

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sam'l Levy Mercantile Company.

Virginia.

Miss Mary Estel, near Blue Mound, Kan., spent Saturday night and Sabbath in Park Town, the guest of D. C. Wolfe's family. She is spending a month among her old neighbors.

Death of the little local option child, that was born a little over a year ago, was a sad affair. When it was born, the mothers talked long and loud in praise of the little girl. When the little girl saw the beer flow at the Republican banquet at St. Louis the week of the election, with preachers in the crowd and heard the announcement that St. Louis should have home rule, she took the quick consumption. She saw that the church that talked so long to her, when a baby had turned cold shoulder to her. She gave up her life and passed over to that beautiful land, where there is no saloon—where people do not live that are in favor of the saloon to destroy our young men and girls. In the country where people live against the saloon, a country where the little local option girl can live in happiness with her friends forever.

Methodist General Conference at Baltimore last May passed the following: "We record our deliberated judgment that no candidate for any office which in any way may have to do with the liquor traffic has a right to expect nor ought to receive the support of Christian men, so long as he stands committed to the liquor question or refuses to put himself in an attitude of open hostility against the saloon." This is what the great E. Conference said last May, wonder what the M. E. think of the banquet at St. Louis, soon after the action; are they loyal to the church the liquor interest.

Miss Helen and Maxwell Park, who are attending school at Warrensburg, came home Saturday to spend their vacation.

The Christian Church has employed the Rev. Sheldon as their pastor another year. Both churches are working hard at their Xmas programs for Thursday evening.

Mrs. McKibben, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Harper will entertain the ladies aid society of the M. E. Church at the home of Mrs. McKibben Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31st. A ten cent lunch will be served, and everyone is invited to attend. If Aaron should attend, his lunch will be free.

Look out for the talked-of weddings, which are to come off soon, and perhaps one before this reaches the reader.

Mrs. Louise Garner returned home last Thursday from the hospital at Kansas City, and reported as doing well. The ladies of the Christian Church will give a supper at Virginia Dec. 31st, the last night of 1908. They will serve oysters, cake and many other good things. The young folks are expecting a good time. Everyone is invited to come. It will be a good time to watch the old year pass away and the new come. Aaron is to have his supper free, providing he comes with a new suit of clothes.

Endeavor at the Christian Church next Sunday at 6:30 Topic: Foreign Missions: The New Life of China—Ezek. 37 1-14 Leader, Miss Grace Darr.

Mingo and North East Bates.

A Merry Christmas to all. T. R. Staley and family spent Sunday at A. B. Thurman's.

Fayette Snow and Jim McClenny went to Ulrich last Saturday evening to attend the basket ball game and the debate. Ulrich won over Deep Water in the debate.

Joe Hickman went to Creighton last Saturday.

McKinley school will give a box supper Saturday night, Dec. 26

Fayette Snow spent Sunday in the Ballard vicinity.

Will Chelf and his mother were shopping in Creighton last Saturday.

Edwards school will give a box supper Wednesday night, Dec. 23.

The Baptist people will have a Christmas tree with an interesting program, Santa Claus and other Christmas accompaniments.

Estel Polley has returned from Warrensburg, where he has been attending the Normal.

Col. B. E. Harrison, the popular auctioneer, has a large bunch of hogs which he expects to feed next summer.

W. I. Yeates has hauled considerable lumber and will build a substantial cottage soon.

S. E. Smith called on Dr. Miller last Sunday.

Many of our farmers want to buy corn.

Mrs. E. Smith and sons, Clyde and Clarence, visited at A. B. Thurman's last Sunday.

Mrs. Eli Berry is reported very sick.

Some of the patrons of Bryan school think that children who need "tenshun" should be permitted to quit school.

Some of Mingo's schools will have one week's vacation, and some will have two.

Again, "Aunt Jemima" wishes all a Merry Christmas and urges you to take freely of "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

AUNT JEMIMA.

Foster Notes.

Frank Sherman and Loyd Heckadon, of Reavley, visited Sunday evening in Foster.

Grandma Goodenough is very poorly.

Robert Grant, Eula James and Fred Bell have returned home to spend holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kiser visited Sunday evening with D. H. Arbogast and family.

Little Lilla Palmer is very low with pneumonia fever at this writing.

Mrs. Minnie Miller, of Mineral, Kan., was visiting her brother, W. T. Stover, last week.

The new residence of J. H. McCullough will soon be completed.

Wednesday evening the residence of J. H. McCullough burned together with all its contents. When the fire was discovered, they were unable to save anything. A subscription paper was circulated, and in a short time money and clothing were donated enough to start Mr. McCullough to housekeeping again. Mr. McCullough wishes to thank his friends, who so willingly helped him in his sad misfortune.

Dr. J. N. Haynes died at his home in Nevada last week. Dr. Haynes was formerly a practicing physician of Foster and is well known to old residents here, who will regret to learn of his death. He leaves a wife and five children, who have the sympathy of this community in their sad bereavement. DINAH.

East Lone Oak.

C. W. Done spent Sunday with T. J. Booth.

Everybody is practicing for Christmas entertainment to be held at the church Thursday night.

Mrs. C. M. Thomas left last Friday for New Mexico to visit her brother, Isaac, who was a former resident of this county.

Miss Minnie McCaughey of Kansas City is visiting her parents and relatives in this community at this writing.

Laverne Lyle who has been for some time in Oklahoma has returned home.

Quite a number from Southwest Summit attended church at Peru last Sunday night.

There was a pie supper at the Double Branch school house last Friday night. Quite a number from this vicinity attended and all reported a good time.

Miss Thomas entertained her Sunday School class last Sunday. Well its nearly Xmas, so good bye till next week. PUSSY WILLOW.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

In Fire at Panama Monday—Building and All Consumed.

Rich Hill Review.

By a fire near Panama Monday evening a 5 year-old son of Mr. Wm. Perry was burned to death.

The family, who resided in a small frame house just a few blocks' distance south of Panama, were absent from home, and the supposition is the little fellow poked up a fire which had been banked up in the stove, and that an explosion of gasses underneath the crust of fine coal on the surface must have resulted.

The neighbors were first attracted to the scene by the screams of the child, but when they reached there, the entire interior was a mass of flames. They had scarcely time to rescue the burning child till the roof collapsed, and there was soon nothing but a seething mass of burning embers.

The fire occurred about 5:30. Dr. Shafer was summoned and reached the scene of suffering about 6 o'clock but the unfortunate child was beyond medical aid, his back and arms being burned to a crisp. Relief was administered, but the little fellow died at 8:30 Tuesday morning.

Adrian Notes.

From the Journal.

The old-fashioned spelling school is being revived in some communities. It is a good thing for young people to devote more time to the study of spelling. Our present school system is lame on this particular branch of study.

Wm. Bullock has received his commission as sheriff and his bond has been filed and approved. He will move his family to Butler about the first of January. They are worthy people and their removal from Adrian will be regretted by a wide circle of friends.

Uncle Henry Wyse and wife returned Friday night from a trip to New Mexico, where they had been for the benefit of their health and we are pleased to state that they are both in much better physical condition than when they left here. In addition to this benefit Uncle Henry joined a hunting party down there and they rounded up with several deer to their credit. Pure air and venison would make any of us feel tolerably comfortable.

Big Tiling Scheme.

C. E. Legg, who is engaged in tiling the Warning river bottom lands, said to the Review, that between four and five miles of tile had been laid on the big farm east of Rich Hill, known as the Loeb ranch and six to eight miles had been laid on Mr. Warning's other farm, west of Nyhart, which embraces 1,227 acres. He stated there were several miles of this work to do yet on both places, after which Mr. Warning will have levees built where needed on both farms, to hold off any overflow which might result at a high stage of the river or drainage ditches at any time hereafter.

In this way it is expected to build up two of the richest farms in Missouri and to thoroughly guard against all chance of flood damage.

Merchants' Notice.

We, the undersigned merchants, agree to close our places of business on Christmas Day at 12:30 o'clock and remain closed for the day: Black & Arnold Clo. Co. American Clothing House. Joe Meyer. Sam Levy Merc Co. Poffenbarger & Douglass. Hiram Nichols Shoe Co. Walker McKibben Merc. Co. J. B. Adair Dry Goods Co. T. W. Flisk.

New Swindle Scheme.

A new method of separating the unsuspecting from their coin has been lately revealed by parties who "bit" in Indiana. Inasmuch as the graft lies in getting the signature of the victim, the new system greatly resembles the work of the old "Lightning Rod Agent." It is operated in this way. A couple representing themselves to be a minister and wife traveling through the country apply at the home of some one known to be of a religious turn of mind, for permission to stay over night. If they are taken in, about an hour is spent in discussing religious topics and a prayer is usually offered by the proposed minister. In the course of an hour or two after the arrival of these people, another couple, this time young people, present themselves at the door and ask if a minister is spending the night there. Of course, they are asked to come into the house, where they request the minister to marry them, saying that they are eloping but that they are of age. Of course, the preacher refuses to do so and reads them a severe lecture upon the proprieties, but is finally prevailed upon to perform the ceremony. The head of the household then asked to sign his or her name as a witness to the wedding. The young people depart and after remaining over night the minister and his wife also leave. In a few days a nearby bank will notify the head of the house where this took place that the bank hold his note for \$500 or \$1,000 as the case may be, and then the victim learns to his sorrow that it was not a marriage certificate that he signed but a blank note, that the parties who stopped at his house were fakers and that he is an "easy mark."

Social Organization.

Christian Young Peoples Social Union was organized last week by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws. A meeting is called at the Ohio street M. E. church for next Monday evening when officers will be elected. The small initiation fee of \$2.00 will be charged and moderate dues that will not prove burdensome upon any one. One thousand dollars is already in the treasury and a gentleman, who does not want his name mentioned, has promised one thousand more. If the proper effort is made to raise sufficient funds to build a permanent home for the society. A committee was appointed to select a location.

Wife Claims the Mules.

Bate Moss, the well-known stock dealer, was somewhat surprised by being called upon to turn over a pair of fine mules, which he purchased at Rich Hill Monday. Mr. Moss purchased the mules from a man named Pollard, who hauled coal at Rich Hill, and paid \$400 for the team. Now Pollard's wife claims the mules belonged to her. Mr. Moss has consulted his attorneys and will take such steps as are necessary to protect himself.—Nevada Mail.

Prank Burglars.

The apartments of a young lady school teacher at Carthage was burglarized by two young men, with masks over their faces. One kept the teacher quiet by pointing a pistol at her, while the other searched the room for valuables. After the burglars had departed the young woman gave the alarm. Nothing of value was missed. The police published a notice in the papers to the effect that the supposed burglars were two high school students, with the idea of perpetrating a practical joke by frightening the teacher. The high school students met and passed resolutions condemning the police for expressing such a theory. On the other hand the officers claim to have the proof, that the culprits are prominent young men and they threaten to swear out warrants and prosecute them for burglary, unless they come forward and confess and apologize to the young lady. That is rather a serious practical joke and it is questionable if the ends of justice will be reached by a confession and apology for such a serious offense.

Marriage Licenses.

Hugh M. Erwin,	Adrian.
Berlie O. Largent,	Butler.
John Nieder,	Rich Hill.
John Henderson,	Rich Hill.
O. E. Groves,	Adrian.
Inc. Z. Weyer,	Butler.
Edward H. Hirt,	Rockville.
Alma Hirschl,	Rockville.
Neb. Shobe,	Butler.
Lena Stevenson,	Butler.
Frank Scott,	Alba, Mo.
Mae Cline,	Jasper, Mo.
W. I. Ends,	Spruce.
Epsie Murphy,	Spruce.
Frank Powell,	Butler.
Grace Donovan,	Butler.

Will Build a Flat.

Dixie Haggard is drawing plans for a three story brick flat which he will have built in Kansas City in the spring at a cost of about \$7,000. The flat will replace a seven room frame building that he will have torn down. Mr. Haggard owns other valuable property in Kansas City, consisting of two flats and a vacant corner lot—Eldorado News.

County Court Meets.

County Court met in special session on Tuesday, December 22, 1908 for the purpose of trying John H. Bradshaw, of Rockville, for insanity. He was adjudged a fit subject to undergo treatment as a county patient at Missouri State Hospital No. 3, and an order to this effect was made.

\$50 Reward.

I will pay \$50 reward for the apprehension and conviction of the party who shot and killed a horse on my farm last week.

C. A. WALLACE,
Adrian, Mo.

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