

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

All Will Have Trees and Good Programs Tonight and Santa Will Do His Duty.

There will be Christmas trees and entertainments galore in Laclede tonight. A fine program of twenty-seven numbers will be given at the Methodist church and presents will be distributed from gaily decorated trees by a real Santa Claus. Every member of the Sunday school will be remembered. Supt. H. C. Lomax has had printed at this office at his own expense some very handsome souvenir programs that will be highly appreciated by the membership of the church and Sunday school.

The Christian Sunday school has prepared an excellent program to be given at the church tonight in connection with the Christmas tree. The members of the Sunday school have been diligently at work for some time and the entertainment will be an interesting one. Admission free and all are invited.

At the Presbyterian church there will be a tree and an appropriate program rendered by the Sunday school. Every member of the Sunday school will be remembered, and all who attend will be welcome. Admission free.

The Baptist Sunday school will have a tree and give a nicely prepared program of songs, recitations and musical numbers at the church this evening, a feature being a solo by Miss Kathryn Felt. The program has been prepared with great care and considerable practice and the entertainment promises to be a good one.

A Christmas tree and the usual exercises will be given at the colored church by the members of the Sunday school and friends of the church.

In addition to the public festivities there will be a number of private Christmas parties and trees at the homes and old Santa will be about the busiest man in town tonight.

### Berry-Anderson.

Last Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Mamie Anderson and Carl Berry at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, in west Laclede, Rev. E. L. Robison, officiating. A number of relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. Following the ceremony a delicious dinner was served. Those present from Laclede were: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Groes, pair towels; Mrs. Mize, stand table cover; Miss Nellie Barber, fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wood, picture; Mrs. Lyons, towel; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson, set of dishes; Miss Pearl Phillips, salt box; Mrs. Phillips, pepper box; Ebb Phillips, stand table cover; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wood, dresser scarf; Zola Groes, pickle dish; Marie Berry, set of silver knives, forks and spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry left Wednesday for Frederick, Iowa, to spend a few weeks with relatives after which they will return to Linn county and make their home on Mr. Berry's farm southeast of Brookfield.

### Reduced Rates For Holidays.

On December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1, we will sell round trip holiday tickets for one and one-third of the standard first-class one-way rate to all points on the Burlington Route to all points on other roads in Arkansas, Iowa, Indian Territory, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin, and too many points in Illinois, Northern Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Continuous passage in each direction, with January 4 as final limit for return. For particulars ask F. F. Pratt, agent.

## First Christmas Morning.

Over nineteen hundred years ago, on a December night, a light from heaven bathed the far-off Judean hills and out of the midst of it were heard voices, saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

It is the order of God that the evolution of humanity should regurgitate through Christ-appointed ways. As the Christian principal more and more determines degrees of manhood, of civilization and of faith in the eternal trend of events, the world grows brighter and better. The present is the greatest of the ages and Christmas of 1905 will be the most nearly perfect of all Christmases that men have known, and as such will be the high-water mark of human history and human hopefulness.

Yet we have not peace on earth, nor good will toward men as we should have them. Battleships are abroad on the deep, or belingering ports, and heaving with the hot breath of anger and thirsting for human blood. Great christian states are caussing their possibilities to ravage lands and spill blood on shore and sea. The balances of justice are wavering between the interest of grace and gold, and the secret jealousies of forms of government for which they contest, and prepared to set at naught the processional song by an angelic band in the choir-loft of the Palestine hills on the first Christmas morning.

Over all of these contradictions of Christ mission there thrills between earth and heaven the melodies of glad-hearted children, of strong men and pure women, on high places and in hovels, cathedrals and hearthstone circles, from visited prisons and smoothed pillows of pain, praising God and lauding the name of Him who was born in a manger and crowned on a cross.

Some day—let us hope, some soon day—the hearts of mankind will be filled with love, sincerity and kindness and Christmas will be a new festival of brotherhood and world-wide good-will toward men.

### The Public Schools.

The first half of the school year ended yesterday. It is generally conceded that the past four months have been the most satisfactory school months Laclede ever had. School spirit is high and healthful. The High School Literary Society rendered an excellent program in the High School assembly room Friday night of last week. The vim with which the pupils gave the High School yells showed that they meant it and are enthusiastic over the work. The High School now has an enrollment of over sixty, which is certainly an unusual showing for a town of Laclede's size. Mr. Sipple and his able assistants are certainly making good and indications are that the pupils appreciate their opportunity and are making the best of it.

### Oyster Supper.

The Knights and Ladies of Security will give an entertainment and oyster, cake and coffee supper at the Odd Fellows hall on Wednesday night, January 3. Charges for supper: cake and coffee, 10 cents; oysters, 15 cents; or both, 25 cents. Plenty of music furnished and a good time in general insured to everybody. Everybody invited to come and enjoy themselves.

ADA M. COULSON,  
Cor. Secretary.

### Tax-Payers, Attention!

The tax-books of Jefferson township are now in my hands for collection. Pay your taxes before January 1 and escape the penalty. L. E. HAMILTON,  
Township Collector

The hardware firm of Calhoun & Harvey at Browning has been dissolved, the latter having sold his interest to C. B. McCallum.

## HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

Jess Edwards, who is braking on a road in Alabama, came in yesterday to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chinn have moved onto the Steck farm southeast of Laclede. THE BLADE will visit them each week over route 1 from Brookfield.

The following well known farmers took advantage of the home-seekers' excursion and left Tuesday to visit Southern Kansas: E. K. Welsh, J. C. Finney, J. H. Bagenstos, Thos. Randle and son Earl, J. E. Kent, E. A. Olin, B. Slaght and S. Bassett.

H. E. Wells, of Clearfield, Iowa, was here this week and bought the Wm. Fife farm north of Laclede. The farm contains eighty acres and brought \$55 per acre. Mr. Wells will take possession in March. The real estate firm of Savage & Wilkins made the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Drew are raising guinea-pigs and making a success of the business. They sold three this week to Brookfield parties and last week shipped three to Colorado. These pigs are becoming very popular where known and there is quite a demand for them.

THE BLADE has heard many favorable comments on the entertainment given by the pupils of the Forker school under the direction of the teacher, E. E. Toothaker, last Thursday evening. A full house enjoyed the splendid program that was rendered with an unusual degree of ability and ease.

Mrs. W. H. Woods gave a 12 o'clock luncheon to her Sunday school class of nine little girls Tuesday, the occasion being a very enjoyable one for the little folks. Those present were: Dorothy Smith, Vivia Caywood, Florence Dye, Helen Slaght, Grace Haight, Gussie Bruns, Grace Calloud, Vergie Cotter and May Weaver.

Along with other papers of the county THE BLADE will take a day off and no paper will be issued next week. The next paper will be January 6, 1906. In the meantime the office will be open for job printing and to receive and receipt for subscriptions and we hope to be able to report a grand rush in the subscription department. We wish all our readers and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Artimca Glenn, mother of Robert and Wm. Glenn, of this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lark Wise, near Aurora, Mo., on Dec. 2, 1905. She was born in Marion county, Ky., on July 2, 1810, and was 95 years and five months of age at death. She was a resident of Linn county just fifty years, coming here with her husband in 1842 and living on a farm just north of Laclede until 1892 when she moved with her daughter to south Missouri. She was indeed a pioneer and saw many changes take place here during her residence of a half century.

Before returning to his home at Hennepin, Ill., last week, C. B. Dagger bought the Deets place of 40 acres a half mile east of Laclede, paying \$85 per acre for it. Mr. Dagger is a breeder of fine draft horses and will move here next spring and continue in the business. His son, W. R. Dagger, will also move here about the first of March, having bought the J. E. Kent farm of 118 acres at \$65 per acre. These are among the best people of Illinois and we are glad to have them locate here. The well known real estate firm of Savage & Wilkins made both of these sales.

## Some Evening Reveries.

Real happiness oftener looks out of the window of an humble home than through the opera glass in the gilded box of a theatre.

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Woman has yet to learn the purifying and blessed influence she may gain and maintain over the intellect and affections of the human mind. Though she may not teach from the portico nor thunder from the forum, in her secret retirement she may form and send forth the sages that shall govern and renovate the world. Though she may not gird herself for bloody conflict, nor sound the trumpet of war, she may array herself in the panopy of heaven and send the thrill of benevolence through a thousand youthful hearts. Though she may not enter the list in legal collision, nor sharpen her intellect amid the passions and conflict of men, she may teach the law of kindness, and hush up the discord and conflicts of life. Though she may not be clothed as the ambassador of heaven nor minister at the altar of God, as a secret angel of mercy she may teach His will, and cause to ascend the humble but most accepted sacrifice.

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So great is the mind of a sweet minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that we all go in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort; one soothing touch of her kindly hand works wonders upon the feverish child; a few words dropped from her lips in the ear of a sorrow-stricken sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cozy sitting room, and sees the blaze of fire, and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences which act as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirits that are wearied by the stern realities of life. The rough school boy flies into a rage from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mothers smile; the little one full of grief with its large troubles finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instance after instance of the influence that a sweet-minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers.

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There is no sadder sight than a woman who, marrying a man to save him, finds that she has failed in what she has sought and lost her own life in the struggle. Have we not all seen the gradual degradation of the woman who is bound to a dissipated man? She loses hope and faith. Shame and despair cover her as with a garment. If she lives with him her conscience is wrung with the horror of bringing forth children who shall be like him. However tender and refined her nature daily contact with what is coarse and brutal will debase it. If love for a maid will not make a man see the foolishness of sin and abandon it altogether, love for a wife will not help him in the slightest degree. Love is a powerful stimulant. It appeals to the body, mind and soul of a man and bids him strive for the best. It rouses his ambition, it urges him to industry, it wakens in him a passion for the noble and beautiful in life. If under press and with the help of such emotion he does not turn at once with disgust from whatever evil has been in his past life, there is no hope for him. Corruption has taken hold of him; sin is inherent that the inspiration of love cannot save him, nor anything else have the chastisement of God.

## DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Local Paragraphs Picked up by Pungent Pencil Pusher.

Mr. and Mrs. Keeney, of near Meadville, were in Laclede yesterday. Joe Reeder and family are spending holiday week with relatives at Pleasant Hill, Ill.

Henry Strickler, on route 3, was in Thursday and renewed for THE BLADE and Kansas City Star.

Miss Marie Berry was here the first of the week from Iowa attending the Berry-Anderson wedding.

B. E. Bigger is home from the state university to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Miss Susie Benson is home from Missouri Wesleyan college to spend the holidays with home folk.

E. M. Sipple, principal of the Laclede schools, will spend Christmas week with home folk at Bucklin.

Jas. G. Shelton and family have been here from Illinois the past week visiting the family of John Shohoney.

Rev. and Mrs. John Rooker, of Hamburg, Iowa, are visiting relatives in Laclede, guests of Mrs. T. E. Foreman.

Chas. W. Shive, of Richland Center, Pa., sent in a remittance on subscription this week that was duly appreciated.

H. H. Mathews was over from Brookfield Wednesday and among his friendly calls was one at THE BLADE office.

Miss Florence Moss, teacher in the primary department, will spend the holidays with friends at Chillicothe and Brookfield.

Preaching at the Methodist church by the pastor Sunday morning and evening. Christmas sermon at the morning service.

Miss Evalyn Jones called Wednesday and paid for THE BLADE a year to be sent to her aunt, Mrs. Florence Brown, Kansas City.

E. G. Cole, the Forker merchant, was in Laclede last Saturday and called and left an order for job printing with THE BLADE.

E. E. Gould, of the Gould land and investment company, has been in Arkansas the past week looking after some real estate deals.

The Park Greenhouse, Brookfield, is prepared to fill orders for cut flowers on short notice. All orders will have prompt attention.

F. W. Gould, one of Jefferson township's good farmers, called this week and left a dollar to continue his name on our paid in advance list.

Harry Markham, cashier of the Wheeler bank, was over from Brookfield last Sunday afternoon. Harry's many friends here are always glad to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thompson, of Cambridge, Ohio, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gardner.

Ward Mouser came in Wednesday to spend a few days with relatives and friends. Ward is now traveling representative for the Case threshing machine company in southwest territory.

Mrs. C. C. Cotter and her son, Jas. A., leave today for Kansas City to visit relatives and friends, and before returning will visit Robert A. Cotter at Leavenworth. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Pearson, of Chillicothe.

The local lodge of Knights and Ladies of Security will hold a social and oyster supper at the Odd Fellows hall in the Wilson building Wednesday night, Jan. 3, to which all are invited. Oysters, cake and coffee will be served in the banquet room.