

## THE MAN WHO KNEW SANTA CLAUS BEST



## VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced through their

heads;  
And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap; When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I fled like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash; The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When what to my wondering eyes should appear But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and Vixen!"

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys and Saint Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof— As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack; His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up in a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;

But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."



### GRUNDY COUNTY.

#### A Review of Highland Township and Kinsman.

Grundy county was settled by a few whites as early as 1830 but the county was not created as such until February 24, 1841, when the legislature passed a bill authorizing it.

Grundy was originally a part of La Salle.

Grundy county has sixteen townships, and there are none better.

The first election was held in the county May 24, 1841, in a tavern near the present county seat. The building has been a farm house for many years.

The first court house was built in 1843. The present one was built in 1858.

The Board of Supervisors equipped a company of soldiers in 1821, who did fine service during the war. Grundy did her full duty and a beautiful monument was erected in honor of the brave boys.

#### Shabona.

The above name is well known in Grundy county where he spent much of his time. He first came to this country in 1800. He was a brave, good Indian.

#### Kinsman.

The above named town is situated near the northwest part of Highland township on the Santa Fe railroad, and is surrounded by prosperous, up-to-date farmers. Highland township is bounded on the south by Livingston, on the west by La Salle county, on the north by Vienna and on the east by Goodfarm townships.

There are nine public school districts in the township of which Kinsman has two. The schools are well conducted.

To say that the people of Kinsman are enterprising is putting it mildly. During a recent visit there the writer was shown the new paving. Main street is nearly a hundred feet wide, and the paving is the best we ever heard of in a small place. Some of the side streets are also paved, and the approaches to the town are most of them gravelled, and kept in good repair.

Kinsman also has a first class stock yard and a great deal of shipping is done from there.

There are two churches in Kinsman, the Catholic and Swedish Lutheran, and the spiritual welfare of the community is well attended to.

Kinsman has well conducted post office under the control of Mrs. John Dempsey for over thirty years. There is one rural route, out of the town.

Dr. J. T. McGahey is the only physician located in Kinsman and attends to the physical disabilities of the people.

Father J. P. Green is the pastor of the Catholic Church and has a large and successful parish.

The pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church is not a resident of Kinsman, and is supplied from other localities.

The Santa Fe railroad does a good business out of Kinsman and George Owen is the agent.

#### The Business End.

#### Hardware.

It is very seldom that one sees as fine, well-equipped hardware stores as that owned by Wm. A. Harty, of Kinsman. He has been in business a long while and has made a study of the people's wants in his line, and he caters to them and has built up a fine business. Besides a full line of heavy hardware, including stoves of all kinds, he is well equipped with shelf hardware and everything which goes to make up a first-class store. In Mr. Harty's store can be found plenty of good things for the holidays. The people nowadays do not throw away so much money for foolish presents and naturally there is a demand for useful articles. Mr. Harty also sells farming implements of all kinds and invites inspection.

#### New Barber Shop.

Bert Nelson, formerly one of Dwight's popular tonsorial artists, has a shop in Kinsman now and is starting out with a good trade. He has had long experience and understands all the little things which make it a pleasure to be in a barber chair, and makes one look better when he gets out. Mr. Nelson has quite a large store room and does not really need all of it for the barber shop, and is figuring on putting in pool tables. Whatever Mr. Nelson does he does well and we predict he will be successful.

Make The Furniture Store your Christmas headquarters. Call early with your Christmas gift list, and if we can not supply everything from stock, if in our line we will do our best to secure it for you. C. M. Baker & Son.—Adv.

Fancy dressed chickens Saturday at W. R. Drew's.—Adv.

Now is the accepted time to plan your order for a Hoosier cabinet for Christmas delivery. You may delay too long; the output of the Hoosier factory exceeds the output of all other factories yet there is likely to be a shortage at Christmas time. C. M. Baker & Son.—Adv.

### DWIGHT NOTES

W. R. Drew's, the place for fancy bulk mince meat—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boston are spending a few days in the city.

Dr. Oughton and his father are spending a week down south on business.

Mrs. Irwin Baker and Mrs. Dr. James Oughton shopped in the city Friday.

Messrs. Chas. D. McWilliams and L. A. Welcker were in Pontiac on business Friday.

C. M. Baker & Son are now carrying a line of golf goods, the Spalding Quality.—Adv.

Mrs. Henry Christopher and Mrs. Andrew Peterson visited relatives in Pontiac Thursday.

Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. H. Beyer and Mrs. Von Qualen spent Thursday with friends in Pontiac.

Just received, a new consignment of Christmas and New Year post cards, to sell from one to five cents. C. M. Baker & Son.—Adv.

The social meeting of the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary which had been set for next Friday evening has been indefinitely postponed.

The churches are all making preparations for the observance of Christmas and special music is being rehearsed and cantatas being prepared.

Don't forget the dolls for the Chicago Flower Mission. If possible, have them at the Congregational Church Wednesday evening, Dec. 10.

You are urged to attend the Methodist Sabbath School tomorrow morning at 9:30 unless you are a regular attendant at some other church service at the same hour.

Be sure and attend the basket ball game next Tuesday evening at Nelson's gymnasium, between Dwight Town team and Wilmington. Admission 15c.—Adv.

We are showing a good assortment of dainty Christmas boxes of Crane's Quality Writing Paper, the kind particularly people demand. They make most appropriate Christmas presents. C. M. Baker & Son.—Adv.

#### WITH OUR CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal Church—G. H. McClung, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45. Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30. Subject of morning sermon "Personal Religion and the Social Awakening." In the evening Rev. G. M. Boswell, of Odell, will be with us to give an address on the great meeting for men, held in Indianapolis recently. More than 3000 Methodist men were in attendance and we will be glad to hear from this meeting by one who was privileged to attend. The good attendance at all the services last Sunday, in spite of a little rain, was most encouraging. The courtesy of sister churches in cancelling their own meetings to attend the evening service was greatly appreciated, and will be reciprocated when occasion offers. It is just one month almost to a day, when our special meetings will begin. Are you planning to attend Jan. 4-18?

Congregational Church—Rev. F. F. Farrington, pastor. Services for Sunday, Dec. 7, 1913: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:45 a. m. Children's sermon subject, "The Weavers;" morning sermon subject, "The Evil Transformed." Prudential Committee, 3 p. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Half Greater than the Whole." A welcome for all.

Zion Evangelical Church, corner Delaware and Washington Streets—Rev. Henry Ebert, pastor; residence 209 Mason Avenue. Sunday Services: Dwight Church—Sermon (English) 9 a. m.; theme, "Christ's Definition of Conversion." Sunday School, 10 a. m. Young Peoples Alliance, 7:30 p. m. No evening preaching service. Goodfarm Church—Sunday School, 10 a. m. Sermon (German) 11 a. m. "Heaven's Hero at the Altar of Blessing." Young Peoples Alliance, 7 p. m. Sermon (English), "The Sense of Obligation."

St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church—J. C. Aaberg, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Morning services at 10:30 a. m., except third Sunday in the month. Evening services at 7:30 every third Sunday in month. Holy Communion every first Sunday in month. Midweek meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Young peoples meeting every fourth and second Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Ladies Aid meets the last Wednesday in each month at 2 p. m. Choir practice every Friday at 8 p. m. A welcome to all.

Bethel Danish Ev.-Luth. Church—Rev. Chr. Sorenson, pastor. W. Seminole St., Sunday School, and Bible Class 9:30 a. m. Services 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. second and fourth Sunday in the month. Young peoples meeting every Wednesday 8 p. m. Other services and meetings will be announced at the Church. Everyone welcome.

German Ev.-Luth. Church—Rev. W. Kistemann, pastor. Services every Sunday: Sunday School from 9 to 10 a. m. Service from 10 to 11 a. m. English service every first Sunday in the month at 7:30 p. m.

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