our store and let us show you Meritol Pile Remedy. It is one of the best preparations we have ever handled and is sold on a positive Guarantee. Fred Lowry, Local Agency.

ALBION

Ed Easler, of Harmony, was a recent Albion visitor.

Sina Grinde, of Mitchell, S. D., is spending the holidays with Albion, relatives.

H. Mackenburg and family spent Friday at the Otto Stevens home.

Edna Fairbanks is spending a few days with her sister Clara at the C. A. Hoicomb home.

Martha and Laura Becker went to Mason City Friday to visit their sister, Mrs. Erma Downie. From there Martha will return to her school work at Fayette and Laura will remain for an indefinite visit.

Sorry to note that Mrs. Otto Stevens has not been very well of late. Hope to hear she is better soon.

Clarence Grinde, of Charles City, spent Christmas at the home of his parents.

Little Arthur Handke is seriously ill with lung fever and pleurisy.

Mrs. Elvora Richards spent New Year at the Alva Noble home, near Harmony.

Little Anita Johnson, of Ridgeway, and Leota Peckham, of Cresco, were over Sunday visitors at the home of their aunt, Mrs. N. C. Peckham.

While hauling wood, one day last week, Albert Handke's team became frightened and ran away with a load of wood almost completely destroying a new wagon.

The Sunday School contest closed Sunday in favor of the reds.

With this issue, we close another busy and prosperous year. Let us pause and look about us and see what some of our farmers have been doing. Silos have been erected on the N. C. Peckham, Job Darrow and Slawson farms; also on the farms formerly owned by P. I. DeLange and E. J. Taft, and an engine and separator room on the P. I. DeLange farm.

Theodore Halweg, Job Darrow and John Haas have built additions on their barns.

Wm. Bigalk has erected a new barn; Otto Stevens, a new barn, hog house and chicken house;

George Michel and John Bigalk, garages;

J. Chubbuck, a chicken house;

W. P. Clark, a machine shed;

Henry Holcomb, machine shed and corn crib;

C. A. Wells, an engine room;

Herman Miller, a granary;

John Costello, a new residence, five miles northwest of Cresco;

J. W. Wells is erecting a modern home, four and one half miles north of Cresco; and

C. B. Ashley has remodeled his residence and put in a system of water works.

Also, many of our farmers are installing litter carriers and various other modern improvements about their farm buildings which goes to prove they are "live wires" along their line of business; strengthened by the fact that last Friday eve, they organized a Farmers' Club, the purpose of which is to provide moral, intellectual and social welfare. The list of officers and topics for next meeting may be found elsewhere in this issue with the Cresco Circuit items.

PROTIVIN

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zender were Lawler callers Friday.

A. J. Mikesh is the proud owner of an Overland auto truck.

Five young gentlemen from New Hampton drove to town full of booze but soon departed. You did well, young men. If you had happened to stay longer you would have found a place behind the iron bars.

James Kaderabek went to Ames Tuesday.

A party of young girls and boys were entertained at the J. P. Pecinovsky home Sunday evening.

Do not forget the grand dance at Beseda, Jan. 6, 1914.

August Lukesh returned home from Cresco last week Tuesday where he was attending the High school.

Joe Prasek is on the sick list.

A party of men went out hunting one day this week and bagged over 77 rabbits.

Joe Bouska and A. J. Mikesh were Waterloo callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vokaty spent Christmas with Barbara Jilma.

Frank Vachta was at Waterloo Monday.

Jim Malek autoed to town one day last week.

Thomas Chyle was at Lawler Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. McCulloch returned home from Cresco Friday.

A party of young girls and boys were entertained at Wm. Polasek's home Friday evening.

Wenzel Cisar was at Lawler Monday.

A lot of snow fell here Saturday.

John Doetal is running the creamery while Jim Kaderabek is gone.

Mrs. James Kaderabek went to Mason City to spend New Year's day there.

Remember Jan. 6th, 1914, dance at Beseda.

BONAIR

Ward and Wendell Phillips were Cresco callers, last week Tuesday.

Mrs. Albertson and Teddy were in Cresco, Tuesday.

Rev. Meyers was a Cresco visitor, Tuesday.

Arthur Buchanan and Don Thorne were in Cresco, one day last week.

School opened here to-day, after a two weeks' holiday vacation.

Lucile Atwood was a caller at the Nichols home, one day last week. She returned to her home at Lime Springs, Tuesday.

The Windmill family took Christmas dinner with Albert Albertson's.

Gene Marcey and family spent Christmas at Bluffton with Mr. Marcey's brother. A niece returned with them for a few days' visit.

The Epworth League members enjoyed a social time, Friday evening.

A family gathering for Christmas took place at the Geo. Buchanan home, gathered from far and wide, among them representatives from five different states, Montana, Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa.

DAVIS CORNERS

"A Happy New Year." Geo. Gardner had a corn-hauling bee to Lime Springs last Friday.

Bertha and Will Ahrens, Johnnie Dunt, Frank Fick and Lewis Ondrasek, called at Ranc's Sunday evening.

The Gardner young people called at J. Dushek's Sunday night.

John Drtina and family, D. Ahrens and wife and son Johnnie, Johnnie Dunt and Pete Milota spent Xmas day with the M. Ranc family.

Frank and Charles Ranc called at Davis Corners Monday.

Lester Gardner called on Frank Fick Sunday.

Mike Frank and Charley Ranc, John Dunt and John Drtina and family, called at Joe Drtina's Sunday.

Anna Murel returned to her home at Chelsea Monday, and after a visit there she will go to Marshalltown.

Mrs. Louise Jarosh returned home Wednesday, after spending a couple of days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slifka.

Bertha Ahrens is able to be up and around again after her fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Schriber and children of Saratoga, called at D. Ahrens' Sunday.

Elsie Gardner called on Mayme Ranc Sunday afternoon.

Mike Ranc and John Dunt were business visitors in Cresco Friday.

Clara Slifka spent a couple of days with her sister, Mrs. Louise Jarosh.

Rose Kakac spent a couple of days at the Kubicek home.

Lester and Lloyd Gardner, and Frank Kubicek called at Horejsi's last Friday evening.

Will Jarosh and wife and Clara Slifka called at Ranc's Sunday evening.

Frank and Charley Ranc were at Lime Springs Monday.

NORTH WEST CRESCO

Mao and Carrie Hauber visited with their sisters, Mrs. John Barthelme Sunday and Monday.

Harry Stevens visited at the Reutlinger home last week.

Nick Rink entertained company Tuesday.

Will Aspel and family spent Christmas at the M. Lydon home.

Tillie Luson visited with her friend Helen Bouska a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDermott spent Sunday at the Will Aspel home.

The card party at the McAllister home Tuesday evening was well attended and all reported a good time.

Charles Kapler entertained company Tuesday evening.

John McDermott, Sr., left for Cedar Rapids last week to spend Christmas at the home of his sister, Mat. Drilling from Festina visited at his home the past week.

AGED INVALID BURNS TO DEATH. Ames, Ia., Dec. 23.—Toby Severson, an invalid eighty years old, was burned to death and six women of the household were injured by a jumping when fire destroyed the Anton Ryerson farm residence, six miles south of Ames.

BROKER ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Alleged Conspiracy to Defraud Certain Investors.

New York, Dec. 23.—William E. Edwards, junior member of a Broadway brokerage firm, was arrested in connection with the federal suit pending against officers of the Sterling Debenture company and the Oxford Linen Mills company, who are accused of using the mails in an alleged conspiracy to defraud investors of the Oxford company, which has mills at Brookfield, Mass. Edwards was once treasurer of the Sterling company. He was released on \$4,000 bail.

The superseding indictment alleges that the defendants, through fraudulent representations, disposed of \$1,500,000 of stock of the Oxford company and subsidiaries. Edwards, according to the indictment, left the Sterling company and became a member of a brokerage firm to buy and boom the Oxford stock.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. BLAKE

Referee Recommends Decree of Permanent Separation.

New York, Dec. 23.—A decree of permanent separation from Dr. Joseph A. Blake is recommended in the report of a referee filed with the supreme court in favor of Catherine Ketchum Blake, wife of the noted surgeon. The report states that counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Blake announced that an agreement in this matter had been reached.

HOW'S THIS.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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IOWA NEWS BRIEFS

L. L. Harlan, pioneer druggist of Hawarden, is dead.

"Pros-Perry-ty" has been chosen as the slogan of the town of Perry.

Fire in St. Patrick's church at Cedar Falls did damage to the amount of between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Ezra Hamilton of Wellman, a well known farmer, was killed in a crossing accident at Iowa Junction.

S. S. Evans, one of the pioneer business men of Manchester, passed away at his home at the age of 83 years.

George Plummer, a minor 50 years old, attempted suicide at his home in Colfax by cutting his throat with a pen knife.

Mrs. C. D. Streeter, a philanthropic worker of Keokuk became mentally unbalanced from nervous work and killed herself by asphyxiation.

Because her husband forced her to work in the harvest fields Nellie Bielefeld started suit for divorce against Adrian Bielefeld in Des Moines.

Sam H. Godsey, living in western Mills county, was spading the ground near his door, when he discovered a grave containing eight human skeletons.

Judge S. N. Makowan of Ft. Dodge fined a woman shoplifter \$100 and costs. Her husband paid her fine and she was allowed to return to her children.

The grand jury at Centerville has indicted Joda Mosley, a railroad brakeman, on a charge of first degree murder, alleging the killing of John Schrumm.

H. C. Holt, pioneer business man of Rolfe, died suddenly of heart failure. Mr. Holt has managed a retail implement establishment here for twenty-five years.

Mistaking a bottle of carbolic acid for medicine, Herman Anderson of Pomeroy died after drinking a full quart of the poison. He died twenty minutes afterward.

Edward Wall, aged 23, residing 10 miles south of Dubuque, died at