

A RECORD NUMBER

Graduating Class of the High School in June Expected to Include 70 Students.

NEW PUPILS TO ENTER

About 40 to Finish Graded School. Work in January—Institutions Close for the Holidays.

At the close of the first semester of the school year in January, about forty of the students of the graded schools will be promoted to the high school. This class is much smaller than that of last year, and no great inconvenience will be experienced in the high school in providing for the new students. Of the senior class of the high school, about twelve will at the end of the semester, have completed the required course for graduation. There will, however, be no graduation until the end of the school year in June, and at that time it is expected that the record class of the institution will receive diplomas. The graduating class will probably number 70 students.

Closed for Vacation.
The city schools closed this afternoon for the usual holiday vacation of two weeks, and in some of the graded schools exercises appropriate to the season were held.

The recitations and examinations at Augustana college were concluded yesterday, and with the exception of about 12 students who reside in distant states, all of the students have departed for their homes for the holidays. Nearly all of the theological students will do congregational work during the vacation.

High School Teachers Depart.
This afternoon and tomorrow nearly all of the high school teachers will leave for their homes to spend the holidays. Miss Alice Rush will go to Greenville, Ohio; Miss Rice and Miss Barclay will spend the holidays at Peoria; Marvin Wallace will visit in Indiana; T. M. Coen departs for Ottumwa; V. C. Hall will spend the vacation at Arcola, Ill., and Miss Litta Jackson will spend the two weeks at her home at Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Channing W. Gilson will visit in Chicago.

A number of the students are planning to spend the vacation with friends and relatives in other cities.

LINE FROM TRI-CITIES TO ST. LOUIS PLANNED

Rock Island Southern Officials Talk to Macomb Citizens—Surveyors Completing Work.

A party of Rock Island Southern officials was at Macomb this week looking over the ground with the expressed intention of extending an interurban to that place. Those with whom they talked were given to understand that the line would ultimately connect with Davenport on the north and St. Louis on the south. This may shed some light upon the plans of the promoters who are now seeking a route into this city from Monmouth or Galesburg. The possibility that the road is intended to be steam instead of electric looms larger with this additional information.

The surveying party employed by

Special Low Prices at the Farmers' Grocery Until New Years.

- Crosby's flour, per sack \$1.00
- 4 cans Hub corn for 25c
- 6 cans Pet cream for 25c
- 2 cans Alaska red salmon for 25c
- 3 cans 10c syrup for 25c
- 4 pounds head rice for 25c
- 4 quarts navy beans for 25c
- 4 pounds lima beans for 25c
- 3 bars Violet soap for 10c
- 4 pounds 10c soda crackers 25c
- 4 pounds oyster crackers 25c
- 1 quart Heinz's fancy olives 38c
- Dressed young chickens, per pound 12c

ALWAYS FOR YOUR TRADE.

Farmers' Grocery,
701 Ninth St. Both phones.

Special Sale Knives and Forks

THOSE desiring to give a present of lasting duration we invite to inspect the Rogers silver knives and forks, six each, satin or plain finish handles, the regular \$4.00 sets for \$3.39 and the \$4.25 sets at \$3.69. Jewelry section, main floor.

"THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY"

Young & McCombs

ROCK ISLAND

Handsome Gifts: Table Linens

HEMSTITCHED bleached damask pattern cloths, open work borders, napkins to match, \$7.50 to \$4.50. Pattern table cloths, 2 and 3 yards long at, each \$1.98 and \$2.48. The regular \$1.25 satin damask table linen, 72 inches wide, at \$1.00.

WE ARE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



WE GIVE TRADING STAMPS AT THIS STORE

Read What Dear Old Santa Claus Says

Furs Acceptable

EACH year it is becoming more popular to give Furs as gifts, and many have taken our advice and bought them. We've a collection from the real costly and sumptuous pieces, if you wish them, to the ones of lesser value, but the most important is the carefully chosen collection of good and reliable furs at the moderate prices. It would be an injustice if we sold the too-cheap kind, but we do sell furs that you can feel satisfied in giving and glad to get at the prices quoted.

Scarfs and Boas at a range of prices from \$1.65 to \$35.00. Neckpieces and Throws from \$3.98 to \$10.00. Muffs, \$2.50 to \$13.50. Children's Sets, \$1.39 to \$11.50

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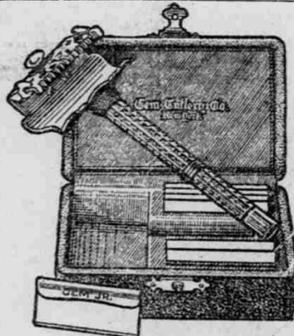
Left Greenland Friday, arrived Baffinland Sunday, slight trouble with airship, but now running fine, my auto car awaits at Winnipeg; will arrive at Chicago Monday, leaving overland in the evening, either by sleigh or auto, for your city; request all children to retire early.
SANTA CLAUS.

Coats as Gifts

AS the days draw near to the time of gift giving many are as yet undecided what to give. Every husband or father will make no mistake in buying one of the celebrated Wooltex Coats, for where is there an article that the recipient will be more reminded of the giver than a coat? Just at the present time we are conducting our general clearance sale in this section and all coats are reduced sufficiently to enable one to buy many other gifts on the saving.

All \$12.50, 13.50 and 15.00 coats at \$10.
All \$22.50, 23.50 and 25.00 coats at \$20.
All \$30.00, 35.00 and 37.50 coats at \$25.

The Children's Cloak Section is a place for the supply of many gifts for children, \$2.25 to \$8.00.



Men Give Men Safety Razors

THE "GEM JUNIOR" will pay for itself in less than a week's time. One Dollar is the entire cost of this excellent Safety Razor with seven keen all-steel blades, packed compact in handsome case.

How many shaves can you get from your barber for One Dollar, not even figuring unavoidable tips, or the cost of time

With the "Gem Junior" you are an expert barber yourself, the razor is always ready for use. You can shave yourself, no matter how hard your beard or how tender your face, in less than five minutes. You require no experience. Every blade adjusts itself automatically, thereby assuring a clean, comfortable shave. Cutting or even scraping of the face is absolutely impossible.

The construction of the frame is simplicity itself and insures sanitary conditions at all times. It is strong and durable, and will last a lifetime. Main floor, right aisle, \$1.00.

Handsome Gifts for the Men

THE very perplexing question today is "What to give the gentlemen." The gent's furnishings section will suggest many things. We mention only a few.

A pair of kid or mocha gloves, either silk lined or unlined is only one of the appropriate numbers, \$1.00 to \$2.75.

Probably a leather suit case is just the article, \$2.25 to \$6.50.

An umbrella is something one needs at all times of the year, 45c to \$6.00. You needn't be afraid to give a box of these silk hose at \$2.75 or the silk lisle hose, in a beautiful decorated box, complete for \$1.75.

Mufflers are very popular, both in square and reefer styles, 25c to \$3.00. Fancy silk suspenders, plain, striped and floral patterns, in embossed Christmas box, 69c to \$2.50.

Very elaborate line of neckwear, patterns, and makes the very latest, 23c to 75c.



Christmas Perfumes

Imperial extract of White Rose, packed in leather case suit case 10c.
Colgate Perfumes, box with the Peacock design 25c and 50c.
L'art Nouveau Perfumes, Parisian design, box 25c.
Hilbert's Perfumes, embossed gold box 45c.
Jockey Club Perfumes, hand painted bottle neatly decorated box 45c.
Utopia Perfumes, boxes decorated with country scenes, 15c.
Imperial Perfumes, two bottles in imitation leather box 50c.
Hilbert's triple extract Perfume, box of violet decoration, tied with violet shade ribbon 75c.

Christmas Umbrellas

MANY a new costume has been materially damaged because its owner was caught in a rain or shower minus an umbrella. Those here are not high in price, they are nevertheless genuine rain-shedders and real values; very handsome collection of handles; will make a very useful holiday gift, 45c to \$6.00.

Dolls, Toys, Games and Books for the Little Folks

Epecially Priced for the Closing Days Before Christmas

MAGIC LANTERNS.
Polished Russian Iron body, kerosene lamp with glass chimney, 25c; others as high as \$10.00.

Dressed Dolls 25c to \$7.50

BOOKS.
Old Dame Toots, 10c.
Santa Claus and His Doings, 5c.
Little Pets A B C Book, 10c.
Bible Pictures and Stories, 10c.
Pumpkin Pie, 20c.
Little Tom Thumb, 20c.
Gems from Mother Goose, 20c.
Jack and the Beanstalk, 20c.
Gulliver's Travelers, 10c.
Adventures of Henny Penny, 10c.
Young Folks' Companion, 65c.

Santa Claus Always Gives Games

Many new games are being displayed this season; bring the children and let them make their selections.

- Frenzied Finance, 50c.
- Uncle Sam's Cabinets, 50c.
- Stars and Stripes, 5c.
- Wild Flowers, 5c.
- Brer Rabbit, 25c.
- Game of Authors, 25c.
- Bible Objects, 25c.
- Flunch, 45c and 65c.
- Game of Pit, 45c.
- The Modeling, 50c.
- Game of Bagatelle, 25c.
- Modern Authors, 25c.
- Game of Cat, 25c.
- Game of Geography, 25c.
- Lotto, from 10c to \$1.25.
- Game of Block, 50c and 75c.
- Chinese Ring Puzzle, 10c.
- Bradley's Cavalry, \$1.00.
- Embossed checkers, 20c.
- Checkerboards, 5c.
- Foot, the automobile game, 50c.
- Bird Center Etiquette, 50c.
- Jack Horner ten pins, 25c.
- Game of Geography, 25c.
- Game of Block, 50c and 75c.
- Chinese Ring Puzzle, 10c.
- Bradley's Cavalry, \$1.00.
- Embossed checkers, 20c.
- Checkerboards, 5c.
- Foot, the automobile game, 50c.



Mechanical Automobiles of every size and kind, beautifully decorated in variety of colors, some with front guide, others with rear guide. See them run—at 10c, 15c, 20c and up to \$3.98.



The Mechanical Bally Mule is a toy that will not be forgotten after Santa Claus has gone to retirement, 45c.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Children's colored border Cambric Handkerchiefs, 3 in fancy box at 15c.
Ladies' All-Linear Handkerchiefs, one fourth dozen in box at 85c.
Ladies' hemstitched Embroidery Handkerchiefs, one-fourth dozen in fancy box 89c.
Ladies' Lace Handkerchiefs, one-half dozen in handsome box at 1.08.
Men's All-Linear Initial Handkerchiefs, one-half dozen in box at 1.50.
Large line of Silk, Initial and Plain Handkerchiefs at all prices.

Statuary

No doubt a piece of statuary would please the friend you're in a query to know what to give. High class numbers will be appreciated by the most exacting, our line this season being only of this character, in such pieces as Lucia, Sappho and the Falling Star, from \$1.25 to \$5.00. The crockery section is simply a city of gift-giving articles.



The company has spent the present week between Norwood and Milan eliminating curves as far as possible. It is desired to follow an air line as nearly as may be. By direct route the distance between this city and Monmouth is but about fifty miles.

Aged Man Has Accident.
John Hedin slipped and fell from the rear porch of his home, 547 Forty-fifth street, this morning, and sustain-

ed an injury to his left arm and a fracture of the collar bone. He was removed to the Moline city hospital. Mr. Hedin's accident is the more serious on account of the fact that he is 68 years of age.

Is Your Wife Your Sweetheart?
Your sweetheart, the one you married, should have a ton of good, clean, clinkerless, smokeless, sootless lump

coal for her holiday cooking; \$3.50, at Mueller Lumber company's yard.

APPOINTED TO FORT WORTH

W. A. Bartz, Agent of the U. S. Express Company, is Transferred.
W. A. Bartz, agent of the United States Express company of this city, received an appointment from the superintendent of the company a few

days ago, to the agency at Fort Worth, Tex. Mr. Bartz has been in the employ of the company for the last seven years and has been agent in this city for the last year and was formerly cashier here for about five years. He will leave to take up his work there the last of the month. He will be succeeded in his work here by George Pohlner, who is now employed at the local office of the company.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE THE BIG DYKE LAWFUL

McKinney Appeals to Congress to Sanction Boston Bay Undertaking.

Congressman McKinney has introduced a resolution in congress to gain the consent of that body to the project

for dyking the Boston bay tract for which plans are well advanced. The resolution declares the portion of the bay that will be included in the dyked area to be unnavigable. The tract included is over 20,000 acres of land which has been practically worthless for agricultural purposes heretofore.

All the news all the time—THE ARGUS.