





WORK OF CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 12.—The senate yesterday, by a decisive vote and practically without discussion, laid on the table the Foraker resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had occupied the Philippine Islands...

The debate on the currency bill in the house yesterday was more and more a matter of the floor was light and of special attention. Mr. Hilkey of Pennsylvania, Dean, who has publicly announced his change of views on the money question and who it was thought might vote for the bill, stated that he would vote against it...

Washington, Dec. 16.—The closing day of the general debate on the financial bill proved to be a day of great interest. At the outset a sharp personal outburst occurred between Representative Wheeler and Senator Kentucky over the recent Kentucky election and the charges recently made by the latter in regard to the Democratic party...

At the evening session Mr. Clayton, Dem. of New York, announced his intention to vote for the financial bill in response to unfavorable reports which had been made to him by his constituents. Mr. Clayton said there were many of that belief in New York, and the number was growing constantly. Others who spoke for the bill were Messrs. Sullivan of New Hampshire, Dickinson of Pennsylvania, Mitchell of Maryland and Mrs. W. W. W. of New York...

Washington, Dec. 18.—The six-day debate upon the currency bill closed Saturday in a somewhat quiet manner. The financial leaders had not yet had a final word on the subject, and the debate, which had been so long and so interesting, was now drawing to a close...

Washington, Dec. 20.—Hearings in the senate of the financial committee were held today by the majority of the committee. Mr. Duffell of Iowa was the first to be called to the stand. He was followed by Mr. Duffell of Iowa, who was followed by Mr. Duffell of Iowa...

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News of the Northwest

GRAND AND BRIGGS. Development in the "Grand and Briggs" case...

What the senate may accomplish in the present session is a matter of great interest. The bill to amend the act relating to the Philippine Islands...

HOUSE COMMITTEES. Speaker Henderson proposed amendments to the Foraker resolution...

WASHINGTON COLLEGE DEBT. A conditional gift of \$50,000 to the Washington Institution...

WASHINGTON MAIL CASE. Judgment for loss of a package...

PLANKINTON BARK CASE. Court sustains the writ for removal of Plaintiff...

Good Railway Accommodation. Fort Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 18.—The new time card received of the Fort Dodge & Omaha...

Madison, Wis., Dec. 20.—The senate committee has decided the Plankinton bank case against Judge Johnson...

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What All the Hoot. A man was hooted in the street in Minneapolis...

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Legal Rates for Legal Notices. No. 10. In advertisements, hereby given to accept the provisions in this ordinance...

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16 PAGES.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1900.

SIXTEEN pages this week.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a happy new year to all our readers.

It is this weather continues it will be a green Christmas after all.

Nine congressmen will be about the number accorded Minnesota after the new census.

If you want to make a real "warm" Christmas present from a benevolent standpoint send some ready-made yard of wood.

Reports from Spain show that the general shaking up has got from Uncle Sam did not go good and great.

It's a mighty mean citizen he be governor or civilian, who would publicly petition the throne of grace for the downfall of our soldiers and the defeat of our government.

Cox-Lank's new paper, the Voice, an exponent of republican principles and published by A. G. Bernard, has been received and is a credit to the new metropolis of Northern Minnesota.

How really and Charlie Towne must suffer an account of the prosperous condition of the country. He says "this present prosperity is a bubble that is going to collapse" in a few months.

When a brokerage concern proposes you a return of from 50 to 500 per cent on investments put them down at students. Good sense should teach us that such returns are unreasonable.

JUNE COLLINS has withdrawn from the gubernatorial race and the other fellows breathe easier. If the republican convention was to be held at the present time Van Sant would win in a canter.

Some of the Veradale ladies who patronized a fake medicine show decried last week now wish they hadn't. Several of them are "in it for repairs" as the Sun puts it and are in quite a serious condition.

St. Cluen's street car line is tied up for ten days on account of the power company refusing to furnish the push and pull necessary to operate it. The owners of the line were putting in an operating plant of their own but failed to have it completed when promised, Dec. 15th.

The government spent \$2,122,000.28 for coal during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, which covered most of the war with Spain.

The coal used during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, although the cost per ton averaged \$1.29 more than was paid the year before, cost \$1,679,510.55.

During the past three years of republican rule about \$400,000,000 has been added to the money supply of the country. This is an argument which the free silverites will find difficult to get around.

The easiest way for them will be to say that it is a lie, as they generally do when confronted by incontrovertible facts.

The fusion candidate for governor is John Lind or anybody else, has no more chance for an election in 1900 than Satan has to enter the kingdom of Heaven," foolishly remarks the St. Paul Herald. It's a pity to keep a stiff upper lip but the Herald has a habit of overdoing things. There isn't much doubt of the election of a republican governor in 1900, but there's work ahead in order to accomplish that end. Don't forget that for a minute.

For many years Gen. Lewton, who was killed near Manila, has been one of the most popular of generals of the United States. He was a gallant soldier and had won special distinction in Indian wars.

FARM AND GARDEN. INDOOR WINTER WORK. Potato Planter-Cost \$1.00 and Three Days' Time-How it Operates.

The military post at Sugar Point, which has been maintained since the day when Maj. Wilkinson and other soldiers lost their lives at Sugar Point, is to be abandoned.

The decision was made yesterday. Capt. Mercer, the Indian agent having recommended it stating that there is no longer necessity for maintaining a regular garrison.

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INDOOR WINTER WORK. Potato Planter-Cost \$1.00 and Three Days' Time-How it Operates. The potato planter shown in the cut has been in use in this neighborhood for three years, says a Rural New Yorker correspondent.

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**HARD TO REFORM.**

Two Former Brainerd Girls Sent to the Crittenton Home Cause Trouble.

Some three weeks ago the Florence Crittenton Rescue Circle of this city sent two young girls to the Crittenton home in Minneapolis hoping thereby to save them from a life of shame and degradation, but it seems their good intentions have been thwarted judging from the following from the Minneapolis Tribune:

Included in the list of prisoners at the central station last night were two girls, whose feet have strayed from the straight and narrow path. No good purpose can be served by giving their names, but both come from Brainerd. Neither is more than 15 years of age. Both are orphans. One was living as an adopted child, the other was working in a family. But bad associates made them restless with their simple home life, and they wished to see the world. They were wild, and their conduct shocked the good people of Brainerd, who decided that something must be done for their salvation. Accordingly arrangements were made for their being sheltered at the Florence Crittenton Home in Minneapolis. They came to this city three weeks ago. However, the rules and restraint of the home seemed to make the girls worse, and they chafed under confinement. They made life a burden to those at the institution, and the other inmates even threatened to leave if the offenders were not taken care of. "Mother" Prindle talked to the girls, pleaded with them, showed them the results of an evil life, in contrast with those of an upright one. But it did no good. The girls continued to be a source of disturbance. "Mother" Prindle decided yesterday to take the girls to Charles N. Crittenton, the evangelist and founder of the home, thinking, perhaps, that his kindly counsel would have effect with the wayward pair. But on the way up town the girls rebelled and finally left the matron, who had been their friend in need. The story of the escape was told to Supt. Doyle, and late in the day they were located at the resort of Fannie Wilson, 217 Eleventh avenue south. They were escorted to the central police station and given into the custody of Matron Paine. At the station one of the runaway girls, while the other assumed a bold front. Mayne Gray and Supt. Doyle talked to them, and one of them, when asked if the place she went to had proven a better home than the Crittenton mission, replied that they had not been in the resort long enough to learn. Neither seemed to be greatly overcome with grief and they were sent early to bed and fell asleep in the woman's ward as if they were at home. It is said that the girls were influenced to leave the home largely through an older girl, who was also at the Crittenton home. She ran away yesterday and her whereabouts is unknown. Supt. Doyle, when he found that Madam Wilson had taken the girls, almost children, into her resort, ordered the place closed. Fannie Wilson was also arrested on a charge of keeping a place of disreputable character. She was released upon furnishing \$75 as bail money for her appearance in court. The disposition of the two youthful prisoners is a problem. Matron Paine thinks that as long as they are together it will be useless to try and reform them. However, if the penitent one is sent back to the Crittenton home and the other is sentenced to the state training school, Mrs. Paine believes, that possibly the girls may be led to fully see the error of their way.

Your son and your daughter need the educational training that will make them useful and independent. Remember them on Christmas with a scholarship in the Brainerd Business College.

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Ordinary household accidents have no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the medicine chest. Heals burns, cuts, bruises, sprains. Instant relief.

Nothing pleases one more than to receive an Xmas gift of a beautiful picture. We have them in all sizes and prices. Marie A. Cannon over postoffice.

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**DEERWOOD NEWS ITEMS.**

John Horvig, of Fergus Falls, was a Deerwood visitor last week.

Say girls have you seen the new operator? He's O. K. isn't he.

People in Deerwood must be wickered as the sheriff is very much in evidence.

Miss Mabel Patterson and Miss Della Bellmer were Brainerd visitors on Thursday.

The Misses Olson arrived home to spend the holidays. Why don't more boys come, too?

Mrs. James Leichter has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Miss Jeannette Vinje is expected home for the holidays, also Miss Clara Howe. Girls, look out for your laurels.

There has been no skating these days on account of the last fall of snow. Boys, why don't you clear the log?

A certain young man of Deerwood seems uncertain concerning which side of the railroad to be on. How about the south side Will?

Mr. R. F. Williams left last Saturday and one young lady's countenance wore a look of stony despair. We feel for you but bear in mind there are others.

The new home which is being built under H. J. Haas supervision is nearing completion. Its new occupants are still a mystery tho'. Emma can you enlighten us?

The deerwood school closes on Friday and then good-bye Mr. Wezel. We are all very sorry to have you leave. You will be missed, especially by the young ladies.

GOSPIPER

**DON'T LEAVE THE CITY.**

Plenty of Proof Right Here in Brainerd.

Claim is one thing, proof another. Columbus claimed the earth was round. Did people believe it? Not until he proved it was so.

Unproven claims have made the people skeptical.

Heavy claims made for the "Little Conqueror" is proven.

Proven in Brainerd by local experience.

Here is one case from the many we have.

Mrs. J. H. Zellers, of 63, Main st.—"I believe after what Deon's Kidney Pills did for me they will help anyone similarly troubled. Before using them I suffered for about six months from my kidneys. There was a miserable feeling of pressure over those organs and the secretions were scanty. Besides this there was a heavy pain across the small of my back. A box of Deon's Kidney Pills were gotten from Dr. Gray's store, and as I was glad to try anything to obtain relief, I took the Pills, and really they acted like a charm. I can truthfully say that I have not had a symptom since. In my old condition I could not do a half day's work without my back giving me no end of trouble."

Deon's Kidney Pills, 50 cents. For sale by McPherson, Drug Co., and Johnson's Pharmacy, and all druggists. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Deon's and take no substitutes.

Going to "Make It a Hot One."

St. Paul is to have a winter carnival. The announcement will be received with pleasure by thousands of people, who retain pleasant memories of the carnivals of previous years. The St. Paul Carnival Association, incorporated, has the project in hand, and the Minnesota capital is aflame with the carnival spirit. It will be framed around a grand central feature, the nature of which has not yet been announced. The town is already in carnival attire and by the middle of next month the streets of the whole city will be brilliant with the colors of the Toboggans and Snow Shoe Clubs' picturesque costumes. The central feature of the carnival will be novel, giving the assurance of fun, combined with splendor, and calculated to arouse wide spread interest. Clubs from all over the northwest will be present, and the best known amateur and professionals in the world have been or will be engaged. Arrangements for reduced rates on all roads are pending, and St. Paul expects to entertain 100,000 visitors during carnival week, which will be the first or second week in February, the date being not yet set.

Two good second hand outfits for sale at D. M. Clark & Co.

**Maps and Township Plats**

Sections Northern Minnesota, and Dakota, Indian Reservation, Maps of the State, County, Township, and Range, for sale at special prices. Also for sale in quantity. For particulars apply to D. M. Clark & Co., 101 N. 2nd St., Brainerd, Minn.

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**Choice Wines and Liquors, Fine Imported and Domestic Cigars.**

**Our Friends and the Public Generally are invited to call and see us at Our New Place.**

**"H. & E."**

**TOYS! TOYS!**

**DOLLS.**

For a Christmas Gift nothing will please a child more than a

**NICE BEAUTIFUL DOLL.**

We have imported the finest line of Dolls produced in Europe and we can save you money. Remember our motto is

**"Quick Sales and Small Profits."**

Big China Limb Dolls, from 5c and Upwards.  
 Fancy Dressed Dolls, from 25c. and Upwards.  
 Kid Body Dolls from 25c and Upwards.

Toy Wagons, only 10 cents.  
 Toy Furniture of all descriptions.  
 Doll Carriages, from 25c. and Upwards.  
 Boy's Sleds, from 15c. Upwards.  
 STORY BOOKS, from 5c Upwards.

**Crockery, Glass, Tin, and Hard Ware.**

**We Solicit Your Patronage.**

Yours for the Holiday Trade,

**Luken's Big Store,**

Front Street, Brainerd.

**IMPORTANT!**

To buyers of Xmas Goods:

What is more enjoyable or more serviceable for a present than a pair of Good Shoes or Slippers? And when you want a good pair the

**"Big 9" Shoe Store**

is the place to look for them. There you will find the Famous Burt & Peckard

**"Korrek Shape"**

Shoes for men at \$3, \$4, and \$5 per pair, and other makes from \$1.50 to \$4 per pair.

**For Women**

We have a nice line in the New Shapes, including the "Southern Tie" for party shoes. A special effort will be made to please those looking for good Shoes for Children and Boys' wear.

**Felt and Felt Lined**

Shoes occupy a prominent place in our store. It will pay you to look them over and get prices before buying your winter supply.

**Rubbers, Overshoes,**

Canvas Leggings, Cloth Leggings and Over-Gaiters are in abundance, and all will be sold at prices that none need go without them.

**SHOES REPAIRED.**

**R. F. WALTERS,**

Big "9" Shoe Store 6th St.



# All except bad ones!

There are hundreds of cough medicines which relieve coughs, all coughs, except bad ones! The medicine which has been curing the worst of bad coughs for 60 years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Here is evidence: "My wife was troubled with a deep-seated cough on her lungs for three years. One day I thought of how Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved the life of my son when the doctor had all given her up. So I purchased two bottles, and it cured my wife completely. It took only one bottle to cure my son. So you see that this medicine is worth a dollar each saved two lives. We'll send you our heart-felt thanks for what you have done for us."—H. Brown, Macon, Ga., Jan. 13, 1909.

Now, for the first time you can get a trial bottle of Cherry Pectoral for 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

# A Brand New Christmas

The Burns children couldn't have any Christmas this year. They live in the country, and there were times enough, to be sure, but there was nothing to put on one to make it look "sparky" as a tree ought to look, and there was not a penny to spend for tree trimmings.

The Burns children, however, had a better time than they had ever had with a tree. Joe said so, and George said so, too, and Grace and Winnie agreed with them. This is how it was done. A delightful young auntie from town, they call her "the lady with a bright idea," she always has a new bright idea just in the nick of time, but this year it did seem as if she was brighter than ever. It flashed upon her.

"Well give the presents in a funny way," she said to the children. "You'll give them in two or three funny ways. You'll see!"

There was a very mysterious feeling in the air Christmas morning. Everybody looked at everybody else, and then they all smiled. Something good was going to happen. When the breakfast

# WHY SANTA CLAUS IS COUPID

Santa Claus, the dear old staid, Paid a call last night to Cupid. Bought his arrows, and got silver arrows and a quiver.

Then the wretched boy, upsetting, Saw the saint in haste departing— Being in error, thankless Cupid, Winged it straight at "dear old Staid."

"This was the way, and that the reason," Merry made, the Christmas season, "Find his bounty overlooking— Reved in his rich bestowing."

This is why the country over, Morning smiles on love and lover, This is why the dear old staid Claims tonight that he is Cupid.

# THROUGH PULLMAN TOURIST

Sleeping Car Service to Texas, Old Mexico and California. Via the Chicago Great Western Ry. to Kansas City and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass and Southern Pacific Railways, through Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso and Los Angeles to San Francisco. The only through car line from the Northwest to Texas points and connecting at Redford Junction for all points in Old Mexico. A new weekly service established on November 24, and continuing weekly thereafter. They will be in charge of an experienced official, and will leave Minneapolis on 10:45 p. m. and 11:15 p. m. every Friday, and reach Dallas the following Sunday, San Antonio on Monday, El Paso on Tuesday, Los Angeles on Wednesday and San Francisco early Thursday morning.

These cars are the Standard Pullman Sleeping Cars, similar to those run on all transcontinental lines, and the charges for berths are about half those charged in regular Standard Pullman sleepers. This car may be taken at any point along the line of the Chicago Great Western Railway, between Minneapolis and Kansas City. For full information, apply to the agent at the address: J. P. Elmer, Fifth and Robert Streets, St. Paul.

John J. O'Donnell, who collected at the time of the fire? "John J. O'Donnell, who collected at the time of the fire? He took time to take off his nightgown and put on a suit of ordinary New York dress."

How's this? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for information that will enable us to locate the man who was in the room at the time of the fire. The man was seen in the room at the time of the fire. He was seen in the room at the time of the fire. He was seen in the room at the time of the fire.

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ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ARE PERMANENT. BUY THE GENUINE SYRUP OF CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

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# WOMEN HAVE NERVE-TIVE VALUE

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Local News Condensed.

The city schools close today for the holiday vacation.

The Faber Brewing Co. have decided to close their agency in Brainerd.

A good Christmas gift—a scholarship in the Brainerd Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dock have a new daughter at their home, born Dec. 14th.

J. W. Stearns will give a turkey shoot Christmas afternoon at Brainerd Business College.

The Armour Packing Co. have removed their office to rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Begin the new year right by laying a sure and sound foundation for success in life—business education.

White Cross Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, will confer the rank of Knight on three candidates this evening.

To get ahead in this world you must get a head well filled with practical knowledge such as is obtained at the Brainerd Business College.

G. W. Small has sold his rubber stamp works and job printing outfit to Jesse B. Steinhorn, who formerly runs the business.

The Retail Clerk's dance advertised to occur Christmas night at Walker hall will not take place until Friday evening, Dec. 29.

Judicious buyers will patronize the merchants who tell the public what they have for sale through the medium of the Brainerd advertising columns.

Violet LeClair is one of the cleverest on the stage today, she will appear at each performance of Corry & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co. during their engagement in this city.

The Retail Clerk's Union will give a social hop at Walker's hall Christmas night, Dec. 25. It is the second of a series and Kelsey's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Barney Dolan, general superintendent for Ray Jones at Fraxee, is at the Lumbermen's hospital suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. Dolan is also in the city.

The curtain is never down during the performance of Corry & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Company. Up to date specialties are introduced between the acts—making continuous performance.

The Sunday school of the Swedish Lutheran church will hold its festival on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, at 7 o'clock. An admission of ten cents will be charged by which to help cover the expenses for the festival. Children admitted free.

Master George Ribbe gave a party to his young friends Saturday afternoon last, the occasion being his fifth birthday. Elegant refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed. Many nice remembrances of the occasion were received.

A dance will be given by the Stylus Lake Quadrille Club at Jones' hall on Monday evening, Dec. 24th. Music will be furnished by Whitford's orchestra. Tickets for dance and supper being \$1.00. W. B. Jones, the manager, promises a very pleasant time on this occasion for those who attend.

The Little Falls Transcript says that Miss Maud Terry, who for some time conducted a military store in this city, left Monday morning on the coast bound Northern Pacific train for Spring Valley, Oregon, where her mother, two brothers and a sister now reside. Her relatives left here last spring, and are now greatly pleased with that section of the state. Miss Terry intends to remain there.

The Pioneer Press says Mrs. Annie Stipe, until recently a resident of Brainerd, died suddenly at the home of a friend at St. Louis Park yesterday morning. The cause of death will be determined by an autopsy ordered by the coroner. Mrs. Stipe was forty-six years of age, and had a great deal of trouble. She had frequently expressed the hope that death would come and relieve her troubles. She recently secured a divorce from Theodore Stipe. The latter is now in Idaho. Mrs. Stipe has been an inmate of the asylum for the insane at Fergus Falls.

A large line of elegant portrait frames just arrived at Marie A. Casan's, over postoffice.

MATRIMONIAL.

On Christmas evening, Monday, Dec. 25, at 8 o'clock, Miss Gertrude J. Bamms will be united in marriage to Lewis S. Budd by Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, the ceremony to occur at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Walters. The bride to be is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Walters and has made her home with them for some time. She is a young lady of sterling qualities and has loads of friends in the city who will hasten to congratulate her on the coming event. Mr. Budd is a resident of Leal, N. D., where he is interested in a large general store and lumber yard. He has been in the Alaskan gold fields during the past two years and has but recently returned, having been successful in his search for the precious metal. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper will be served and Mr. and Mrs. Budd will leave on the night train for Minneapolis where they will visit friends for a few days and then go to their future home in North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. R. Bamms, of Hedrick, Iowa, and Miss Olive Larson, of Osage, have arrived in the city to be present at the wedding and other guests are expected from Leal, N. D., Wauson, Wis. and New Jersey. The Draxman extends congratulations in advance.

Charles Halnes, of Aitkin, and Mrs. Ella J. Porter, of this county, were united in marriage in this city Tuesday, Rev. G. W. Gallagher officiating.

A marriage license was issued on Thursday to Jacob Sylvester and Augusta T. Johnson. Christian J. Becker and Dora B. Cheney were licensed to wed yesterday.

CHURCH NEWS.

The exercises of the People's church will be held Tuesday evening. Mrs. Chulow returned on Thursday from Minneapolis where she has conducted a very successful series of revival meetings, resulting in a number of conversions.

There will be service in the Swedish Lutheran church at 6 o'clock in the morning Christmas day. There will be special singing by the choir at this morning service.

Revel services will commence on Sunday, Dec. 25 and continue each evening during the month of January at the M. E. church. The pastor will be assisted by Mrs. Chulow.

Xmas exercises at the M. E. church on Saturday evening. A good program of songs and recitations will be rendered by the Sunday school pupils. All are cordially invited to the People's church services at 10:45 and 7:30 o'clock. Morning subject "Christmas," evening subject "Blessings of Liberty," Sunday school at 12, C. E. at 6:30. All welcome.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church will preach Sunday morning on the subject of "The World's Evangel." At the evening service an exercise of responses and Christmas carols will be rendered by the members of the Sunday school.

The usual services at the M. E. church next Sabbath morning at 10:30, subject "The Two Vails." Evening, 7:30, subject, "Birth of Christ." Mrs. Chulow will preach in the evening. Sabbath school at noon. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

The Christmas exercises of the First Congregational Sunday school will take place on Christmas night, Monday, Dec. 25. An interesting program will be presented by the Sunday school under the leadership of Supt. F. A. White and Mrs. J. N. Nevils.

"Christmas Gifts" will be Rev. G. W. Gallagher's subject on Sunday morning at the First Congregational church. In the evening he will preach a sermon to the young people on what Christmas means to young men and women. The public will be cordially welcomed to all these services.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, the Presbyterian Sunday school will hold an entertainment and Christmas festivities at Walker's hall. The program will consist of music, recitations, tableaux, etc. An admission of 10 cents will be charged parents and adults. Children of the Sunday school will be admitted free.

There will be impressive services at the Catholic church Christmas Eve, assisted by the Kelley orchestra, singing. There will be a decorated festival mass. There will be midnight service Christmas eve, second mass at 8, 9, 10, and the third service will be decorated in keeping with the Christmas festival.

BEST THE MARKETS AFFORD.

Hawkins & Co. Market Presents a Fine Display Well Worth Seeing.

J. F. Hawkins & Co. at the corner of Front and Sixth streets have put forth an extra effort this year in the matter of procuring extra fine stock for their Christmas trade and in the general arrangement of their market and they have succeeded in both respects. The market is nicely decorated being festooned with Christmas holly and dotted here and there with cut flowers, making the market attractive and showing the goods of a good advantage. It only needs a visit to this place to satisfy yourself that it is the one place in the city to satisfy your tastes in the line of meats and especially for an Xmas dinner. Fine Kansas City beef, extra for this occasion, is one article that Mr. Hawkins recommends to his trade—you only need to look at it to purchase. Then there are the steaks, artistically dressed, and also a special order, and the spring lamb, veal and pork also, come in for its share of recognition at this holiday sale. No Christmas dinner is complete without a turkey and the firm have been exceedingly fortunate in securing a consignment of nice fat fancy dressed birds, unbroken stock, which they have no hesitancy in recommending as the finest stock ever offered in the Brainerd market. Chickens, ducks and geese, all fancy dressed, are in profusion, and this week they have New York counts, extra select and shell oysters, which have been shipped direct from Baltimore. In the line of fish a large consignment of Columbia river Salmon has just been received and then there is the Lake Superior trout, white fish, fresh mackerel, serring lobsters and shrimps, besides a full line of smoked and salt fish. The firm carries a full line of sausage, including Frankfurt and Vienna. Swift & Co.'s premium hams, breakfast bacon and cooked hams always in stock.

Mr. Hawkins desires all his friends in the city to call and see his elegant display, no matter whether customers of the market or not, as he is certain his efforts in the way of Christmas decoration and Christmas goods will please all and more than repay one for the trouble, besides the temptation to buy will be very strong after one looks the establishment over.

DEATHS.

Charles G., the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Mooers, died Sunday of stomach trouble, aged three months. The funeral was held Tuesday from the house, Rev. G. W. Gallagher officiating, the interment taking place at Evergreen cemetery.

An Excellent Company. The announcement that Corry & Lindsay's Bijou Comedy Co. is coming to the Gardner Opera House for one week's engagement commencing next Monday is pleasing news to all our theatre goers. This company has been having a most successful season and they deserve the success they have attained, for they give a most pleasing entertainment. The opening bill will be that beautiful Irish comedy drama "Inchavogue" which tells a charming story full of heart interest. There will be a change of play each night and pleasing specialties will be introduced between the acts, doing away with all tedious waits, making an up-to-date continuous performance. The company is headed by Jas. H. Rowland a comedian well known in the east, and Managers Corry and Lindsay have given Mr. Rowland an excellent supporting company of fifteen people. Special recognition is carried for each and every play in the extensive repertoire of this clever organization. Sale of reserved seats will open Friday morning at Swartz's drug store.

A. H. Bennett and J. T. Sanborn went to Staples this afternoon to assist the local lodge A. O. U. W. at that place in initiating a class of 40.

Our line of package perfumes include all the new odors of the leading manufacturers. Johnson's Pharmacy.

Brainerd Business College. Winter term, Monday, Dec. 11th. A good time to begin.

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PERTINENT PERSONAL NOTES.

Dr. Courtney went to St. Paul on Tuesday.

G. F. Mitchell left today for Madison, Wis.

Rev. A. H. Carver went to Minneapolis Monday.

P. J. Murphy returned Tuesday from Ansonia.

Editor Oliver, of Walker, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Koop visited Staples friends over Sunday.

Senator Bookman was in the city between trains Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ferris returned Wednesday from St. Paul.

Harry Fox is at Riverside, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Groves returned yesterday from their wedding trip.

Hugh and Paul Winters are home from Parisville for the holiday vacation.

W. E. Seeley, J. J. Howe and J. N. Nevils were St. Paul visitors on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, of Walker, visited Brainerd friends on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Rhodes left today for Minneapolis to spend Christmas with her son.

Miss Millicent Mahlum returned this noon from Maculaster college for the holiday vacation.

Mert. Congdon arrived in the city yesterday from Ottewill, Iowa, for a few days visit with relatives.

W. A. Marin, member of the last legislature from Polk county, was a caller at this office yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamb, of Winnipeg Junction, were guests of J. H. Crodock the first of the week.

E. E. Beard and wife left Wednesday night for Breckenridge where they will spend the holiday with friends.

Chas. Mitchell came home this noon from Austin, Nevada, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mitchell.

Wm. McCarthy arrived in the city today from Muscola, Mont., to spend the holidays with his father, John McCarthy and family.

John T. Frater and M. McFadden went to Staples yesterday where they assisted last evening in the installation of the Masonic lodge officers.

Mrs. A. H. Rawson, of Tioga, Penn., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wright and other relatives for some weeks, returned home Monday.

Mrs. D. Fearing was in the city Tuesday from Little Falls to attend the funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Mooers. Mrs. Fearing and Mrs. Mooers are sisters.

A. J. Halsted, of the Tribune, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Flo Halsted and W. A. M. Johnston left yesterday noon for a two week's visit at Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Johnston will also visit Northern Michigan before returning.

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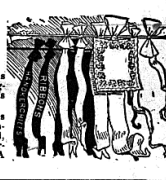


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