

**This will Astonish Belding People**  
The quick action of simple witch-hazel, camphor, hydrastis, etc., as mixed in Lavoptik eye wash, will surprise Belding people. One girl with weak, strained eyes was helped by a single application. Her mother could hardly sew or read because of eye pains. In one week she too was benefited. We guarantee a small bottle of Favoptik to help Any Case weak, strained or inflamed eyes. Aluminum eye cup free.—Wortley & French, Druggists, Main street.

**SMYRNA**  
The weather reminds us of hash—very much mixed. Only those who have fuel to sell will wish for cold weather. More than two-thirds of our taxes were school tax this year. Now, kids you trot along to school pronto and don't let us catch you staying out under any consideration. Saturday night will be the time for the regular meeting of the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Macca-bees. Our old friend, Mark Hoppough, was in Smyrna, Monday of last week.

Glad he is able to get about once more. He called on his sister, Mrs. Hattie Moe. Mark says he has a lot of star boarders now at his popular hotel in Ionia. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis visited Mrs. Max Somers, Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Elmer Lowden, of Orleans, visited with Mrs. Sylvester Osborn, Saturday afternoon. The Grattan Cleaners met Saturday, December 4 at the pleasant farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pearson. Although the day was rainy and roads bad, there was a good attendance, and all enjoyed the

delicious chicken pie dinner served at two o'clock. The officers elected for the coming year were installed by Orin and Cora Emens. The new year meeting will be held at the home of Will Jenks. An old folks' dancing party was given Friday night at Maccabee hall. Not that there were any old people there, far from it. When George Kellogg with his violin played the old time dance music everybody was "just as young as they used to be." They had a good time, of course, and they went home at a rather early hour and only a few were sleepy next day. Twenty years ago, Harold Gardner broke a cow for his father, A. J. Gardner, and put a harness on it for the first time. Recently, he took the harness off for an "Old" for the last time. The horse was seemingly as well as usual and did his day's work in good spirits, but in the evening was taken sick with indigestion and before morning his suffering was ended in spite of all that was done to save him. A faithful friend has gone. Mrs. Bernice Foss returned home from Belding, Tuesday. Arlo Tebbel, of Belding, was a guest of his grand mother, Mrs. Mary Tebbel, and his aunt, Nella, Friday night. Mrs. Tebbel took him home Saturday afternoon. Orin Hanks called on Geo. Hanks Tuesday. Frank Gray is home for a few days. We are pleased to state that Albert Winchell is some better. Mrs. Jessie Wolfinger was a guest of Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Thursday. Mrs. Diana Hull visited with Mrs. George Hanks, Wednesday. Mrs. Bert Norton was in Belding Friday, visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Bunker. Will Cowles went to Moseley on Monday of last week to visit George Frost and wife, who left on Tuesday for their Florida home. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Frost went with them, and the best wishes of all their Smyrna friends also go with them. May they enjoy life where balmy breezes blow where there is no worry about the high price of coal and wood. Mrs. Diana Hull called on Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Louis Compton, Tuesday. Mrs. Hiram Olds and Mrs. Walter Towne were in Belding Monday of last week visiting with Mrs. Susie Harrington. Mr. Olds was a dinner guest there. Mrs. Elgin Condon was in Belding Thursday visiting with Mrs. George Tebbel. Mrs. Cora Sullivan, of Detroit, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gardner. Mrs. Jennie Noble and Mrs. Lester Kimberly, of Cook's Corners, and Mrs. Ellen Beedy, Mrs. Will Cowles and Mrs. Sarah Skellenger called on Miss Fannie Earle, Thursday. Mrs. Ada Hanks visited with Mrs. Ola Purdy and her mother, Mrs. A. J. Hale, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Chas. Condon was a Belding visitor, Friday. Miss Lizzie Davis was a visitor at the home of Alfred Davis and wife, Tuesday. Mrs. Ed. Insley and Mrs. Clifford Insley and baby were in Grand Rapids last week, Wednesday and Thursday visiting with Allen Short and family. The New Idea club, of Belding, 32 in number, had a dancing party and chicken pie supper at Maccabee hall, Tuesday evening, of last week. The three course supper was served by the ladies of the Smyrna Social club. Elgin Condon and Clifford Condon made a business trip to Greenville, Friday. Mrs. Ellen Beedy and Mrs. A. J. Hale visited with Mrs. Alfred Davis and Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Thursday. Mrs. Albert Northway was an afternoon visitor. Laurence Gardner went to Greenville, Saturday, to visit his sister, Mrs. Forest Mote. Miss Kathryn Smith called on Sylvester Osborn, Saturday. Mrs. Susie Harrington, of Belding, visited with Mrs. Hiram Olds Tuesday. Mrs. Olds and Mrs. Harrington called on Mrs. Del. Purdy and Mrs. A. J. Hale in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. George Hanks visited with Harry Moon and wife, Thursday. C. B. Johnston and wife, of Belding were in Smyrna, Saturday, Mrs. Johnston called on Mrs. Elgin Condon. Clifford Insley, of Kansas City, Mo. arrived here Wednesday, for a visit with his home folks and other relatives and friends. Mrs. A. Barry, Mrs. Will Cowles and Mrs. Sarah Skellenger called on Mrs. Hiram Olds, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Condon were in Belding, Saturday afternoon. George Hanks and wife were in Belding, Saturday. Mrs. Hanks called on Mrs. Chas. Winkworth. Warren Gardner and Sylvester Osborn slaughtered a 400 pound porker last week.

held at the church, Thursday evening, December 23rd. Miss Lena Sandy, of Belding, was a guest of Mrs. Frank Raamussen, from Thursday until Saturday. Mrs. George Lehman has the sympathy of the many friends in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and son

James were guests of Mr. and Mrs. son Claude were guests of relatives in Rockford, Sunday. C. L. Beardale, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Eggleston and Typewriter supplies at this office.



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Christmas is always merry where there are happy children, bubbling over with joy and anticipation. Growing children are always happy when they are receiving proper nourishment from the right foods.

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The wheat of which Lily White is made is thoroughly cleaned. The six-break system insures a granulation of uniform perfection. The finest imported silk bolting cloths are used. No human hand touches Lily White in its various stages of manufacture. Lily White is guaranteed to suit your baking requirements better than any flour you ever used. Call up your grocer and let him wish you Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with a sack of Lily White.

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We will not! says the National Grange. Throughout its long and noteworthy career it has fought on the side of temperance, combating the evil and waste wrought by liquor. It has stood consistently for clean manhood and womanhood, for high ideals and for strict observance of the law.

The Grange is still aligned just as firmly as ever on the side of right. It believes that the riddance of liquor helped greatly to sustain this country in the difficult period of after-war adjustment. Congress must know that the farmers oppose the restoration of liquor.

You who believe in a clean America can help insure it in no better way than by joining the Grange. It is a mighty power for progress; as such it merits your support.



THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, the great national weekly of profitable farming, also stands unswervingly for a clean and orderly national life. It seeks not only to inform, but to inspire through its news of farm success. You will find in its 52 big weekly issues many helpful articles and much wholesome entertainment—all for \$1.00. We urge the double advantage of being a member of the Grange and a reader of THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

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**USE SLOAN'S TO WARD OFF PAIN**

You can just tell by its healthy, stimulating odor, that it is going to do you good. "If I only had some Sloan's Liniment!" How often you've said that! And then when the rheumatic twinge subsided—after hours of suffering—you forgot it! Don't do it again—get a bottle today and keep it handy for possible use tonight! A sudden attack may come on—sciatica, lumbago, sore muscles, backache, stiff joints, neuralgia, the pains and aches resulting from exposure. You'll soon find warmth and relief in Sloan's, the liniment that penetrates without rubbing. Clean, economical. Three sizes—35c, 70c, \$1.49



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**Give Him a Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suit or Overcoat**

There's nothing you could give the Man or Young Man that would be more appreciated, or that would express more fully that Spirit of Good-Will than a suit or overcoat made by Hart, Schaffner & Marx because every man knows that only the best of everything go into these Nationally known clothes.

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20% below value  
Now \$3.20 and up
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Just received and Priced Very Low
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- Neckwear**  
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Something a man always needs. Silk and Lisle.  
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Remember that Saturday, December 18th, is the last day of our Big Sale as advertised last week. Look over your bill and do your Christmas buying now.

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