

INTERESTING LOCAL PICK-UPS QUICKLY TOLD.

Merry Christmas, all! Laakman's for drugs. Groceries at Klein's. Maple sugar at Hoy's. All kinds of candy at Hoy's. Tetley's for Christmas presents. Fresh fruits and nuts of all kinds at Mason's Bakery.

Heber Nations is home from Minnith for the holidays.

The barbers' union last week reduced prices to the old scale.

Shelled pecans, almonds and English walnuts at Mason's Bakery.

The Ely-Walker Shirt factory at Cape Girardeau has closed down.

Billy Pipkin is home from Westminster College to spend the holidays.

Miss Bessie Cover is visiting Miss Robison in Columbia during the holidays.

John Niedert and Dave Moore of Cape Girardeau are home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Tucker of Kansas City are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tucker.

Mr. Samuel Painter of Bismarck was a visitor at THE TIMES office Tuesday and left good cheer.

Mrs. E. A. McKay returned to her home in Knox City, Mo., last Tuesday after a short visit at home.

Have your can filled with National Light Oil. Best oil on the market. Sold by Hoy Grocer Co.

Emmett Asbury left last Tuesday for Knox City to spend this week with his sister, Mrs. E. A. McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butterfield and son Curtis have gone to Arkansas, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Wm. Horton of Bismarck was in town last Friday and made THE TIMES feel better for his cheerful call.

St. Gem Ebert has come from Princeton, N. J., and will spend the holiday season with his cousins, the Roziers.

Wesley Douthit, who is porter on a Pullman on the Missouri Pacific route, was in town for a few days visiting his parents.

Mr. A. L. Cunningham of Route No. 4 was in town Monday bearing his eighty years with health and good cheer.

Frank Highley, Linn Bariden, Ed Swink, Forster Cole, A. J. Murphy and Lee Mitchell are home from Jackson to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Harrison of East St. Louis have been spending the holidays with the former's brother, Dr. J. F. Harrison, Superintendent of State Hospital No. 4.

Will Vance of Mexico was here for a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Samuel Vance. He went to Kansas City to visit his uncle, and returned to Mexico Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Revelle of Lutesville are the guests of the family of their son, Mr. Chas. G. Revelle. Mr. Revelle's brother, J. A. Revelle, was also down from St. Louis to spend the holidays.

Theodore Forster of El Paso, Texas, is at home to spend the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Jennie T. Forster. He has spent the last few months at Douglas, Arizona, superintending the building of a large hotel at that place.

There were lots of people in town Saturday, Monday and Tuesday buying Christmas goods and toys for the children. There was little sign of hard times, the Christmas spirit and season of giving overshadowing them. There may be hard times ahead of us, but it is just as well to cross the bridge after we get to it.

Last Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22nd, were the shortest days of the year, the two days being of equal length, or practically so. Then the days began imperceptibly to lengthen, but in such a small degree that it will be several weeks before much difference in the length of daylight will be observed.

On account of the illness of the pastor, Judge G. O. Nations will occupy the pulpit of the Christian Church next Sunday and will preach at 11:00 a. m. on "The Divine Love," and at 7:30 p. m. on "Perfect Liberty." We are pleased to announce that Elder Owens is much better, and it is hoped will be able to be about within the next week.

The entertainment at Elmwood Seminary last Thursday night was a decided success both in its entertainment features and the philanthropic spirit. All kinds of people brought gifts to Santa Claus, who was represented by Van Cloud in fine style, from little Brownies, fairies, breakfast food people, the people from Spottless town and Red Cross nurses. The little play was full of pretty music and the children entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

Superintendent Clay of the Christian Sunday school announced last Sunday morning that in addition to the exercises and distribution of candies, etc., to the children Christmas Eve, that donations of all kinds for the deserving needy, to be sent to Flat River, would be received. In response to this suggestion a number of boxes of second-hand clothing, of men's, women's and children's apparel, provisions and other articles were received. These were sent to Mrs. Griffin who, with other ladies of the Christian church at Flat River, will see that they are properly distributed.

What's the trouble that the Board of Aldermen doesn't make some arrangement with the Electric Light Plant for lighting the streets? We know there is a petition before the board asking that an election be called to submit to the voters a proposition to bond the city still further to put in a municipal lighting plant. But if that is not impracticable, and if the proposition should carry, it would be a couple of months before the election could be held, then at least a year before the bonds could be negotiated and the plant erected and put in operation. Are we to be without street lights all that time? The entering into a contract with the Electric Light Plant for a year wouldn't interfere with the holding of the election if the board should decide to call one, nor the erection of a city lighting plant if the proposition should carry, which is very doubtful.

Odd Fellows Rally.

Last Saturday night was Odd Fellows annual Roll Call and Rally Night, and St. Francois Lodge No. 48 I. O. O. F. had a most interesting meeting, after which an oyster supper was served to the members, their wives and "best girls" in the Opera House, of which more than a hundred partook. At roll call 53 answered to their names. The membership of the lodge is 134, but this lodge is one of the oldest in the State, having been instituted in 1850, and many of its members are living in other cities and States and could not be present, which accounts for the comparatively small number answering at roll call. It was an enjoyable social as well as fraternal occasion.

Christmas at No. 4.

Superintendent Harrison, Steward Tuttle and the Matron, Mrs. Grey, combined with the efficient force under them to make Christmas an enjoyable occasion to the patients of State Hospital No. 4. Christmas Eve a large Christmas tree was decorated in Entertainment Hall, and several hundred of the patients and attendants enjoyed the entertainment arranged for them, consisting of music, dancing and the distribution of presents.

Christmas day a splendid dinner was prepared for the patients. For this occasion sixty-six roasted turkeys with all the accompanying viands were spread in the spacious dining room. Dr. Harrison also extended an invitation to the officers of the institution not living at the hospital, and a splendid dinner was spread for them in the officers' dining room. It was a large undertaking, but the efficient people having in charge its details were equal to the occasion and the whole affair spoke volumes for the care and consideration of the management for those placed in their charge.

Cutting Scrape.

Clem Coffman and Mose Bridges, a negro, got into a fracas at Perringer's saloon last Tuesday afternoon, and Bridges slashed Coffman in the side with a knife. The wound was not deep nor serious. Bridges was arrested and Prosecuting Attorney Tucker has filed information against him. He has served a term in the penitentiary for cutting a young man several years ago.

Your choice of any imported horses, \$1,000; home-bred draft stallions, \$200 to \$700.—A. Latimer Wilson, Cresota, Iowa.

To Our
Ever Widening Circle of Patrons and
Friends, one and all, We Wish
A Happy, Prosperous
New Year
Klein Grocer Company

Moothart College Entertainment and Box Supper Grand Success.

On last Thursday evening the students and friends of the Moothart Business College met and spent a very pleasant and profitable evening. The entertainment feature started with a reading entitled, "How My Mother Made Mine Pies," by Van Cloud. The rendition of this was especially commendable and certainly well received by the large audience present.

The next was a typewriting contest, the contestants being Misses Olive Schraun, Rohling and McDaniel, the latter being the winner. The next was an unique exhibition of blind-fold shorthand writing, being successfully demonstrated by Misses Schraun, Rohling and Olive. This was given to prove the simplicity of our Gregg system of stenography.

Following, there was another typewriting contest by the more advanced students, the contestants being Messrs. Edward Cunningham and George Trauerlicht and Miss Pearl Shannon. Miss Shannon wrote 229 words in three minutes, winning the contest. It may be mentioned with propriety that Miss Shannon is quite young, only fourteen years of age, but is doing successfully the work in both the bookkeeping and shorthand departments.

The audience was next favored with an "old-time cyphering match" in which most of the students were contestants. The captains of the two divisions were Miss Alice Thomasson and Harry Taffe, Miss Thomasson's division winning the contest.

Following this was an "old-time spelling bee," the captains of the divisions being J. E. Gossett and Miss Nettie Denby. After a very interesting "spell," Miss Denby succeeded in spelling down her opponents. This exercise having concluded the entertainment course feature, President Moothart announced that all men present would now be given an opportunity to purchase well-filled boxes, and proceeded at once to offer them for sale at auction. After a reasonable time all of the boxes were disposed of and the purchasers with the ladies, whose names appeared in the boxes, enjoyed the viands to the fullest extent.

When the hour of 10:30 arrived it was thought time to depart to different homes and all present were specially free in expressing their appreciation of the evening's entertainment from beginning to end.

The football boys are very thankful to all who assisted them and by their

presence enabled them to pay up their financial obligations.

It is probable that President Moothart will permit the students to give some kind of unique entertainment from month to month.

Holiday Nuptials.

Dec 17, Wm. Kennedy and Miss Dresse Bigley of Bonne Terre.

18th, W. J. Hayden and Miss Viola Wilson of Bonne Terre.

18th, Adolph Hanman and Miss Emma Hartzell of Bonne Terre.

John Judy and Miss Edith Guyton of Bonne Terre.

19th, Henry Miller and Miss Ella Wilson of Bonne Terre.

19th, Herbert Gillispie and Miss Gettie Beard of Bonne Terre.

21st, William Keenan and Miss Martha Wedlock of Esther.

21st, Len Miller and Miss Nora Hill of Flat River.

21st, Jesse McClanahan and Miss Pinkey Godat of Elvins.

23d, N. C. Sebastian and Miss V. E. Heitman of Libertyville.

23d, J. S. Mead and Miss Dora Maurice of Desloge.

23d, Howard Thomas of Trinidad, Colo., and Miss Margaret Copeland of Elvins.

23d, Ernest B. Dotson and Miss Minnie E. Steinmetz of Bonne Terre.

24th, Will Harter of Flat River and Miss Bessie Wilmont of Leadwood.

24th, Wm. J. Doherty and Miss Emma Gossett of Farmington.

24th, Frank Hartman and Miss Florence Mayberry of Leadwood.

24th, Charles Mayberry and Miss Susie Hartman of Leadwood.

24th, Henry Aberle and Miss Artie Richardson of Bonne Terre.

24th, Fred Busher and Miss Maggie Barbery of Valley Mines.

26th, Clay Williams of Chester, Ill. and Miss Nina Hall of Troy, Mo.

26th, Geo. F. Holiday of Patterson and Miss Mary Yeates of Leadwood.

For Rent—The "McMullin farm," consisting of 10 acres, located in the southern suburb of Farmington. Apply to Clay, Buck & Fleming.

For Rent—A seven-room house on College Avenue, electric lights, city water, bath room and all conveniences. Apply to Miss Nettie Rudy.

Fresh pork at Hoy's.

GOOD NEWS FROM LEAD BELT

Report That the Lead Companies Will Resume Work on Practically Full Time.

We understand that the St. Joseph and Doe Run Lead Companies have disposed of the large surplus of pig lead which they had stored at Herculaneum, and that they will again begin work on full time, probably with the beginning of the New Year. This is encouraging news for the miners and business men of the Lead Belt, and removes the gloomy outlook for the winter that has been depressing them for several weeks. There is a report that the Federal Lead Company will also resume operations soon. We sincerely hope, for the sake of the companies and the thousands that are depending upon them, that they will see their way clear to carry out the proposed arrangements, which we feel sure they will do if it is possible.

Football Christmas Day.

The Moothart team defeated the Federal team Christmas morning on the Doss Field by the score of 17 to 0. Moothart had the best of the game all the way through and had little trouble winning. The Federal team was composed of old college stars, and considering their lack of practice, played a fairly consistent game. Colonel Loughridge, coach of the Jackson Military Academy, played fullback for the Federal and played a star game. He is one of the best coaches in Missouri and showed Christmas Day that he is "right there" when it comes to playing. Rig also played a good game, his kicking being one of the features of the game. Barney B. Blue played a star game for Moothart and Nation's forward passing was good. Rozer, Pipkin and Nations made the touchdowns.

An Epitaph Used by Mark Twain.

Mistaken reference is so often made to what is termed the "epitaph written by Mark Twain for his wife," that it is worth while to set the matter straight.

The epitaph referred to was not placed upon the tombstone of Mr. Clemens' wife, but upon that of his daughter, Susie. It was not original with Mark Twain, but was taken by him from a little poem written some fifteen years ago by an Australian poet named Robert Richardson. It appeared in a book of poems by Richardson, which was published in Edinburgh, in 1893, under the title of Willow and Wattle.

The verse used as the epitaph is as follows:

"Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here,
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light,
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night."

The verse has so often been referred to as being Mark Twain's own composition that he has recently had the name of the actual author of it carved upon the stone.

Shirt Factory Closed.

Cape Girardeau Democrat. The Ely-Walker shirt factory in this city has closed down and is now being packed up for removal to St. Louis. The factory was started up here a few years ago after a number of our business men chipped in and purchased the old woolen mill building, built an addition to it and gave a year's rent free of charge.

Now the factory is closed down, some 75 or 80 girls are thrown out of employment and the men who put up their money have the bag to hold.

Mr. Logan, the manager, who has charge of the factory, says the cause of the close down was brought on by the financial flurry.

The Charleston Courier makes the announcement that after January 1st no subscriber who owes one dollar or more for his paper will receive it, as a recent ruling of the P. O. Department says all subscriptions must be paid up ones. It also announces the subscription price as \$1.25.

A very large catamount was killed near Poplar Bluff on the 18th after it had been crippled by a train. It was an unusually large specimen as it weighed 35 pounds.

The Bazaar given by the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church at Jackson netted them \$400.

BIG FIRE AT LEADWOOD.

Entire Business Block Swept by the Flames—Loss Estimated at \$10,000.

An entire business block of Leadwood was destroyed by a fire which started shortly before midnight last Tuesday. The loss is estimated in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The fire was discovered in the rear of the grocery store of H. Bird. This building was the first to be destroyed. The flames spread rapidly and destroyed the general store of McMullin Bros., the residence of James Cochlin, a butcher shop, poolroom and the clothing store of A. Levy.

Prosecuting Attorney's State Association.

The Prosecuting Attorneys of several of the counties of the State met in St. Louis last Thursday and Friday and organized what they hope to become a State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. Only ten counties were represented as follows: E. F. Nelson, Sullivan county; J. D. Brooks, Oregon; Emmett Williams, Madison; Emil Rosenberg, Montgomery; B. J. Creech, Lincoln; R. C. Tucker, St. Francois; S. E. Sater, Barry; G. E. Conrad, Bollinger; D. E. Adams, Caldwell; Charles M. Hay, Callaway.

The question of confining the organization to Prosecuting Attorneys of local option counties was discussed, but Mr. Nelson declared the association should be State-wide. The following officers were elected: Earl F. Nelson, president; J. D. Brooks, vice-president; Emmett Williams, secretary; Emil Rosenberg, treasurer. Mr. Creech of Lincoln and Mr. Tucker of St. Francois were appointed as a legislative committee. Others will be added to this committee later.

The purposes of the association as set forth are "to induce a fraternal and social relation among the Prosecuting Attorneys of the State; to co-operate with one another in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the State; to prepare and recommend bills to the Legislature in relation to criminal laws, and for such other purposes as the association may deem expedient."

The following resolutions were adopted by the association: "That the Missouri Legislature be urged and requested to pass a law providing that where intoxicating liquors are being illegally stored or sold, the Prosecuting Attorney may file with the Circuit Clerk a statement of said facts, whereupon the Circuit Clerk shall issue his warrants to the sheriff of the county, commanding him to search for and seize any such intoxicating liquor, and that upon conviction of any person in whose custody said liquors are found said liquor shall be confiscated and destroyed."

"That we indorse the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Knox providing that shipments of intoxicating liquor into local option or prohibition territory shall become subject while in the original package and before delivery, to the laws of the State into which said liquor is shipped, and that we request and urge the members of Congress from Missouri to support said measure and use their influence to secure its passage."

"That the members of Congress from Missouri be requested and urged to secure legislation prohibiting the issuing of government revenue stamps for the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage in any territory where the same is prohibited by a State law."

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of Congress from Missouri."

The Fair Play says there are several cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever among the children at Ste. Genevieve but a rigid quarantine will be enforced.

Glady Abernathy a Ste. Genevieve school girl fell down the school steps on the 16th breaking her left arm at the elbow.

The people of Ste. Genevieve are already making arrangements to raise money for the entertainment of the Southeast drummers who will meet there in May, 1908.

New Year's Greeting

WE extend to our many friends and customers our sincere thanks for their very liberal patronage given us during the year just coming to a close. We shall strive harder to merit the same liberal patronage for the New Year. Wishing one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are

Very Respectfully,

FARMINGTON MERC. CO.