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SPECIAL INDUCEMENT
TO EVERYBODY.

Bargains in every department during the Month of

JANUARY, 1891,

—AT—

Baker's Furniture Bazaar.

LOCAL EVENTS.

The 3-I has placed two new cabooses on their road.

There is considerable sickness of a mild form prevailing.

The new pump at the 3-I was placed in running order Tuesday.

Men's meeting at Congregational church Sunday at 3 p. m.

There will be a public sale on the farm of N. Miller Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Eyer Bros. are at work sinking a well on the residence propery of Joe Miller.

Some of our young folks attended the Hepner-Burger wedding, Wednesday evening.

A social gathering was held at the residence of Mr. Frank Brubaker, Tuesday evening.

Gov. Fifer presented his message to the state legislature this week. It was quite lenghthy.

There will be another social ball given at Kepplinger's Hall on the evening of Jan. 28th.

Next Tuesday is the day they commence voting for United States senator, in Springfield.

There was a social card party given at the home of Miss Millie Winkler last Tuesday evening.

There will be a public sale at the stock yards, Saturday, Jan. 24. It will consist of sixteen head of horses.

The family pew of D. McWilliams, at the M. E. Church was tastefully decorated last Sabbath, in commemoration of the death of Mrs. McWilliams.

Hahn & Keim killed a fine two-year-old beef this week. It weighed 835 pounds after being dressed.

A number of young folks gathered at Kepplinger's hall Wednesday night, to participate in a social ball.

A number of our merchants are having the electric light connections put into their stores. Keep it moving gentlemen.

James Hill had a smash-up on East street Wednesday. No damage was done yet Jim looked as though he was scared.

The Fairbury Blade of last week says: "Never-rip pants at Herzberg's." Where do you wish them ripped at, brother Debois.

The faith cure families have gained such a foot hold in Mt. Pulaski, that they are causing considerable excitement there.

Flagler & Potter are remodeling the interior of their hardware store. Lee Barnum manipulated the brush in the artistic work.

Mr. Miller will sing at the men's meeting Sabbath afternoon, "Have Courage to SayNo," "Drifting Away," and "Some Mother's Boy."

Don't fail to attend the meeting for men only next Sabbath at Congregational church 3 p. m. Old and young men cordially invited.

A party at the home of Miss Katie Schneider, 3 miles west of town was highly enjoyed by the young people Thursday evening.

The Kindergarten school, which has been closed on account of sickness, will be opened next Monday at the residence of Major C. J. Judd.

Dr. W. M. Wees, of Ottawa, a veterinary surgeon, was in Dwight Wednesday, performing a surgical operation upon a horse of J. A. Hayes.

The new rat traps that are for sale by our hardware merchants are a success. Eugene Flagler had one in front of his store yesterday with two large rats in it

We publish a poem this week from the pen of Lizzie Walker, the sister of Mr. Roe, who has been here for several weeks. It is a gem and shows great ability.

The car that is to be used by Mr. Hutchinson as a news stand, has been nearly completed. It is now at the shop of W. Weese to have wheels placed under it. It is a fine one.

Rev. A. Miller, the evangelist, is drawing crowded houses every evening at the Congregational church. He has a grand voice and his music is listened to with rapt attention.

The last of the series of entertainments given by the Y. P. S. C. E. will be the concert by the Imperial Quartette, which will be held at the opera house on the evening of Feb. 6th.

The force under Gen. Miles in the vicinity of the Indian trouble, is the largest that has been concentrated for many years. He has twelve regiments of infantry and five of cavalry.

A long needed improvement has been commenced at the 3-I depot this week. The building will be enlarged, giving plenty of room, both for the passengers benefit and that of Agent France.

The revival services which are in progress at the Methodist church are increasing in interest. Rev. F. W. Merrill is heart and soul in the work, and with the assistance of a number of Christians, workers, and a good work is being accomplished

The young man who has been wearing the white horse as a watch charm, now mourns its loss. He wore it so he could hold the maxim good about the "red-headed girl etc."

There was a marriage performed at the Catholic Church, Wednesday morning, Rev. Father Moore officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. Richard Boyle and Miss Kate Moran, both of Nevada.

We do not offer a chromo with the STAR AND HERALD this week, but we do offer you one of the best local papers in this county for $1.25 per year. We let the paper stand on its own merits Sample copies free.

A freight train going south on the C. & A. Tuesday had four cars, in which were a number of parties moving west. They had their stoves put up with the pipe protruding through the doors of the cars. Quite unique, but a great comfort on a cold day.

Jim Gregory, who for five weeks has been confined to the house owing to the presence of a carbuncle on his neck, is once more able to be on the streets. A surgical operation had to be performed Christmas day, since which he has been improving.

The Pennsylvania railroad company, a company that has tried all the various resources there are in advertising, has come to the conclusion that the best and only way to advertise to reach the public, is through the newspapers. It has abandonded all other modes.

We wish to state for the benefit of Mr. A. V. Hamlin, whose "Card to the Public" appears in another column of this paper, that we were entirely innocent of any intention to do him an injury. It was given in this office by an outsider. Mr. Hamlin answers the charge for himself.

James Robinson, 23 years of age, residing a few miles north of Shelbyville, died a few days ago. Up to a year ago he was in perfect health. He then lost the use of his limbs. Some months later his hearing failed. Soon after he lost his speech. At no time did he suffer pain. The doctors cannot account for this strange malady.

There were baptismal services at the Danish Church last Sunday. Among those baptized, were the infant twins of Rev. Simmensen. The services were conducted by Rev. Guleche, of Mannesee, Mich., officiated. After the services the trustees of the church were invited to the home of Rev. Simmensen, where a good dinner had been prepared for them.

Chicken thieves are now getting in their work. They visited the chicken house of Mr. Schumm one night and helped themselves. One particular feature is, that a successful chicken thief always knows the best time to visit a roost, but on this occasion they seemed to forget that the snow would leave the tell-tale proof. They are known.

We are in receipt of a program circular from County Superintendent Foster, announcing a teacher's county institute to be held in the M. E. Church in Pontiac, on Jan. 23 and 24. This is the first of a series of institutes and promises to be a very successful one. The best rates will be made for board, as it was decided not to ask for free entertainment. Excursion rates on all roads will be arranged for. Every teacher should be present.

For the size of the structure, the Livingston hotel since its enclosure, has been pushed toward completion, faster than any building we have ever seen erected, number of men taken into consideration. This week the work has been continued almost night and day. The third floor is now ready for the plasterers to commence, which will be Monday. The wires for the electric lights, also the bell wires have been put in place, and if the weather continues popitious a few weeks longer the most of the work will be done.

The revival meetings at the Congregational church are going on with increasing interest. The 8 a. m. prayer meeting and the 4:10 p. m. children's meetings are well attended and are resulting in much good. A goodly number are taking upon themselves the vows of a Godly life and many have consecrated themselves anew to the Masters service. Others come especially to hear the sweet songs Evangelist Miller, remain for the sermon and go home thoughtful and tender in spirit. Much good is evidently being done.

On Tuesday, January 20th, Dwight Post No. 626, G. A. R., W. R. C. No. 144 G. A. R. and Henry Fox Camp No. 270 S. of V. will hold a joint installation of their respective officers in I. O. O. F. hall. Ceremonies to commence at 8 o'clock p. m. All soldiers, their wives, soldier's widows and sons and daughters of soldiers over 18 years of age are cordially invited. The members of the three organizations are expected to be on hand prompt. Henry Fox, Com. G. A. R. Hattie A. Fox, Pres. W. R. C. H. F. Boyer, Capt. S. of V.

With all that is said in this world against co operation, it is a fact that it is the saving principle of society, law and existence. This nation is divided into two classes; those who have labor to sell and those who have money to sell. All men or women either sell the labor of their hands or brains, or their money for a price called interest. They either sell their digging, writing, housekeeping, teaching, preaching, machinery etc., for money, or their money for labor and dividends. Capital without labor comes to a stop, and labor without capital starves. In order therefore to get the best results from both capital and labor they must harmonize, must co-operate. Co-operation, therefore, is the foundation of all business and all life.

The electric lights are sending fourth their rays in good style, and we think, for the amount paid per year, that it is a good investment. We have heard but very little complaint in relation to the matter, and with but one exception, that has come under our observation. All seemed satisfied with the plant. We must acknowledge that we did hear one man say, that they were "no good whatever." We think he is excusable; for during the conversation which followed, we learned that he had never seen an electric light before. He had read a great deal about them, and under the impression that he could be able to read the finest newspaper print from their brilliant rays, at a distance of several blocks, therefore the dissatisfaction.

At the last session of the board of trustees on Tuesday evening, the question of a more strict enforcement of the ordinances in relation to licenses for entertainments where an admission fee was collected came up for general consideration. While it may seem to many that home talent and home entertainments for social or society benefits should be exempt from any and all licenses, it should be at the same time be a matter of public knowledge that the present ordinance have been carefully prepared and critically tested as to fullfillment of the state law wherein the question of discrimination has to be fully considered. Those interested can perhaps get a more clear interpretation of what the board are required to do by reading the ordinances in the hands of the clerk.

In an interview with Agent Huey yesterday, we were able to learn that it will be but a short time when the old coal sheds, ice house and the freight building will be removed from their present location. It is not yet decided to a certainty where they will be located, with the exception of the freight house, which will be placed on Mazon avenue near the termination of the west switch. There are two places which have been under contemplation for the other buildings. One of them is opposite the shop used by John Dennihee as a repair shop near the track. The probabilities are that they will be located there. Supt. Richard when passing through yesterday with the pay-car, notified Mr. Huey that he would be here last evening to look over the ground and decide where they should be placed. Work will be commenced upon the buildings at once. It is expected that as soon as this work is completed, the remodeling of the depot will be commenced. Let the good work go on.

An exchange in an article on the different conditions of mankind, winds up in the following language: "This is a sort of topsy turvy world. No man seems to be satisfied. One man is struggling to get justice and another is flying from it. One man is saving up to build a house and another is trying to sell his dwelling for less than it cost to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can make in taking a girl to the theatre, and sending her flowers in hope eventually to make her his wife, while his neighbor is spending all the gold he has to get a divorce. One man makes no effort to keep out of the way of contagious diseases, and being exposed, escapes them all, while his neighbors walks ten blocks out of the way to avoid the measels and is sure to catch them—or them him—and the next year has the mumps, and then the grip. The man that escapes all the disease that man is heir to gets killed in a railroad smash-up; another goes through a half dozen without a scratch and dies of the whooping cough.

To the Public.

A. V. Hamlin the erstwhile, genial proprietor of the Mazon avenue livery stable traded off his "horses," and folding his tent like the gentleman from Arabia, stole away last Wednesday night, leaving his stable lord out a month's rent. Such is the vicissitudes of life.

In last week's issue of the *Star and Herrld* the above was printed concerning me. I will state in regard to it, that it contains nothing but falsehoods, and the author knew it. I wish to let the people of this vicinity know that I am not that kind of a person as the above represents me to be. I am trying to earn an honest living and dislike to see a man's rights imposed upon, and have my business relations with them misrepresented. Hoping this is sufficient, I am yours

A. V. HAMLIN.

School Room.

[All articles on Educational subjects should be addressed to "School Room Department, Dwight STAR AND HERALD."]

Errors in text book.

Page 260 Fish's arithmetic, number two, problem 14.

How many perches of masonry in the wall of a cellar 20 ft. square on the inside 8 ft. high and one and one half ft. thick?

A.—44.6 pchs. "Incorrect because it requires wall to be measured on the outside which is not according to the rule given in the same book for estimating material. The correct answer is 41.7 perches, nearly. Page 242, Ray's higher arithmetic (older). The solidities of two balls are 189 and 875 in cu. in., the diameter of the 2nd 12 17 and one half inches. Find the diameter of the 1st. A.—10 and one half inches.

The rule given page 356 in Ray's higher for finding the diameter from the solidity is "multiply solidity by 6, divide by 3.1416, extract cube root of quotient." By this rule a globe whose solidity is 875 in. is 11,867 in. in diameter instead of 17 and a half in. the error is not corrected in Ray's new edition.

Green in his English grammar says: The subsequent term (of a phrase) is often an adjective or participle and therefore cannot follow a proposition. They regarded him as having attained the highest rank.

The following example shows the incorrectness of this statement: "He was convicted of having killed his daughter, in his analysis of the English sentence, Welch says: The English verb has no distinct form to represent the passive voice." The following is his analysis of "I am struck:" Subject I; verb-am; complement-struck, an adjunct of I: In sentences like the following: "I wish to be him, Prof. McCaulley, of Valpairaso, Ind., says to expand the infinitive phrase that:" I wish that I were he and reasons from this that the correct form is I wish to be he. The reasoning applied to the sentence "I took it to be him would make it read, I took it to be he," for when we expand it we have, I thought that it was he. Is it correct to assume that the complement of the verb in the subordant clause agrees in the case with the complement of the infinitive to which it is equivalent? The following quotation is taken from Webster's Unabridged, given to illustrate the word swan. "The swan on still St. Mary's Lake, floats double, swan and shadow." Below is given the correct form with the two preceding verses.

"Let beeves and homs-bred kine partake the
sweets of Burn mill meadow:
The swan on still St. Mary's Lake, float double,
swan and shadow."

The quotation is from Wordsworth's "Yarrow Unvisited." One cannot help thinking of Burns' "Highland Mary after reading it. The verses are from "Yarrow Visited:"

How sweet on this Autumnal day,
The wild wood fruits to gather,
And on my true love's forehead p'ant
A c.es. of blooming heather.

P. C. M'DOUGRL—PENMANSHIP.

In all my work in this branch I require pupils to assume the "front position" for the reason that this is the strongest, most comfortable, and healthful.

My objections to either the "right oblique" or "side" position are either of these positions causes the lower part of the spine to bend to the right and the upper part and to incline to the left. The head is thus inclined when sloping desks are used in order that each eye may see the work from an equal distance. Such a strain on the muscles of the neck and spine can only be injurious. The body rest is removed when the left arm is kept off the desk and the left shoulder drops two or three inches. Result, slow, jerky writing, and if persevered in a deformed spine.

Every pupil should assume a position which may be endured for hours at a time in a business room without endangering the health. Habits formed in youth are rarely changed.

Front position gives power which is the first requirement to secure good writing. I have my pupils sit squarely in front of and close to the desk, leaning forward, but not touching the desk or bending the spine. The right arm rests lightly on the muscles just forward of the elbow which projects about one and a half inches over the edge of the desk. The left arm which steadies the body placed on the desk at right angles to the right arm. The elbows are about 5 inches from the body and we thus secure a free and easy movement of the arm and hand. The feet are placed upon the floor the left being slightly in advance of the right. The pen should be held lightly between the thumb, and first and second fingers, crossing the second finger at the root of the nail, three-fourths of an inch from the point of the pen. The thumb being bent outward at the first joint and the tip placed against the holder opposite the first joint of the fore finger.

I allow my pupils to let the pen cross the first finger opposite the knuckles or elbow, whichever is easier for them.

The third and fourth fingers are bent under so that the hand rests on the tips of the nails. The wrist is kept straight and about one-half inch from the desk. The hand is turned to the left so that the holder points over the right shoulder. To secure this position it is well to make a long holder and allow it to pass through a loop on the shoulder.

The Old Year.

RECITED BEFORE THE SOUTHERN LITERARY ASSOCIATION, NASHVILLE, TENN.

What! Dying did you say?
So soon! Why it seems but yesterday,
We greeted the new-born in her christening gown.
When youth was her dower, and hope was her crown.
With bright joyous smiles, life's course was begun,
Can it be, can it be, that course is now run?
Is the shroud now the mantle that suits her form best?
Must the hands be folded across her still breast?
Has the heart grown tired of travelling life's road?
Does the footstep falter because of its load?
Were pleasures too often followed by pain?
Or would it give pleasure to live life again?
The beauty of youth, the calmness of age—
Are they willingly left, as a bird leaves its cage?
Does it seems strange the strangeness of dying?
Does it startle the soul, or still the soul's sighing?
Do the Scythe and the Reaper come as in strife?
Or come they to comfort, to bring a new life?
And the River of Death—is it chilly and deep?
Or only a lullaby stream, to rock gently to sleep?
Do the bier and the grave cause a smile or a tear?
Answer me, answer me, Oh; dying year.
I pause and I listen—am I unheard?
Speak to me, speak to me—speak but a word.
The barque is now ready, the tide's ebbing low—
Tell me, O! tell me the things I would know.
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Silent! stil silent! Ah, light be the tread;
Speak softly, speak lowly—the old year is dead!

HARTFORD, KY. —*Lizzie Walker.*

Death of Mrs. Steven A. Goodman.

Mrs. Steven Goodman died at her home last Tuesday evening at 9:45, after a very short illness. She served breakfast for the family as usual. About 9 o'clock she began to complain. Near 11 o'clock a physician was called, but it seemed she was past help. She has been troubled with the heart for some time so we are informed.

The funeral services wer held at the M. E. church Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, and was attended by a large concourse of friends. The services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Merrill, after which the remains were interred at Oak Lawn.

OBITUARY.

On Tuesday last, the 13th instant, at 9:45 in the evening, Mrs. Steven A. Goodman's spirit passed from earth. Her death was wholly unanticipated even within an hour of the end. Her sudden death has come as an unexpected blow to the family and friends, very few outside her nearest neighbors knowing that she was ill Her illness begsn about one week ago, but she was not considered as dangerously sick and had so far recovered as to be about the house and prepare the meals for the family on the day of her death. Her husband, who is in the employ the C. & A. railroad was intending to resume his regular work on the morning of the day that Mrs. Goodman died in the thought that she had recovered from her illness. In the evening she complained of drowsiness and closed her eyes in what proved to be the last sleep, and so passed peacefully away, probably without an intimation that death was so near at hand.

The maiden name of Mrs. Goodman was Bell Goodspeed. She was born in Highland, Grundy county, on the 15th of February, 1856, and therefore lacked but little more than a month of thirty five years of age. Her mother is a soldier's widow. Her father gave his life in the service of his country. Her mother, Mrs. Goodspeed, by the death of her daughter is left the sole survivor of a once happy family, having buried three children before the death of Mrs. Goodman.

The deceased was married to Steven A. Goodman Sept. 19, 1877. Three living children were born to them, of whom the eldest child, Emma, has preceded her mother in death. A curious coincidence has been that the 13th of February has witnessed the death of the father, the daughter and the granddaughter. Mrs. Goodman leaves two motherless children, Hattie, nearly 9, and Charlie, between 3 and 4 years of age. The saddest of all deaths is that of a young mother who is called to resign her darling children to the care of other than a mother's tender hands.

Mrs. Goodman has lived in the home where she died during all her married life, removed by only a few steps from the home of her mother. She was unusually kind and sweet in her disposition. No harsh word ever fell from her lips to mar the harmony of her married life. She was a kind neighbor and friend and was beloved by all the circle of her acquaintance. The sympathy of the community goes out toward the bereaved husband and family in their sudden and sore trial.