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SALE STARTED MONDAY, JAN. 29, ENDS SATURDAY, FEB. 10

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FREE!

SET OF COMMUNITY SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS at 2 P. M. Saturday, Feb. 3, we will give away 50 checks, one of these will draw the knives and forks. We have purposely set the time at 2 P. M., Saturday so farmers can get here from a distance. Be here on the dot. You may win the silverware.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3d FOR FREE SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS

Public Opinion.

BY HARRY J. GREEN
DECORAH, IOWA, JAN. 31, 1923

LOCAL ITEMS.

—Mrs. C. Rickabough spent Monday with friends in Conover.
—Our hot fudge sundaes will please you. SWEET SHOP.
—Mr. Rene Rosenthal left for Monday on a short business trip.
—Mrs. Stella Johnson went to Cresco Monday to visit with friends for a few days.
—Miss Mae Tierney returned home to Lawler Monday after visiting her sister Mrs. P. F. O'Brien.
—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pahl left for Calmar Monday afternoon to visit her sister Mrs. J. C. Nali.
—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Moore and son Donald left Monday for Iowa City to spend a few days.
—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Griebel returned home to Milwaukee Monday after visiting Mrs. Alta Daubney.
—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Larson returned home to Rossville, Iowa, yesterday morning after visiting their son Helmer J. Larson and family.
—Mrs. Henry Paine and daughter Stella returned Saturday from Kansas City after a visit at the home of the vice president of the Lons Bill Lumber Co.
—For over 30 years Karl D. Fisk has been fitting glasses at Decorah, has hundreds of satisfied patients that can recommend his scientific ability. At Winneshiek Hotel Feb. 8 and 9.
—Mrs. Mae Shea Price and daughter Mary Jane and Miss Bernadine Shea left for Minneapolis Monday on a buying trip for their spring millinery.
—Misses Mabel Berg and Edith Van Horn spent one day last week with friends in Calmar.
—Dr. K. Kjerret left for Albert Lea Monday morning to represent Luther College at the inauguration of the new president, Prof. Tweten at Luther Academy.
—Mrs. Theo. Baker returned to Cresco Monday after spending Sunday with her sister Mrs. Henry Courtney.
—Meritol Candy at 50c per box next Saturday at Parman's Drug Store.

—Miss LuRena Lamm left Saturday on visits to Elkader and St. Paul.
—Mrs. Sanford Grant is spending a few days with her husband at Clarion, Iowa.
—Ole and Martin Woldum went to Chicago Monday to attend the auto show.
—Mrs. Sam Saevold of Canby, Minn., was called here by the illness of her mother Mrs. Refsdahl.
—Special for Saturday, Feb. 3rd chocolate fudge at 22 cents a lb. SWEET SHOP.
—The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in the Legion rooms on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6th at 7:30.
—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goltz of Austin, were here over the week end visiting their parents and many friends.
—Special sale of Edison two and four minute cylinder records at 10 and 15 cents each, respectively at Parman's Drug Store.
—G. F. Baker and son George attended the Decorah-Charles City high school basketball game at Charles City Saturday.
—A special discount of 25 percent on all children's story books, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday only at Parman's Drug Store.
—A. A. Lee, the tailor was in Minneapolis last week and landed a big order for suits at the Lutheran Seminary.
—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arneson and son Charles left this morning for Minneapolis to spend the week end with friends.
—Mrs. Johanna Huseby concluded her visit with relatives and returned home to Willison, N. Dak., Tuesday morning.
—Karl D. Fisk, optometrist, will be at Winneshiek Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8 and 9, to be consulted about eyes and glasses.
—Mrs. Richard Engbretson was called to Cresco this morning on account of the illness of her father, Mrs. Peter Morton.
—For one-half cent per day you protect your deeds, insurance policies, notes, mortgages, bonds and private papers—with a safety deposit box in the vault of Winneshiek County State Bank.
—Special for Saturday, Feb. 3rd chocolate fudge at 22 cents a lb. SWEET SHOP.

LOCAL H. S. GIRLS WIN FIRST GAME

Defeated Lime Springs on Friday By Score of 11 to 6 Before Large Crowd.

PLAY CRESCO TUESDAY POSTVILLE FRIDAY

Oelwein Debaters Coming Thursday Evening at High School Assembly Room.

Decorah High School girls won their first basket ball game this year when they defeated Lime Springs on Friday last by a score of 11 to 6, before a large and enthusiastic audience. The high school girls demonstrated the fact that they can play a winning brand of basket ball. The girls started fast accumulating a four point lead early in the first half. Alice Carlson and Berna Mae Tracy played their usual formidable game in the center section. The new forwards Vivian Scarvie and Stella Teslow, displayed considerable improvement in making the baskets. The guards, Thelma Ziegelmaier, Lillian Johnson and Palma Haugen, stopped most of Lime Springs efforts to score.

Next week, Tuesday, the girls go to Cresco and Friday of next week they will play the Postville girls at home.

Thursday evening of this week in the high school assembly room in the old building the high school debaters contest with Oelwein in the second round of the State Debating League. There are twelve schools left in the running in this quarter of the state. Maquoketa, Monticello, Clarion, Waverly, Osage, Independence, Stratford, Tama, Decorah, Oelwein, Mason City, and New Hampton. If Decorah wins in this debate on Thursday against Oelwein, her debating team will be one of the six teams left to contest for northeastern honors.

There was considerable agitation after the first debate for a change in the question, limiting the amount of hard surfacing to approximately one half of the entire mileage of primary roads of the state, but as the result of the first round of debates was as much in favor of the affirmative as the negative, no change was made.

Thursday, February 8, will be held the final Declamatory contest to select the high school representatives for the county and sub-district contests. This program presents the cream of the local talent. There will be several musical numbers and the whole affair promises to be one which will be well worth attending. Admission fee of 15 and 25c will be charged. Contest will begin at 7:30 P. M.

—Mrs. Frank Luxum and daughter Mae Calmar spent Thursday visiting Mrs. Frank Andree.

—Mrs. D. J. McKay and children came from Rush City, Minn., last Thursday to visit her mother Mrs. George Tyler.

—Miss. Joe F. Klemish and J. A. Klemish were shoppers from Conover Thursday.

MRS. GEORGE TYLER PASSES

Beloved Pioneer Mother Passed Away Monday Evening.

On Monday evening, Jan. 29, at 8:15 o'clock, death claimed another one of Winneshiek county's beloved pioneer mothers, Mrs. George Tyler, who passed away at her home three and one half miles northeast of Decorah. Her illness was of several months duration.

Rosannah Elvira Gilliam was born March 21, 1844, in Lee county, Virginia. At the age of eight she moved with her parents to Indiana, where they resided one year. Then the family started for the then far west in covered wagons, camping out at night. They crossed the Mississippi May 3, 1853, at Dubuque, and settled on a claim near Independence, Buchanan county. In September of the same year they moved to Winneshiek county and settled near Freeport. On Feb. 5, 1867, she was married to George Tyler at Freeport, Iowa. After their marriage they located on a farm three and one-half miles from Decorah, and this had been her home since until the time of her death. Since the death of her husband in 1901, Mrs. Tyler had traveled quite extensively in California, Louisiana, Minnesota and Iowa. Five children were born to the union, all of whom survive to mourn her loss. They are R. F. Tyler, of Aurora, Ill., Albert L., on the home farm, Hattie, (Mrs. B. O. Brown) of Seattle, Wash., Clementine, (Mrs. D. J. McKay), of Rush City, Minn., and George Harry, of Long Beach, California. All of the children are here except Harry, who just recently returned to his home, after a visit with his mother.

In the passing of Mrs. Tyler the community loses one of its best and most beloved mothers. She was a woman of high intellect, well read and her hold on life was wonderful. Her mind was clear as a crystal up to within a few hours before she died, being conscious to the last. One of the last things she said was in response to a question from her son Frank, in asking if she wished for anything, and her answer was "yes I want to get well." Mrs. Tyler was one of the early pioneers of this county, and the last survivors of a family of ten. Her home life was ideal and it was always a pleasure for her friends to visit her, as she was congenial, whole hearted and always ready to make some one else happy. She was a good mother, and she will be greatly missed, not only by the beloved children, but by scores of lifelong friends.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow Thursday at 2 o'clock from the home. Rev. Fisher of the M. E. church will officiate and interment will be in the Russell cemetery.

—Herb Wangness went to Cresco Tuesday to consult a physician.
—Feed you rats and mice Meyer's Red Devil Poison Kernals today. You will sleep better this winter.

—Hot Chocolate with wafers at the Sweet Shop.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith are rejoicing over the birth of a seven pound baby boy born to them January 14th.

THE LIGHTS OF NEW YORK

Will Open Three Days Engagement at Lyric Theatre Sunday.

"Light of New York", the latest William Fox special photodrama, which opens a three days' engagement at the Lyric theatre Sunday is a graphic study of conditions in the great city that are daily enacted among it millions of men and women. The author has not put in a special plea for any individual class of persons, but he has opened several pages of Metropolitan life and permitted his audience to see things as they really are.

Another episode of the story opens at a bachelor dinner held on the eve of the wedding of a youthful scion of one of New York's wealthiest families. The failure of one of the invited guests to attend the dinner left only thirteen at the table, and inasmuch as the host was inclined to fear the result of the unlucky number, it was decided that the entire group of guests should go to the door and invite the first person who passes to take the place of the missing guest.

The first one to pass was an old man and he was prevailed upon to fill the empty chair. Under the influence of the bright lights and friendly spirit of the rest of the company, the newly found guest was induced to tell a story. What he tells, which is the true story of his life, provides a drama of unique interest. It is a story of strange adventure, of good luck and bad, of the highlights and shadows of "Lights of New York."

France Takes Drastic Action

The American people sympathize with France in its failure to collect any considerable sum from Germany to repair the ravages that the Teuton armies committed. But public sentiment in this country will not generally approve of the course that France is taking to secure her payments, and will regret that she has seen fit to occupy more German territory.

The sympathy and support of the other nations will in the long run be a better safeguard and compensation she can obtain through military force. It is doubtful if this expedition gets any great results in a financial way, as any increased payments secured from the Germans may be offset by the cost of occupying a foreign and hostile territory. The warring nations must forget the past to some extent and learn to co-operate, if the wounds of war are ever to heal.

—Mrs. H. M. Weiser concluded her visit with her mother Mrs. M. A. Shea and returned to Minneapolis Friday morning.

—Mrs. J. K. Tatley of Ollie, Mont., who has been visiting her brother Mrs. H. D. Akre left Friday morning for Minneapolis to visit before returning home.

—Donald and Helen Ingvaldstad who have been visiting for the last couple of weeks with their grandmother, Mrs. Wilcox returned home to Minneapolis Thursday morning. Mrs. Wilcox accompanied them to Cresco.

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