

CORRESPONDENCE
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probably visit other places of interest in Southern California, before returning to Illinois in the spring.

Mrs. C. Paemesdorfer and son and Mrs. R. Paemesdorfer were Pontiac visitors Wednesday.

Miss Koenigs Liming, of the Chicago training school, will spend the holidays at J. F. Bairds.

L. H. Mamer went to Milwaukee Saturday, where he will spend a couple weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Allen expect to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Butz, at Graymont.

Nelson Johnson went to Corwith, Iowa, Tuesday to take a look at the country in that vicinity.

Mrs. Charlie Finefield is entertaining her sister Mrs. Anna Webster and daughter, of Beaver City, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finefield entertained a number of friends on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

E. H. Wood and two boys, who visited his brother M. H. Wood the past week, returned home Saturday.

Ross Pfingston arrived home from Kankakee the last of the week where he had been visiting a few days.

Ross Pfingston is helping Whitson & Newsum, in their grocery department during the holiday season.

Dr. D. B. Muzzy drove his team to Chenoa Saturday where his brother will take care of it during the winter.

Chester Van Buskirk has bought out his father's interest in the drayline and the firm name is now Van Buskirk Bros.

Con Trecker, J. J. Pfau and son Earl took advantage of the excursion rates and left here for Wall Lake, Iowa, Tuesday.

Kees Jones received an alligator as a Christmas present from the party, which left here last week for St. Petersburg, Fla.

Miss Maggie Riley went to Joliet Saturday where she will remain with her mother, who recently moved from here to that city.

After spending several weeks here looking after his business interests, C. P. Angell left for his home in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Supervisor M. Cleary went to Fairbury, Tuesday, to inspect the new bridge recently erected there by the county and township.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Armstrong and baby, of Marseilles, are expected here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Strawn.

John Zogg has bought S. N. Donohue's half interest in the meat market, and took possession Thursday morning. The new firm is now Buck & Zogg.

Roger Bockman, of Cabery, was in town Saturday shaking hands with his many friends, he reports that the hotel and livery business is good in his town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cleary moved into the residence occupied by Dr. Fitz.

"The Prudent Man Setteth His House in Order."

Your human tenement should be given even more careful attention than the house you live in. Set it in order by thoroughly renovating your whole system through blood made pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then every organ will act promptly and regularly.

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patrick, Friday. Richard Judge and family moved into the house Mr. Cleary vacated.

A list of 109 names has been secured for the Rural Free delivery and the application has been forwarded to Washington. We are now waiting for future developments.

Melvin Griffith went to Joliet Monday where he has secured a position. Mrs. Griffith and sister went to Joliet Wednesday to join him. They will make their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marshall entertained Mrs. T. L. Marshall and daughter, of Mayview, Mo., and Mrs. A. R. Luckett and daughter, of Pineville, Mo., a few days this week.

Geo. Frise received a telegram Tuesday morning stating that his mother, Mrs. Benjamin Frise, died on Monday. Mr. Frise left on the first train Tuesday for Slater, Iowa, to attend the funeral.

The American Wargraph Company gave a very interesting program at the Congregational church both Friday and Saturday nights. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society.

Mrs. T. W. Burch was pleasantly surprised on Monday evening by a number of her friends from Pontiac, Dwight and home. The occasion being her fifty-first birthday. The evening was very enjoyably spent and will be long remembered by those present.

Two weeks from today is horse sale day, there has been some reports circulating that our horse sale days were a thing of the past and the business to be transferred to Dwight, which is all a mistake. Dwight has attempted to start a regular horse sale day a number of times and always made a failure of it. Our horse sales here have been a success. Since the last change in the time card, the railroad accommodations have been such that Chicago buyers could not get here and spend the day and get away in the evening, which has hurt business somewhat but it is possible that a new time card in the near future will remedy this difficulty and our horse sales will continue as usual.

The C. & A. excursion Saturday induced a large number of our people to go and see the holiday displays in the city. The following is a list of those who took advantage of the reduced rates: Mrs. John Schroeder and son, George; Mesdames Wm. Beck, T. H. Wheeler, Wm. Davis, Cora Sharp, Misses Anna Beck, Margaret Cleary, Agnes McAllister, Lenora Vaughn, Mary Frederix, Dora Storck, Mabel Foley and Messrs. Guy Wood, Chris Hoenscheld, Peter Schook, Henry Francis, A. Des Voigne, John Borgman, Wm. Jeffries, Chester Van Buskirk, J. C. Dilmer, P. N. Dillmer, Alvin Bradley, Guy Krippie, Wm. O'Donnell, John Higgins, J. D. Pound, F. E. Turentine, Nick Uselding, F. E. Southwick, Mason Walker, E. Borgman, Wm. Cleary, J. E. Caine, Fred Meier, Arthur Hanson, Wm. Timm, John Richard, Royal Camp, John Timm, Clarence Salme, J. H. Allen, Ed. Allen, Eward Brumach, Marvin Fonger, W. J. Jeffries, Dan Cousins, Walter Franzen, P. E. Riordan.

Mrs. E. H. Dana was born in Vermont state in the year 1813. She had made her home for a number of years with her daughter, Mrs. John McWilliams, where she died Friday morning at the age of 87 years.

The funeral services were held at the residence Sunday at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. Solandt, of the Congregational Church, of which the deceased has been a member for many years. The remains were laid to rest in the new cemetery.

The deceased leaves two daughters, Mrs. John McWilliams, and Mrs. G. W. Palmer, of Madison, Ind. Relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were David McWilliams, Miss Louise McWilliams and J. R. Oughton, of Dwight, Mrs. D. Oughton, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Van Buskirk and C. R. Tombsugh, of Pontiac.

The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church will be given by the Sunday School and will consist of music and speaking by the children and class exercises. The aim of the school is to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the ideal way and bring gifts to Jesus for distribution among the children of the Deaconess Orphanage in Chicago, where more than 70 children are living and being placed in good homes as occasion may offer. There will be a Christmas tree upon which will be placed the gifts as they are presented. The teachers and scholars instead of giving gifts to each other will both bring gifts to Jesus for his orphans. An enjoyable

and Merry Christmas is certainly anticipated. Friends are invited.

Watch night services will be held in the M. E. church on Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p. m. The young men of the church will have charge of the hours from 8 until 10:30. The first hour they will render an appropriate program on the subject of light and present to the church a beautiful set of lamps. This will be followed by a sociable and lunch, and at 10:30 fitting religious services will be conducted, concluded by watching out the old century and welcoming in the new.

The following is the program from January to May 1901:

Jan. 14—"Domestic uses of Electricity," Geo. Des Voigne. Current topic, "Electricity," leader, M. J. Higgins.

Jan. 21—"The New Japan" Miss Anna Day. "Modern Warfare" W. E. Puffer. Current topic, "China at Large" C. A. Fenn.

Feb. 4—"Election of officers. Musical and social evening. Musical numbers by Mrs. Marden and Miss Cosgrove and readings by Miss Frances Hossack and Miss Nell Raisbeck.

Feb. 18—"Medical Science in the Nineteenth Century" Dr. Ohs. Current topic, "Social Settlements." Leader Mrs. Hunter.

March 4—"The Value of Public Libraries" Mrs. McWilliams and Mrs. Mary B. Hossack. Current topic, "The Literature Most Read," Leader, Mabel Strawn.

March 18—"Pioneers of Illinois" Mr. John McWilliams, and Mr. B. A. Gower. Song, "Illinois."

April 1—"Alaska prior to the purchase by the U. S." Miss Ballard. "Alaska since the purchase by the U. S." Rev. Solandt. Current topic, "Our Intercourse with Alaska." Leader, Miss Solon.

April 15—"Some Recent Scientific Discoveries." C. A. Stuck. Current topic, "Good roads," S. G. Vincent, S. J. Lyons.

April 29—"Nicaraguan Canal," Rev. Wilson. General discussion by club. May 15, 1901, banquet.

Mrs. M. Higgins, mother of M. J. Higgins, was born in Ireland in the year 1820, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Whalen, in Nevada township, Monday evening, Dec. 17th, 1900, aged 80 years. The funeral services were held in St. Paul's Church, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Father Griffy. The interment was made at the Catholic cemetery. The deceased leaves eight children.

December 23, at 7 o'clock. Anthem, choir. Scripture lesson, Mr. Solandt. Solo, Mrs. Marden. Solo, Miss Ballard. Duet, Miss Cosgrove and Mrs. Marden. Talk by the pastor. Solo, Miss Chadwick. Anthem, choir.

Emington.

Mrs. O. Lewis is on the sick list.

Mr. Amsler, of Cullom, was in town Wednesday.

Mat Farley left for Hastings, Nebraska, Tuesday.

Mr. W. Lewis, of Chicago, is visiting with relatives.

Next Tuesday is Christmas and we wish you a Merry Xmas.

W. Thone and Ed. Grabill, of Cullom, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. M. Ohrien and daughter Maggie were in Cabery Saturday.

C. Young and the Ohrien sisters were in Dwight last Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Downs, of Saunemin, visited Mat Mullen Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. Murphy and daughter, Mrs. P. Ferguson, of Chicago, were in town Saturday.

Mr. Larkins, of Fooseland, spent a few days this week with his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Ball.

C. Herb and Miss Ehrhardt were married Sunday at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Erhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Erhardt started for Nebraska Tuesday where they expect to visit with relatives a few weeks.

Your time is limited for buying Xmas presents, so haste to Newhoff Bros. for your gifts before they are all gone.

Campus.

P. Ferguson was a Dwight visitor Tuesday.

Elmer Mahanna, who was taken sick, is reported as improving.

Cardiff.

Ben Thompson was in Dwight the first of the week on business.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. s-15-01.

Philadelphia has decided to allow motorcycles in the parks.

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Look at your tongue. Is it coated? Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are always constipated.

There's an old and reliable cure:

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Don't take a cathartic dose and then stop. Better take a laxative dose each night, just enough to cause one good free movement of the day following. You feel better the very next day. Your appetite returns, your dyspepsia is cured, your headaches pass away, your tongue clears up, your liver acts well, and your bowels no longer give you trouble.

Price, 25 cents. All druggists.

"I have taken Ayer's Pills for 35 years, and I consider them the best made. One pill does me more good than half a box of any other kind I have ever tried."

Mrs. N. P. Talbot, March 20, 1899, Attingham, Kans.

WORK DONE IN CONGRESS

Record Being Made at the Short Session of the Fifty-Sixth National Assembly.

SENATE DISCUSSES TREATY QUESTION.

The House passes the War Revenue Reduction and the Pension Bills—Membership to Remain the Same—Daily Summary of All Proceedings of Importance.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Hanna (O.) advocated in the senate yesterday the passage of the subsidy bill as necessary to the development of the American merchant marine. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty was amended so as to provide for American defense of the Nicaraguan canal.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Discussion of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty occupied the time of the senate yesterday. The house resolution providing for a holiday recess from Friday, December 21, to Thursday, January 3, 1901, was adopted. Senator Vest (Mo.) introduced a bill for the establishment, in connection with the department of justice, of a national bureau of criminal identification.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate on Saturday occupied the time in discussing the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The time was spent in the senate yesterday in executive session considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and it was decided to take a vote on the measure on Thursday.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate had the Hay-Pauncefote treaty again under discussion yesterday in executive session.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Seventy-one private pension bills were passed in the senate yesterday, two giving pensions of \$50 a month to the widows of Gen. John A. McClelland and Gen. John M. Palmer. The urgent deficiency bill was also passed without debate. A house resolution was passed authorizing President McKinley to appoint Congressman Boutelle (Me.) captain on the retired list of the navy.

In the House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Bills were introduced in the house yesterday to fix the ratio of congressmen, making the total membership 487, and authorizing the president to detail army officers as military instructors in public schools. A resolution was adopted for a holiday recess from Friday, December 21, to Thursday, January 3, 1901. The war revenue reduction bill was discussed.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In the house yesterday it was voted to tax beer \$1.60 per barrel. Mr. Hopkins (Ill.) presented a plan for representation in congress which leaves the number of members unchanged.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The war revenue reduction and the pension appropriation bills were passed in the house Saturday. Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, was sworn in. The committee on census decided to retain the membership of the house at 357, which is the present number.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In the house yesterday bills were passed to divide Kentucky and West Virginia into two judicial districts and to create another district judge in the northern district of Ohio; to place Congressman Charles A. Boutelle on the retired list as a captain in the navy; an urgent deficiency bill carrying \$182,000, and 102 private pension bills. The military academy appropriation bill (\$599,151) was reported. Mr. Ray (N. Y.) introduced a bill for the suppression of train robbery. It provides the death penalty for those guilty of a "hold-up" in case the death of any person on the train results. In case no one is killed the penalty is made hard labor from 20 to 40 years.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The house devoted the time yesterday to District of Columbia business.

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A Poison Mystery.

Marletta, O. Dec. 17.—As a result of a mysterious case of poisoning at Forest Mines, near here, four persons are dead, three are dying and two others are seriously ill. Jealousy is hinted as the motive for the crime. The dead are: Andrew Barnick, Mary Laichak, Andrew Letchke, and a child, name not given.

Praise for Chicago Schools.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Erskine, vice consul at Chicago, in his report on the educational system in America, just received by the British government, declared the schools of the United States, and especially of Chicago, the best in the world for fitting youth for the struggle of life.

Falls to Get License.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—The supreme court Wednesday denied the filing of a petition for mandamus by Woolner against Lewis B. Thomas, mayor of Bloomington, who sought by this means to compel the mayor to issue him a saloon license.

Family of Six Perishes.

Cannonball, N. D., Dec. 17.—An Indian family consisting of father, mother and four children burned to death from an explosion of gasoline. Another family of father, mother and one child are reportedly burned and will probably die.

Was the First.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Dr. Charles Sabin Taft, who was the first surgeon to reach President Lincoln's side when he was shot down in Ford's theater, died at his home here.

IS A CRUSHING BLOW.

Great Britain Stagnates Under Recent Defeats at the Hands of the Boers.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nootgedacht, Gen. Clement's forces were compelled to retire by Commandant Delany with a force of 2,500 men. Four British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported.

London, Dec. 17.—All England is shocked over the ominous report sent to the war office by Lord Kitchener. It contains news of one of the most crushing disasters to British arms since the beginning of the campaign. In addition to the defeat of Gen. Clement's forces the Boers have captured 120 British troops in a fight at Zaastron and Gen. De Wet made a successful dash on the lines of communication in the Orange Free State and captured and destroyed immense quantities of ammunition and supplies.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Cape Town says 700 Boers have crossed from Orange River Colony into Cape Colony, near Alival North, and have reached Knappal. The Boers have also cut their way through the British lines at Enubirt nek, capturing two guns and killing 15 men.

Cape Town, Dec. 19.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony, west of Alival North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

London, Dec. 20.—Opinion, judging from the meager reports that are permitted to come from South Africa, is that the British are practically placed on the defensive in Cape Colony. According to a report Gen. Buller has been forced to abandon the pursuit of Gen. De Wet owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange river.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

The Abduction of the Young Son of a Millionaire Cudahy, of Omaha, Causes a Sensation.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.—Edward Cudahy, Jr., the 15-year-old son of Edward A. Cudahy, the millionaire pork packer, who was abducted on Tuesday evening, was brought home at 1:30 this (Thursday) morning. For 36 hours every policeman and hundreds of citizens of Omaha had been searching for the boy. Just exactly how the youth was found is not known to anyone except Mr. Cudahy and the members of his family. They refuse to say, but it is generally believed that Mr. Cudahy paid \$25,000 for the boy's ransom.

The boy disappeared at eight o'clock Tuesday evening. Early Wednesday morning a horseman rode rapidly past the Cudahy residence and threw a note on the lawn, in which a statement was made that for \$25,000 the boy would be returned to his parents. Later in the day another note was received, declaring that if the money was not paid immediately the boy's eyes would be burned out with vitriol.

Mr. Cudahy, it is believed, fearing that his son might suffer the fate of Charles Ross, decided to make terms with the abductors. The police knew nothing of what he did. They were unsuccessful in their search, and the first intimation they received of the success of Mr. Cudahy was at 1:30 this morning, when the chief of police was notified by telephone that the boy was home and had not been injured.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Six Girls and One Man Lose Their Lives in a New York Normal School Fire.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 15.—From the smoldering ruins of the Fredonia State Normal and Training school, at Fredonia, N. Y., which was destroyed by fire at six o'clock Friday morning, one charred body has been recovered, and a revision of the list of missing makes it certain that seven persons perished in the fire, which also entailed a property loss of \$200,000. There were 73 young women students in the building, of whom six perished. The other victim was the aged janitor. The dead: Phineas J. Morris, janitor; Irene Jones, of Busti, N. Y.; Bessie Hathaway, of Canisvate, N. Y.; Ruth Thomas, of Pitts, N. Y.; Cora Stearns, Boston, N. Y.; Mae Williams, Lake Como, Pa.; Maud F. Fizzell, Bradford, Pa.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Bodies of five victims of the normal school fire were recovered Sunday, making six that have been taken from the ruins. Those found Sunday were charred beyond recognition, as was the one previously recovered.

Husband Under Arrest.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 19.—A special from Estherville says: The house of John Freeman was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, and Mrs. Freeman perished in the flames. There is suspicion of foul play, and Freeman has been arrested pending investigation by the coroner's jury. They had been married a year, and their wedded life was not happy.

Failed to Agree.

Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 15.—Jessie Morrison's trial for the murder of Mrs. G. Olin Castle, whose life she is charged with having taken because of her love for Castle, ended Friday at noon in a hung jury.

Appropriation for Chilean Exhibit.

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 20.—The chamber of deputies has passed a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the Chilean exhibit at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo.

Capital Stock Increased.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 20.—The Singer Manufacturing company, of Elizabeth, filed papers increasing its capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Reduced Rates For Christmas And New Year Holidays.

The Nickel Plate Road will sell tickets December 22 to 25, inclusive, December 31, 1900, and January 1, 1901, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, to any point located in Central Passenger Association territory, good returning to and including January 2, 1901. Vestibule sleeping cars. Individual club meals, ranging in price from 35 cents to \$1.00, served in dining cars. Address John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago, for particulars. Depot, Van Buren St. and Pacific Ave., on the Elevated Loop, 631

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With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood of constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

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Students Returning Home

For holiday vacations can, upon presentation of proper credentials, obtain tickets via Nickel Plate Road, to all points in Central Passenger Association territory, at a fare and a third for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on day of closing school and on day immediately preceding closing date; good returning until date school reopens but not later than January 8, 1901.

For information as to train service to Ft. Wayne, Cleveland, Portoria, Erie and other points. Call on or address, John Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams St., Chicago Passenger Station, Van Buren St., and Pacific Ave. on the Elevated Loop.

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Genesee Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:—Some days since a package of your GRAIN-O preparation was left at my office, I took it home and gave it a trial, and I have to say I was very much pleased with it, as a substitute for coffee. We have always used the best Java and Mocha in our family, but I am free to say I like the GRAIN-O as well as the best coffee I ever drank. Respectfully yours,
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