

Useful Christmas Gifts

Practical Christmas Gifts

Most folks are practical. At Christmas the welcome gift is the useful gift—Comfortable Slippers that fit right into one's personal life and leave pleasant thoughts of the giver each day of the year. Then there are warm comfortable Shoes, Foot-Warmers, Leggings, Overshoes, Fine Shoes for dress wear and Dainty Hosiery. All make desirable Christmas Gifts.

It will pay you to inspect our stock

KARSCH'S



\$64,000 FIRE AT FREDERICKTOWN

Last Sunday morning the Post Office at Fredericktown with all its contents was destroyed by fire, which originated in the furnace room. Virtually all the mail posted since the day previous was burned.

The building was owned by the E. H. Bess Hardware and Furniture Company, and a large stock of its goods was destroyed. The second story of the building was used for office rooms. The Cole & Kuhlman blacksmith shop adjoining also burned and the Smith building and residence near by. All the contents of these buildings were saved.

The total losses are estimated at \$47,200, as follows: E. H. Bess Hardware and Furniture Company, building and stock, \$40,000; Dr. Davis, \$500; Dr. Haley, \$500; Dr. McDavid, \$1,000; Dr. Phillips, \$1,500; I. J. Pirtle, \$300; J. W. Garner, \$200;

North American Company, \$200; Cole & Kuhlman, \$2,000, and J. K. Smith, \$2,000.

REVIVAL MEETING AT BONNE TERRE

A revival meeting was begun at the Christian Church in Bonne Terre last Thursday by Rev. J. B. Lockhart, the Southeast Missouri Evangelist of the Christian Church. On Friday night Rev. J. M. Bailey of Farmington preached, and again on Thursday night of this week. The attendance at the meetings is good, considering the inconvenient location of the church building. The membership of the Christian Church at Bonne Terre is not very strong, and an earnest effort will be made to build it up. The Bonne Terre congregation owns a church building, but has no regular pastor. The board of officers of the Farmington Christian Church last Sunday voted to work with the congregation at Bonne Terre and help it in every way possible to make itself a self-supporting organization. To this end the Farmington board of officers expressed a willingness to have their pastor, Rev. J. M. Bailey, devote one Sunday each month to the Bonne Terre congregation. It is hoped that the present meeting will meet good results, and that in due time they will be enabled to secure a more convenient location for their church building, which would insure a much better attendance at their services.

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CHARITY ASSOCIATION

The board of the Farmington Organized Charity Association met last Sunday afternoon to discuss local conditions. Its report to the County Court shows a cash balance of \$42.97 on hand. The amount of County Court contributions during the year beginning November 24, 1914, was \$310; contributions by the citizens of Farmington \$187.87, which with a balance in the treasury of \$5.49 on November 24, 1914, totals \$503.36. The total disbursements during the year were \$460.39, leaving a balance now on hand of \$42.97.

DR. LUCKEY GIVES CATTLE CLEARING PAPERS

Dr. F. E. Luckey, State Veterinarian, was here last week and inspected a car load of Hereford cattle to be shipped to a big sale of Herefords to take place soon in Tennessee. Those whose cattle he inspected for this purpose are Weimer Brothers, C. B. Denman, Will Ashburn, John Crow and Charles Westmeyer.

While in the county Dr. Luckey delivered several lectures, one to the High School in Farmington last Monday morning, also one at Bismarck and Flat River.

A. W. Wright killed a large grey eagle near Clay Root last Friday, the monarch of the air measuring 6 feet and 7 inches from tip to tip of his wings.—Kennett Democrat.

The "Times" job department is equipped to do neat book and job printing upon short notice and in the highest style of workmanship.

DOUBLE MURDER TRIAL

Judge Dearing, who was called in to try the murder case of the State against Steve George for the killing of his wife and Ferd Polite on last Labor Day, occupied the bench of the Circuit Court and called up the case Wednesday. A venire of 40 qualified jurors was secured by noon Thursday, and the attorneys given until today to complete their challenges. The taking of testimony will begin at the afternoon session of Court today.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Florence AuBuchon at the home of Mr. W. F. Lawrence in Flat River on Friday evening, November 26th. It was attended by Mr. Lawrence Coleman and his fiancée, Miss Florence AuBuchon, and the following named relatives and friends: Mr. J. E. AuBuchon and family, Mr. Otto AuBuchon and family, Mr. Walter AuBuchon, Miss Emma Coleman, Mr. Raymond Tlapke, Miss Elsa Reichert, Misses Eva and Dora Conway, Miss Kate Dempsey, Miss Irene Bloom, Miss Edna Chamberlain, Prof. Madison Combs and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Dodson, Mr. and Mrs. John Ball, Mrs. J. B. Thomure, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Detchmery and son Pascal, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Horton and son Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Dempsey, Masters George and Melvin Rhorbach, Lawrence Murray and Miss Marian Murray.

All spent an enjoyable evening at the expense of Miss AuBuchon and Mr. Coleman, who submitted pleasantly to the unexpected ordeal. They were presented with many beautiful and useful presents, among which was a solid wood rolling pin. The bride-to-be seemed to appreciate this particular gift, but there was no sign of appreciation on the part of the groom-to-be. GUEST.

Edward Sands of Pana, Ill., has a 5-year old Jersey cow that has given birth to six calves.

REV. D. W. CROW CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Crow celebrated their golden wedding at DeSoto on December 3. Rev. Wm. Crow was presiding elder of the Methodist Church for six years and made his home in Farmington during that time, where he has many friends and admirers.

Mr. Crow, who is still active at 73, is a pioneer Methodist preacher of Missouri, having been in the ministry since soon after the Civil War. Mrs. Crow is 71 and in good health. Her maiden name was Bollinger, she being a great-granddaughter of Maj. Bollinger, one of the framers of the Missouri Constitution.

Mr. Crow served for three and a half years in the Union Army during the Civil War, being a member of Company E, First Missouri Infantry. A few weeks after being mustered out he was married.

For several years he was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in 1880 he took up regular work. For 30 years he was one of the most prominent figures in Missouri Methodism, having preached in almost every church and schoolhouse in Southeast Missouri. Three different times he was pastor of the First M. E. Church at DeSoto, a total of fourteen years. He also served six years as presiding elder of the Farmington District. He also served as pastor at Bloomfield, Festus, Joplin and other important charges.

Rev. F. B. F. Criaman and Mrs. Crissman of St. Louis, friends from Granite City, Ill., and from many other places, and six of their seven children attended the reception.

GOES TO PEN FOR 198 YEARS

John Pitts in a drunken frenzy shot and killed Joe and Ed Crump at Claytown saloon in this county on the 3d of July. The shooting was from all accounts without provocation, and Pitts says he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. He was indicted on two counts for murder in the first degree. This week in Circuit Court he pleaded guilty to both counts, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 99 years on each count—totalling 198 years.

For Sale or Trade—A 4-room dwelling house, deeded property, half acre of ground situated in West Elvins. Price \$250.—See or write Justice Wm. Good.

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SUIT AGAINST ST. JOE LEAD CO. FOR TRANSFER OF STOCK

There was an important case filed on last Monday in the Circuit Court, wherein it is sought to compel the St. Joe Lead Co., by its officers, to transfer to Robert Holmes certain 30 shares of stock from one Montgomery to Robert Holmes. It seems that these 30 shares had been pledged to the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis for a loan, and that when default had been made in the payment of this loan, the Bank advertised the shares for sale and they were purchased for Mr. Holmes. When, on last Monday, his attorney, B. H. Marbury, presented them to F. H. Dearing, secretary of said company, he refused to make the transfer.

GETTING READY FOR MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

The City Council at its regular monthly meeting last Monday night appropriated \$40 and agreed to furnish the tree and lighting for a Municipal Christmas Tree, to be erected probably at the same place as the one last year, on the Court House grounds. The Council also appointed the pastors of the several churches of the city as a general committee to take charge of the enterprise, as follows: Rev. Father Morgan of the Catholic Church, Rev. H. Hallberg of the Lutheran Church, Rev. H. A. Mitchell of the Methodist Episcopal, Rev. O. H. Duggins of the M. E. South, Rev. W. H. DuRose of the Presbyterian, Rev. O. H. L. Cunningham of the Baptist, Rev. J. M. Bailey of the Christian, and Clyde Morsey to represent the city.

The General Committee met Tuesday and the following Executive Committee was appointed: J. H. Johns, Superintendent of the Public Schools; M. P. Cayce, L. H. Williams, Clyde Morsey, Henry Manley, Floyd Davis and Barry Phillips. On account of the absence of Father Morgan the member of the Executive Committee from the Catholic Church is yet to be supplied.

The Executive Committee will at once appoint sub-committees to look after the various necessary details.

Our good farmer friend and citizen, U. G. Totty, is in high spirits over his 1915 cotton crop. He had in only ten acres, but from the ten acres he got 19,820 pounds which netted him \$830.49. Out of 52 acres last year he did not come out even he says, hence his great satisfaction at present.—Portageville Missourian.

WHAT TO GIVE

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