

PLAIN DEALER

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Postal Hints for the Holidays.

"Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" is the holiday hint of the merchants, and the Post Office Department would add to that slogan the further admonition "Do Your Christmas Mailing Early."

Patrons are urged to mail their Christmas packages early so as to avoid congesting the mails.

Prepay postage fully on all parcels. Address parcels fully and plainly. Name and address of sender preceded by the word "From" should be placed on every parcel.

Pack articles carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them, as sealed parcels are subject to the letter rate.

Insure valuable parcels. Parcels not exceeding \$5 in value will be insured for 3c. Not to exceed \$25 for 5c, not to exceed \$50 for 10c, not to exceed \$100 for 25c.

Parcels may be marked, "Do not open until Christmas."

Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and numbers, names or letters for purpose of description, are permissible additions to parcel post mail. Books may bear simple dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature. Other additional writing subjects parcels to letter postage. Communications prepaid at first-class rate may be sent with parcels prepaid at fourth-class rate, provided they are placed in envelopes attached to outside of parcels.

SPECIAL CAUTION REGARDING CHRISTMAS CARD MAILINGS—Be sure that all tinselled cards are enclosed in tightly envelopes and AFFIX STAMPS ON ENVELOPE, not on card, as stamps affixed to matter enclosed in envelopes cannot be recognized in payment of postage thereon.

Mail your letters and packages as early in the day as possible—do not wait until nearly time for the mails or office to close. There is a limit to the amount of mail that can be handled, even with an augmented force of employees, during the day, and mail that cannot be handled today is dispatched tomorrow. Early depositing of mail at the post office insures its prompt dispatch and delivery on time.

F. D. MEAD, P. M.

Christmas Toilet Sets at Roland Baldwin's.

COUNTY NEWS.

OTTER CREEK CLIPPINGS.

Sleigh ride parties are now in order. Winter solstice next week. Days will begin to lengthen now again. Mrs. J. G. Kirschman was reported among the sick the other week. Some have been taking logs to Protivin to get sawed into lumber. Jim Reha sold some hogs recently and assisted others in delivering theirs at our local market.

Some of Frana's folks, from Calmar, spent the other Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hruska.

Nettie, Leona and Lizzie Koch and brother Roy, Joe Vopava of Sumner township and Martin R. Friedlein spent a pleasant evening with M. H. Mealy and family last week Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiedaman and Charley Hornberger called at the Fred C. Koch home the other Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kratz returned home from their week's visit among relatives, friends, etc., at Strawberry Point, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peter, Jr., spent last Sunday at Ridgeway with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Libbie.

Will Smith was a pleasant business caller at Cresco last week one day. Albert Aegerter went to town last week one day to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Busse came down from Cresco last week Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falck near Ridgeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Hopperstad are mourning for their infant boy who died last week of pneumonia.

Rev. Poncelow returned to his home at Charles City last week Friday night, after a week's stay here assisting in several meetings.

Pupils and teacher, Margaret Brekke, of Dist. No. 1, enjoyed several days vacation last week.

Frank Vrba with the assistance of some of his neighbors delivered several loads at Ridgeway last week.

Arlie Lansworth and his brother Edward autoed over from Saude last week one evening to take in the dance at Ridgeway.

Aggie Novak, her sister Christina and brother Joe made a pleasant call on the M. H. Mealy family the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kuntz visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hornberger the other Sunday.

Rev. A. F. Damerow, of Decorah, and Rev. Poncelow, of Charles City made several calls on friends through here a few days last week.

Wesley Kratz and brother Walter entertained as guests Edward and Arlie Lansworth from near Saude last week Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhart and Misses Emma and Verna drove to Cresco last week one day to call upon relatives, and do some Christmas shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Natvig were pleasant visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson the latter part of last week.

The house of John Powers is nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holverson and children were Spillville shoppers last week Thursday.

Jim Soukup and sisters Anna and Otilla autoed to Cresco last week Wednesday to do some Christmas shopping.

Jim Reha, Amel Koch and others are having their wood sawed so the butz of the saw is the latest.

Emma Reinhart assisted Mrs. J. G. Kirschman at her domestic duties last week, while the latter was an the sick list.

Sore throat, colds, rheumatism have been most fashionable during the past week.

Albert Koch is on the sick list with pleurisy, being under the doctor's care these days.

Some of the farmers cleared the highway adjoining their farms of trees, weeds and rubbish before the last fall of snow.

Preaching services will be held at the Evangelical Church here next Sunday evening, at regular hour by Rev. W. A. Scholer, of Cresco.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kratz and Miss Hattie, with Wesley at the wheel autoed to Decorah, last week Friday to do some Christmas shopping and greet friends.

Frank Sobolik went to Cresco last week one day to get some dental work done.

Rev. Brenner, presiding Elder from Charles City, held quarterly meeting at the German M. E. Church here, Saturday and Sunday and then assisted Rev. Damerow in his revival meetings that have been in progress a week.

Theo. Kratz and family were entertained at dinner the other Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Moe of Ridgeway.

Some of Mike Kratz's folks were at Cresco the fore part of the week to do some shopping.

Roy Michael arrived here from Indiana, recently to visit with relatives, friends and acquaintances. Roy used to live in our vicinity until about three years ago when his folks moved to Indiana.

Christmas exercises will be held in several of our schools and churches next week.

Amel Koch and family, Ole Sanderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falck, from near Ridgeway, Martin R. Friedlein, teacher of No. 4, and Joe Vopava, of Sumner twp., were entertained at dinner the other Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Koch.

TWIN VILLAGES.

Plenty of snow but no sleighing as there is too much dry dirt mixed in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey went to Austin on Monday to visit with relatives and friends for a week or ten days.

Wm. Leathers has written home that his father died on Sunday morning and was buried on Tuesday.

Rumor has it that Leathers' people will move into the Ilse house and the Downeys will move into the house where Leathers now live.

Mrs. Anna Serfling went to Harmony on Friday to visit her uncle, Henry Grootboer, and on Saturday will go to Preston to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Serfling.

A. G. Serfling of Preston spent several days in the Twin Villages the past week.

Clara Dell Wickham left on Thursday for Madison, S. D., where her father and mother live, for a lengthy visit.

The Twin Villages will have two Christmas trees on the evening of Christmas, one at the M. E. Church and one at the German Lutheran Church. All are invited to attend.

E. F. Sims and wife entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berning and son Howard.

Albert Finck came down town the other day in his new auto and gave grandpa and grandma Finck a ride as it was a nice day.

Mrs. Louise Ahrens has stored her household goods in part of the house on her farm and we hear that she will stay at the home of John Brink for a short time.

C. W. Newmiller and wife entertained on Sunday Wm. Newland and wife and daughter Ruth from Caledonia, Minn., and R. R. Crowell and wife and son Dale from Harmony.

Dr. Tierney went to Cresco on Saturday afternoon with Willie Jeffers to the Kessel hospital for an operation for appendicitis on Monday the 13th.

Bert Rix stopped at one of our merchants the other day and inquired for a housekeeper. We do not know why, unless his wife is away on a week's visit.

R. W. McCloud and wife spent Friday at the home of Frank Crawford, Mrs. McCloud's brother, near Kendallville, it being Mr. Crawford's fiftieth birthday.

WEST VERNON.

Mrs. Wm. Coughlin and children called on Mrs. Wm. Woods Friday.

Mrs. Peter Hanson and son Sammie were entertained at the Henry Hanson home Sunday.

Sorry to say Mr. Eldredge is numbered among the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sebastian spent Sunday at the home of their son Leslie Wm. Wilson and family were entertained at the Fred Fish home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Crowe and family spent a very pleasant evening at Joe Lickteig's Sunday.

A number of our people attended the Wm. Walker sale Tuesday near Schley. Joe Korbel and Mike Slifka called on Wm. Slifka Sunday.

Mr. Reinhart and family were entertained in Cresco Sunday.

Frank Miller entertained a number of his friends Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Crowe and family spent Wednesday evening at the Wm. Woods home.

Adolph Peters called on Frank Bouska Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Burnikel and family called at the Frank home in Cresco Sunday.

Wm. Woods and family spent Sunday at the Wm. Rinn home.

Sorry to say Walter Dell was on the sick list a few days.

Madge Eldredge called on Mrs. Henry Hanson and daughter Friday.

Genevieve Zender spent Sunday at the Bouska home.

Fred and Elsie Peters entertained friends Sunday.

DAVIS CORNERS

Most of our farmers are kept busy getting a supply of wood for the coming season.

John Eberling and family were in Cresco Saturday shopping for Christmas.

Walter Wilnot autoed to Cresco Friday for his daughter Nellie, who is attending Cresco High school.

Chas. Helweg, of New Oregon, was at Davis Corners last Saturday.

John Machovec has been on the sick list last week.

Pete Milota, from Schley, was visiting friends at Davis Corners last week.

Charles Musel is suffering from a hand which was badly injured while starting a gas engine.

Lloyd Cameron from Cresco, was doing livery business at Davis Corners Saturday.

Wm. Aberly autoed to Cresco last Saturday on business.

Herman Maronde died at his home in Davis Corners last Thursday morning after several months' illness. The funeral was held Saturday at the German Lutheran Church at this place and the remains were buried in the Howard Center cemetery.

Mr. ann Mrs. Geo. Fishback transacted business at Cresco Monday.

John Bronner made a business trip to Cresco Sunday morning.

Harry Buehl left for Lawler Friday returning Sunday evening.

John Nast and family visited relatives and friends at Cresco Sunday.

H. Maronde came last week from Northern Minnesota to attend his father's funeral, Saturday.

John Aberly and Francis Dvorak Forded to Ridgeway Monday afternoon.

Quite a number of farmers are getting seed corn now in Cresco at \$5 a bushel.

Frank Novotny and his hired man are busy hauling wood from Howard Center.

John Musel is now prepared to grind grists on short notice.

A number of relatives and friends attended the Kubicek-Bolger wedding Tuesday.

Ralph Buckley was seen passing through our burg last week one day on his way for Spring Valley, Minn.

Some from this neighborhood took in the W. J. Walker sale near Schley Tuesday.

Francis Dvorak and Willie Aberly were cutter riding Sunday afternoon.

Fred Helweg is moving from Wykoff, Minn., and has rented the C. A. Schatz place east of Davis Corners.

PROTIVIN.

Ida Shores went to New Hampton last week where she will work.

Mrs. Lewis Novak and Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Novotny, left last week to visit relatives in Lidgerwood, N. D.

Thomas Chyle went to Cedar Rapids Tuesday to spend a few days visiting his son Charles J. and friends.

Mrs. Frank Klima and son Frank returned Thursday from Lawler, after a brief visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jas. W. Kovarik.

Sophia Polashek had dental work done in Cresco last week.

Mrs. Gordon Bowers and daughter Bessie, of Cresco, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuckek.

Emma Polansky came home from Calmar Tuesday to visit at home for some time.

A boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuckek on Sunday, December, 5, 1915. Congratulations.

Frank Landa, of Little Turkey, was a caller here Tuesday.

John J. Mikesch, who has installed a feed grinding mill north of the creamery, does feed grinding every Tuesday and Friday.

James Kubik took a load of butter to Cresco Wednesday.

Vincent Polashek was a caller in Lawler Tuesday.

ELMA.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Elwood were passengers to the Twin Cities Friday morning. They returned Sunday.

Norma McCusker spent Sunday in New Hampton with Mrs. Walter McGrane.

Majorie Trunkey, of New Hampton, spent Saturday and Sunday at the J. W. Mahoney home.

Ed. Clark went to Toledo, Iowa, Saturday and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keefe, of Crookston, Minn., came Thursday to spend a few weeks with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keefe.

Mr. Brigadier, of New Hampton, was a business caller in town this week J. J. Kildee, of Waterloo, was in town a few days of last week.

Willie Constantine, of Osage, was a visitor in town Saturday.

The remains of Mr. Quinlan, Mrs. T. H. Sullivan's father, was brought to Elma Saturday morning for burial.

Willie Cashman visited in New Hampton from Monday until Wednesday.

SARATOGA

Wm. Groth made a trip to Alta Vista Wednesday.

Ernest Baethke is working for Wm. Stoperan nowadays.

Clara Ball of Elma spent a day with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Groth, last week.

Will and August Baethke autoed to Alta Vista Thursday.

Albert Henning, Harry Kelsey, Wm. Baethke and Martin Aberg called on the Baethke boys Thursday evening.

A small crowd attended the dance at Kakac's hall Friday evening and all report a good time.

A number of young folks spent Sunday at the home of Carl Prinz to help Otto celebrate his 24th birthday anniversary.

Will Baethke and Albert Henning called on Harry Kelsey Monday evening.

Frieda and Lizzie Warnke called at the Carl Baethke home Tuesday afternoon.

For Sale.

Some very choice Poland China Boars and Gilts. Very reasonable prices if taken early. Also some fancy Buff Orpington Cockerels.

C. L. TERRY.

Christmas! We will strive to make it easy at Roland Baldwin's.



Christmas Sale Now On!

Big Savings in every line, with few exceptions. This is the time and the place to Save on your Xmas Gifts

CHRISTMAS, 1915, is drawing closer and closer every day. Only four weeks more and CHRISTMAS will be here. It comes once a year. Are you getting ready for it?

YOUR ATTENTION IS RESPECTFULLY CALLED to our large assortment of Jewelry, Watches, Cut Glass, Clocks, Silverware, China, Toilet Sets, Military Brushes, Novelties and other Very Useful Articles that make beautiful gifts, also to our facilities for taking care of your requirements during your Christmas shopping. We want your business. We will do our best to get you what you want and when you want it. The gift for mother, father, brother, sister, baby, relative or friend can be purchased here.

Quality The Very Best. :: Prices The Very Lowest

We will make a few suggestions for gifts, such as Diamond Rings, Rings of all kinds, Wrist Watches, Wedge Wood Cameo Brooches and Lavaliers, Bar Pins, Pin Sets, Bracelets, Locketts and Chains, Lavaliers of many patterns, Knife and Chain Sets, Cuff Link Sets, Belts, Fountain Pens, and many other useful gifts too numerous to mention. We extend to you a special invitation to come to us as early as possible, and we will try to satisfy your wants. If we haven't got what you want we will gladly get it for you if it is possible. We want you to trade here. We will furnish you with goods BEST IN QUALITY. Prices Lower Than Your Expectations.

THE SPECIAL OFFER we are making this Christmas is an Exceptionally Big Saving to You. When we save you money on your purchases it shows we are Interested in Our Customers' Welfare and that we are Working for a Larger Business.

It's up to you to help us do it. Don't put it off. Do it now. Be happy and enjoy your Christmas shopping. Trade with

CRESCO'S JEWELER

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