

WINTER BEGINS IN EARNEST

IN A FEW DAYS, SO SAYS
THE WEATHER MAN.

We have yet a complete line of sizes in
Suits
AND
Overcoats.
As well as a full stock of
BOOTS.

Leather or Felts and HIGH CUT SHOES for men.

Your supplies are bought right
and are right if you trade at the

NEW
STOCK
WALK
OVERS.



CUT
PRICES
ON SHIRTS
AND
Underwear.

DON'T MISS THE AMERICAN.

Our prominent fellow-citizen J. P. Edwards, orders THE TIMES changed to El Paso, Texas, where he and his estimable wife are spending the winter.

Rev. Hicks, the weather prophet, predicts plenty of bad weather for this month, and whether he hits or misses it, the wise person will make provision.

M. J. Martin and wife, nee Miss Mary Walker, of Webb City, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Hemstreet. Mr. Martin complimented THE TIMES with a pleasant call.

From M. W. Thompson, we learn that Chas. West, of Foster, had two of his best horses to die last week. The cause is unknown. One of them went violently mad a short time before it died.

S. E. Jones, a substantial farmer and influential citizen, living west of Butler, favored us pleasantly on Saturday. In spite of the drouth this summer he bought forty acres more of land, for which he paid \$30 per acre.

Our old friend Jasper Bowman, formerly of the Virginia neighborhood, now of Roper, Kansas, sends us remittance for renewal, together with kind expressions for THE TIMES for which he has our thanks.

The Nevada Mail reports the death in that city Friday night of Rev. E. S. White, aged 77 years. He had lived in the county 65 years and spent 40 years of his life in the ministry of the Southern Methodist church.

Robt. Hill, aged 81 years, 10 months and 25 days old, died at his home in Lamar Saturday. He was an old seaman in his younger days and made regular trips from New York to Liverpool, England.

The Rich Hill Review reports the death in that city on Dec. 28th of Philip Yehle, who died from obstruction of the bowels. Also on the 29th the death of Wesley Arrowsmith, whose death was due to consumption.

North Main street was lively for an hour or so on the afternoon of Christmas day, and when the dust cleared away, there were a number of peeled heads and bloody noses. It was a free for all go and chairs and pokers were flying in the air.

Miss Mary Wix, pretty little daughter of Judge and Mrs. Clark Wix, entertained a large number of her young friends and schoolmates on Christmas night. A jolly good time was had and delicious refreshments were served.

Don't forget the grab sale at Frank Bernhard's jewelry store. The grab ticket will cost you 25 cents and may draw a gold watch or diamond ring. There will be no blanks, every ticket draws a prize which will be worth not less than 25c. Read his advertisement for particulars.

A large number of their young friends gave Master Bob Allen and his visiting cousin, Miss Hazel Sherwood, of Neosho, a joyful surprise on last Saturday evening with a storm party, at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen. It goes without saying they had a romping good time.

A small barn in the rear of S. W. Dooley's residence on North Main street was partially burned Saturday night. The barn contained a lot of wood and coal. It is not known how the fire originated. The barn was in close proximity to Mr. Dooley's residence and to the prompt arrival of the fire company the credit is due to saving the family residence.

We commend this paragraph taken from the Nevada Mail to the careful consideration of the business men of Butler: "Make up your mind to be a more extensive advertiser through the coming New Year. The business man who adds thought and vim to his efforts in advertising will profit by it. It pays to push your business. Don't hide your light under a bushel. Get out and hustle for what trade there is in sight, and then to attract trade from a greater distance."

J. G. Cantrell complimented us pleasantly and renewed. He came to Bates county when quite young from away down south in Georgia, where, it is claimed, they grow only democrats and alligators, and they certainly grew a good democrat in Cantrell, for he begun working for the success of the party before he was old enough to vote and has kept it up every since. He made a very creditable race for Recorder the last time and informs us that he will be in the race again.

Mrs. W. T. Cole is suffering severely from an attack of erysipelas in the face.

The thanks of THE TIMES is due the Rich Hill Bank for a pocket map of the state of Missouri.

J. E. Williams, chairman, and W. R. Bell, secretary, of the Bates county Democratic Central committee, attended the Democratic meeting in St. Louis Monday.

Estes Smith was in the city on Monday and favored us pleasantly. Estes is one of the best known democrats in the county. The road is never too long or the weather too bad when his party needs him. He is one of the most affable gentlemen imaginable.

Jas. K. Crawford, a pioneer citizen of Henry county, died suddenly at his home, three miles southwest of Montrose. He had been to Clinton making Christmas purchases and returning home, took suddenly sick during the night and died in a few hours.

M. A. and J. R. Carroll, of Lone Oak, favored us with a pleasant call on Saturday, the former renewing for his paper. The Carroll boys are among the most energetic, trustworthy citizens of Bates county and THE TIMES is proud to claim them among its best friends.

The editor of THE TIMES was substantially remembered on Christmas by his friends J. A. Trader, of Kansas City; Hon. H. H. Hohenschild, of Rolla; H. R. Smith, of St. Louis; Bengsch & Mabbott, J. E. Williams and A. C. Edrington, of Butler, all of whom will accept our thanks.

Prof. Ives, superintendent of the public schools of Adrian, in company with John F. Herrell, complimented our sanctum on Thursday and the former had his dates set ahead. The professor is serving his fourth year as superintendent at Adrian, where the people regard him very highly.

Wesley Denton came down from Kansas City, where he is holding a responsible position with the A. J. Gillespie Commission company and spent Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Denton. He gave THE TIMES a pleasant call Saturday, and we were glad to learn he was doing well and enjoying good health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Owen celebrated the 22nd anniversary of their happy and prosperous married life, with a fine turkey dinner on Christmas day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walton, Major and Mrs. F. H. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen. THE TIMES thinks this most estimable couple of the salt of the earth and wishes them all the blessings of this life.

Miss Nellie Walker, the accomplished daughter of James G. Walker, was unanimously elected by the school board as teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Hedrick. The compliment was more pronounced because she was not an applicant, but was attending the Normal at Warrensburg at the time. We feel like congratulating the board on its choice.

Hon. George B. Ellis, secretary of the state board of agriculture at Columbia, made us a pleasant call on Friday. He had been spending Christmas with his old neighbors and friends in Deep Water and Hudson townships. Mr. Ellis is one of the strong men of the democratic party in the state. He is making a splendid secretary to the state board of agriculture, and his admirable reports are being favorably commented on throughout the state.

Our old friend Joe Smith and his estimable wife, of Walnut township, were in the city on Thursday and complimented our sanctum. Uncle Joe likes to complain of growing old, and when compared to his good looking young wife he does appear ancient. He is enjoying good health aside from an affection of the eyes, and was in town that day to consult an oculist. They are early settlers of Bates county and most estimable citizens.

C. G. Hunt, of Hudson, made us a pleasant call on Thursday and had his name enrolled for THE TIMES. He came to Butler to hear Judge DeArmond's address on the Philippines, having spent eighteen months in those islands. He weighed 200 pounds when he landed there and 118 when he left. He says it is no place for a white man. He is a son of Dr. Hunt, of Warrensburg, formerly county treasurer of Johnson county. He came to Bates county about a year ago and bought a farm in Hudson, on which he has opened out a fine coal bank.

Bargains —AT— McKibbens.

One lot of
54 inch Dress Goods
were \$1 a yard, for 75 cents.

One lot of
Checked Suitings
were 50 cents, for 39 cents.

One lot of
Cloaks
at one-half price.

One lot of
Men's Underwear
were \$1.00, now 75 cents.

One lot of
Underskirts
at less than cost.

One lot of
Ladies' Fleeced Hose
Regular price 35 cents for 25 cents.

One lot of
Carpet Samples
suitable for rugs, we are selling to make room for spring samples.

One lot of
27 inch Percale
for 5 cents a yard.

One lot of
Duck Coats
were \$1.50, for 98 cents.

We are showing a large line of
Blankets
at very low prices.

Come and see us for

Good Goods at Lowest Prices.
McKIBBENS.

WE THANK THE PEOPLE OF BATES
and adjoining counties for their very liberal patronage during the past year
WISHING ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Joe Meyer, The Clothier.

M. L. Smith writes from Ligonier, Ind.: "Please send me THE TIMES. I am here where susage and buckwheat cakes are ripe, and I want some good democratic news to digest them."

On the second Sunday in January, 1902, we will begin revival services at the M. E. Church, South, to which everybody is most cordially invited. We solicit the prayers and help of all christian people living in Butler and surrounding community.
THOS. C. PECKETT, Pastor.

Our old friend and esteemed fellow citizen Charles R. Radford never forgets us on the first of the year. He is as prompt as death and taxes. He is one of our wealthiest citizens and has a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Our esteemed farmer friend and good patron James Robinson favored us with a pleasant call and renewal, as has been his custom for many years. He is one of our most substantial farmers, and like the Village Smithy, he can look the whole world in the face for he owes not any man.

Miss Mertie Cox and Grant Moudy, prominent young people of Adrian, were married on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jane Cox. Elder W. M. Roe performed the ceremony. The bride is a niece of Mrs. A. B. Owen.

A BAD ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Vest Seriously Hurt in a Runaway.

From Dr. T. W. Foster, of this city, we learn that Mrs. W. A. Vest, residing near Ballard, was thrown from her buggy Saturday evening and seriously if not fatally injured. Her son who was with her and, driving the team, escaped with slight injuries.

The accident was caused by the neck yoke breaking and letting the tongue drop to the ground. This scared the horses and they became unmanageable and ran away.

After running some distance the occupants were thrown from the buggy. Mrs. Vest fell out over the dash board, head first, and struck the frozen ground with such force as to crush her breast and break several ribs. She was also internally injured, but to what extent Dr. Foster was not able to say, except that he considered her case very serious.

Mrs. Vest is quite an aged lady and her many friends will learn with deepest regret of the accident which has befallen her.

We will publish the address to the democrats of Missouri adopted by the convention of democratic county chairmen and secretaries held in St. Louis on Monday, next week.

TIMES' Telephone No. 37.

Look after the poor.

Good resolves are in order now.

Prepare for bad weather with an extra supply of wood and coal.

See the gold watch that is included in the grab sale.—Frank Bernhardt. 9-3t

The boys expect to turn on the electric lights either to-night or to-morrow night.

Call at store and see the special prizes for the grab sale.—Frank Bernhardt. 9-3t

Our esteemed lady friend Mary E. Robinson favored us with a renewal of her subscription.

Cy Walker, traveling for a St. Louis wholesale establishment, came home to spend the holidays with his family.

Don't forget to see that beautiful diamond ring that goes in the grab sale.—Frank Bernhardt. 9-3t

We were complimented by a pleasant call from T. A. Crabtree, who had his paper changed from Culver to Spruce.

Our old friend G. W. Moles, favored us pleasantly and had his paper changed from Altona to Adrian. Mr. Moles is a representative farmer of Bates county.

R. D. Radford, another sterling democratic farmer of Deep Water township, dropped in to see us while in the city Monday.

Will J. Hirni, of the F. & M. bank at Rich Hill, and Miss Hyde of the Papinville neighborhood, were married on Christmas day.

A. L. Pipes and J. M. Moore, two sterling democratic farmers of Shawnee, complimented us pleasantly while in the city on Tuesday.

We were complimented by a very pleasant call from two of New Home township's young democratic farmers, E. L. Thomas and W. A. Woods, on Tuesday.

THE TIMES is sorry to learn there is no improvement for the better in the condition of Mrs. W. C. Walden, who has been quite seriously sick for several weeks with lung trouble.

We are in receipt of remittance for renewal from Harriet L. Harvey, of Oakesdale, Wash. She says they look for THE TIMES as a letter from home.

C. A. Webb, a popular young gentleman of Summit, favored us pleasantly on Friday and had his name enrolled on our books.

Lewis Webb, assistant cashier in a wholesale establishment in St. Joseph, spent the holidays with the family of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Webb, east of Butler.

Dell Welton will hand out the mail at the Butler postoffice four years longer. The office could not be filled by a more accommodating man, and Dell has our best wishes.

It was a sad, sad Christmas to Mrs. R. Clark of Adrian. From scarlet fever she buried two of her children in the past two weeks. Both were boys, one two, and the other six years of age.

Miss Jonnie Shutt handsomely entertained a large number of her young friends at the commodious home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. E. Shutt, on Christmas evening, with an elegant reception.

R. A. Jones made us a pleasant call and renewed for Mrs. A. E. McKeuna, living south of Butler, widow of the late C. McKenna, who was an honorable, upright citizen, held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

Mary Turner, a negro woman at Keytaville, Mo., was foully murdered Friday night by Ras Butler, colored, her paramour. The woman had a baby only three weeks old, and at the time of the murder was sitting in a chair sewing.

John Rossen and Lee Culver have secured the contract for plastering the new court house, and will begin when the weather permits. They are excellent plasterers and the county will be the gainer by reason of their having secured the job.

The Fidelity Mutual Aid Association of San Francisco, California, remembered their agent, Ezra Tuttle, of this city, with a draft for \$25 as a Christmas present. Ezra is so proud of the gift he is almost persuaded to become a candidate for the senate.