

G. & A. INS. CO. HAS BIG YEAR

The Oldest Farmers' Mutual Companies 29th Year With Good Increase of Business.

The report of the annual meeting of the Acton and Genessee Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, one of the very first farmer companies organized in the State of Minnesota, appears in the last issue of the Republican Press of Atwater. F. C. Peterson was re-elected treasurer for the company for a term of three years. The assessment levied for the ensuing year was 15 cents for each \$100 of insurance. The company now has 1,471 policies in force, carrying an insurance of \$3,259,100, a gain of 62 policies, carrying over \$250,000, during the past year. Losses paid during the year amounted to \$5,801.94 and the company has the handsome balance in the bank of \$19,147.40 which enables it to pay the losses incurred very promptly. This large amount of business was attended to during the past year at the low cost of \$775.90 which includes all expenses incurred. The efficient secretary of this co-operative enterprise, that has proven so successful, is the old veteran, John G. Porter, of Genessee township.

LOCAL BREVITIES

One dozen Elkjer's Sepia portraits makes a dozen Xmas presents. Miss Hattie Carlson was the guest of Mrs. C. L. Howe in Maynard over Sunday.

Mrs. Akers of Atwater was the guest of Mrs. W. M. Chase a couple of days last week.

Miss Grace Eldred came up from Dassel Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. A. C. Larson.

The ads these days show that merchants are determined not to carry Christmas stocks over.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Hanson and son Lyle went to Sioux Falls Friday for a few days visit with friends.

Have your Xmas portraits made at the studio where prize-winning portraits are made. At Elkjer's, 42f

Miss Barbara Williams went to Minneapolis Thursday for a visit with Mrs. A. E. Duncan. She will also be the guest of Miss Allene Sherwood at Carleton college, Northfield, before returning home.

A store's advertising is an un-failing test of the store. The thermometer does not more surely record degrees of heat and cold than the store ad. records the degrees of enterprise and enthusiasm in store management.

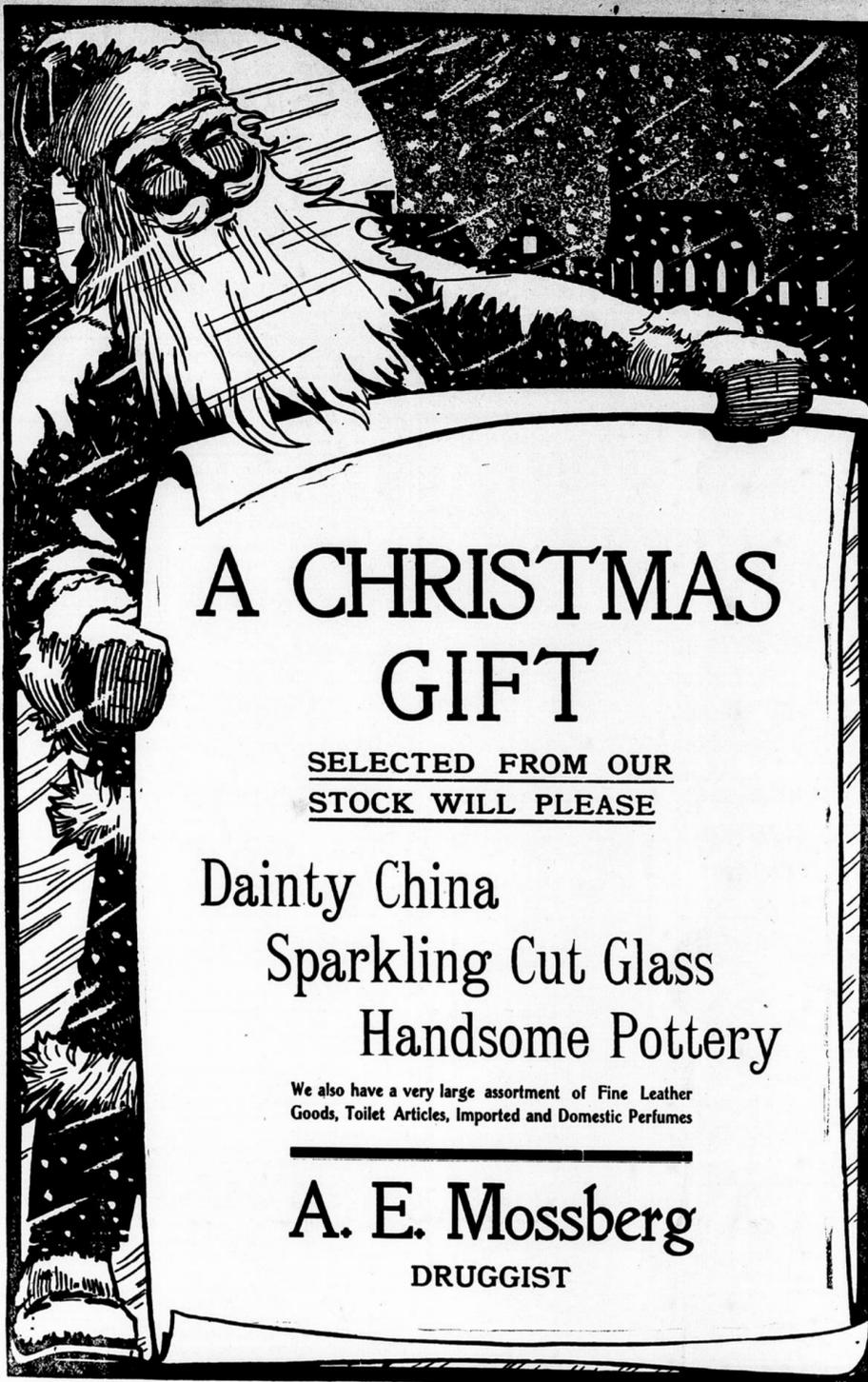
A town that is large enough and good enough for a man to earn a living in is good enough for him to buy his provisions in. If he does not think so, both he and his town would be better off if his tent were pitched on other prairies.

The Atwater friends of Chester Johnson of Lake Elizabeth will regret to learn that he is very ill from typhoid fever. Miss Augusta Peterson, a nurse from St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul came up Tuesday evening to attend him.—Atwater Press.

Mrs. E. M. Van Cleve returned to Minneapolis Thursday. She gave a very interesting talk on "Syria" at the meeting of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church the day before. Mrs. Van Cleve was the guest of Mrs. William Hengstler while here.

A schoolteacher having instructed a pupil to purchase a grammar, the next day received a note thus worded from the child's mother: "I do not desire for Lulu shall engage in grammar, as I prefer her engage in useful studies and can learn her how to spoke and write properly myself. I have went through two grammars and can't say as they did me no good. I prefer her engage in german and drawing and vocal music on the peano."

A Card of Thanks.
We wish in this manner to thank all who so kindly assisted us in dedicating our new church.
By order of Willmar Baptist Congregation.
Wm. H. Peterson, Secretary.



A CHRISTMAS GIFT

SELECTED FROM OUR STOCK WILL PLEASE

Dainty China
Sparkling Cut Glass
Handsome Pottery

We also have a very large assortment of Fine Leather Goods, Toilet Articles, Imported and Domestic Perfumes

A. E. Mossberg
DRUGGIST

"LUTFISK" SUPPER.
The ladies aid society of the Swedish Mission church will serve supper in the church basement, Friday evening of this week, commencing at five o'clock, and continuing throughout the evening. The menu will include "lutfisk," potatoes and gravy, meatballs, pickles, bread and butter, coffee and cake. Price, 25 cents for supper. Everybody is cordially invited.

Samuel Nelson enjoyed a visit last week from his sister, Mrs. J. E. Hedberg, who was on her way to Minneapolis from her home at Vista.

HARRISON-HUSKINGS

Harrison, Nov. 29.—Considerable plowing was done in this vicinity last Friday and Saturday. This is something rare at this time of the season.

Misses Edna and Grace Berglund and Bertha Skoglund were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Dahl last Sunday.

Page's and Maier's young folks

called at the home of Albert Pagen near Atwater, on Wednesday evening.

M. L. Johnson and family of Atwater were guests at the former's parental home on Thursday.

Several from here attended the funeral of Minnie Toensing of Grove City, which was held last Sunday. Interment was at the family burial lot in the cemetery at the German Lutheran church of Harrison.

F. J. Kragenbring hauled the material last Saturday for bridge

ther-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohmeyer, of St. Cloud.

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Calumet Received Highest Award—World's Pure Food Exposition

No. 2 across the dredge ditch. Robert Bergstrom of Atwater hauled several loads of salt to our burg Saturday, so consequently everything can be kept fresh.

Work on county ditch No. 28 ceased last Thursday, the dredge being stored for winter quarters, a distance of three miles being accomplished.

Chas. Kragenbring has built a machine shed. The structure is of corrugated sheeting.

Edwin Feig is at present working for Henry Mohr. Wonder if it is on a six years plan.

Frank Wittie returned home on Friday, after a most enjoyable week's visit with his sister and bro-

ther-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohmeyer, of St. Cloud.

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SPICER-ON-GREEN LAKE

Spicer on Green Lake, Dec. 6.—Last Thursday Tom Tait, Jack Henderson, and Henry Martin returned from their hunting trip bringing with them two deer apiece. Mr. Henderson also brought two wolves with him.

J. J. Henderson, of Minneapolis, spent a couple of days with F. H. Harris last week. He left on Saturday for the cities, accompanied by Mr. Harris, who will visit with friends there.

Miss Clara Kloster left for Willmar last Thursday after her Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Marie Martinson left last Tuesday for Penock where she intends to cook on a dredge boat.

Miss Hattie Thompson was a Willmar visitor a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Wm. Olson spent last week with Mrs. V. Olson residing west of New London.

Rev. Nordberg of New London will conduct services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Minnie Thompson is assisting Miss Lillie Haverley in dress-making this week.

Ole and Halvor Haverley left last Tuesday for a couple of weeks visit with relatives at Benamou, Wisconsin.

Mrs. L. Adams has been quite ill suffering from an attack of pneumonia. At this writing she is improving slowly.

Mrs. Augusta Rice came down from New London last Monday for a short visit with her brother Sam Anderson and family, returning to Willmar on Tuesday.

Leonard Rustad of Norway Lake, is attending school here, making his home with Rev. Johanson.

Mrs. J. O. Pladson and Mrs. I. Jacobson left last Friday for Brexton, N. D. to visit with Rev. Halverson and family, as Mrs. Halverson is reported to be quite ill.

Miss Edith Parsons spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. P. Henderson.

As gift buying days grow fewer, ad. reading should be increasingly helpful to you.



Grue, Dec. 6.—M. C. Gunderson of Harrison, Minn., arrived home on Saturday for a couple of days visit at his parental home here, and left on Monday for the Twin Cities on an extended stay.

Gilbert Guttormson, who for some time has been working for Mrs. Erick Olson, left on last Thursday for Minneapolis and St. Paul on an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Minnie Erickson teacher in district 60 will give an entertainment and "box social" on Friday evening Dec. 17. Be sure and come a good program is expected. Remember the date, Dec. 17.

Jno. Nygard is at present assisting C. A. Olson with the chores.

Mrs. Ida Johnson and daughter Marcella and sister Ragna, visited at Willmar last week.

Chas. O. Sands from Willmar Seminary spent Sunday at home.

Henry Peterson, a general blacksmith at Danvers, Minn., came home on Saturday for a short visit.

Some of our young folks expect to attend the social at C. M. Anderson school house, district 33, next Friday evening, Dec. 10.

Chas. Erickson bought a new DeLaval cream separator.

A committee for the Christmas tree festival was elected last Sunday.

The Y. P. S. of Eagle Lake will meet in the Grue school house on Dec. 29.

Casper Erickson was in Willmar Saturday to seek medical aid for rheumatism.



Hawick, Dec. 6.—Quite a severe storm passed through our burg Sunday. The thermometer went down to 20 below zero.

Miss Julia Erickson and Mrs. Erick Erickson were home visiting with their parents over Sunday.

The new Hawick creamery has elected officers and expects to get ready to put in a churn as soon as possible. The officers elected were:

F. H. Smithson, president; W. H. Jones, vice president; O. B. Thorson, treasurer; H. O. Hendricks, secretary; and Sidney Jones and Oscar Osberg directors.

L. T. Caldwell, our mail carrier, started over his route but could not go through Monday on account of the snow being drifted in piles.

If you need any thing in Christmas goods call on Hood Bros. they have an up-to-date line to select from at low prices.

The Brotherhood of American Yeoman had their election of officers Saturday night. The officers elected were: Chas. Hood foreman; Jos. Pelky, Master of Ceremonies; and Lillie Payne, Correspondent.

The annual meeting of the North Star Telephone Co. will be held at Hawick on Dec. 11, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Matilda Newman is reported better, although she is still at the hospital at St. Cloud.

Hereafter the "R. F. D." will be simply "R. D." The government has issued orders that the use of the word "Free" be dropped and that the service be known as plain "Rural Delivery." The service has become so general that there is no longer any need of using the "Free" part of the title.—Ex.

The gift article you haven't been able to find yet may be advertised today.

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Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary trouble sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just where the danger lies. You must cure these troubles or they may lead to diabetes or Bright's disease. The best remedy to use is Doan's Kidney Pills. It cures all ills which are caused by weak or diseased kidneys. Residents of this vicinity are constantly testifying to permanent cures.

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What to give—where to buy—how much to pay—are all questions that bother all of us just before Christmas.

Why not settle all these questions this year by giving the best Christmas gift possible—

A Nice Photograph of Yourself

Photographs for Christmas are always in good taste. They are a lasting reminder of the giver, and are always appreciated by the recipient. But remember, they should be GOOD photographs.

It always pays to go to an artistic photographer—one who knows how to arrange the figure—hair—dress—pose, etc., so as to get the most perfect and natural expression.

That we have the "know how" to obtain artistic photos, we will leave you to judge from the many samples of our work you can always see any time at this studio.

Be sure to arrange for your sittings early—and not leave it till the last minute, or perhaps you and your friends will be disappointed.

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HINTS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTING

It is no small task even for a good engineer to arrange the lighting of an ordinary six room house.

Of course, when lighting is being considered and figured on, such little items as paint and wall paper make a great difference in the general results. In a general way it is a good rule to use light tints for both paper and paint because they reflect the light and consequently it does not require so many lamps or so much electricity to properly light the house. Dark wall paper absorbs the light and should be avoided as it is impossible to get a good lighting effect with dark tints.

In laying out the plans for the following rooms it is to be understood that the walls and ceilings are tinted a light yellow or a light buff and that the wood work is only a shade or two darker.

Porch light, located directly above the front door with switch in vestibule. An eight candle power lamp is sufficient.

Reception room, two ornamental ceiling lamp fixtures for Tungsten 32 candle-power lamps; controlled by button switch on the reception room side of vestibule hall, and also from the head of the stairs. This arrangement is most convenient.

Living room, planned for two lighting effects. Five light Tungsten ceiling fixtures controlled from point near reception room entrance. This fixture may be installed so that a push of the button throws on one,

two, three or five of the lights. A reading lamp is also provided for the table.

Dining room is lighted with an ornamental pendant lamp hanging low from the ceiling. The lamp should be about forty candlepower, chain pull socket.

Kitchen lighting is obtained from a single ceiling lamp switched on or off from wall near dining room entrance.

Basement should always be controlled from head of stairs with an indicating switch, enabling one to turn light on before going down stairs and to turn it out after returning to the kitchen.

In the modern home of today, where so many electrical appliances are used, it has become quite the fashion to install wall sockets for such conveniences as the electric iron, fans, small motors, chafing dish, cookers, and other heating devices.

The upstairs hall light should be controlled from the head of the stairs.

Bed room lighting should be controlled from a point very near the entrance. Wall brackets are used, their position varying with the style of furniture used.

The bath room should be lighted with a wall lamp on each side of the mirror. Suitable wall sockets for such heating devices as the shaving mug, water heater, massage machine and luminous radiator to be provided. Small Tungsten lamps are suitable for all the upstairs lighting.

Russians Like Perfumery.
The Russians are very good and lucrative customers to the makers of perfumery, for it flows like water as a spray in their apartments and in the little ornamental containers that decorate their drawing rooms and state apartments, among the utmost luxury that prevails in rare flowers and plants, especially in St. Petersburg during the long winter season.

Getting on in Years.
"Oh!" gasped the beautiful woman as she fell back, clutching at her heart and permitting the telegram to flutter to the floor.
Her fashionable guests rushed forward, crying:
"What is it? Has your husband met with an accident?"
"No—no," she moaned. "It is from my son-in-law. I am a grandmother."
—Chicago Record-Herald.

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