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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Joy the year round, if you buy your

HOLIDAY GIFTS

From me. Comfort and pleasure will follow the purchases made, as in my line you will find just those things that are

GOOD TO HAVE IN A HOME.

I have what you want. Come in and see me.

J. W. KIRK, FURNITURE AND CARPETS.
Versailles, Missouri.

LOCAL NEWS.

M. SPIDEL'S,

Headquarters for Oysters, Celery, Cranberries, etc.

Christmas, two weeks from today.

Call for Hardy's Prize Baking Powder.

Men's Rubber Boots and Shoes at the "FAMOUS."

Hardy's Prize Baking Powder is the kind to use in your baking.

E. P. Yarnell, the dentist, made a business trip to Tipton Tuesday.

Contractor Ben Isman of California was here on business Wednesday.

F. D. Harrison was looking after business matters in Eldon Monday and Tuesday.

The Rock Island is making preparations to put in a spur to the Stover coal mine.

Attorney H. C. Fuller, of Peoria, Ill., has been here several days transacting legal business.

If you want a good A. No. 1 Overcoat for winter you can find one to fit you at the "FAMOUS."

Come, look at our fine line of Fall and Winter Goods. Carl W. Biersach.

Versailles camp No. 412, W. O. W., elected new officers at their regular meeting last Monday night.

Miss Ethel Mason returned Tuesday to her home in this city, after a week's visit with friends in Lee's Summit.

John W. Etter has purchased the W. D. Cox residence property on North Fisher street, and moved in Monday.

Dr. William Well made a professional trip to Fortuna Wednesday and yesterday he went to St. Louis on business.

C. R. Furr, formerly employed on the Missouri Pacific, is now telegraph operator at the Rock Island depot in this city.

Mrs. Claud Simpson, of Kansas City, was the guest of Mrs. F. D. Harrison in this city from Saturday until Wednesday evening.

When you want fresh meats or groceries don't fail to call at Hardy's Meat Market and have your goods delivered to your door.

This has been a busy week with our merchants as many shoppers from the country have been laying in their supply of Christmas nicknacks.

Uriah Pontius of Stover was in this city Tuesday, and seemed much elated over the fact that they would have a town of their own on the new road.

The "FAMOUS" don't sell all the clothing sold in Versailles, but does sell all of the good clothing and shoes for men that are sold in Versailles.

Your last roast wasn't good, your steak was tough, that is a very good sign you did not get it from D. C. Hardy, the Butcher. Let us furnish you good meat.

G. M. Hargett came over from Windsor last Thursday, went to Henley on business for J. H. Busk Friday and came back here and with his wife spent Sunday with his parents at Barnett.

M. SPIDEL'S

Is the place to buy your Christmas Candies, Nuts and Fruits.

Go to Hardy's grocery and ask for his Prize Baking Powder.

Circuit court opens in Versailles next Monday, with Judge James E. Hazel on the bench.

For a good fit and proper style in clothing, hats, shoes, pants, &c., for men, go to the "FAMOUS."

Our hotels and boarding houses are crowded to their fullest capacity, and there is a lively air in general throughout Versailles.

Miss Maude Baker, daughter of Editor Baker, entertained a number of her young friends at her home in West-lawn last Friday night.

A large delegation of our people took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the afternoon train last Sunday, to visit our neighboring town, Eldon.

The Best line of Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Wraps and Skirts, Underwear and Hosiery at Carl W. Biersach's.

C. H. Mason and wife were among the visitors to Eldon last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mason says Eldon shows decided improvement in all sections of the town.

After three years success in the meat business, I am better prepared to give my customers what they call for than anyone else in the city, D. C. Hardy, the Butcher.

George W. Burchard of Chicago was here this week looking over our mineral and coal resources. J. G. Briggs drove out with him Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. W. L. Stephens and daughter, Mrs. J. M. Griffin of Millville, spent the latter part of last week visiting friends in Buncheon. Monday morning Mrs. Griffin returned to her home in Millville.

Versailles not only has a new railroad, but a clay plant capitalized at \$250,000 has been organized. Versailles is coming to the front and we wish the old town every success.—California Democrat.

The newspaper men who are waiting on "subscription wood" must be shivering in their shoes. One of our contemporaries claims that half a regiment owe them wood. They'll always have something coming.

Ex-Gov. John P. St. John delivered a lecture at Otterville College Monday night, and we dare say the large audience who heard him were highly entertained. The Governor is one of the best lecturers in the country.

Claud Kidwell and wife returned the first of the week from a visit with Mrs. Kidwell's parents at Archie, Mo. Miss Annie E. Kidwell, who accompanied them on their visit, will spend the holidays with relatives in Adrian.

Suits, Underwear, Overcoats, Boots and Shoes, Skirts, Dress Goods, Blankets, Comforters, Trunks, Valises, Groceries &c. Best Values for the least money at "The Red Flag." Carl W. Biersach.

Hardy's Prize Baking Powder is going like hot cakes. Ask for it.

Clifton & Eates, who last week shipped the first stock out over the Rock Island, were also the first stockmen to ship over the Missouri Pacific when the Branch was finished into this city 23 years ago.

Mrs. Mary A. Otten, aged 66 years, whose death occurred at her home in this city on Wednesday of last week, was buried at Prairie View the following day. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom survive her.

W. J. Cone, general timekeeper for the Stubbs-Flick Johnson Construction Company, has opened an office in the postoffice building. Mr. Cone is an artist and on his trips over the new line has taken a large number of scenic photographs which will be compiled into a portfolio.

Peter Harms, one of the old substantial farmers of near Pymont, was in Versailles Monday, and while here made the Democrat a pleasant call and subscribed for the Morgan County Magazine. Mr. Harms is an interesting character and has the happy faculty of looking on the bright side of life.

Rev. D. M. Claggett, pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian Church of Sedalia, will preach in the Presbyterian Church of Versailles Sunday, morning and evening. Rev. Claggett is one of the most promising young clergymen of the Presbytery, and his many friends in this city will be glad to hear him again.

Versailles has been getting some very favorable mention from the press of Central Missouri because of our citizens having decided favorably on the electric light proposition, the advent of the new railroad into our city and the big clay plant now coming in. All the good things said are fully appreciated by our people.

The 14th District W. C. T. U. Convention was in session at the Presbyterian Church in this city Wednesday and Thursday, with fair attendance. Wednesday night Ex-Gov. St. John lectured at the Church to a good audience, and those who had the pleasure of hearing him, pronounced the address fine in every particular.

Ham Bros., says the California Democrat, are working ten or twelve men in the Brady lead mines south of that city and are getting out some \$700 worth of ore a week. They have about \$2000 worth of ore on the dump, having but recently made a shipment. They are working some eighty feet under ground and everything would indicate that they have a valuable lead mine.

It is almost compulsory now for some of our men of capital to build a number of cottages for renting purposes. Four and five-room houses are in demand and good renters can be secured, as there are a number of families now waiting an opportunity to rent quarters for living. The man who will invest his capital in substantial rent houses will receive good returns on his investment. Versailles is expanding, and there should be some means invented to satisfy the great demand for houses. There is not a vacant house in this city at present.

The first issue of the MORGAN COUNTY MAGAZINE came out this week, and it is needless for us to devote much space in referring to its merits, as the publication speaks for itself. We have been receiving congratulations on all sides relative to the many good features contained in the Magazine. The first issue being the Christmas number, is not as much diversified as future numbers will be, but it will stand criticism, and we propose to keep it to the highest standard. The price is \$1.00 per year, single copy 10c. Democrat and Magazine combined, \$1.75.

A friend of the Maryville Republican gives the assurance that this is going to be a mild winter. "The prevailing wind of March 19, 20, and 21 and September this year was from the south hence a south wind will prevail the coming six months and naturally will make the weather warmer than would otherwise have been the case. Of course the wind will whip some, but it will be mostly from the south." He says he has watched the weather for 50 years and has never known it to vary from the rule he lays down.

Warning to Home Merchants.

The business men of this city will be compelled to keep their business constantly before the country trade in the future, for the reason that the big city mail order and department houses are now using the rural free delivery system continually and reaching out for trade by the use of attractive catalogues, circular letters and samples of goods with prices of all articles marked in plain figures. These prices catch many customers, and the only way our merchants can offset this is to meet the mail order houses at every turn by advertising what they have to sell, keeping before their customers the fact that their goods and prices are equal to those offered by the city firms who are swamping the rural districts with advertising of all kinds.

If our merchants do not take the matter up and make an effort to defeat this system of securing country trade, they will find their business dropping off and eventually feel the loss to an extent that it will open their eyes. This warning should be heeded and the remedy inaugurated to spend a stipulated amount in every legitimate channel by which they can reach the people in the rural districts. Advertise all the time, keeping your wares before the public, just as these city firms are doing the year round.

Big Poland China Hogs.

L. B. Hawks, living 3 1/2 miles north of Versailles, who has given his attention to the breeding and raising of fine stock longer than any other man in this section of the country, was the center of attraction on our streets Monday morning. Mr. Hawks brought in two fine specimens of the hog which made a comfortable wagon load.

One was a thoroughbred Poland China, registered, one year old the 26th day of last month and weighing about 600 pounds, and while it was very fat, had only been on full feed two months; the other was a half breed and weighed 415 pounds.

These porkers were brought to Mason & Price to be butchered for Mr. Hawks' own use. This breed of hogs proves to be among the best here, and the surplus over and above the meat, repays the owner, even if raised for no other purpose than butchering, but owing to the reputation established by Mr. Hawks as a breeder of fine hogs, he seldom has an opportunity to butcher one of his own raising. But through the kindness of our friend, Mr. Hawks, we can vouch for the fact that the meat is as fine as a man ever tasted.

FOR YOUR Christmas Dinner

There are several things you'll need for your Christmas dinner, that you must get here if you would get the best.

The turkey will taste better if the dressing is flavored with the kind of Sage that we have provided for you. Good Spices will be needed and you can be sure of getting the very choicest grades by coming here for them. Your biscuits are sure to be a success if you use

BOLES' HIGH GRADE BAKING POWDER,

And it costs no more than the "trust-made," adulterated powder.

For your ice cream, cakes, or puddings, you want the pure fruit flavors, and that's what you always get in Boles' High Grade Flavoring Extracts, "Vanilla and Lemon."

Then there are tooth-picks, cigars and other minor items on all of which you guarantee satisfaction by getting them here.

AT
BOLES' DRUG STORE,
VERSAILLES, MO.

Fell into a Cistern.

Quite an exciting incident occurred at the residence of C. V. N. Hudson on North Monroe street about 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, in which Mrs. Hudson was the victim. She had occasion to pass from the dining-room to the summer kitchen, the two rooms being separated by a porch on which the cistern is located. The covering had been removed from the flat open top by some one. Mrs. Hudson carried a lighted lamp, and as she approached the opening slipped and fell in such a manner that her body was precipitated to the bottom of the cistern, a distance of fourteen feet, there being about eight feet of water in the cistern.

Mrs. Hudson had the presence of mind, on coming to the surface of the water, to clutch a cross-piece above, to which she held and called for help. It was several minutes before she succeeded in making the family hear her, but when she did, confusion reigned for a few moments, which seemed hours to the lady, then a ladder was let down and the rescuers succeeded in removing her from the dismal enclosure. Although she was thoroughly drenched and chilled, the only injury Mrs. Hudson sustained was a slight bruise on one of her limbs. As she fell the lamp globe tumbled off and the lamp blew out, but she carried the bowl to the bottom of the cistern. The feelings she experienced can better be imagined than described; however, the results could easily have been worse.

M. SPIDEL

Has the finest Black Chocolates and Marsh Malloes in town.

The Loss by Barbed Wire.

The following from the Fulton Gazette contains some truths worth considering: "The havoc barbed wire has played with horseflesh in this county has cost enough to fence every field on every farm in the county with woven fence five feet high, and cedar posts to match," said J. Sam Watson to the Gazette news-gatherer a day or two ago. A few weeks ago I selected a comparatively busy day in town, while the hitching rack around the court house square was nearly entirely taken up with farmers' teams and concluded that I would examine the horses and see how many were bleached by having at some time or other come in contact with barbed wire. Well, sir, don't you know that while I did not go half way around the square and probably did not see all the scratches, I actually found fully two thirds of the animals wearing wire marks in some place or another. It is really astonishing what it costs the farmer to put barbed wire fence on his farm. One thing certain, though—they are fast seeing the folly of it—and the barbless cable wire and smooth woven fence is fast supplanting the havoc player and in a few years the horse with barbed wire scars will be more difficult to find."

The Pope Calendar.

The re-issue of the Pope bicycle daily-leaf calendar may be considered the opening gun proclaiming the natural and healthful return of bicycling. Col. Albert A. Pope, the founder of our bicycle industries and the pioneer in the Good Roads Movement, is again at the head of the bicycle industry. This calendar is free at the Pope Manufacturing Co.'s stores, or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five cent stamps to the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigel Street, Chicago, Ill.

HOLIDAY RATES VIA THE WABASH.

Reduced rates to all points within two hundred miles. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1, limited to return January 4. Apply to nearest Ticket Agent, or address, H. E. WATTS, P. & T. A., Moberly, Mo.

Large English Berkshires.

I have some fine male pigs of the above breed for sale. No better breeding in the country.

WM. FORMAN, Versailles, Mo.

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