

## FOOL

CHILDREN  
SEE SANTA

Argus Staff Leads Him to  
the Shadowed by  
Poverty.

## NO TO BE MISSED

Misses Ramser and Giles Busy Deliv-  
ering Gifts and Candles This  
Afternoon.

## SANTA ON THE WAY.

I can hear him singing, faintly,  
As he urges on his deer,  
And his song is mellowed quaintly  
As the measures strike the ear,  
But the ill of it is jolly,  
And the words of it are gay;  
"Get the mistletoe and holly,  
I have started on the way."

I can hear the hoof-beats thudding,  
As the snow is flung behind,  
While the laden sleigh is scudding  
With the swiftness of the wind;  
And the echoes now are ringing  
Broken murmurs of the song  
That old Santa Claus is singing  
While the reindeer speed along:  
"Little fellow, little fellow, while you  
sit and dream of me,  
And the marvel of the morning that  
shall show the wondrous tree.  
For your trust in all the fancies of the  
shadow and the gleam,  
I am starting on my journey down the  
highway of your dream."  
—W. D. Nesbit in "The Land of Make-

Believe me, the committee desires The Argus to  
announce, however, that should any  
child in Rock Island, for whose Christ-  
mas presents The Argus Santa Claus  
committee has undertaken to provide,  
be disappointed, all that is necessary  
is to communicate either with The  
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there would be no omissions. Certain-  
ly every possible effort has been made  
to guard against disappointments on  
the part of expectant children.

The only fear is that some of those  
who have taken it upon themselves the  
duty of playing Santa Claus, and have  
been provided with the list of poor  
children, may fail. This is hardly like-  
ly, however, and certainly not when  
those who have assumed the happy  
obligation of making unfortunate chil-  
dren happy with their own hands, re-  
alize how much depends upon them.

## Plenty for All.

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## Started on Santa Claus Mission.

This afternoon Miss Ramser and  
Miss Giles accompanied by their as-  
sistants started out in sleighs which  
were driven around to The Argus  
building before starting delivering  
presents to the homes of the children  
who would not otherwise be remem-  
bered by Santa Claus. The city was  
divided into districts to facilitate the  
work, Miss Ramser taking charge of  
the west division and Miss Giles the  
east division, and it is expected that  
by dark tonight every child of the 270  
that the committee has upon its lists  
will be happy.

During the day boxes were sent out  
to the country for children who had  
written The Argus for their wants.

## By Associated Charities.

Under the direction of the Asso-  
ciated Charities a large number of  
baskets of provisions were sent to  
the poor of the city.

## Big Dinner at Jail.

The inmates of the county jail will  
not forget that it is Christmas tomor-  
row, because they are to be treated to  
a Christmas dinner that will make  
many a hobo wish he was in jail to  
partake of it. Sheriff Kittelsen has ar-  
ranged to feed his 45 regular boarders  
in a way that will make up to some  
extent for their having to be locked  
up. The menu includes oyster soup,  
chicken with dressing, cranberry  
sauce, crackers and celery, mashed po-  
tatoes, peas, mince pie, coffee, apples  
and nuts.

There is no need for such elaborate  
preparations at the city police station  
as there seems to be little chance that  
there will be many inmates there to  
partake of the dinner. Arrangements  
will be made, however, to give a little  
better meal than usual to such as are  
hauled in to spend the day behind the  
bars.

## At Bethany Home.

Christmas will be celebrated early  
this evening at Bethany home. A  
large tree has been decorated and it  
will be beautifully illuminated. Each  
child will be presented a gift and a  
goodly supply of candy, nuts and  
fruit. Tomorrow noon a Christmas  
dinner will be served at the home.  
There will be roast chicken with all of  
the trimmings. The older children  
will take part in the program at the  
Spencer Memorial Sunday school ex-  
ercises tomorrow evening at 7:30.  
William Trefz presented each child in  
the home with a gift today. There  
are 49 children in the home at present.

## Salvation Army Baskets.

The Salvation Army, through the do-  
nations which have been received this  
year, filled 75 baskets with a Christ-  
mas dinner and distributed them this  
afternoon. Captain Agnes Schasse,  
who is in charge of the work, present-  
ed The Argus with the names of the  
families who are being cared for by

## OCHS IS A BOOSTER

Davenport Joins in Movement  
for Paving and Post  
Lights.

## OWNER OF PROPERTY HERE

Knows What Betterments Have Done  
in Home City and Wants to See  
Them in Rock Island.

Max E. Ochs, though a resident of  
Davenport, is a real Rock Island  
booster. He has joined the movement  
for the repaving with asphalt of the  
business section and the extension of  
the ornamental post lighting system.  
Mr. Ochs is the owner of the build-  
ing at the northeast corner of Second  
avenue and Eighteenth street. He ac-  
quired it 10 years ago and has seen  
it treble in value in the interim.

## Helps Property.

"I'm for Rock Island strong," Mr.  
Ochs said, "and I am in favor of these  
improvements that are being dis-  
cussed. Let's repave by all means.  
If I am hit on both sides of my prop-  
erty, all the better. I know what good  
paving frontage does for business  
property. I can't see how any citizen  
can afford to attempt to block such  
an improvement. You can't replace  
the pavement any too quick to suit me.  
If you are in doubt as to the value  
of the post lights in the business  
streets just take a trip to Davenport  
some night. These lights ought to be  
on both sides of Second avenue at  
least from Fifteenth to Twentieth  
streets. The way to get them is to go  
after them."

Sounds good coming from a resident  
of another city. When an outsider  
will join in supporting public improve-  
ments with the enthusiasm that Mr.  
Ochs has shown it becomes home  
people to stand in the path of  
progress.

LOCAL OWLS ARE TO  
PUBLICLY INSTALL

Arrangements Perfected for Class  
Adoption and Banquet the  
Evening of Jan. 13.

Rock Island nest 1197. Order of  
Owls, at its regular meeting last even-  
ing, perfected arrangements for the  
installation of its recently elected of-  
ficers and the adoption of a new class  
of candidates for membership, the  
event to take place at Besell's hall  
the evening of Jan. 13. The exer-  
cises will be public. A banquet will  
be a feature and there will be a pro-  
gram of music and speaking. At the  
meeting last evening resolutions on  
the death of William M. Donoway,  
first member of the nest to pass  
away since the institution of the or-  
der here, were adopted. The resolu-  
tions were prepared by a commit-  
tee consisting of H. N. Heuck, H. N.  
Rounds and A. H. Thompson.

the Salvation Army, and they were  
made doubly happy by the Christmas  
dinner from the army and the gifts  
given their children through The Ar-  
gus Santa Claus fund.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

Dr. Emily Wright has gone to Ster-  
ling to spend Christmas.

Oscar Frazer is home from Harvard  
for the Christmas holidays.

Will Drips arrived home last night  
from Ames to spend Christmas.

Frank Ehle has returned from Val-  
paraiso university for the holidays.

Harold Tubbs has arrived here from  
Omaha to spend Christmas with his  
parents.

W. M. Hodgson left this morning  
for his home at Jacksonville for a hol-  
iday visit.

Earl Bowlby has arrived home from  
Chicago university for the Christmas  
holidays.

Herman Ehrhorn arrived home last  
evening from Chicago university for  
the Christmas holidays.

M. M. Cruise departed last evening  
for Kansas City to spend the Christ-  
mas holidays with his mother.

R. C. Willerton, chief clerk at the  
New Harper, will spend Christmas  
at his old home in Bloomington.

Mrs. Douglas Brown of Monroe, Wis.,  
is a guest at the home of her sister,  
Mrs. R. Monroe, 3129 Tenth avenue.

The Misses Mary and Katherine  
Streep left last evening for Olathe,  
Kan., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Alma Shearer of Burlington will  
arrive here tomorrow morning to  
spend Christmas with Miss Delphia  
Dooley.

O. F. Potter of Freeport and Miss  
Marion Potter of Minneapolis arrived  
today to spend the Christmas season  
in Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor and  
son Jerome arrived home this morn-  
ing after an extended tour through the  
south and west.

Mrs. R. K. Camper of Aurora ar-  
rived here last evening to spend  
Christmas with her parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. R. B. Curry.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. McGuinn and chil-  
dren of Chicago have arrived for a  
visit with the former's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. William McGuinn.

Miss Ruth Reticker, who is a stu-  
dent at the University of Chicago,  
has come home to spend the holiday  
vacation with her folks.

A. Beaver of Watertown, S. D., has  
arrived in the city to spend the hol-  
idays with Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harring-  
ton, 1007 Twenty-first street.

Mrs. C. B. Lewis of St. Cloud,

Minn., is visiting relatives and  
friends during the holidays. At pres-  
ent she is with Mrs. A. Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Plummer left  
this afternoon to spend Christmas in  
Chicago. They will be joined there by  
their son, Howard, who comes from  
Minneapolis.

Miss Catherine MacPherson, a recent  
graduate of Sir William Bennet hos-  
pital of London, England, is visiting  
at the home of Miss Helen Ruffel for  
the holidays.

Miss Mabel McClellan, 538 Thirty-  
first street, left this afternoon for Fort  
Madison, Iowa, for a week's visit with  
relatives and friends. Several parties  
and dances have been planned in her  
honor.

Mrs. Frederick Weyerhaeuser of St.  
Paul and Professor and Mrs. Bancroft  
Hill of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., left this  
morning for Chicago after a brief visit  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S.  
Davis.

G. H. McKinley, Jr., whose impaired  
health necessitated his retirement from  
his position in the law offices of Jack-  
son, Hurst & Stafford, where he had  
been several years, is leaving tomor-  
row for Arizona to spend the winter  
in the hope of recovering his strength.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lester and Mr.  
and Mrs. Roy Johnston of Barnes City,  
Iowa, arrived in the city last evening  
and are guests at the home of William  
T. Johnston, 782 Fifteenth street. Mr.  
and Mrs. Johnston, whose marriage  
occurred Dec. 22, are enjoying their  
honeymoon.

JAMES KINNEY 80  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Anniversary of Citizen Who Settled  
Here in 1848, and Is Still in  
the Harness.

James Kinney, 1506 Sixth avenue,  
will receive a birthday in his Christ-  
mas stocking. Tomorrow he will be  
80 years of age, having been born Dec.  
25, 1829. Mr. Kinney settled in this  
city in 1848 and has been here con-  
tinuously since with the exception of  
three years that he served his flag in  
the war of the rebellion, having been  
a member of Company A, 9th Illinois  
cavalry.

For about 20 years Mr. Kinney was  
coachman for the Negus and Harper  
families. For the past 10 years he has  
been conducting a hack line for the  
conveyance of Rock Island arsenal em-  
ployees to and from their work. Mr.  
Kinney is a member of John Buford  
post, G. A. R., and is believed to be  
the oldest living man affiliated with  
that organization. He has been a sub-  
scriber of The Argus since it was es-  
tablished, never having missed an is-  
sue. Even during his service at the  
front the paper was forwarded to him.

Mr. Kinney, since the death of his  
wife, has been making his home with  
his daughter, Mrs. Russell W. Barth.  
His son is Policeman John Kinney.  
Mr. Kinney is hale and hearty and  
feels as though he were good at least  
for the rounding out of a century of  
usefulness. His friends will extend  
heartily congratulations on his 80th an-  
niversary tomorrow.

PROPERTY OWNERS  
HAVE REBATE DUE

Laying of Additional Switch Track  
on Fourteenth Avenue Makes  
Company Pay for Paving.

The property owners along Four-  
teenth avenue from Thirty-sixth to  
Thirty-eighth streets have a rebate  
coming to them on the cost of the  
paving of the avenue, because of the  
fact that the street car company during  
the past summer has extended its  
switch track there and made it double,  
thereby making itself liable for the  
cost of the paving of the added portion  
of the street which it covers. City En-  
gineer Wallace Treichel and the com-  
mittee of streets and alleys has ar-  
ranged a settlement with the company  
by which the property owners will get  
a rebate of \$557.67 and the city a re-  
bate of \$151.23 which makes a total  
of \$708.90. The amount coming to the  
city is due from the street crossing  
for which the city paid the bill of  
paving.

The rebate represents 85 per cent of  
the initial cost, it being estimated that  
the wear and tear on the pavement  
for the last four years since it was  
laid would amount to that percentage.

ATTEMPT TO ROB A  
FUR STORE FAILURE

Burglars, Prying Lock at Bennett Es-  
tablishment, Frightened Away  
in Early Morning.

A bold robbery was attempted dur-  
ing the early hours yesterday morn-  
ing when an attempt was made to pry  
open the lock on the door of George  
Bennett's fur store on Second ave-  
nue. A chisel was used, and some of  
the wood around the Yale lock was  
torn away. The robbers evidently  
were frightened before the job was fin-  
ished. Mr. Bennett has a very valu-  
able stock at present and a rich haul  
would have been made had the at-  
tempt been successful.

## Ice on Move.

The ice started to move yesterday  
morning from the Mississippi river.  
A clear channel was made just below  
the government bridge and the ice  
cakes were piled up along the shores  
of the river.

## Car Hits Auto.

An automobile belonging to C. R.  
Stephens of Moline was struck by a  
street car in Davenport last evening

**MORE THANKS!** Again our thanks, best wishes and  
heartly congratulations are sent forth to the thous-  
ands of patrons of this store. The splendid con-  
fidence accorded us during this Holiday season and all  
through the year seems to call for this expression of our  
appreciation.

Last season we told you that you had helped to make  
the Holiday shopping season of 1908 our banner season  
and the largest year's business this store had ever en-  
joyed. This year of 1909 has passed all bounds in  
increased sales, and the Holiday season's business just  
closing has set a new high record mark which is exceed-  
ingly pleasant to contemplate.

We are deeply grateful that such a host of patrons  
are enjoying this prosperity and success with us.

Again we thank you.



## Fill Your "S. &amp; H." Trading Stamp Books

THE Retail Merchants' association of this city, in  
conjunction with the merchants of Moline and Dav-  
enport, have decided to discontinue the use of trad-  
ing stamps in the very near future, and it is our desire  
to assist all customers to fill their books promptly, that  
they may have first choice of the "S. & H." premiums. For  
this purpose we will give DOUBLE STAMPS all through  
our big stores ALL DAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY,  
DOUBLE STAMPS, DOUBLE, ON EVERYTHING FOR  
TWO DAYS. Come and bring your "S. & H." Books  
and we'll help fill them up.

## L. S. McCABE &amp; CO.

ROCK ISLAND

TAKES APPLICATION  
UNDER ADVISEMENT

No Injunction Granted as Yet in Af-  
fairs of Second Baptist Church  
Now Before Court.

The application for an injunction to  
restrain Rev. Frank Durden from con-  
ducting the services at the Second  
Baptist church (colored) came up be-  
fore Judge E. C. Graves in the circuit  
court yesterday afternoon. Attorney  
J. F. Witter appeared for the petiti-  
oners, among whom were Rev. R. A.  
Broyles, the deposed minister, and  
about 20 of his adherents. The bill  
stated that Rev. Mr. Durden was  
preaching without proper authority, as  
the trustees of the church who had se-  
lected him after ousting Broyles were  
not really trustees of the church and

that they had acted without the con-  
sent of a majority of the congregation.  
Rev. Mr. Broyles believes that he still  
has the right to occupy the pulpit of  
the church and he wants the court to  
enjoin Rev. Mr. Durden from occupy-  
ing it. The bill also calls upon the  
court to prevent Sandy Terry and Wil-  
liam and Boston Gordon from acting  
in the part of trustees.

The court listened to the bill and  
at its conclusion decided to take the  
matter under advisement. No tem-  
porary injunction was issued and the  
status of the controversy will remain  
unchanged until the application is  
heard from again.

## Camp 29, M. W. A., Attention.

You are hereby notified to be at the  
hall Sunday, Dec. 26, at 12:45 sharp, to  
attend the funeral of deceased neigh-  
bor, Charles Bade. Services at the  
house, Lincoln avenue, Davenport.  
WILLIAM McCULLOCH, V. C.  
S. Mattison, Clerk.

## Specials for this Week

Eggs, per dozen.....	24c	Ginger Snaps, 2 lbs.....	15c
Jersey Cream Flour, in		Tomatoes, Corn and Peas,	
towel sacks.....	\$1.49	3 cans for.....	25c
Clinton Soda and Oyster		Minced Meat,	
Crackers, 2 lbs. for.....	15c	3 packages for.....	25c
Calumet Baking Powder,		Raisins and Currants,	
25c can for.....	17 1/2c	3 packages for.....	25c
Medium size Sweet Oranges,		Egg Plums and Green	
at per dozen.....	15c	per can.....	12c
Solid packed Pumpkins,		Black Walnuts, at	
3 cans for.....	25c	per peck.....	25c

## J. Silverman,

611 Seventeenth Street. Both Phones

MONEY  
FOR CHRISTMAS

## \$10 and upwards

Gift purchasing often proves a real hardship, yet no-  
body wants to miss the Christmas spirit—nobody wants to  
deny themselves the pleasure of remembering those near  
and dear. We will finance your entire Christmas shopping,  
supplying all the funds you need to purchase your full list  
of gifts. After the holidays our loan is returnable in trifling  
payments of a dollar or so a week.

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ROCK ISLAND HOUSE

Served from 11 until 2 p. m.

## FIFTY CENTS

Celery	Green Sea Turtle aux Quenelles
Consomme Celestine	
Queen Olives	Young Radishes
Fillet of Sole au vin blanc	
Dressed Cucumbers	Pommes Duchess
Soa-ish Sherry	
Frog Saddles, Breaded Tartar Sauce	
Mashed Potatoes.	
Fillet of Beef, Larded Champignons	
York State Cider	
Roast P ime Beef au jus	
New Potatoes in Cream	Cauliflower au gratin
Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce	
Candied Yams	French Peas
Roast Haunch of Black Bear, Currant Jelly	
Fried Hominy	
Tomato Salad	Lobster en Mayonnaise
English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce	
Apple Pie	Mince Pie
Vanilla Ice Cream	Assorted Cake
Figs	Fruit
Cream Cheese	Raisins
	Water Crackers
	Coffee