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When Money is Scarce

It is foolish to buy worthless presents for the holidays. Something substantial will be appreciated by everybody. Therefore, if you desire to make an acceptable

Christmas Present!

Buy something that will be appreciated.

Go to **F. WIGDOR,**

At Oran, where you can have your choice of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Furnishings, Notions, etc., at the very

Lowest Price!

In these times the price is a very important item, and I sell for cash only and can afford to sell cheap. My goods are fresh and seasonable and it will pay you to call and see.

F. WIGDOR,

ORAN, MO.

LABOR IN THE CITIES.

The Editor's Interview With a Knight of Labor.

Wednesday a poorly clad, but intelligent looking man entered the Newsboy office and asked, "Where is the old Scotchman that used to work here?"

He was informed that Mr. Hood was now at Hillsboro.

"You don't seem to know me; I am a brick-layer and helped to build this office."

Looking at him again we remembered the man. He came here three years ago, well dressed and of fine appearance. He is a fine mechanic, steady and sober. On this trip he still had a clean, intelligent face, but his clothes were very seedy.

Realizing that he had before him a real laborer and a member of the brick-layer's union the editor asked, "How did the labor vote go in the last election?"

"Well, if the election had been two months sooner, I believe the labor vote would have won for silver, but there was a powerful influence brought to bear and many votes were changed in the last two months. Naturally, the labor people favor silver."

"Well," replied the editor, "if the election had been two months sooner, the bosses would have exerted this 'powerful influence' sooner and the result would have been the same, wouldn't it?"

"I don't know. The silver sentiment was very strong among us. I was working at a place with a plasterer who was a strong silver man. One day he said to me, 'I am going to Canton Sunday, I was surprised. I knew the man had been complaining to me about being hard up and wondered where he was to get the money. He went to Canton and returned a gold man. One day I asked him what his trip to Canton cost him. His reply was, 'Not a d-n cent.'"

"Strange that men will allow themselves to be worked in such a way," interrupted the editor.

The trouble is, continued the man, "the laborers of the city have no time to read. They are always pushed to meet their rents and other expenses, their hours are long, and when they have a little spare time they look around for the butcher that will give them a soup bone with the most meat on it."

Then the man went on to tell about protection to labor in the east. He said, "I was doing some work for the File Works at Sing Sing, New York during the campaign of 1888. The men were working at low wages, but were told that if Harrison was elected things would change for the better. After Harrison's election the men waited on the boss and asked an increase of ten per cent. The boss got angry and told them that Harrison could do no good, but that if they got the protection they desired, then they would raise wages. When the McKinley bill passed the duty on files was put way up beyond expectations and the laborers again made their demand. There are only four or five file factories in the United States. This time the bosses met the laborers, agreed on terms, had a big banquet, went home and every file factory closed down. The laborers then had no employment at all. Some went to work in sowers, others on the streets, and so on, until at the end of four months, when the works started up again, all were in debt and were glad to go to work at a reduction of ten per cent."

"Last year I was at Pittsburg and could find no work at brick-laying so I concluded to try for something else. I went to the Black Diamond Steel Works and there I found a tall board fence surrounding the works. I went to the big entrance and there stood a man with a big club. Over the entrance was a sign 'no admittance.' I went to the office to apply for work but was snubbed. The only thing left for me to do was to find a board fence on the fence, stick my head through and ask some of the men where their boss was. I succeeded in finding the opening and found great droves of men at work—but none of them could understand what I wanted. There was not one in fifty that could understand English. They were principally Hungarians and Poles and were working at wages that no white man could live at—about ninety cents per day. It is the same at the Carnegie works at Homestead. There they have whole

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

The Boston grocery store, at the Cape, will tempt your appetite if you see their show windows loaded down with the finest fruits, nuts and candies ever in Cape Girardeau. Large and well assorted stock to select from. Quality of goods, A. No. 1, AND PRICES SO LOW as will surprise you. They will please you and save you money. Corner Main street and Broadway, opposite the postoffice. "THE BOSTON."

A party, whose name we were unable to learn, but who spoke a strong Spanish accent, was here last week, enquiring whether any old Spanish grants were located somewhere in the hills. Upon being informed "Don't know," we learned that heirs to vast tracts of land in Southeast Missouri were investigating the titles and will bring claimants to the court.

If you want clothing that is the newest, and nobliest—clothing that will give character and prestige—we have them in the new patterns, plaids and Scotch weaves. When at the Cape call in to see us.

FROM ORAN.

From this time, we read stories about the intelligence of dogs, which must be read with a grain of allowance—but here is a dog story that is not a fish story. East Tuesday Joe Gieseler's horse, which was hitched to a cart, became frightened, and ran off. Joe Stuenrauch's dog took in the situation, started after the runaway, caught the lines that were dragging on the ground, and succeeded in stopping the horse. Rev. Koob, as well as several others, witnessed the whole occurrence.

Along about this time in the year we hear a great deal about Santa Claus. To see the Christmas trix at the Silver Dollar Store, Oran, one would think that Santa was close about.

The Oran Literary Society organized last Friday, with a full list of officers. The question for debate, next Friday night is, Resolved, that the United States should recognize the freedom of Cuba. It is a deep subject and we expect an interesting meeting. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Peter LeGrand, died at his residence, 3 miles north of Oran, Sunday morning, Dec. 13th and was buried in the Catholic cemetery, Monday at 10 o'clock.

Miss Mary Bingo, died Monday, Dec. 13th at the residence of Mrs. Dennis, 2 1/2 miles north of Oran.

The plasterers have commenced work plastering the school house. Some of our merchants have got Christmas goods. We think they are for sale. But why don't they let the public know it?

J. F. Ashby started to Wayne county today to buy a bill of lumber, for a residence that he is going to have built.

John Dirnberger shipped two car loads of as fine yellow poplar as you scribe ever saw.

Geo. Hunt, who has been at J. M. Moran's, with a broken leg, was able to be removed to his home at Bird's Island, Thursday.

Peter Dirnberger has engaged Charles Kreysig to improve his front yard.

FROM BLODGETT.

Santa Claus is coming loaded down with confidence.

Mrs. D. C. Adams visited Morley friends Sunday.

The box supper given by the ladies aid society Saturday night, was quite a success.

Miss Louisa Harris, of Morley, came down to the box supper Saturday night, and remained the guest of Miss Pearl Peal.

J. H. Stubbs sold out his mercantile interests in Springdale, Ark., and has moved back to Blodgett and will again make this his home.

Rev. Ed. S. Tetley is our preacher now. He preached two very able sermons Sunday.

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HERE AND THERE.

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A friend sent in quite an appropriate obituary, last week, on the death of Charles Logel, who died on the 13th inst. from the effects of a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted while out hunting, but owing to our advertisers taking up so much of our space it was unavoidably crowded out. Mr. Logel had many friends and his untimely death was a severe blow to his family and the community.

Prof. Hicks says we are going to have the coldest winter for years. We have a big stock of overcoats—a fine all wool chinilla, \$4; all wool ulster, \$5. Blue, black and tan beavers and cures at \$7.50.

W. H. BOHNSACK, No. 1, Main street, Cape Girardeau.

Grandpa Person completed the sidewalk along his property, and we have a splendid walk to the post office. And now, perfect macadamized roads, east, west, north and south. Hamburg assumes the title of the best improved city in South-west Missouri.

John Hoffman was at the Cape Saturday.

La Grappe is very prevalent in this section.

Mrs. J. Stehr and Mrs. J. Hess, of Oran, were in our town Thursday.

FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Treat yourself to a nice Christmas present. You can buy a good suit of all wool clothes for \$7.00 at W. H. Bohnsack's, Cape Girardeau Mo. No. 1, Main street.

A. J. French and son, of Mississippi county, were threshing peas for D. H. Harper Tuesday. They have a good machine for the business.

F. Ostner and Henry Mischel shipped two car loads each of cattle and hogs Monday. Julius Mischel and Mr. Ostner went in charge.

Washington Williams lost thirteen nice hogs from cholera last week.

Our wheat, which was so badly damaged by the recent freeze, is beginning to look better.

John Bostic, who has been the guest of N. B. Cavanah for the past month, returned to his home in Illinois Sunday.

Joe Harrison, of Sandywoods passed through here on his way home from Charleston Monday.

Tramps seem to be more numerous this season than usual. Some of them offer to work for their board.

The Poor at McKinley's Home.

CANTON, Ohio, December 8.—The following is taken from the report of Mrs. Josiah Hartzell, President of the Board of Charities:

"In almost every case investigated the explanation is want of employment. Industrious, honest men, willing to accept any situation or work at any wages, unable to find employment of any kind; women who in past years, were able to keep the wolf from their door by their weekly wages, are vainly hunting for work, and only too thankful for one day's washing or scrubbing each week.

"These poor people are daily growing poorer and approaching more nearly the condition of the pauper class of old England. Their bedding is worn out, for when have they a dollar to spare for blankets? Their table linen has long since disappeared, and the comfortable fireside and home with its fragrant meals are like a memory only."

A Premium to Advertisers.

The Weekly Post-Dispatch.

You will find the Weekly Post-Dispatch indispensable during the year 1897. The year 1897 is going to be brimful of interest. The incoming of the McKinley Administration, with a new Congress, elected upon a gold platform, means legislation of a kind that will vitally interest every newspaper reader in the country, and especially in the West and South. Special attention will be paid in the Weekly Post-Dispatch to this news of a national character, and it will be discussed editorially from the point of view of the West and South as contrasted with that of the East.

The campaign for free silver will go on in 1897, and nothing can do so much to help along the campaign of education as a newspaper like the Weekly Post-Dispatch. This is shown in the fact that in Missouri and in every other locality where the Post-Dispatch has a large circulation, the gains of Democracy and free silver were of a sweeping character.

The Post-Dispatch deserves the support of all free silver democrats because of the great fight it made in the recent campaign for Democratic principles and Democratic ticket. Hence the free silver men everywhere should rally to its support by sending in their subscription and inducing others to subscribe.

Only 50 cents a year.

Full of Business.

The other night a Morley politician got on the outside of a little too much tangle-foot and on his way home met what seemed to him to be an apparition which he approached thusly:

"H-o-o, who's you?"
"Mark Hanna."
"My name is Mark Hanna, sir."
"Well, by g-d, shake. Shake, old boy, (his eye done 'em didn't we? Shake, (his) eye chance ter git er (his) pos' offus?"

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At the recent meeting at Dexter the Southeast Missouri Press Association concluded to stimulate advertising. It was decided that the business man who is the best advertiser in any paper within the Association shall be rewarded by having a fine portrait of himself, printed in all the papers of the Association.

The contest will be decided at the May meeting in Charleston, and the time specified is from now until then. To get this much notoriety, it seems that some of our Scott county merchants might wake up and spend a nickel occasionally.

JUST A MOMENT

Of your time, and we will interest you in what we have to **Sell!** That's Plain. You will have to see the nice selections to fully appreciate the desirable goods we offer to

Christmas Buyers.

Diamond Rings, - \$150.00 to \$10.00.	DIAMONDS!	DIAMONDS!
Opal Rings, - 35.00 to 4.00.	We show you our diamonds before they are set, and put them in any setting wanted.	
Solid Gold Brooches, 10.00 to 4.00.	Opere Glasses, Gold Chains and Charms, Solid Silver Spoons, Pearl Handle Knives and Forks, etc., etc.	
Solid Gold Watches, 80.00 to 25.00.		
Gold Filled Watches, 35.00 to 12.00.		
Solid Gold Thimble, 5.00.		
Solid Silver Thimble, .25 to 1.50.		

Diamond Rings from \$10.00 to \$150.00. Our goods are all guaranteed. It will be worth your while to see our stock. We want your trade. Don't put off buying Christmas goods. A nice selection at

Chenue's Jewelry Store, 31, Main St., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Do Not Be Mistaken.

Just because the Benton Drug Store is the only business house that sees fit to advertise, we do not want the readers of the Newsboy to be led to the belief that the drug store is the only business house in town.

We have a blacksmith shop, a wagon-maker shop, a barber shop, a shoe shop, two doctor's shops, a saloon, a restaurant, a livery barn, several law offices, hotels, and a few men who buy eggs, butter and other produce and also handle some groceries and other merchandise. It is believed that their rail stock will soon arrive, and we have little doubt but that they will make these facts known through the newspapers.

They are very economical, however, and owing to the closeness of their places may consider newspaper advertising too expensive and may resort to the pot and brush and adorn their places of business with such attractive signs as "SALT FERAIL," "KOFFY 3 p. m. U.S. 100," "Moose Deer Beans And p. m. 100," "Asks At Cost."

It Sounded like Home.

A Blodgett housewife, whose husband was in the habit of staying out late, concluded to work a scheme on her husband. Saturday night he was out unusually late, and when he reached the front gate he was unable to locate the latch. After staring himself up and down the fence for a time the wife appeared at the door with a gun, fired a shot in the air and at the same time cried out: "Leave here, you tramp."

"Zis no tramp, dear, (hic) zis me."
"Zie? who's me? You'd better move on. What business have you here this time of night disturbing a lonely widow?"
"Widder? widder? (hic) where'n 'ell do I come in?"
"You don't come in. You just move on.—firing another shot."
"Shay, don't I b long here?" asked the man pleadingly.
"No, sir, you don't belong here."
"Well, shounds mighty like home," and he made for the warehouse and dozed off.

No arrest.

FROM COMMERCE.

Thursday night of last week two men, supposed to be the parties who burglarized Benton on the night before, stole Wm. Canham's skiff and rowed down Cat Island chute until they came in contact with the government fence across the chute. Not being able to get through they made for Big Island and tanned the skiff adrift—hiding the oars. Then they entered the residence of Albert Ancel, ransacked his pockets and obtained about two dollars. They also took a drawer from the dresser to the yard, but not finding anything desirable, carried it back and entered the room where Mr. Ancel's father slept, went through his pockets and obtained twenty cents and a pocket knife. They stole what oars Ancel had and went further down the island to Josh Kirby's, but Mr. Kirby was up and they went back to the river and stole Mr. Kirby's skiff. By this time Mr. Ancel discovered that he and his seal had separated and he tracked the oars to Mr. Kirby's, from thence to the river and could hear them rowing in the distance. Mr. Ancel came to town, secured the services of our constable and went after them. They found the skiff, but the men had landed on the Illinois shore and turned the boat lose near Buffalo Island.

The Misses Zona and Roberta Beagle of Cherokee, who have been visiting Miss Bertie Moore for the past two weeks, departed for their home, Tuesday, which departure was regretted very much by those who knew them.

The remains of Mrs. Lucie Taylor, aged about eighty-five years, were brought here from New Orleans for burial last Monday. She was the mother of W. F. Taylor and Mrs. J. W. Lindsay, of Mississippi county.

Mrs. J. H. Crowder departed Tuesday for Hot Springs, Ark., where she will join Mr. Crowder. From there they will visit his mother in Texas.

Ed. Wheeler, one of Uncle Sams Stewards on the Gov. fleet is spending a few days with the boys here this week.

Capt. John Daily took his ferry boat to Mound City Monday to do the work there for the Sickman ferry company.

The Misses Lela Rowe and May Marshall were the guests of Mrs. Arthur Gaither the first of the week.

Close hangers has some good material to send to Cuba, but how are we to spare them?

Jack Stone, who cut his leg sometime ago with a saw, is very low and not expected to live.

Miss Jennie Canham came home Tuesday from St. Louis, where she has been visiting.

The young folks enjoyed a nice party at Arthur Gaither's Monday night.

The young folks are going to have an entertainment X-mas for the benefit of the church.

T. B. Sewell has bought the two story residence of Joseph Burkhardt, and is thinking of occupying it in the spring.

W. B. Anderson of St. Louis, spent the first of the week here.

Murray Campbell Norval and Wade Anderson spent Sunday in Cape Girardeau.

A Bargain for Somebody.

James F. Evans offers the following property for sale, all in the town of Blodgett. A first-class two-story store house on corner, opposite depot—now renting for \$22 per month.

Also a drug store building adjoining. His six-room dwelling, with cellar, bathroom and modern conveniences and four lots.

A small farm of 22 acres adjoining town, with good barn and well improved. Also lots 10 and 11, in block 4, with good dwelling; lot 12, in block 4, has good house; lot 15, block 3, has good house.

One money safe, one write, one horse buggy and harness, one wagon. Cash or time payments.

Will sell cheap. Apply to J. B. Gannon.

Great Bargain for Everybody.

One great bargain for everybody. Apply to W. B. Gannon.

NEW STORE! NEW GOODS! At Cost!

For a Limited time, in order to introduce a New and Elegant Line of CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES UNDERWEAR, LADIES' HATS, at CHICAGO STORE, Main and Broadway, CAPE GIRARDEAU.

H. A. LEHER, DEALER IN COOKING, HEATING and PARLOR STOVES, AND MANUFACTURER OF Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Ware.

ROOFING AND CUTTING A SPECIALTY. Repairing Neatly Executed. 611, Harmony St., Cape Girardeau, Mo.

LET ME Think! Viewed From Every Standpoint, And Carefully considered on all side, the question of where one shall buy drugs and get prescriptions filled will be very easily decided after the first visit to DR. J. H. KREADY, DRUGGIST, SIKESTON, MO. Here the purest drugs are sold at reasonable prices. Caution and skill are exercised in the prescription department

FOR SALE! My entire Stock of Merchandise AT COST! Also my store building and other property At a Bargain. Want to retire from Business. B. J. Tenkhoff, -:- Commerce.

In the Nation, In the State, In the County, THE NEWSBOY Will always be found with the COMMON PEOPLE. All we ask is the Support of THE COMMON PEOPLE.