

Only a little thing—a word or two
But it pierced with a tiny sting,
Heart sore,
It hushed awhile the
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THE NEWSBOY

CAPPED THE CLIMAX.

It Remained for Benton to Have the Swell Affair of the Holidays.

One of the happiest events of the holidays in Benton was a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Jas Walker on Saturday evening.

The invitations announced music and dancing and 'twas indulged in until the clocks struck twelve.

Early in the evening as delegations came in from Oran, Morley, Blodgett and Keiso, it was apparent that a private house was too small for the number of guests, but when Commerce came out on a special train 20 or 30 strong, the Newsboy office was hastily converted into a splendid dance hall and the ball rolled on.

Everything went off lovely and nothing but its being Sunday could have stopped the pleasure.

Mrs. Walker received many compliments on the success of her party and Commerce was voted a pension for so splendid an attendance.

NOTES.

Ranney Anderson was a little suspicious of the crowd and kept his overcoat on.

Mr. Clark White, of Bertrand, and Mr. Sam Butler, of Adamsville, Tenn., were there.

Wade Anderson did not do a thing but dance all the time.

Jas. Lynch was the handsomest man at the party.

Murray Campbell was conspicuous by his very pretty partner.

Louis Hunter is sorry he does not dance.

Mont. Wade was confined to his room. About mid-night he was aroused by an unusual noise that sounded to him as if a general free-for-all fight was going on. Investigation revealed that it was only Rube Matthews telling the crowd good-bye.

Caleb Matthews said he "didn't know it was Sunday."

Jim Matthews amused himself with the guitar, while Ed Childers thumped the mandoline.

Hal Moore said nothing, but "sawed wood."

Cove Moore made himself agreeable with everybody.

Why were not more of Bentons young ladies there? Because the young men, as usual, "staggod it."

Norval Anderson claims there were 17 passengers on a two seat sleigh from the depot up.

Don't ask Dr. Butler why he was late for his girl explains that for him.

Miss Alma McMullin, of Dexter, lent her charming grace to the party.

Miss Corinne Arnold and Miss Bohusack, of Cape Girardeau, were also among the visitors from a distance.

Miss Jessie Ireland enjoyed herself most while dancing.

Miss Teva Fullenwider said she "just loved to waltz."

Miss Alma McMullin was very sorry Louis Hunter didn't dance.

Miss Lizzie Davis appeared commanding enough to be obeyed even by a military cadet.

Miss Nettie Beattie appears as lovely in a ball-room as on a stage.

The Misses Mary Moore, Georgia Porterfield, Lou Adams, Eva and Corinne Arnold, Fannie Wylie and Fannie Ellis were satisfied just to look on.

The Misses Frank and Bessie Moore thought the clock was too fast.

Miss Fannie Ross seemed to be all smiles.

Miss Fannie Anderson is mad. She was at the Cape and missed it all.

Miss Addie Wylie wore her elegant new hood.

Miss Maud Donovan was kept busy trying to make it pleasant for all.

Miss Francis Steck regretted "so much" that Sam Butler didn't dance.

Miss Lillie Proffitt just "looked too cute for anything."

Someone stepped on our gold pen and smashed it.

Sackman's Liver Tonic is a sure cure for liver complaint, dyspepsia, and a great remedy for chills and fever, bilious colic, female diseases, indigestion, costiveness or severe colds—also a great blood purifier.

FROM BLODGETT.

Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1894, Mr. Monroe Austill to Miss Fannie Anderson, both of this place. The good wishes of their numerous friends attend this young couple in the enjoyment of their wedded happiness.

The ball given here was not so largely attended as some which Blodgett has seen but for pleasure and a general good time, and a superb supper, we will put it against any ever given in this county. About twenty-five couples participated. The plenteous of entertainments at various places in the county lessened the otherwise large attendance.

However, if the ball didn't reach the anticipated dimensions the X-mas tree did, being the largest and finest ever seen in Blodgett. By means of one of Judge Evans numerous and useful inventions the trees were arranged to revolve to the time of slow music, the effect of which was very fine.

Dr. R. A. Sparks came very near losing his residence by fire last Thursday, caused by a defective flue. The mass of snow on the roof prevented the spread of the fire until help could be obtained else there would be only a heap of ashes to mark the spot.

Misses Maud Donovan and Frances Steck, of Benton, attended the ball here. Miss Maud returned Wednesday, while Miss Frances visited friends until Thursday.

Thos. K. Massey, Oran's champion barber, and John Ashley, "the only original" John, took in the ball Christmas night. If we were not mistaken, Mr. Beedy also had a finger in the pie.

On Saturday night Jan. 5th, there will be a public installation of the recently chosen officers of the Blodgett Lodge, No. 221 I. O. O. F. All are cordially invited to attend.

A lady can't hardly get around in the Commercial hotel without stumbling over some of the presents received by the dining-room girls on the Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hutchinson left last Wednesday for Bird's Point where they will make their future home. George has a position in the employ of the Cotton Belt R. R.

Every available member of the Ananias club was out on the ice Jan. 1st, helping Bro. M. Adams to lay in his stock of ice for 1895. But don't mention the cool drinks just now please.

Have you saved you from a bad neighbor, and from the man who is learning to play the violin.

C. W. Hawkins attended the D. O. C. ball, at Cape Girardeau, during the holidays, but it serves him right—it serves him right.

They say it takes three generations to make a gentleman. What a prospect that opens up for some men's grandsons!

We see where an Arkansas paper advertises for a good laundry man. What a good chance for the Emperor of China as he is out of a job or nearly so.

Well, suppose you got over New Years all right, didn't you? Unless you had subscribed for the Newsboy you made a bad start. Bet a quarter you did subscribe. There now, one of our resolves was to stop betting after Jan. 1st. You did, anyhow.

We were in a town last spring and a committee struck us for a small contribution to help decorate the soldier's graves. We declined on the ground that the men whose graves we most ardently desired to see hadn't yet died and gone to the land of the Potemah. PENSIVOS.

—Winter put in a late appearance but came with a rush during the holidays. The wood pile is now climbing up the golden stairs, and the wheat is under a pretty white blanket.

—Try a bottle of Sackman's Chill Cure.

—No Christmas tree in Benton this year. We have not quite recovered from the fire and, but for a limited stock of toys at Ristig's, Christmas goods were not on the home market.

—Try a bottle of Sackman's Blood Purifier.

FROM COMMERCE.

A happy New Year to you, 1895. You have come all clad in white, and may you be a harbinger of peace. Farewell old '94; we will never see you more, and the holidays are o'er.

The Christmas tree at the church, for the Sunday school children, and the entertainment at the schoolhouse the night following, were brilliant affairs.

During the holidays some of our lads who have been attending school came home. Harry DeWint, from Bryant & Stratton's Business College, St. Louis; Cove Moore, from Franklin College, Tennessee; D. Fullenwider, from Marmaduke College, Sweet Springs, Mo. The latter seems to be a semi-military school in which foot-ball is one of the outside studies.

We can only mention a few of the young folks who visited here during the holidays. From Benton came the Misses Eva Arnold, Mabel Hunter and Daisy Leedy, John Goodin, Lee Leftwich, Chas. Bonnofer, Wm. Allen and Sam Butler. E. G. Rhelwing was here from Charleston, and Grady Darby, from Sikeston. Some one asked whom Grady came to see. We could not answer the question but referred the inquirer to the Book of Esther. Beech Stubblefield and Miss Shumate came over from Oran. Sam Allison was also here, presumably trying to locate an express package.

Norval, Wade and Miss Fannie Anderson, Fred Coffman and Miss Jessie Ireland attended the ball of the Daughters of the Confederacy at Cape Girardeau.

But the big event of the season was the Walker-Newsboy ball, which nearly depopulated our town, so far as dancers were concerned. There were not enough left to make up a set. When Jim and Phil give another dance they should have it on some other night than Saturday, or else set the clock back about four hours.

The big river is very low and full of ice, and the whistle of the steamboat is no longer heard. Now we can appreciate the new railroad, and should be pleased to hear from the Newsboy's Peavine post. When we get the line through to Sikeston (and there is an actual necessity for uniting Sikeston with Commerce, family relationship, both present and prospective demand that the road should be built) then everything will be more satisfactory.

We are not in politics, but the country is on the eve of a change in banking and finance, and all we need is a Napoleon of finance who can give us all the money we want without having to work to hard for it.

VERTAS.

To Our Subscribers.

It is our custom to stop all papers as soon as the subscriptions expire. Many subscriptions expired on the first of the year. Quite a number have renewed, while as many have not. Since we were absent during the holidays and were delayed in notifying those whose time expired, we send them a copy of this issue free of charge, but unless they renew, they will not receive another. We do not force the Newsboy upon anyone. We ask cash in advance and guarantee to give you full value for your money, or money refunded.

FROM KELSEO.

Louis Robert, who has been attending school in St. Louis, came home to spend Christmas.

Miss Josephine Calaher, who teaches in the Diebold district, spent the holidays at her home in Cape Girardeau.

Our merchants did a good business last week.

Mrs. Adam Heisserer, who has been very sick with typhoid fever, is recovering.

Three of Chas. Logel's children are down with typhoid fever.

Miss Hester Surrall came home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Jos. Shelby, of Charleston, visited Mrs. Delia James recently.

Arthur McFerron came home to spend Christmas.

FROM SIKESTON.

The school at this place closed during the holidays and the teachers were visiting. Prof. Lutes went to Lutesville, Miss Bledie Coleman to visit her parents at Essex and Miss Katie Hillison to Hibbard to visit her aunt.

The Christmas trees at the Opera hall and Baptist church were well trimmed and full of presents and a large crowd was at both places.

The entertainment given at the Opera hall by the Ladies' Aid Society on Christmas night was in every respect a grand success. The actors and actresses acquitted themselves with great credit. Willie Sikos, a boy of six winters appeared on the stage for his first time and recited what most every child has heard at the dinner table when the preacher was present. "Take a Tater and Wait." He so enthused the spectators over the funny way in which he delivered his recitation, that he was called to recite the second time. The proceeds, \$25.00, are for the church.

Misses Mamie and Esther Beardley, of Commerce, and Miss Mattie Seaford, Lizzie Cannon and Myrtle Harris and little Claud Lambert, of Benton, all visited in Sikeston during the holidays.

Misses Lillie Lenax and Grace Shumate, of Hardin College, Mexico, spent their X-mas at home in Sikeston.

Misses Mollie Sikos, Sadie Emory, Nora Joyce, Fannie and Blanch Crow are spending the holidays with parents and friends and will return to Serey, Ark., where they resume their studies in school.

Mothers, C. D. Matthews, Jr., Jas. Stallard and Luther Winchester are home from school.

Mr. Harvey Moore, of Price's Landing, visited his uncle, R. G. Appleberry, last week.

Miss Daisy Randal, of Dudley, spent Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. Robt. Randal, who was very sick.

Misses Gibson and Stephens, of this place, are visiting in Morley this week.

Hon. N. A. Mosley, of Dexter, Congressman-elect of this district, was in town on business Christmas eve, and dined at the Bachelor hall. Call again "Dolly" the hall is open.

Two men of this town are selling the Standard Kitchen Cabinet and have worked several men of this county for several thousand.

The men are going to disband Sikeston and enroll in the army of Kitchen Cabinet Workers. Wait about six months, we hope these men will have enough money left to get home on.

This big snow reminds us very much of X-mas times and this being New Year, and settling time is close at hand, the men are hard to find.

Frank Specht, of St. Louis, came down Sunday to visit his brother, Theodore, and take a good hunt. As a result, he will surprise some of the sports of St. Louis by taking home a deer this week.

Messrs. Kirk and Ingram killed three deer this week.

Mr. Louis Klein, of Berne, visited Sikeston a few days last week, and in company with Messrs. Richard Phillips, Wm. Smith and Chas. McMullin attended the masque ball at New Madrid, on Dec. 27, 1894, and report a grand good time. ALFO.

What a Blessing is a Paper.

Very frequently we receive letters of inquiry from parties who are looking for a place to locate, and they invariably request that a copy of the paper be sent them. Why is this? Because people at a distance judge a county or community by the sort of newspaper they have. A newspaper is looked upon as a sort of looking-glass, reflecting its surroundings, and indicating the state of civilization, industry and progress of the community in which it is published. What a blessing then to have a good, live, progressive paper in your county that reflects credit upon it. The great trouble is that those who are most benefited by a local paper appreciate it least. The Newsboy has done more to bring Scott county into note than all other agencies combined.

FROM ORAN.

The usual drums and sore heads so common in Oran during the holidays were no more numerous this Christmas than at former times. One or two fights were all we heard of.

We wish the readers of the Newsboy a happy and prosperous year. The last issue of the Newsboy was away ahead of any paper published in the county. The Blodgett correspondent's letter made me laugh until I cried. Hope he has his "shado" on correctly by this time and if his harp is not in cord he will call on me as I am a wonderful success as a tuner of harps.

A new merchant has charge of the "Friend store-room" and has moved his family into the Frank Gangel house.

Uncle Alex Wright gave a dinner Tuesday which was enjoyed by a host of his friends.

Miss Grace Shumate and her brother, Walter, of Sikeston, spent the holidays with friends and relatives in our city.

Hal Moore spent the holidays with his brother, Charley, near this place. The Christmas tree at the Baptist church was largely attended notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The Methodist church was the scene of Old Santa's visit Tuesday night of last week.

"Bruc, the posthouse girl," was excellently rendered at the Wheeler warehouse last Thursday night by our home talent for the benefit of the Oran Brass Band. All in attendance report a good time.

The young ladies and gentlemen of Oran were tendered a social Friday night at the residence of Dr. W. B. Howie, in honor of their son, Eric.

A select party of young people waltzed away a few pleasant hours at the home of Miss Carrie Forrester on Saturday night last.

A social gathering at the home of Miss Oda Allyn to watch the old year out and witness the advent of the New Year was largely enjoyed by the following persons: Misses Stella Query, Jimmie and Georgia Nichols, Lillie Martha, Hattie Allmon, Lora and Carrie Forrester, Bessie, Ernest and L. P. Howie, Robt. Query, Leifer Dyer, Sam Allison, Edna Allyn and Dr. Joe Wright.

Presided at 11:50 the young men in company with their best girls were stationed at the different public halls of the town and at the stroke of twelve rang in the New Year.

The net proceeds from the show, "Bruc, the posthouse girl," were about \$12—the expenses footing up about \$18. A \$30 house the coldest night of the season was as much as could be expected. Five stoves were insufficient to keep the room warm. Those who witnessed the performance claim that the play was a success.

Mrs. Thompson and granddaughter, Miss Lillie Martin, of Charleston, spent the holidays with your scribe and family.

Miss Mollie Beatty spent the holidays in St. Louis. USO.

Did You Swear OR.

How many of the pledges taken last Tuesday have already been broken? A good way to swear off is to say nothing about it and just quit getting drunk. However, the New Year's reforms have never been known to close a brewery or shut a distillery. The fashion of making a long list of New Year's resolutions seems to be dying out with a lot of other old-time customs. The people are finding out that for a man to resolve to be better than any man can be, only has the effect of making him discouraged and worse.

The Missouri Legislature.

For the first time in a quarter of a century a Republican legislature is in session at Jefferson City. It was called to order by Secretary of State Lesueur, at high noon, last Wednesday. Dr. A. C. Pettifohn, of Linn county, was selected temporary speaker, and indications are that Benjamin F. Russell, of Crawford county, will be elected speaker. The Democrats will not be in it this session.

New Year's Eve at Oran.

The ball at Ashley's Hall, and the supper at the Commercial Hotel, at Oran, on New Year's eve, were well attended. The crowd gathered early and proceeded to dance the old year out and the new year in. Among the visitors present were Dr. Wade and Miss Lillie Proffitt, Dr. Butler and Miss Alma McMullin, Sam Butler and Miss Francis Steck, Emil Steck and Miss Edie Seifert, and Phil A. Hafter and Mrs. Maud Donovan, all of Benton, and Wade Anderson, Miss Fannie Anderson and Miss Jessie Ireland, of Commerce. Mr. Ashley promises to have a masquerade ball in his hall on February 14th, with an orchestra from Cairo to furnish the music.

To Old to Be News.

Our Blodgett correspondent furnished us with glowing accounts of the weddings that took place just prior to the holidays—mention of which appeared in our last issue—but we consider it rather old news to give an account of weddings that were "way down" last year. However our correspondent at must have been snowed up to high "C," and we regret that such an effort must drop out of sight. Judging from the way he describes the bride in one of the weddings, he must have a thorough knowledge of everything it is possible for a woman to wear.

Miss Eva's Reception.

Miss Eva Arnold gave a reception the evening before her departure for Washington City, which was a very pleasant affair. The house was filled early and from 7:30 till 11 o'clock the gay crowd of young folks were well entertained by Miss Eva and her mother.

Luncheon was served at ten, and after another hour of merry making, all expressed regret at losing Miss Eva for the winter and were universal in wishing her as pleasant a reception at Washington as she had given her friends at her Benton home.

WOMAN'S GOSSIP.

—Read the Newsboy. You will find it interesting reading—every line of it. No family can afford to be without it, and children cry for it. It is a household necessity and is the only paper ever published in Scott county that the people have a right to feel proud of. It is a credit to the county. Everybody admires it.

—The State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo., is having a prosperous year, and about 250 young people have already enrolled for this session. A large increase in attendance is expected after the holidays. The third term will begin January 22nd, 1895. Tuition is free and other expenses are light. For catalogue address: W. D. VANTIERE, PRS.

—M. J. Haw, brother to Mrs. J. L. Moore, was married at Caledonia, Thursday last week, to Miss Nellie McSpadden, of that place. Prof. Goodin attended the wedding and reports it a very pleasant event. J. L. Moore and wife also attended.

—O. C. Burton and Miss Sophie Spaulding, Sam Butler and Miss Maud Donovan and Dr. Butler and Miss Addie Wylie dined with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Fornes last Sunday. They went out in a sleigh and report having a royal time.

—Try a bottle of Sackman's Blood Purifier. It will give new life and vigor to those having bad blood.

—Ye Olds Folkes' Concert, at Commerce, Christmas night, was a pronounced success, financially and otherwise. Benton sent over a contingent of fourteen, and all reported having had a real treat.

—The Christmas ball at Blodgett was, like all Blodgett's social occasions, a highly enjoyable affair. The attendance was just such as to make the dance thoroughly enjoyable to those present.

—First-class timothy hay for sale by Miller & Proffitt, Benton, Mo.

—Miss Lillie and Mrs. Chas. Proffitt spent part of the holidays in Cape Girardeau, and were present at the D. O. C. ball.

—Mrs. Lucinda Inscore died at the home of her son, W. H. Inscore, in the Hickory Grove neighborhood, on the 27th ult., aged seventy-six years. She was born in Tennessee in 1818.

—Hon. Marshall Arnold spent the holidays at home. He returned to Washington for the balance of the session on Wednesday, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Eva.

—Benton has acquired two new citizens this week—Thos. F. Hinkle, our new recorder, and Cal. Gupton who, with his family, occupies the dwelling department of the jail.

—Our young folks surprised Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McPheters on Friday evening of last week. Needless to say that they were royally entertained and had a jolly time.

—F. Wigdor, a merchant who has recently been doing business at Sikeston, has located in Oran and has a neat stock of general merchandise in the Friend building.

—Judge Evans was in Benton Tuesday. He has patented a rein-holder to keep the reins from getting under a horse's tail. The invention is a good one.

—Lee Leftwich, Will Allen and Miss Daisy Leedy were home for the Christmas holidays—all looking well. They did not miss any of the fun afoot.

—Miss Alma McMullin, one of Dexter's charming daughters, was the guest of her old schoolmate, Miss Francis Steck, during the holidays.

—There is surprisingly little gossip considering the opportunities the women have had during the holidays to get together and abuse the men.

—Wishing your friends a Happy New Year amounts to nothing unless you try at every opportunity, to help make it one for them.

—What has become of our New Hamburg correspondent? All have put in an appearance but him. Has he sworn off?

—The business card of Burkhardt & Dodge, lumber dealers at Commerce, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

—T. N. Myers, Jr., of Richwoods, dropped into the Newsboy office last Monday just long enough to "spin a few."

—Quite a crowd of young people came out from Commerce sleighing, Thursday evening, with cow bells on.

—B. A. (Bill) Berry, Mike Heisserer and the New boys spent more or less of last week in St. Louis.

—G. H. Wilson of Cape Girardeau, was in Benton Thursday. He is representing the Buckeye people.

—Miss Corinne Arnold, of Cape Girardeau, spent several days with her uncle, Hon. Marsh Arnold.

—Born, to the wife of Joe Compas on the 23d ult., a fine girl, tapping the scales at 12 1/2 pounds.

—W. H. Heisserer and Mori Wade were on the sick list last week, but are again buttered side up.

—Louis Hunter and Clarence Harris, of Morley, were among our visitors during the holidays.

—Ab Wright and wife, and Squire Royal, of Blodgett, were noticed on our streets Monday.

—Marsh Adams, John Peal and Andy Ward, of Blodgett, were in town Thursday.

—Collector White has been under the weather with some sort of rheumatic affection.

—Judge Albrecht came to Benton in search of Santa Claus last week.

—Hon. Albert De Reign, left for Jefferson City last Saturday.

—Geo. Everhard and wife, of Charleston, came up last week.

—Sam Butler, brother to Dr. Butler, spent the holidays here.

—The January thaw has set in. Look out for bad roads.

—J. M. Sanders, of Commerce, was in Benton Thursday.

—Emil Steck visited relatives in Jackson last week.

—Rabbit hunting is now in order. The quail season is over.