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ONE PAPER
In the HOME is worth a dozen in the byway, and just remember THE DEMOCRAT is the home paper of Mercer County.

INAUGURATION

Of Governor Cox to be Under Auspices of Columbus Chamber of Commerce Committee

Columbus, O., Dec. 2.—As plans for the inauguration of Governor-elect James M. Cox, who will be inducted into office the second time on January 8th, assume definite form, indications are that the coming inaugural will be one of he most imposing and notable in the history of Ohio.

Arrangements are in the hands of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Committee. The inauguration will be a non-partisan affair in every respect and men of all political faiths, as members of the representative body of Columbus business men, are working earnestly for the success of the event. Republicans and Democrats alike are serving on committees, all of them with two aims in view—to give the Governor-elect a dignified induction into office and to extend Columbus' best brand of hospitality to the thousands of visitors who will be here on January 8th.

More than a score of sub-committees have been appointed to arrange details of the various features of the day's program, and every preparation is being made for the comfort and convenience of the capitol city's guests.

The program for inauguration day provides, among other features, the formal induction into office of Mr. Cox at noon, a monster parade immediately after the inaugural ceremony ,a public reception following the parade, the inaugural ball, a smoker for visiting newspaper men and other entertainment for the public. Editors of 630 Ohio newspapers, daily, weekly Republican, Democratic and Independent, have been invited to attend the smoker.

The general committee announces that in all its arrangements the general public will receive first consideration, that the people of the state will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the inauguration of Gov.-elect Cox to the greatest possible extent and take a more active part than ever before.

Sheriff William Pumphrey will begin his second term on the first Monday in January, the 2nd.

Prosecuting Attorney-elect C. A. Stubbs will succeed Prosecutor Myers on the first Monday in January, the 2nd. The new prosecutor has purchased the law library and furniture of Probate Judge elect Younger and will move into the office occupied by Mr. Younger in the Commercial Bank Building, the first of January. Mr. Younger will not vacate the office entirely, however, until his term of office begins. He succeeds Judge Raudabaugh the first of February.

Coroner-elect J. H. Schmitt, of St. Henry, will take up the duties of his new office January 2.

A pair of jacks have been the cause of considerable trouble over in Dublin township, and resulted Wednesday in Martin Johnson of Van Wert county, through his attorneys, Ritchie & Walters, and F. V. Short filing a suit in replevin gainst Oliver Petro and John Laukhart.

Johnson, a horse buyer, so the allegations are, arranged to pay Petro and Laukhart a fixed sum of money for a pair of five year old brown horse mules. Several days later he went to the Laukhart home, gave Mrs. Laukhart a note for the sum agreed upon, and went to the stable and took the jacks. Petro and Laukhart were unable to obtain on the note at local banks. They thereupon went to Lima, where Johnson had taken the mules for sale, took possession of them and had Johnson arrested for burglary.

Johnson now comes back with the replevin action filed in Common Pleas Court Wednesday praying for recovery of the two mules and damage from the defendants in the sum of $15, with interest and costs.

COLLECTING ON CHRISTMAS

TOLD BY A DRUMMER

A BUNCH of us were putting in Sunday evening swapping yarns of our early days on the road when it came the turn of an accident insurance special.

"The first trip I ever made was when I was a kid of twenty," he said. "I was shipping clerk in an agricultural implement house in Brooklyn. I was to make a collection, and of all days in the year, it was to see the man on Christmas day!

"Why then? Well, the chap I was to see was a big farmer up in the hills of Sullivan county, and he did quite a business in farm implements among his neighbors. He had given the house a bunch of notes running four months and falling due Sept. 1. Every one of them came back protested.

"The junior partner had charge of the collections, and he figured there was just one sure way of nailing the chap, and that was to get to the house Christmas morning.

"I don't remember the name of the village I had to get off at, but I do remember it was a mighty cold night when I arrived there. I got away all right in the morning after the hotel man had given me all sorts of directions about the way to get to Johnston's place, twelve miles away.

"Johnston himself opened it and without waiting for a word from me said: 'Come right in, stranger. Mighty cold morning, ain't it? S'pose you lost your way.'

"I didn't commit myself one way or the other, but accepted his invitation by walking into the parlor. There was a bunch of children in the room, one a lad of sixteen or so, who was told to put the horse up. There was a big Christmas tree in the window, all decorated with shiny ornaments and tinsel.

"We chatted for quite awhile until he had to go to the barn to help his men tend the horses. I played with the children, and when he got back I had the littlest girl on my knee and was reading to her.

"'Started snowing again,' Johnston remarked as he stamped his feet on the rag rug outside the parlor door. 'Dinner'll be ready in a little while, but I'll have the wife hurry it up if you have to get away.'

"I told him I couldn't think of butting in on the family that way and that if he'd give me a few minutes I'd like to talk a little business with him.

"'You'll talk no business to me today,' he said. 'You'll have dinner and supper with us and a mighty good bed tonight. You can talk business in the morning.'

"'But'— I broke in.

"'There's no "but" about it. That's the program, and I'm boss in this house!'

"And let me tell you, boys, I had a bully time!

"After breakfast my host took me into the little office he had between the parlor and dining room and told me to fire away.

"What do you think I said? 'Mr Johnston, I don't want to talk business at all. I'm going on my way, and I'll come again tomorrow.'

"'Don't be afraid. If it's something disagreeable spit it out!' he said. 'What's the question?'

"'When are you going to take up those notes of Ehrman & Wilson's? That's what they sent me up from Brooklyn about. But after the friendly way you and your wife have treated me I have nothing more to say. I'm ashamed of my job.'

"'You're all right, young man,' he remarked, to my astonishment and relief. 'I don't blame you a bit, and I admire the stand you take. Read some more stories to Nellie out of her book while I look after the cattle, and by and by we'll drive to town, and I'll fix up the notes for you. I have been pretty hard up the last few months but I got in a sum of money a few days ago, and everything is O. K. now.'

"When we got to the bank he gave me a certified check for the $000 he owed the house and a ten dollar bill for myself to buy something for my baby as a present from curly headed Nellie."—New York Tribune.

While hunting on the reservoir last week William Byrely shot a black mallard, a water fowl not often seen in this climate. While noting his prize Mr. Byrely was surprised to find a metal band on one leg of the bird, engraved on which was the address of John Keel, Kingston, Ontario, and these words: "Read the fifth chapter of Matthew."

Mr. Byrley has written to the address. It is presumed that the fowl was reared in capitivity, but had joined the wild water-fowl and was a member of a flock stopping on the water here.

In a very close and exciting contest the Celina High school basket ball team was defeated by the New Bremen High, in the latter town, last Friday night. The score was tie until the last five minutes of play when the New Bremen lads forged ahead. Final results were Celina 34, New Bremen 36.

Miss Lucy McDonald is home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Raudabaugh at Cedarville, Ohio, and with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stokly, at Indianapolis, Ind. The latter's daughter Miss Jean ,accompanied Miss McDonald here and will be the Christmas guest of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald, South Mill street.

NEXT YEAR'S CORN CONTESTS

Columbus, Ohio, December 20.—The Sate Board of Agriculture to-day issued its plans for the 1910 corn-growing contests. The plans are thus summarized:

The one-acre contest will be conducted under the old rules.

Any boy who farms five or more acres will be given up to August 20 to select his acre of corn from this field of five or more acres.

Senior contests will consist of a field of 10 acres.

Trip to Washington and the East will be offered as a reward to the boy who does the best in the contest.

PrizYe of 50 will be given to aman in each county who raises the most corn in his ten acre field.

E. E. Bair, who for several years past has been operating the machine at the Fayette Motion picture house, last Friday purchased the show business of the Otts, and now has full charge. He will continue the Paramount and Metro films, which have made the Fayette one of the most popular motion picture theatres in the city.

COURT MATTERS

G W. Struckman last Monday filed a replevin action against W. A. Nichols to recover an Auburn automobile which defendant has in his possession. Struckman and Nichols recently became agents for the Auburn. The former it seems furnished the coin and the latter took possession of the car.

Francis Schultz, through his attorney P. E. Kenney, last Saturday filed suit in partition against Gertrude Schultz et al. The property in question is lot 23, Rosenbeck's addition, Coldwater.

A number of Masons from this city and Coldwater attended a meeting of the St. Marys Masonic lodge last Thursday night and were royally banquetted. Those present from this city were: R. H. Chapman, R. R. Wyckoff, J. A. Ernsberger, W. T. Palmer, E. J. Brookhart, Fred Olnhausen, H. O. Mowery, A. J. Bearinger, G. A. Petrie, H. C. Bowman, O. F. Rentzsch and Dr. L. M. Otis. Those from Coldwater were: Charles Jenkins, Charles Morvillius and Charles Baker.

Editor B. H. Gilberg, of the Observer, returned from Columbus Tuesday with the glad information that he had been appointed as traveling statistician in the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The job pays $1500 a year and traveling expenses. He became eligible by recently passing successfully an examination for the position held by the Civil Service Commission. His brother, Justus, will take charge of the newspaper work.

Christmas

To Democrat readers here, there and everywhere, we wish you and yours the merriest of Merry Christmases

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Seen in Notes Cabled to All Belligerent Countries by President Wilson

Warring Powers Urgea to Make Avowal of Views As to Terms Upon Which Hostilitts May Be Ended and Lasting Peace Secured.

Washington, December 20.—President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace.

Without actually proposing peace or offering meditation, the President has sent formal notes to the Governments of all the warring nations suggesting that "an occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded, and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guarantee against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what Administration officials have described as his course, the President Tuesday night dispatched the notes to all the belligerents and to all the neutrals for their information, a portion of which is here subjoined:

"The President, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms whics must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire, and in which the neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsibile part. If the contest must continue to proceed toward undefined ends by slow attrition until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted, if millions after millions of human lives must be continued to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer, if resentmnts must be kindled that can never cool and despairs engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing concert of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle.

"The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

"The leaders of the sevral belligerents have, as has been said, stated those objects on both sides. Never yet have the authoritive spokesman of either side avowed the precise which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out. The world has been left to conjecture what definitive results, what actual exchange of guaranties, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stage of military success even, would bring the war to an end.

"It may be that peace is nearer that we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least for conference and make the permanent concord of the nations a hope of the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable.

"The President is not proposing peace; he is not even offering meditation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerent, ho wthe haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intnse an dincreasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

WOODROW WILSON.

The annual ice harvest on Lake Mercer began last Saturday when M. J. Hemmert began cutting some fine, clear, six-inch ice for his cold storage houses. The cutting continued until Wednesday when it was stopped by the heavy snow. A large patch of ice has been cleared of the snow, however, and if the cold-weather continues over today, an excellent grade of eight inches will be obtainable and Mr. Hemmert will put a big force of men to work filling his big house along the bank.

Miss Ella Weis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weis, of Dayton, former residents of this city, underwent an operation for acute appendicitis at at the St. Elizabeth hospital, Dayton, last Saturday. Her condition was at first critical, but she showed sudden change for the better on Tuesday night and is now doing nicely.

CELINA-WABASH

Inter-County Highway, Better Known As State Line Pike, Now Open for Traffic.

The Celina-Wabash inter-county highway, which has been closed to traffic for several months for the construction of the first section of that road, extending from the corporotion line west, was again opened for traffic yesterday, and the public in general will be glad to learn of the fact.

It is nearly five weeks since the last of the cement was put down by the contractors, Messrs. Burnett & Christian. Last Sunday Mr. Burnett phoned to this city that the road was in fit condition to be opened but the engineer in charge held off untill yesterday in granting permission for the resumption of traffic.

Work on the section of the road from the corporation line to the C.H. & D. railroad, the contract for which was also awarded to the same contractors, will be taken up in the spring as soon as contions will permit.

The fire laddies were called to the I. F. Raudabaugh home, opposite the Catholic church, last Saturday afternoon, by an ugly little blaze, which originated from a stick of fire wood. Mr. Raudabaugh had attempted to put the stick of wood in the stove, but as it was too large, he placed it back in the wood box, near the stove, not noticing the bark had taken fire, and left the house. One side of the house was badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lutz, of Center township are the proud parents of a baby boy born last Tuesday.

Quite a crowd of Celina folks, old and young, gathered at the reservoir last Sunday afternoon to witness Aviator Brock make a flight from the ice with his biplane. It was rather an arduous task to get started, but he got away, made a short flight and easily alighted on the broad expanse of the ice covered pond. Celina people have sort of become accustomed to Aviator Brock making flights over the town, but it was the first time the reservoir was ever used as an aviation field.

THE GRIM REAPER

Bernice Eugene, the three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Swallow, Nickerson avenue, died at five o'clock last Monday evening of cerebral meningitis and whooping cough. The parents and three brothers survive. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon.

MIRACULOUS

Escape from Fatal Injuries Made by Ed Pierstorff, Hopewell Township Man.

Ed Pierstorff, aged 35 years, of Hopewell twp., was badly bruised up, but luckily escaped fatal injuries last Monday evening, when he was thrown under a three ton Mogul gas tractor, one of the big drive wheels of which passed over the right leg from the foot to the knee.

He was driving the machine home about dusk when the accident occurred. He left the driver's seat and went to the front of the machine to adjust a valve. A sleeve of a jacket he was wearing caught in the revolving wheel, and he was thrown to the ground beneath the moving tractor. Before he realized it, the big driving wheel had caught his shoe. Unable to pull the shoe off, he had presence enough of mind to pull himself to one side and bend the leg, the machine running off at the knee. It was several minutes before he gained his wits and by this time the tractor had gone on down the road some twenty-five feet. He got up and hopped down the road to the machine, stopped it and then went into a nearby farm house for help. He was hurried to the office of Dr. Hattery, where an examinaton revealed that no bones were broken, although the leg was horribly bruised. His right hand was also badly bruised and his face and head bruised and cut. Had his jacket and sweater not been pulled off he would probably have been beaten to death. While not able to use the leg he is seemingly gettnig along nicely.

NOTED CASES AGAIN

Under the announcement of cases assigned for hearing before the State Supreme Court after January 1st, as given out Wednesday appears the following, which are the famous Randolph slave cases, originally from the docket of the Mercer County Common Pleas Court:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

15,398. Joseph E. Moton et al. vs. Gerhard Kessens.

15,399. Joseph Moton et al. (William E. Henderson, Indianapolis, Ind; L. H. Shipman, Troy), vs. Bernard Dewell et al. (John W. Loree, P. E. Kenney, John G. Romer, Celina).

Henry and Theodore Schuerman, of Ft. Recovery, Route 2, old friends of The Democrat, were business callers while in town, Wednesday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

L. S. McElroy, 33, bank cashier, of Ada, son of J. O. McElroy, and Donna Lowry, 24, daughter of Wm. Lowry.

Lester Presho, 23, farmer, Mendon, son of A. C. Presho, and Opal Kincaid, 19, housekeeper, Mendon, daughter of Hugh Kincaid. Rev. Roebuck.

Leo Andrews, 23, laborer, Celina, son of Fred Andrews, and Frieda Fickert, 18, Liberty eownship, dtughter of John Fickert. Rev. Reitz.

Below a picture of Ed Peake, Bob Ewing and their day's bag of game, printed in yesterdays Cincinnati Enquirer, the following paragraph appeared:

"Bob Ewing, former Red pitcher, went hunting one day last week with his friend, Ed Peake, at Celina, and the day's bag consisted of seventeen fat ducks and four wild geese. Bob's control is evidently as good as ever."

• *Letters to Santa Claus*

Rockford, Ohio

Dear Santa—I am a little girl five years old. I would like for you to bring me a handkerchief, a crocheted coin purse, a broom, book, nice rubber ball, some popcorn, crackerjack and candy. Be sure and come. Your little friend.

CLEO CLOUSE

St. Marys, Ohio

Dear Santa—I want a train,rubber ball, drum, some candy and nuts. Yours,

HAROLD WEAVER

St. Marys, Ohio

Dear Santa—I want a doll, an ironing-board, some toys, candy and nuts. Yours,

LUCILLE WEAVER

St. Marys, Ohio

Dear Santa—I want a rattler, and a doll, some candy and nuts. Yours,

ELVERIA WEAVER

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl eight years old. I go to school every day and like my teacher just fine. I would like for you to come to our house and bring me some candy, plaid hair ribbon, leather mittens with fur around the top, locket and some handkerchiefs. Please don't forget to come. I live three miles southwest of Celina. From your little girl,

PEARL ANDREWS

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa—I am a little girl nine years years old and would like for you to bring me a nice pair of shoes, stockings, candy, oranges, nuts and a variety of fruits. I live seven miles west and two miles south of Celina. Please don't forget to come. I remain your good little girl,

BLANCHE BOLEY

Rockford, Ohio

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 9 years old. I would like ta have a story book, a crocheted coin purse, crackerjack, popcorn and candy. If you can't bring me that bring me what you can. I thak you for the things you bring me Christmas night. Your friend,

HAZEL CLOUSE

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 9 years old and would like for you to bring me a pair of rubber boots and apair of overall, and if you have anything else to spare I will be glad to have it. Bring me some candy, oranges and nuts. Bring my little baby brother Stanley some thing nice. A little sweater coat would be nice or anything you hove for babys. I will try to be a good boy. Don't forget all my little friends. I am your friend,

ASHLEY DUMBAULD

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa—I expect you are pretty poor this year for things are so high, but I want just one thing for Xmas and that is a door lock for our school door. Its name is "Piper," and it is in Center twp. It's pretty hard to use a string ona new door. Your little girl,

VIOLET SCHWARCK

Celina, Ohio

Dear Old Santa—I am a little girl four years old and would like for you tobring me a big doll cart and a dolly that goes to sleep. Please bring me some nuts, candy and oranges too. From your little girl,

LEAVANN PETERMAN

New London, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 4 years old and would like for you to bring me a coaster wagon, a gun and roller skates, some peanuts and candy. Don't forget my papa and mama. I will go to bed early and shut my eyes tight. Don't forget to come Santa. Please don't forget my grandparents at Durbin, Ohio. Your little boy,

DONIVAN VERMONT BRICKER
75 Park Avenue.

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me that large dolly at Barr and Leppers store, and also clothes for the doll for Sunday, every day and school days; one large Christmas tree, some candy and nuts, one crying cat, a pair of shoes for dolly Ruth, one jumping-jamk, and a bath robe for myself. Good-bye,

MADONNA PULSKAMP

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 7 years old and I have went to school every day this term. I would like to have a sweater and a cap and some hair ribbons. Bring Marie some nice handkerchiefs and a new hair ribbon too. Don't forget my papa and mama. Bring them something nice and please leave lots of candy and bananas and some apples, if you have any. I will close. I hope you won't forget me. I live over by the Crouch school house, and Santa don't forget my teacher. His name is Henry Lacy. Goon-bye from,

BEULAH DUMBAULD

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a doll and a large doll cab, a toy book, a crying cat, a Xmas tree, a school dress, a red sweater, a red cap and a pair of leggins. Good-bye,

HILMA JOLY

Mendon, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—Do you still know where I live. I am seven years oud and a good boy to carry wood for mama. I would like an air gun and a horn and some candy and oranges. I have a little brather a year and a half old. He likes a ball and a little horse. I will give him some of my candy and oranges.

WILBUR DAVIS

Defiance, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—Please send me a little sleigh and a little rocking chair. Please bring me some candy and nuts. Please don't forget to take my grandpa and grandma something nice too. I live on Ravine street. Mama will leave the door unlocked for you. Don't forget to stop. From your little boy,

HERMAN DARROW

Coldwater, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 8 years old. I go to school most every day. I want for my Christmas a writing desk, a book satchel and a story book. I also have a little brother 23 months old. Bring him a little rocking chair and some nice toys. Bring us both candy and all kinds of nuts. As ever your little girl.

VONDA ARRAHWANNA SHIVELY

Willshire, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me an air rifle, an over-coat, a pair of skates and peanuts and candy. Do not forget sister Florence and Papa and Mama. I live far from Celina, out here on the Ohio and Indiana State Line. Hoping you can find us, I am your little boy,

HERMAN KUHN

Coldwater, Ohio

Dear Sata Claus—We are two boys. Our ages are ten and seven. This Chrstmas we want an auto bab sled, a flute and two pairs of skates, and Christmas tree. And don't forget mama and papa and gross. Yours truly, from

PAUL and FRED BROBST

Carthagena, Ohio

Mr. Santa Claus, Dear Sir—As I have a little spare time, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know what I would like for Christmas. Santa first of all I would like for you to bring me a sleigh. And second I would like very much to have a doll, and third I would like for you to bring me a pretty set of play dishes, and fourth, I would like a tablet. Well I guess as my letter is getting long I will have to stop. Hoping to see my letter in print in the next paper I will have to say good-bye. From your loving friend,

MARTHA FRONING
R. D. No. 2, St. Henry.

Rockford, Ohio.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 7 years old. Am writing to you so you will know what I would like to have best for Christmas. I would like to have a crocheted coin purse, a broom, some candy, cracker-jack, and some pop-corn. I will thank you for the presents that you will bring me Xmas night. Your little friend,

LOVETA CLOUSE

Celina, Ohio

DearSanta Claus—I am a good little boy 5 years old and would like to have a gun that I can shoot and a new suit and some oranges and bananas and candy and peanuts. I have a little brother and sister. They are six months old. They would like to have a rattle box and a new dress and a high chair. Don't forget to come. Will be a good boy. My name is

EDGAR SEALSCOTT.
JAMES SEALSCOTT.
BESSIE SEALSCOTT.

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a boy, 8 years old, and would like to have a air gun and B. B. shots and a new waist and a drum and a sled and a tie and a tie pin and some orianges and bannas, cady, peanuts. Don't forget to come. I live ½ mile east of Shively's store. I will be a good boy.

RICHARD SEALSCOTT.

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a boy 11 years old. I would like to have an air gun that will shoot B. B. shots and a new waist and a knife and some oranges and bananas and candy and some peanuts. I live ½ mile east of Shively's store. I will be a good boy. My name is

HARRY SEASCOTT.

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little curly headed girl, just six years old, and I tell you Santa that I have been a very good girl, although I cannot get mamma to think so. I would like to have a new doll baby, with a blue dress. Also a little rocking chair, and a liatle set of dishes. Do not forget my brothers and my papa and mamma. Hoping that I shall hear from you Christmas time, I am, Your dear little girl.

HAZEL COATS.

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 3 years old and would like to have for Christmas, a dog, teddy bear, rubber ball, new dress, a big doll baby, and oranges, peanuts and candy and please don't forget to bring brother Urlen a rubber ball ad a little train. We will go to bed at eight o'clock and will not peep. With live, Your little girl,

LAVAUN NORRIS.

Celina, Ohio

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy, 4 years old. I love my papa and mamma, and my neighbor Tom Com, he gives me candy and peanuts. I want for X-mas a drum and a horse and gun, oranges, candy and bananas, peanuts, stockings and handkerchiefs.

CARL DEWEY CROSS.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I would like to have for X-mas. I am a little girl, nine years old. I go to school every day. I would like to have a clown, sled, beads, story book and a ring and of course some oranges and candy to. I do not want to ask for too much for other little boys and girls want some too. I live at Wabash on the corner. Please don't forget to come. My name is

NELLIE SMITH.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santâ—I am a good little boy. Santa, I'll go to bed tarly and shut my eyes tight, if you will bring me a drum I can play and a hobby-horse I can ride, a rubber dolly with a whistle in its bank Dear Santa don't forget to bring me some candy, oranges and peanuts. Don't forget my other little school-mates' letters. Your little boy.

EDWARD DICKE.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa—I am a good little boy. I will go to bed at eight o'clock and close my eyes tight, yes Santa I will. If you will bring me a hobby horse, drum, rubber dolly and a monkey that will climb a string and some candy, peanuts and oranges. So don't forget to come. Your little boy.

STUBBSMITH.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy about five years old and I would like a pop gun and a little lantern with a blue globe. Don't forget to bring some apples and oranges and bananas and candy and peants. I don't want too much. I have a kitty and a new pair of over shoes, and I have a tricycle. I haven't had it very long. I like to ride it to. Some time I ride it to my Grandpa Wilkins and Grandpa Enyart. Don't forget papa and mamma. From,

CHARLES WILKINS.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl, 8 years old and I like to go to school. I am in the third grade and I like my teacher,her name is Clela Runyon. I would like a new coat and set of furs and a little lamp and a doll head and some candy,oranges, apples, bananas and peanuts. I don't want too much. I have a new pair of overshoes to and don't forget Grandpas and grandmas and papa and mamma. From

ELVA WILKINS.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl five years old. I go to school almost every day. I am going to speak a piece for X-mas. I would like for you to bring me a cab, a little iron, some candy, nuts, oranges, peanuts and apples. Please don't forget to bring them. Your little girl,

BERNICE MAE SMITH.

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a good little girl. I am six years old. Will you please bring me for Christmas a pair of hair ribbons and a ring and nice doll and some oranges and peanuts and candy. I go to school every day ad learn my lessons well. I will go to bed at 6 o'clock. Please bring my sister Marie something. Your little girl,

ETHEL KROGMAN

Celina, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl, about 5 years old. I am a good little girl. I want for Christmas a doll baby, a cart to wheel my doll in, ribbon and a new dress, and some candy, peanuts and aranges. I will go to bed at 6 o'clock and shut my eyes tight. Your little girl,

DORTHY KROGMAN.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, Citizens addition, are the parents of a baby girl born last Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Kable, West Warren street, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Pattinger, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kingsley, East Anthony street, pleasantly entertained the D. D. club last Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. Cotter Dugan, of Kenton, is here to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Emma Kloeb, North Main street.

Mrs. Charlotte Siler, of Sisterville, West Virginia, has returned home after an extended visit with Mrs. John Raudabaugh, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Behm and son, of Findlay are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Behm's father, H. A. Willrath and other relatives in Hopewell township.

Mrs. Dan Reardon returned to her home in Sandusky after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Carpenter in Hopewell township and other relatives in Celina.

Contractor Jos. J. Kriegel, who for several months past has been employed at Dayton, has decided to locate permanently in the Gem City, and is offering his properties in this city for sale.

Mrs. Ed L. Bryson, East Market street, is home from Toledo, where she visited for several months. Mrs. Marie Harms and daughter, of that city, accompanied her home for several weeks' visit.

Attorney and Mrs. Richard Raudabaugh, of Lansing, Michigan, who have been guests of Celina relatives for several months, have gone to Muncie, Ind., for a couple of week's visit, while enroute home.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Hattery left yesterday for a couple of days visit with their son, Dr. John Hattery and wife, at Mansfield. From there they go to Wooster to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Aller and family.