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## ALL READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

It's not far away, the Big Day, and there are two ways in which you must be prepared for it. If you are puzzled to know just what to give Jane or Tom or Grandma, look thru our advertisers' lists—you may get exactly the idea you want. And then the spirit of the season—you absolutely must have it or Christmas is no good. Read the splendid holiday features we have taken pains to give you in this issue of the Message. It will help you to keep the Christmas in your heart.

Will H. Morris and wife and small son have returned to this county to make their home from Hill, Mont. The Message is glad to welcome their return.

The subscription of \$2,000 for the maintenance of the Hospital was completed this week.

See ordinance in the Message this week for the paving of East Jackson street.

J. T. Johnson is shipping in manure to place on his farms for fertilizer. J. T. is wise; he knows if you take from the soil you must pay back, or you'll soon have no soil.

Santa Fe hopes to get her mail from Molino soon, instead of via Paris. Paris is, indeed, too far around by Moberly. When the electric line is extended from Molino, Santa Fe will get her mail then quick every day.

How the liquor interests despise W. J. Bryan. His grape juice propaganda has caused the loss of thousands and thousands of dollars to the brewers and saloonkeepers of the country. W. J. should not have been so presumptuous; people should quit following Bryan—in habits, thinking or anything else!

We notice in a recent issue of the Havre (Mont.) Promoter an editorial headed, "The Montana Speakership." Three candidates are mentioned, and among these is a former Audrain county boy, C. F. Morris. Mr. Morris was partly reared in Wesley Chapel neighborhood, this county, and has relatives now living here. He was elected to the Montana Legislature on the Democratic ticket, and the Democrats have the majority in that State at present. The Message knows Mr. Morris to be all right, honest and capable—the Jeffersonian qualifications—and we hope to see him elected to the honor he now seeks—next in importance to the governorship of his adopted State.

## Some Views and Interviews

Pate Morris: As per Llewellyn's Government thermometer Monday morning it was two below zero. Pretty cold for the first dash of winter. I think of a very warm winter. On December 19, 1877, the frogs were hollering, just like in the spring-time. On Christmas morning following I went to Thompson Station and I remember that I saw Robert Davis sitting on the stile blocks dressed in his linen coat and wearing a straw hat. There was no ice that winter.

## BENTON CITY ITEMS

### Mrs. Culver's Death—Ab Harrison Shipping in Corn

Benton City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Levi Watts is in St. Louis serving on the Federal Grand Jury. Mrs. Jno. Sharp has returned home from Kansas.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave their annual oyster supper and bazaar Saturday and Saturday night. Despite the inclemency of the weather a neat sum was realized.

F. E. Okey and son, Bayrd, returned Saturday night from Columbia where they painted and papered a new residence for Miss Beulah Wright.

Misses Grace Toll and Agnes Fravis of Wellsville were guests of Miss Hazel Hildebrand Sunday between trains.

Geo. Parsons was in Centralia Saturday. Ab. Harrison shipped in a load of corn latter part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawley of Panora, Iowa, attended the funeral of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Culver, here Saturday. Parson Bros. shipped out a load of hogs Thursday night. A rook party will be given by the young people here next Saturday evening.

Pearl (Hawley) Culver was

born in Guthrie county, Iowa, April 29, 1873. She was the oldest daughter of Frank and Clara Hawley. She was married to William L. Culver, Dec. 25, 1898. Three children were born to this union: Harold L., age 15; Ivy E., age 5, who preceded the mother to her Eternal Home the 23rd of last March; Fontella L., age 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Culver made her start in Christian life at the age of 16 in Panora, Iowa, where she remained a consistent member of the church until coming to Missouri in March, 1904, where, in 1906, she united with the New Hope Christian church and remained a faithful worker until death.

She departed this life December 10, 1914, aged 41 years, seven months and eleven days.

Besides a husband and two children she leaves father, mother, three sisters and two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and ever ready to lend a helping hand in time of need, scattering sunshine wherever she went.

The funeral was held at the Christian church in this city Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 o'clock, conducted by Eld. W. A. Dameron. The community extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.



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## Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, stove, doll hat, candy, oranges, nuts, bananas, china cup and saucer, and oblige your friend, Frances Massey.

Mexico, Mo., Dear Old Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 4 years old. I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear, doll, suit case, a doll with golden hair and a gold locket for little sister and some bananas, candy, oranges, and I guess that is all. Your friend, Zella Massey, 121 E. Pleasant St.

Thompson, Mo. Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 4 years old. I am a good little girl. Please bring me a big doll that goes to sleep when it lies down, and a little stove, some dishes, some blocks, picture book, candy, oranges, nuts and bananas. Please don't forget my little brother, Charley. Good bye. From your little girl, Zola Beal Moss Thornton. P. S. Please don't forget my grandma. She lives in the country, RFD 3.

Lebanon, Mo., Dec. 10, 1914. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl four years old. I live in the Ozarks. I have four sisters and one brother. For Christmas I want you to bring me a doll and some dominoes, a little doll cart, some candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. I have a little baby sister and I want you to bring her a little doll that will squeak, and I'll bet she'll laugh; also a little Teddy bear and a rattle, a rubber ball and some candy, oranges and bananas, and don't forget my sisters and brother and mamma and papa. Your friend, Zulema Atkins.

Mexico, Mo. Dear Santa Claus:—I am 10 years old. I want a big sleeping doll, a nice set of flower vases and some candy, nuts and oranges. Your little friend, Gladys Lucile Atkins.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little boy 9 years old. For Christmas I want you to bring me a foot-ball, Jewsharp, some candy, oranges and bananas. Your friend Estell Foster.

### EAST END NOTES

Rev. Burch at Farber—Farmers' Co-operative Unions.

Vandalia, Mo., Dec. 15.—Fine weather and everybody getting ready for the holidays. The Methodist quarterly meeting was held in Farber Monday. Mrs. Arthur Sobolewski and little daughter, Irma, of Vandalia are visiting her father, J. T. Jerman

and family this week.

Mrs. R. M. Shannon has been the guest of her son, Hon. E. A. Shannon and wife, of Mexico, recently. Wm. Jeffries, C. B. Moore and W. S. Barbee each suffered considerable loss last week from dogs killing their sheep.

Rev. A. E. Burch, evangelist, began a revival meeting at Farber Monday night. All the churches of the town will unite

## Ready for Business

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# I. M. GREER

Nearly everybody lost their butchered hog meat.

M. T. Vandegrift: Mexico has been full of tramps for two weeks. Most of them are strong and healthy looking fellows. Many of them are worthy in a way. I wish we had in this country the German system of dealing with the labor question. Every fellow over there has to work. If he hasn't a job the government finds him one and he has to take it. No tramps in Germany.

W. Clyde Johnson: Among the rural schools I visited last week were Bear Slough, Molino, Stauffer, Rising Sun and Jackson. At

Bear Slough Miss Vea Smith has but nine pupils, but she is doing a fine work. All the schools mentioned are wide-awake. I greatly enjoyed the visit and getting acquainted with the good people and discussing with them the questions in which they showed themselves so vitally interested.

R. S. Mechlin: I have one of those horseless carriages, but an auto in the mud is no pleasure to me, and mud is what we've had in recent weeks. Mrs. Mechlin and I spent a little time last summer at Townville, Penn. They have good permanent roads back there for you.

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in the work and conduct a union meeting.

The Farmers' Co-operative Union meets regularly each alternate week at Pleasant Plains school house with G. B. Moore, president, and Roy Waters, secretary. The Hickory Grove Union has also gotten together for the winter months.

Rev. Luke Kirtley filled his regular appointment at Pleasant Plains Baptist church Saturday and Sunday. Most all the farmers are taking the advantage of this cold weather to get their butchering done. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barney left last week for an extended visit with relatives in Texas.

### THE BOOKSELLERS' YEAR.

This should be the booksellers' year in holiday trading. Everything favors the book trade and its associated lines. Everybody is practicing personal conservation of resources and there is going to be more advance consideration than in previous years of the annual question, "What Shall I Give?" The decision of the average giver will be against expensive articles. What is there so eminently fitting as books? There are books that will appeal in a peculiarly personal way to any particular individual, and the very fact that a book is the article selected for a person can be depended upon to create especial pleasure and satisfaction in the mind of the recipient, who will consider it a compliment to his appreciation and culture.

Sallee, the Bookman, on the East side of the Square has books to suit all ages and tastes and will be glad to give you the benefit of his 45 years' experience in the book business in making your selection.

### PUBLIC SALE

John Burgess will have a public sale of personal property on the E. B. Crooks farm, half mile of Worcester, on Thursday, Dec. 31. 83 head of live stock—horses, mules, cattle, hogs, and farm implements. Terms, 12 months, 8 per cent. interest. Dinner on the ground. Don't forget the date.

Old papers for sale at Message office.

Major Owen of this city, who is very old, is critically ill.