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Cresco Opera House Tuesday, January 4

The Cresco Opera House Co. offers as its next attraction the Sensation of Two Seasons

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Our biggest asset is the good will of our customers, and we appreciate each and every one's share in this business friendship. To all we extend our hearty wishes for a very prosperous New Year.

May Nineteen Hundred Sixteen bring you greater prosperity than any year that has gone before.

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Cresco, Iowa

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High School Alumni Banquet.

Although the time for preparation was rather short, the alumni banquet at the "Cresco" Tuesday evening was highly successful, both in numbers in attendance and as a social feature. 135 persons sat down to the banquet, the serving of which was in charge of Mrs. Champlin, with the following

MENU:

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| Fruit (Pineapple and Cherry) | Dressing |
| Chicken | Baked Potatoes |
| Creamed Peas | Cabbage Salad |
| Cranberry | Pickles |
| Rolls | Butter |
| Ice Cream | |

The dining room was decorated with high school pennants and large pictures of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Weld; L. E. A. Ling and E. G. Cooley, all former loved instructors, were displayed upon the walls.

After satisfactory disposition had been made of the viands, with C. W. Reed acting as toastmaster, responses were made by the following alumni: Mrs. C. V. Johnson, J. H. Howe, Edwin Church, Lester Fields and Will Marsh, also Superintendent A. I. Tiss. The responses of the graduates were chiefly reminiscent of bygone school days and of the earlier principals under whom they were students. A letter was also read from Mrs. Mabel Potter Ringo, of New Salem, S. D.

It was decided to make the alumni gathering an annual feature, and to that end a permanent organization was formed, as follows:

President—J. H. Howe.
Vice-President—Rufus Culver.
Secretary—Alice M. Davis.
Treasurer—C. W. Reed.

C. W. Reed, E. J. Thomas and Mrs. Ray Burgess were appointed a committee on by-laws.

During the banquet excellent music was furnished by the Deane Brothers Orchestra, assisted by the Misses Ruth Halweg and Clara Renaas, of Decora, and following the banquet, tables and chairs were cleared away and dancing followed.

From Belle Plaine to Kendallville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tukalek, who recently bought the O. A. Stinger farm near Kendallville, are old and highly respected citizens of Belle Plaine, Iowa, and they come to their new home with many letters of recommendation from the business and professional men and private citizens of that city. The Plain Dealer joins with their neighbors in extending a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Tukalek and their family.

From the Belle Plaine Union we glean the following:

"Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tukalek and their son, Milo, who for many years have been highly respected residents of this city and vicinity, have sold their place on south 10th avenue and will locate on an eighty acre farm near Kendallville in Winneshiek county. Mr. and Mrs. Tukalek have a host of friends in this city and its environment who will regret sincerely that they are to locate elsewhere, but who wish them full success in their new home. They leave the first of the week for Kendallville, which is located not far from where their daughter, Beulah, lives. One reason for their change of location was that they might be near their daughter."

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Howard, Iowa, to be held at Cresco on Jan. 22, 1916, to fill the position of rural carrier at Chester and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a postoffice in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

Post Office Hours Saturday.

Tomorrow being a holiday, the Post Office delivery windows will be open only from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m., and from 6 to 7 p. m. The city carriers will make one complete delivery in the morning, but no rural delivery service will be given. No money orders will be issued during the day.

F. D. MEAD, P. M.

Hides Wanted.

Hides wanted of all kinds and will pay the highest market price. Phone Davis Corners 16.

New Street Lighting System a Success.

The Cresco Electric Light Company have been promising that with the new system of street lights installed, together with the electroliers on Elm street, Cresco would be one of the very best lighted cities in the state, and when the new lights were turned on Christmas night for the first time, the pleased people of Cresco were ready to concede that the electric light people had made good their promise. The new lights are 250-candle nitrogen Mazdas, and give better light—just as brilliant and more steady—than the arc lights used on the main streets for several years. When the system is fully installed there will be an even 100 of these brilliant lights.

On a ten-foot staff surmounting the new water tower, at a total height of 145 feet from the ground, a 1665-candle nitrogen Mazda light has been placed, which is visible for miles in every direction and will prove a most welcome guide, especially to the auto tourists who approach the city after dark.

Our city officials are to be commended for securing for the city such an excellent system of lighting.

Christmas Business Good.

Our merchants report a very satisfactory Holiday trade, better than anticipated, as it was feared that the corn crop failure would affect business greatly, and it did retard business to some extent. The business of Cresco tradesmen was reflected in the post office business where the cash receipts for the five days preceding Christmas were 13 per cent. larger than for the corresponding days of 1914, and the office employees report the number of parcels handled to be greatly in excess of that of any previous year, 317 insured packages alone having been delivered through the Cresco office, and they were but a small fraction of the mail handled, the Thursday morning mail consisting of 44 tie sacks, most of them filled full of Holiday parcel post matter. The clerks and carriers of the post office take a little justifiable pride in the knowledge that with all this mail that every package was delivered the day it arrived.

Mr. Arthur Honstain and Miss Olive Moulton were married at Baker, Mont.

Mr. Arthur Honstain and Miss Olive Moulton were married at Baker, Mont. Dec. 20, 1915, in the presence of a few relatives. This young couple are two promising young people, of Westmore, Mont., and have made many friends there. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moulton and was a former Cresco girl as she spent her childhood days in Cresco, going to Westmore with her parents about seven years ago where she has won many friends who join in wishing the young couple their share of happiness and prosperity. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Honstain, of Westmore, and is well liked by all who know him, and has a nice home ready for the bride he has won. This young couple have gone to housekeeping on the groom's ranch south of Westmore and will be at home to all their friends after Jan. 1st at Willard, Mont.

Howard Marshall Dead.

Charles Adams, who came down from Minneapolis on Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Fuller, informs Howard Marshall's relatives residing in Cresco that he met Mr. Marshall's son, Howard, at the Minneapolis depot and was informed that he had just received a letter from his brother, Arthur, who resides in California, stating that the latter had received a cablegram announcing the death of their father. No particulars of Mr. Marshall's death have arrived, but as his nephew, C. A., received on Tuesday a newspaper addressed in the firm hand of his uncle who has, so far as known, been enjoying good health, it is surmised that his death occurred suddenly, probably from heart trouble.

Alliance Store in New Location.

The Alliance Mercantile Association commenced moving on Christmas day into their new store building, one of the finest in the city. While it is similar in size and construction to the old building, it is more modern and convenient, and has a dandy front that is a credit to any city.

The building on Elm street vacated by them will probably be occupied by John Grube with his billiard hall.

A Car Load of Overlands.

Ahern Brothers, the Cresco Overland agents, have just received a car load of new Overlands—including some with the famous Willys-Knight motor. Auto owners and prospective buyers are invited to call at their garage and arrange for a demonstration of the new cars.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding.

At their beautiful farm home in Bluffton township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Terrence McCabe celebrated the fiftieth year of their married life, on Christmas day. In the year 1865, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, at St. Benedict's Catholic church, Decora, Iowa, Rev. Father Lowery officiating, Miss Mary E. Ryan gave the keeping of her hand and heart to that of Mr. Terrence McCabe, who has been a most faithful and devoted companion, during all those years, witnessed by Thomas Whalen and Miss Margaret McCabe. Mr. and Mrs. McCabe have reared a large family, sixteen children born to this union, twelve of whom survive. Four chairs left vacant, mute witnesses of those who have gone before. The children are Emma C., Frances M., William T., Theresa M., Lucy G., Mary E., Joseph E., Burhan V., Alice E., Harry P., Ellen F., and Eugene R., all of them married. Bernard, Thomas and Genevieve died in infancy and Myrtle at the age of nine years. Fifty grand children and four great grand children are numbered among the descendants.

Mr. McCabe was born near Woodstock, Ill., Sept. 2, 1841, and Mrs. McCabe, the eldest daughter of Mrs. T. Ryan, who is still living, was born May 18, 1847, in Canada.

In remembrance of the occasion Mr. McCabe was presented with a gold watch and chain and Mrs. McCabe with a gold cross and chain and a handsome gold brooch, Rev. Father Burke presenting same, speaking appropriate words for the occasion. The afternoon and evening were spent in various forms of amusements. In the late evening the jolly crowd departed for their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. McCabe many more years of happy married life.—Decora Journal.

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Silver Wedding

The 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jan was celebrated Sunday evening, Dec. 26th, when many of their friends and neighbors gathered with well filled baskets and took them by surprise. After Mr. and Mrs. Jan had greeted the guests, dancing and other amusements whiled away the evening and all present enjoyed a very nice time. Mr. and Mrs. Jan were presented with a silver set, a rocking chair and a center table. Supper was served at 12 o'clock. Music for dancing was furnished by the Davis Corners Orchestra and all enjoyed themselves in dancing until a late hour, after which one and all departed for their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Jan many more such events in their future life.

To Open Their New Garage.

The firm of Pierce, Cunningham & Rice will open up in their new location in the building at the corner of Elm and Third Avenue East just completed by Milz & Powers, on January 1st. The third member of the firm is Will Rice, a son of C. H. Rice, who has purchased an interest in the former firm of Pierce & Cunningham. M. D. Whalen, one of the best of auto repair men, having sold his outfit to the new firm, will be employed in their repair department.

The new firm have the finest garage building in this part of the state, well located, and with their previous business as a basis will no doubt meet with a large patronage from auto owners, both local and transient.

New Feed Barn.

The Leath barn first door east of the Strother House is all remodeled and ready for business as a feed barn. Livestock in connection. Your patronage solicited.

EDDY & PORTER, Props.

Wanted.

To buy, a Herford bull old enough for service. Either high grade or registered. Everett Smith.

Married.

DESPARD—FOSTER

On Thursday, Dec. 23, at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Despard, was celebrated a pretty home wedding, at which time Mr. Elgie R. Despard and Miss Mary C. Foster, both of this city, were united in marriage. Rev. J. A. Pettit, pastor of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony that made them one. Only relatives and immediate friends were present. The young people begin their married life with the best wishes of many friends. They are to reside in Cresco.

JOHNSON—GRINDE

On Wednesday evening, December 29th, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Grinde, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Clara, to Walter Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Rev. Norman officiating. The young couple left yesterday for a visit at the John Brierly and R. C. Thomas homes at Kansas City, Mo. A host of friends join with us in wishing them a happy future.

Baptist Church.

Our Christmas exercises were a real pronounced success, a good program being given, notwithstanding several who were to have spoken were detained on account of sickness. The electrical display, consisting of a large bell and a star, was fine, thanks to Sumner Fields and Lynn Kellow. Everyone did his part well.

Next Sunday we will have our regular services. The morning subject will be "A Good Beginning," and the evening theme will be "Repentance."

Our annual business meeting will be held on January 5th—an all-day meeting. We expect to have three sermons on that day. Preaching at 10:30 a. m., business meeting and roll call in the afternoon and another address or sermon at 7:30 at night. Invitations to the members of the church include all members of the family, whether or not they are members of the church.

Every member of the church is urged to be present next Sunday. Let us rally round the altar.

J. A. PETTIT, Pastor.

Methodist Notes.

There is soon to be a death in our community. The year 1915 is growing old and will soon leave us; but we shall have a bright new one in its stead. Let us begin anew also, scale new heights and open new doors and get a new grip onto the best things. The pastor will preach next Sunday morning at 10:30 on the topic, "Christian Addition," and in the evening at 7:30 on the theme, "In the Beginning, God." Sunday School will meet at 11:45 and Epworth League at 6:45.

Don't forget the big concert by Mme. Ohlson Solem at the church, Jan. 7th. Plan for it now. Put a ring around the date.

Seed Corn Tests High.

A test made by C. C. Nichols shows 93 per cent., H. Shuttleworth, 100 per cent.; Dan McNeil, Postville, 96 1/2 per cent.; Theo. Dieken; Davis Corners, 97 per cent.; Julius Doolittle tested 100 kernels from 100 ears and got 99 strong plants; Dan McGee tested 280 kernels and got 277 strong plants.

Farmers wanting some of this high test corn should phone

M. M. Graf or J. J. House.

53 Plain Dealers This Year.

PLAIN DEALER subscribers are getting an extra issue this year. 1915 commenced the year on Friday, our publication day, and ends on Friday, making 53 publication days during the year.

Grace Episcopal Church.

Services on Sunday, January 2, 1916, at 10:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. The regular Christmas service with appropriate music, Kenneth D. Martin officiating. Everybody welcome at these services.

For Sale

"Big Type" Poland China spring boars, also Aberdeen-Angus bulls one and two years old. Sold right if taken soon. J. A. Beaumaster, Elma, Iowa.

Call and Settle.

All parties owing me, either on account or on notes past due, must call and settle before Jan. 1st. Office over Kraft, Odell & Co's Clothing Store. 14-1f R. J. Woods.

For Sale.

My place east of German Catholic Church. Amos P. Doolittle.