

In looking back at what we have accomplished during the past year, we are mindful of the part you have played in our success; and we are glad to express our appreciation. We hope we may continue to merit your support, and in the year just beginning we bespeak for you that full measure of success which is your due.

L. R. WHEATLEY

Uncared-for Children a Menace. Every child that grows up without adequate care is certain to be a burden to the state in later life.

Rich Copper in Nova Zembla. Copper ore discovered in Nova Zembla is said to be 40 per cent. pure. Steps are being taken to mine it.



A mild, satisfying smoke. You pay 10c for cigars not so good.

PONTIAC.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Fairchild, and family.  
S. S. Munro, of Saunimin, was in this city Thursday the guest of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Pauline Munro.  
Charles Williams, of Danforth, returned to his home Thursday morning after a short visit in this city with friends.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Middleton and family left Tuesday for Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter season.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Forbes left Monday for Texas, where they expect to spend some time visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Arthur Latham, of North Main street, will leave soon for the south, where she will spend some time for the benefit of her health.  
J. M. Bunn, of Bloomington, and formerly engaged in the livery business in this city, spent several hours here Monday calling on friends.

R. P. Boyle, proprietor of the Phoenix Hotel, returned Wednesday night from Chicago, where he had been for several days attending a hotelmen's convention.

Mrs. D. T. Clem, of Hahnman, Ill., and formerly of this city, is spending several days here as a guest at the Stroud home, and also the guest of Mrs. V. R. Emory, Jr.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cook and Forrest Rogers took supper with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burkhardt Saturday evening.

Mrs. Eugene Thompson returned home Saturday after a two weeks' visit with her parents in Aurora.  
Chas Rogers and family returned from Effingham county Friday evening after a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. Rosa Wilkinson and daughter Thelma and Mrs. Gertrude Wilkinson and daughter Maud spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cook.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

**Bogs as Nitrate-fields.**  
It peat is mixed with lime and sown with nitrifying ferments, its filaments become incased with masses of nitrates. Wherever there are peat-bogs it is possible to obtain nitrates equivalent in quality to those of the great nitrate deposits in Chile. The bogs, hitherto regarded as good for fuel only, are thus found to be undeveloped sources of wealth.—Harper's Weekly.

**Part of the Profession.**  
When a man makes politics his profession he begins to cultivate the habit of seeing only one side of a thing.—Chicago Record-Herald.

**WHY HESITATE.**  
An Offer that Involves No Risk For Those Who Accept It.

We are so positive our remedy will relieve constipation, that we offer to furnish it free of all cost if it fails.

Constipation is caused by weakness of the nerves and muscles of the large intestines, or descending colon. To expect relief you must therefore tone up and strengthen those organs and restore them to healthier activity.

We want you to try Rexall Orderlies on our guarantee. They are eaten like candy, and are particularly ideal for children. They act directly on the nerves and muscles of the bowels. They have a neutral action on the other organs or glands. They do not purge or cause any inconvenience whatever. They act to overcome chronic or habitual constipation and the myriads of associate or dependent chronic ailments. Try Rexall Orderlies at our risk. Two sizes, 10c and 25 c. Sold only at our store—The Rexall Store—Seymour's Drug Store.—Adv.

ROAD ITEMS

Down in a little Indiana town, is a woman who has no use for automobiles. She wouldn't own one if it were presented to her. Here's the reason—she is the wife of a retired farmer. Two farms of generous proportions amassed considerable wealth for her, she still owns them. In years past she had to travel hummocky and ill-kept roads to reach her farms. It was a considerable undertaking to haul a load of produce to the nearby market because of the condition of the roads. Yet with many breakings of springs and straining of vehicles she managed to market her farm's yield.

Since leaving the farms to come to the little town to live, the roads in front of her farms have been greatly improved. In fact, by one of them a concrete road now runs.

Instead of rejoicing at this condition, the woman has grown bitter. Her taxes have jumped surprisingly to pay for the roads.

"If it wasn't for automobiles," she says, "I wouldn't have to pay any more taxes than I used to. But they must have carpet roads to run on and I have got to pay for the roads."

Thus she reasons it. She never tells you that her farms are yearly increasing in value, almost by leaps and bounds, and that the boom commenced at the same time the good roads passing by the farms were completed.

This woman is a sham. She is posing, and her speech, rankling with hatred toward the motor car, doesn't in the least express her true opinion, because she is too good a business woman to be fooled by her own sophistry.

Down deep in her heart she knows what it is that has brought more value to her rural property. Down deep in her heart she knows that the increased taxes she pays but gives back to the country a little of the profit that has accrued to her because of the splendid roads. But she likes to pose as a "strong-minded" person who can't be deceived by any of the "new-fangled ideas."

On either side of one of the farms owned by this woman are two owned and worked by comparatively young men. Both of these drive to town in their cars. Both have a goodly bank account. Both are proud of the roads of the country, and are boosters for even better roads. They realize that good roads have brought prosperity.

Neighbors tell of the time when the fathers of these young men were labor-

ing over rough, uneven roads to get their produce to market, the while goodly sized mortgages urged them to further exertions.  
But there are no mortgages on the sons' farms.

These men are enthusiastic autoists. They know quick transportation at low cost is as valuable to the farmer, and maybe more so, as it is to the city man. They know the automobile is not a city man's fad, but that it is the farmer's friend, as his self-binder and his other farm implements. They know that it brings freshness of mind and body with its trips to the nearby town after chores are done at night; and that the time is rapidly passing when it can be said that farmers' wives go insane by the hundreds because of the monotony of their existence.

Never are these men heard to murmur against excessive taxes, or complain because the roads are being improved. They are constantly studying ways and means to improve the roads more, realizing that improved roads always, and must of necessity, bring increased property valuations and increased marketing facilities, which in turn bring increased bank accounts to the farmers.

Business men between Rockford and Glenwood on the Soo line in Minnesota have organized to extend the state road from Minneapolis to Glenwood through Rockford under the Elwell road law which distributes one-half the cost to the state, one-fourth to the county, and one-fourth to the property improved. E. Peck of Kimball Prairie is chairman and Will O'Brien of Eden Valley is secretary.

In the last year 42 miles of new hard road have been constructed in Illinois under the supervision of the state highway commission. In addition to this 20 miles have been improved and placed in first class condition. The total value of the road construction has been approximately \$250,000, which does not include an estimate of the value of the stone furnished by the state for the work. During the past year, the state commission has been engaged in a demonstration of maintenance of roads.

An experimental country highway of concrete in Palmyra township, Whiteside county, Ill., is attracting much attention, being the first instance in this state in the rural districts where this material was used to any extent. The road is exceptionally well made, being 8 inches in depth in

the center and 6 at the edges, giving a crown of 2 inches. Expansion joints were made, 16 feet apart. The road is 10 feet in width. The road just completed is an experiment and was laid in competition with a brick road in the same vicinity.

Cities on the Chicago and Alton between Chicago and St. Louis are making the most active effort to secure one of the proposed state roads which the next legislature will probably authorize. As this is the shortest route between the two metropolitan cities, it is thought that it will receive favorable attention. The cities between Springfield and St. Louis have completed an organization and those between Bloomington and Chicago will shortly take similar action.

The Alton way hard road proposition between Chicago and St. Louis was given another boost at an enthusiastic meeting held in Carlinville. It was decided to commence marking the proposed road by painting the telephone poles. There will be a white band at the base 1 foot in width with a black band in the center, 4 inches in width. It was recommended that the road be kept in first class condition and dragged regularly.

A 2 weeks' course in road building will be given by the School of Engineering of the Missouri state university in February. A description of the work was a part of the report of State Highway Engineer Curtis Hill to the Missouri Association of County Judges which met in Columbia on December 10. The course will be free to anyone who desires to take it. Other than the lectures by university professors and practical road builders there will be demonstrations, tests and experiments in the engineering laboratories. If the course is well attended it may be lengthened and made a part of the regular university work next year.

ADVERTISING IN THIS PAPER PAYS

IF YOU ARE ILL

From any disorder of the STOMACH, LIVER or KIDNEYS, or if your bowels are inactive at times, or you should suffer from headaches, get a 50 cent bottle of SEVEN BARKS of your druggist. If you are run down and don't feel as young and chipper as you used to, give SEVEN BARKS a fair trial; it will purify your blood, clear your system and brain, and make life worth living. It is absolutely harmless, is highly palatable, and will not disturb the most delicate stomach.

For sale at druggists at 50 cents per bottle. Don't fail to try it. Address LYMAN BROWN, 68 Murray St., New York, N.Y.

HEENAN'S

STREATOR, ILLINOIS

Women's fine colored aprons, worth \$1, slightly soiled, at ..... 50c  
\$2.50 knitted wool shawls, slightly soiled, now ..... \$1.00  
Children's black sateen bloomers, sizes 4 to 12 ..... 25c  
Women's flannel shirts ..... \$1.25

Bargains Briefly Told

Messaline petticoats, good quality silk, pretty colors, original price \$3.98, now ..... \$2.98  
Messaline silk petticoats ..... \$1.50  
\$1.98 petticoats of black heatherbloom ..... \$ .00  
Flannelette petticoats ..... 25c

Prices Move Down

Sweaters in white or colors ..... \$1.00  
Silk waists, many worth up to \$4.00, your choice at ..... \$1.98  
Silk waists priced at \$5 and \$6, now ..... \$2.98  
Misses' rain coats ..... \$2.50

HEENAN'S

STREATOR, ILLINOIS

Flannel petticoats, embroidered ..... 50c  
Flannelette petticoats ..... 25c  
\$1.98 and \$1.50 black heatherbloom petticoats at ..... \$1.00  
BUY FURS NOW—Prices greatly reduced on Fine Furs of All Kinds.

Our Money-Saving Clearaway Means Big Savings for Early Shoppers

Our January Clearance Prices on Women's Wearing Apparel

\$30 coats of novelty cloths, \$17.50 and ..... \$15.00  
Exceptional coats values at ..... \$10.00  
Children's \$6 plush coats \$3.98  
Women's \$5 dress skirts \$3.98  
Grey Manchuria fur sets \$4.50  
Fine chiffon waists ..... \$3.98  
Women's large beaver shawls for ..... \$2.98  
\$25 tailored suits ..... \$15.00  
Chinchilla coats ..... \$7.50  
Black cloth coats ..... \$5.00  
Black cloth coats with trimming of fancy braiding, \$7.50 \$6.95  
\$15 and \$12.50 dresses ..... \$7.50  
Silk dresses, some worth \$25, now ..... \$10.00  
Sealette plush coats ..... \$15.00

January Sale of Clothing for Men and Boys

\$12.50 suits now ..... \$8.35  
\$13.50 suits now ..... \$9.35  
\$15.00 suits now ..... \$10.35  
\$18.00 suits now ..... \$13.85  
\$20.00 suits now ..... \$14.85  
\$25.00 suits now ..... \$18.85  
\$27.50 suits now ..... \$19.85  
\$30.00 suits now ..... \$21.85  
\$10.00 overcoats now ..... \$7.35  
\$12.50 overcoats now ..... \$8.35  
\$15.00 overcoats now ..... \$10.35  
\$18.00 overcoats now ..... \$13.85  
\$20.00 overcoats now ..... \$14.85  
\$25.00 overcoats now ..... \$18.85  
\$27.50 overcoats now ..... \$19.85  
\$30.00 overcoats now ..... \$21.85

Prices Reduced on Extra Size Suits for Stout Women

Tailored Suits in large sizes for stout figures, becoming styles specially designed for large women; materials this season's choicest; prices materially reduced for quick clearance, at ..... \$15.00  
Tailored Suits that at the first of the season sold up to \$25 are now marked down and will go to the first comers at ..... \$10.00

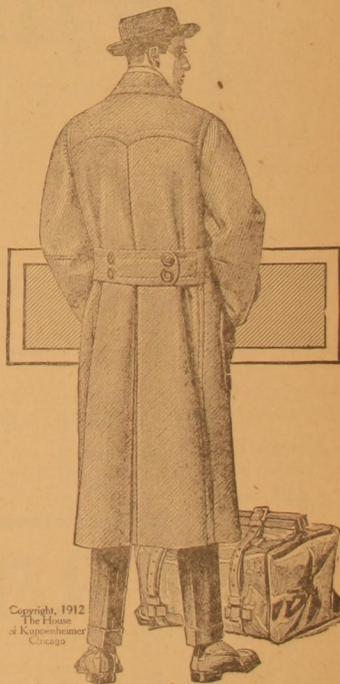
BOY'S

KNICKERBOCKER SUITS

\$3.00 suits now ..... \$2.29  
\$4.00 suits now ..... \$2.89  
\$5.00 suits now ..... \$3.69  
\$6.00 suits now ..... \$4.29  
\$7.00 suits now ..... \$4.89  
\$8.00 values now ..... \$5.69  
\$9.00 values now ..... \$6.89  
\$10.00 values now ..... \$7.89

BOY' OVERCOATS

\$3.00 overcoats now ..... \$1.89  
\$4.00 overcoats now ..... \$2.49  
\$5.00 overcoats now ..... \$3.39  
\$6.00 overcoats now ..... \$3.89  
\$7.00 overcoats now ..... \$4.69  
\$8.00 overcoats now ..... \$5.69  
\$9.00 overcoats now ..... \$6.69  
\$10.00 overcoats now ..... \$7.69



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CLEARING OF WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR

\$1.25 fleeced union suits, including extra sizes ..... \$1.00  
Small lot of 50c and 50c vests and drawers in ceru Egyptian cotton at ..... 39c  
Children's 25c vests and drawers at ..... 15c  
Boy's 50c night shirts ..... 39c  
Women's 75c outing flannel gowns at ..... 50c  
Small lot of 69c and 50c fleeced union suits at ..... 35c  
Fine ribbed shrunken vests and drawers, \$1.50 value ..... \$1.00  
\$1 wool vests and drawers, children's, for ..... 50c

For you January means the beginning of a new year, but for us it is the home stretch of our fiscal year of 1912. Stocks must be lessened and odd lots must be closed out. In order to do this at a time when business is naturally slow, we have cut prices very closely and offer a host of bargains in dependable merchandise. Start 1913 by saving money at

HEENAN'S

STREATOR, ILLINOIS

PRICES CHANGE ON CHILDREN'S BONNETS

36 bonnets worth up to \$1.50, including white bearskin, caracul, navy, red, brown, broadcloth, your choice while they last 25c  
1 dozen 50c bonnets, each ..... 10c  
A rare bargain that you should take advantage of.  
17 children's bonnets in plush and velvet, colors black, brown and navy, \$3 to \$4 values, to close at ..... \$1.50  
20 velvet and plush bonnets, black, brown, red and navy, \$1.50 and \$2.00 values now 85c