

AIM TO INCREASE BOY MEMBERSHIP

Y. M. C. A. Taking Steps to Utilize Christmas Spirit to Further Season's Plans.

The goodfellows' club is making big plans to increase its membership during the holidays. The club aims to bring to the minds of many in the city that a Christmas gift in the form of a year's membership in the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. would be a gift that would truly be a useful one and one that would be sure to be appreciated by one receiving it. There are many boys in the city who are anxious to join so as to be able to get in on the good and clean fun that is planned for them there. They are boys whose parents are unable to pay for their membership and so a plea is put forth by the good fellows to men who want to make someone happy, to pay for a membership for just these boys.

The junior and prep classes are to be entertained at 3 and 4 o'clock respectively tomorrow afternoon. A meeting for boys will be held at the West End Settlement Sunday afternoon at 3:30 immediately following the Sunday school classes. W. M. Stewart will speak to the boys and Glenn Reid will have charge of the singing.

FUEL SCARCITY FELT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 17.—A threatened scarcity in fuel has resulted in an advance of nearly 100 per cent in the price of coal in this district during the last two months. Coal which formerly sold at 85 cents a gross ton now costs \$1.50 and upwards at the mines.

Wholly inappropriate. "I can't find any old clothes to put on the scarecrow," said former Corn-tassel. "You might use some of the fancy duds our boy Josh brought home," suggested his wife. "I'm tryin' to scare the crows. I'm not tryin' to make 'em laugh."—Harvard Lampoon.

MRS. POST ACCEPTS \$6,000,000 IN CASH



Mrs. C. W. Post, widow of the cereal food multi-millionaire of Battle Creek, Mich., has agreed to accept a cash settlement of \$6,000,000 for her rights in the Postum properties. She withdraws absolutely from the cereal company, which passes to the control of Mrs. Marjorie Post Close, wife of Edward B. Close and daughter of the late manufacturer.

THE WAR TODAY

The city of Bjelopolje, in eastern Montenegro has been captured. Berlin announces. The Austrians took the place by storm in conjunction with their drive against the Montenegrins and such Serbian forces as are still in the field.

Russian attacks against the German lines in the northern lake region held by Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces were repulsed, Berlin declares. The Russians are reported to have lost heavily.

Some minor operations along the front in France are recorded by Berlin. The British penetrated a German position southeast of Arras, but were soon forced out. They failed altogether in a similar attempt nearby. Paris mentions only bomb fighting, artillery exchanges and encounters between patrols.

According to statements by French authorities, reported from Paris, a force of 200,000 Abyssinian troops may be available, if they are desired by the allies for operations in Egypt and Mesopotamia. The young Abyssinian ruler is said to be so favorably disposed toward the entente powers that he offered them this number of fighting men.

Petrograd reports that of the 1,000,000,000 ruble Russian loan 600,000,000 rubles were subscribed by Russian banks and of the remainder the people already have taken 300,000,000 rubles worth.

The Serbians made thousands of prisoners during their retreat before the central powers' drive, and 40,000 men who were captured by them, together with 750 Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers taken prisoners, have reached Marseilles on their way to a concentration camp, a dispatch from the French report states.

Further particulars regarding the Italian force sent to Albania, with the presumed purpose of cooperating in the Balkan operations of the entente allies state that the number of men already landed at Avlona is 20,000. The sending of these troops is regarded as presaging operations on a large scale, according to a Milan correspondent.

Of the large force of Greeks that were stationed at Saloniki only one regiment of artillery and one of engineers remain, Athens advises state. Greek army headquarters are now at Kozhani, 55 miles southeast of Monastir.

The Cetinje war office admits a further retreat by the Montenegrin troops in the Sanjak region where they have been resisting the Austrian advance.

Further operations of submarines in the Mediterranean are indicated by the announcement from London of the sinking of the Italian steamer Porto Said of 5,167 tons, which was last reported in Mediterranean waters.

While no figures are yet available as to the total amount subscribed to the French war loan, it is declared by Finance Minister Ribot that the amount of subscriptions was without precedent. The subscriptions from London alone, he stated, amounted to \$120,000,000.

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ALEDO
Miss Olive Matchneer gave a five o'clock dinner party Tuesday afternoon at her home to the young ladies of the Aledo high school graduating class of 1912 in honor of Miss Frances Sheats, whose wedding is announced to occur next Tuesday. The home was beautifully decorated and an excellent musical program was given. A five o'clock dinner was served after which toasts were given by various members of the class. A beautiful silver salad set was presented to the bride-to-be by the young ladies as a slight token of their esteem.
Mrs. R. G. Pinkerton of Sunbeam left Saturday for Oxford, Ohio, where she was called to attend the funeral of her brother, Joseph Pierson. She will spend a month with relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Morgan entertained a company of 20 ladies of the neighborhood at her home Monday afternoon. A very pleasant afternoon was spent with fancy work, a musical program and luncheon.
Mr. and Mrs. William Kellogg of New Boston spent Monday with friends here.
Miss Bertha Smith spent Saturday with friends in Galesburg.
A bowling league has been formed in Aledo consisting of five teams with the following captains: Candor, Valentine, David, Olin and Bjorkman. A series of games will be played beginning Wednesday night.
Fred Wendt of Alpha came Monday to make a brief visit with Aledo friends.
The corn show and festival held in Millersburg Friday evening was a great success. C. A. Biers of this city gave an excellent address on community affairs which was greatly appreciated by the large audience. C. W. Bridgford after a short talk distributed the prizes which were awarded as follows: Best 50 ears grown by a boy under 16 years, first, Willett Downey, second, Jimmie Pullen; best 10 ears shown by a boy under 10 years, first, Jimmy Pullen, second, Willett Downey; best ear shown by a boy, Jimmie Pullen; best ear shown by anyone, Ralph Morrow. The prize winning corn sold for \$8.00.
Miss Inez Yilley returned to her home in Rock Island Monday after making a short visit with friends here.

PERSONAL POINTS
Miss Elizabeth Sharpe and Miss Helen Detjens returned last evening from their studies at Monticello to spend the holidays at home.
Dr. J. R. Holloway is in Des Moines attending a meeting of the Western Surgical association, of which he is an officer.
Mrs. Harry Blecker, 1334 Forty-first street, has gone to visit with relatives in Sherman, S. D., over the holidays. She was accompanied by Master Herman Krueger.
LaPorte VanSant yesterday was in Rock Island on his weekly visit to his studio in the Safety building. He will hold no classes until after the holidays, the next lessons to be the first Tuesday in January.

M. M. Cruise has returned from Kansas City, Kan., where he was called on the sad mission of attending the funeral of his mother.
IN LABOR CIRCLES.
The annual meeting of Boiler-makers' union No. 377, will be held tonight at Industrial hall. Officers will be elected. President Robinson, present incumbent, is opposed by Charles McGowan.
At a recent meeting Machinists' union No. 695, was consolidated with the Machinist Helpers' union No. 587. At the annual election J. Milton was chosen president and Earl Ashdown secretary.
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