

AN UNWARRANTED MAIL.

It is tantalizing that while every year since it was first proposed to set aside some portion of Minnesota's unsettled area for a forest reserve the national government has created such reserves on a large scale in other states, the friends of forestry in Minnesota must beg and plead, perhaps in vain, for the setting aside of just a small fragment of the timbered area around Leech, Cass, and Winnibigoshish lakes for a similar purpose.

Let the interior department officials and others seek to disguise the fact as they may, the sole reason of the difficulties thrown in the way of the proposed park is the utterly selfish greed of a few lumbermen.—Pioneer Press. Have not the people endorsed every supporter of the lumber trust by sending him back to congress with increased majority? It is the states where the people are a little independent politically where the commercial sharks are compelled to make some concessions. Any benefit, outside of a few public buildings and other plunder for which the individual members may swap votes with others, is an act of grace pure and simple. And that the dispensers of trust favors are not charitably inclined, the Press will prove. Suppose Minnesota forestry is destroyed? The lumber trust knows that when election comes around the people who support the Pioneer Press will be only too glad to lick its hand. Such walls from such a source are as unbecoming as they are unwarranted.



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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Wm. and Anton Westberg are home from Graceville.

Dr. E. S. Frost is home from his Eastern trip.

Miss Eleanor Nielsen is spending the holidays in the cities.

A. C. Stansberry left last Friday on a business trip to Aitkin county.

H. L. Ward has returned from the coast to remain over the holidays.

Miss Stasia Haley is home from Morris to spend the holidays.

Harry Thomas is home from the West to remain over the holidays.

E. C. Wellin went to Sioux City yesterday for a brief visit.

Bird Island people are talking of a \$10,000 hotel for their town.

Miss Barbara Remley is spending her holiday vacation at Moorhead.

Adolph Hong is home from the state of Oregon visiting with his folks.

Frank Stansberry has taken a position as salesman at the store of A. M. Alden.

E. L. Gale came down from Benson to spend Christmas with Willmar relatives.

Miss Anna Swenson returned last Friday from a visit with relatives in South Dakota.

Ernest Sperry is down from Sauk Rapids to spend the holidays at his home here.

Miss Blanche Crawford has been assisting at J. B. Boyd & Co's during the holiday rush.

E. O. Anderson of Park River, N. Dak., is here on a visit with his brother, A. M. Anderson.

Miss Bauer, of the Lincoln school, is spending the holidays with her sister at Arlington.

A new piano house has been opened on Benson avenue by Messrs. A. L. and O. A. Nelson.

Miss Walker, of the public schools, has gone to Pipestone to remain during the holidays.

Supt. Firk is among the instructors in attendance at the Educational meeting held this week in St. Paul.

Brakeman Chas. Hardy is taking a lay-off on account of a sore thumb which he had "pinched" lately.

Prof. George Hanson, of the Willmar Seminary, is enjoying his vacation with Renville relatives.

Miss Hilda Dehl has returned to her home in Minneapolis, after a visit here at the home of G. O. Sand.

The members of the Degree of Honor lodge were entertained last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ella H. Mantor.

Since Beaver Falls lost the county seat of Renville county business got so slack that the postmaster has resigned.

Two of the old settlers of Swift county, Ole F. Bronschie, of Swenoda, and Jorgen Boe, of Westbank, died last week.

Miss Martha Campbell and Miss Louise Fancher left on Tuesday for St. Paul to attend the annual meeting of the state educational association.

The cantata which was to have been given by the pupils of the public schools has been indefinitely postponed.

Miss Wilhelmina Goudy left on Saturday morning for Iowa and Miss Isabelle Chase for Minneapolis, where they will spend the holidays.

The old Presbyterian church building is being moved onto lots in the east part of the village. It has been purchased by J. S. Robbins, who will remodel it into a residence.

The Carleton College students from Willmar—Misses Amy Hanscom and Florence Porter and Mr. Geo. Tyler, Jr., are home for their Christmas vacation.

O. J. Rollevson closed his fall term of school near Hawick last Friday. Mr. Rollevson is at present enjoying the holiday vacation in Willmar with his family.

The University students are all home to spend the joyous Christmas season. The Willmar students are Misses Hannah Johnson, Mabel Rodlan, Jessie Spicer, Joseph, a Jenness, and Messrs. Amy Nelson, Hans Johnson, Edward, and Wm. Frost.

Hon. Carl Wallace, the newspaper man of Minneapolis, has charge of Bob Evans' senatorial campaign. Mr. Wallace is a son-in-law of J. M. Spicer of Willmar.

FOR RENT: My farm on section six, Town of Dovre, consisting of 280 acres; consideration \$300 per year.

AMANDA HOGLUND, Willmar, Minn.

Nels Holmquist and family are enjoying a visit from G. Holmquist of Hallock, who is a student of the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter. The gentleman is a nephew of Mr. Holmquist.

The Spicer Land Company in a letter to Mayor Scholz of Raymond states that the company has concluded to make provision for a public park in a plat to be surveyed near that village in the spring.

Mrs. F. Van Houten and daughter Grace arrived last Saturday from Fargo, N. Dak., to remain through the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. Johnson. Mr. Van Houten joined them today.

Lewis Bond of Webster City, Iowa, is here on a visit at the home of his brother-in-law, Samuel Garver. Mr. Bond was a former resident of Green Lake, and is well known among the early settlers.

Our correspondent in town of Fahln failed to mention last week that a bouncing baby boy arrived at the home of Frank Hansson Monday that week. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Andrew Lindquist and Lars Tornquist have formed a partnership and rented the Rice Woodyard and sawing up near the Methodist church.

They have already got in a stock of wood and are running full blast. They will sell wood and also cut and haul for people who ship in their wood from other points.

Eiler's Big Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. will give a superb spectacular production of this famous play on Saturday evening, Dec. 29, at the Willmar opera house. The company has 30 people and travels in its own palace cars. Special scenery and all the requirements for a first-class production of the play are carried.

A case which has been pending for some time has finally been settled. Wigdal & Nelson, the old wood firm, dissolved partnership April 19, 1899, when Nelson went to the Pacific coast. No settlement of the business was then made. Nelson returned not long ago to Willmar. At a conference last Friday night at the office of Nelson's lawyer the matter was finally settled by Wigdal paying Nelson a certain sum of money, Wigdal assuming all bills receivable and payable. The settlement of the affairs was conducted by Attorney Castberg.

Having disposed of my business I wish to sell my Real Estate at bargain prices.

50x150, with residence, on Litchfield Ave., next west of Catholic church. A FINE RESIDENCE LOCATION.

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25x150, with flat house, on Pacific avenue, between 7th and 8th streets. AN EASY RENTER AT \$17.

These must be sold at once, and the first reasonable offer takes any or all.

W. D. WIGGINS.

OBITUARY.

The sad intelligence reached here today that Mrs. John B. Nygaard of the town of Dovre died at 10:30 o'clock last night. She gave birth to a child in the afternoon, and about an hour after she began sinking. All efforts to rally her proved fruitless, and she passed away into the greater hereafter.

The funeral will take place at Eagle Lake church next Saturday, at one o'clock p. m. Rev. Gynild will perform the burial rites. Mrs. Ellen Nygaard was born in the town of Irving thirty-three years ago. In 1891 she was united in marriage to Mr. John B. Nygaard. She leaves to mourn her death a grief-stricken husband and six little children, the oldest only eight years of age; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Irving; two brothers, Rev. Nelson, Moose Lake and Mr. P. B. Nelson of Paynesville, and two sisters, Mrs. Borshlim and Mrs. Nettie Nelson both of Irving. This was indeed a sad Christmas for the family, and they have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

Marion Elvira Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Nelson of Hawick, died December 10, aged 6 years, 11 months, and 26 days. She had been sick for some months but the parents had their hopes raised by seeing her to some extent on the way to recovery. The change for the worse came suddenly and she passed away.

The funeral took place from the church at Hawick, Saturday, Dec. 22. Rev. Drysdale officiating. Mr. Wm. S. Johnson and a choir of girls from the New London church conducted the musical part of the services.

The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement, and live in the sure hope of the resurrection.

JOKES FROM LAST YEAR'S STOCKINGS

Consideration.

"Christmas is when people show how much they think of one another, isn't it?" said Mrs. Blykins.

"It is," answered her husband, with his characteristic glance of gloom. "It's when all the husbands begin to wear rag-time socks and smoke cigars because they love the giver."—Washington Star.

The Worm Turned.

Mrs. Cobwigger—While it's true that women wear men's neckties, you surely couldn't expect me to appear in public in such a monstrosity as this. Where in the world did you ever get such a thing?—Cobwigger—My dear, that's the one you bought for me last Christmas.—Judge.

The Every-Day Girl.

She goes to church, but not a sacred thing comes to her mind—indeed, her thoughts are shocking. For while the choristers their carols sing. She thinks what was in her Christmas stocking.—Judge.

A Precaution.

"Why are you laying in such a big stock of neckties?" "I don't want my wife to have any excuse for buying me one for a Christmas gift."—N. Y. Truth.

Appearances Against It.

Bobby—Ma says Santa Claus will visit us tonight. Edith—I don't believe it! Ma would't be going round in that old dress if she expected any visitors!—Puck.

Patet Familias.

Some call old Santa Claus a myth. And think his power has waned here; But, as for me, I can assert, Each year I find his reign dear.—Puck.

Canning.

Jimmie—But your stockin's have holes in them. Johnnie—Sh! I'm goin' ter put a basket beneath 'em.—N. Y. Journal.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.

There are some children know too much; To tell the truth, I pity such. I pity them indeed, because They don't believe in Santa Claus.—Brooklyn Life.

SUITABLE HOLIDAY REQUEST.

"Say, Mistah Johnson, will you lend me one of your stockin's fo' Christmas?"—N. Y. World.

Merely a Suggestion.

He told her that for friendship's sake A Christmas gift he'd like to make. She murmured—eyes upon her shoe—"A nice engagement ring would do."—Chicago Record.



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KIPLING TALKS TEMPERANCE.

English Author Finds a Lesson in the Experience of the Soldiers in South Africa.

Rudyard Kipling has come out as a strong advocate of temperance. Writing on the subject he says:

"So far as I could see in South Africa, it did not matter what sort of spirits a man fancied, because there was not the least danger of his getting more than was good for him. On the other hand, men who could do without liquor, who did not fancy they needed to flood their inside every two or three hours, got on better than the men who, through mere physical incontinence and carelessness, were constantly sucking their water bottles."

"In this, as in all things, the man who is temperate, in the full sense of the word, survives."

A novel saloon trust scheme is being started here by temperance reformers, headed by Earl Gray. Under it every new license granted by the authorities will be acquired. The profits from the saloons beyond four per cent. will be applied to objects of public utility.

The London county council had to purchase 60 saloon licenses in buying property to cut a new thoroughfare from Holborn to the Strand, and the saloon trust proposes to acquire these to begin with.

Lord Roberts' testimony to the value of temperance has caused the foundation of the "Bobs league," a new temperance organization which is to be inaugurated by entertaining "Bobs" on his return at a public banquet without an intoxicating drink.

A COMPARISON OF LEMONS.

Examination by Chemists of California and Sicily Fruit Greatly Favors the Former Fruit.

The New York Journal of Commerce prints the following: Reports giving the comparative citric acid test by Stillwell and Gladding, chemists to the New York produce exchange, of selections of California and Sicily lemons, have attracted much attention in green fruit circles. The comparisons were as follows: Ninety-one and one-half California lemons would yield one United States gallon of juice.

One hundred and twenty-eight and one-half Mediterranean lemons would yield one United States gallon of juice.

The specific gravity of the juice in each was 1.041. Three hundred California lemons would yield 450 ounces avoirdupois juice, containing 26.64 ounces avoirdupois crystal, citric acid.

Three hundred Mediterranean lemons would yield 325 ounces avoirdupois juice, containing 19.70 ounces avoirdupois crystal, citric acid.

The criticism of the fruit importers was chiefly that the date selected for the test was a most unfair one, in that it compared Mediterranean fruit which was among the first of the season and which had not matured with California fruit at its best stage. It is expected that the Fruit Importers' union will take the matter up in the near future and will probably have an independent test made.

The Silent Premier. James Dunsmuir, of Victoria, B. C., the new premier of British Columbia, threatens to be known as "The Silent Premier." He has been a member of the provincial legislature for two years, and in that time his voice has never been heard in debate on the floor of the house.

Characteristics of Gould. A New York spirit medium has been interviewed by Jay Gould. Jay's reply was sent collect, says the Chicago Times-Herald, which leads some people to believe it is genuine.

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MISTLETOE MAGIC

By Frank B. Welch.

UNDER the mistletoe branch at play In years long gone, on a Christmas day, A lad and lassie, with stolen kisses, Imbibed the sweets of ecstatic bliss.

Later in life, when the years had flown, And youth and maiden had wiser grown, Again they met on a Christmas day, But not as children, in careless way.

Mistletoe hung in the chandelier, Mischievous eyes were in hiding near. Watching the lassies who danced about— And kisses were captured with laugh and shout.

Into the frolic a baby strayed, Toddling about, not at all afraid. And, as it happened, the tiny tot Paused right upon the mistletoe spot.

Forth to the rescue a maiden came, Seizing the wee one, a kiss to claim. And for a moment she lingered there Holding the babe to her cheek so fair.

Then to her side with a bound there came A laughing youth with his fair name. On her lips an eager kiss he pressed And maid and babe with his arms caressed.

'Twas lad and lass of the bygone day, Who long had loved in a bashful way. And there was renewed their childhood's truth With looks that spoke from the hearts of both.

PRINTS NOVEL OBITUARIES. New Woodstock (N. J.) Gazette Presents a New and Rather Irreverent Feature.

A unique paper is the New Woodstock Gazette. It is published once a month, and Dr. A. D. Smith is its editor. The specialty of the paper is death notices. Whether the doctor, who edits them, naturally specializes in that direction, or whether the obituary department in journalism is the only one not already over-specialized, is not explained. Here are two of the mortuary records from the last number of the Gazette:

"Mrs. Polly Conkling Marshall took her medicine like a lady, and without a murmur took the 'bus' and alighted at the station where each one will find his or her place.

"Stafford Warner—'Staff,' as everybody has called him for more than 50 years, and possibly 75—has laid down his armor, which was an ax and hoe, and made a plunge. Whether he has stayed under or come to the surface of the Ark river no one has dared to inquire. 'Staff' was a man of a good many streaks, and many of them were good. One thing is certain, his dead body lies no lower than a Lincoln or a Gladstone."

PREFER AMERICAN BEEF. Trade of the Nation Booms the Price and English Beef May Be Sold for American Article.

An extraordinary reversal of the usual conditions appears in the English beef market and it is likely that English beef will soon be palmed off as American. Hitherto the opposite has always been the case. But by clever manipulation the American salesman have obtained control of the market, and American beef costs as much as English beef. Hence the likelihood of substitutions. Commenting on the situation an English paper says:

"The American salesman now make prices almost what they like. In the English trade there was no organization to oppose them. The farmers have been in the hands of the butchers, who steadily led them into the arms of the jobbers. The only active opposition the Americans had to meet Jay's prejudice of the consumer. It has taken many years to beat that prejudice."

It is reported that a New York woman who had copied the recent horse show at Waterville wore a costume made of the skins of unborn lambs. We guess New York might learn a few things, says the Chicago Times-Herald, if she could come back and get into New York's well set for a little while.

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