

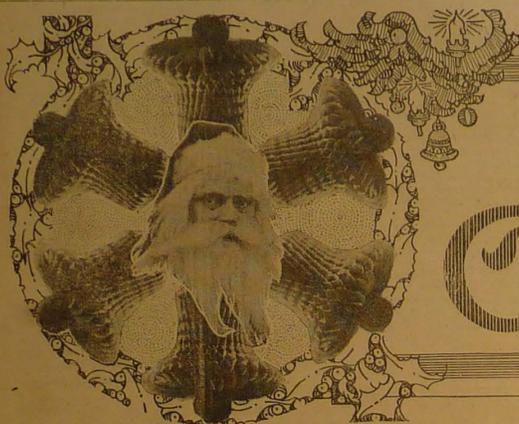
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Death Runs Rampant

Several Deaths Occurred in This Region Past Week

Mrs. James Madden passed away Monday noon at the family home here after a five days illness from pluro pneumonia. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock this (Thursday) forenoon at the Catholic church with high mass by Rev. Fr. Leo.

Mrs. Madden's health had been excellent and, although nearly 75 years of age, she did not give indication, either in her looks or actions, of being so old and her friends and family all thought she would live a number of years yet. Her death was a great shock to all who knew her.

Mrs. Mary Madden was born at Caledon, Ont., February 10, 1840. In 1858 she was married to James Madden at Guelph, Ont., where they continued to reside until the spring of 1899 when the family home was moved to Pine City.

Thirteen children were born to her, of whom ten were raised and eight are living at this time as follows: Thomas, of Cleveland, Ohio; Sister Bernadine of St. Joseph's convent, Guelph; J. J. Madden of Pine City; Mrs. J. M. Ronch of Arthur, Ont.; Frank, of Joplin, Mont.; Mrs. J. G. Crowley of Pine City; Mrs. Frank Horgan of Duluth and Miss Nellie Madden of Pine City. She is also survived by her aged husband and by other relatives. The sympathy of all who know them, indeed of the entire community, is theirs in this hour of their loss.

Mrs. Madden bore a most charming life to those with whom she came in touch. Her very face carried the good will that her life exemplified.

The pall bearers were: Jas. Hurley, Henry Daley, Wm. Buckley, John O'Reilly, J. M. Collins and Frank Rybak. The funeral was a simple one at the request of the deceased but was attended by a church full of her old friends and acquaintances.

Thos. Madden of Cleveland arrived Tuesday night and Frank Madden from Joplin, Mont., yesterday to attend their mother's funeral, Mrs. Frank Horgan having arrived from Duluth earlier.

Mrs. Albert Petschel

Mrs. Albert Petschel passed away at the family home here, Tuesday evening, after an extended illness, the last three weeks of which was one of serious trouble from heart

affection. The funeral will be held at 10 a. m., Saturday, in the Catholic church, Father Leo saying high mass, and interment will take place in the church cemetery here. Mrs. Theresa Petschel was born in Germany, Aug. 5, 1846 and came to St. Paul in 1882, being married, the spring following, in that city to Mr. Petschel who was a widower at the time.

They at once began life on the old farm on the Brunswick road where they continued to live until about five years ago when they moved to town where they have since resided.

Deceased is survived by her husband and three children—Mrs. Louis Erhart and Miss Anna Petschel of this place and Mrs. Leo Hunt of St. Paul, as well as her step children, Mrs. Adolph Saumer and Joseph and Adolph Petschel of this place.

Mrs. Petschel was an estimable lady, a good wife and mother and a kind neighbor. Her death calls forth the sincere sympathy of those who knew her, for the loss of those she loved.

The pall bearers, Wm. Peters, Frank Pangerl, Mike Pangerl, Alex Pangerl, Mike Osen and Frank Gross.

Well Known Farmer Dead

Oscar Hanson died at his home farm southeast of Pine City, Monday, after an illness from congestion of the lungs. The remains will be buried from the Pine Grove Lutheran church at 10 a. m. next Sunday, Rev. Hedin of Rush City preaching the sermon. Mr. Hanson was born in Sweden Feb. 24, 1832.

Child Died at Meadow Lawn

The two year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holt died in their home at Meadow Lawn Monday night as a result of membranous croup. The funeral was held at 10 a. m. yesterday in the Meadow Lawn school house, Rev. Clark of Pine City preaching. The remains were buried in the Hustletown cemetery.

Well Known Man Slightly Injured

While J. P. Holsberg was attempting to do some floral decorations at the Eastern Star hall, for the ladies, last Wednesday evening he had the misfortune to trip and fall, striking his chin on a flower pot he was carrying, inflicting a severe wound. As a result of the accident J. P.'s face looks like he had been up against Jack Johnson, the colored pugilist.—North Branch Review.

Hinckley Justice Does Best he can

Justice Clark is as accommodating as the law allows. Wednesday, when he fined Gus Andrews \$25 for being drunk and a disorderly, Andrews said it would take 25 years before he would pay \$25. Justice

Why We Celebrate Christmas

By

REV. G. F. LEUBKER

Pastor of German Lutheran Church

Christmas—a festive celebrated most generally by professed and non-professed Christians.

It is customary to celebrate this day by having a Christmas tree and donating gifts to our children and friends as a token of our love and happiness.

The Christians celebrate this day in remembrance of the great gift of the love of God to the world, shown in the gift of His son as a Savior.

To imitate this custom of the Christians should not be done without realizing the truth of it.

By

REV. H. H. PARISH

Pastor of Methodist Episcopal Church

In the midst of the spiritual darkness of the days of Herod the king, there appeared in the distance a small twinkling gleam of light, which amazed and interested the astrologers and the Magi.

The words of the prophets were scanned with greater than usual interest in the hope to discover the meaning of the phenomenon.

The search disclosed a beautiful prophecy of the coming Messiah and for many days the eyes of the world were upon the star.

As the star stood still over the little town of Bethlehem, behold a great light broke upon the earth dismissing forever the existing darkness as the Son of God made His humble entry into the world, to bring with Him peace on earth and good will to men.

As the light of Heaven broke in upon the darkness of the night during that first Christmas time, may the light and liberty of the new born King flood the lives of all of our people in this glad Christmas time. May God make this Season a blessed and helpful time to all.

By

REV. E. J. CLARK

Pastor of Presbyterian Church

Why do we observe Christmas? Because it is the day commonly regarded as the birthday of Jesus "who is called the Christ." Why do we celebrate any birthday—that of anyone in your home circle or of such men as Washington or Lincoln? Because of the value of the life to that portion of humanity it may influence, be the circle of influence small or large.

Let us think of Jesus Christ. Who was He? What was His coming meant to the world?

The ancient prophet of Israel when retelling His coming has told us who He is for he wrote that He should be called "Immanuel," which means "God with us."

How often He proves His real character and lived up to that wonderful name "Immanuel" during the days of His flesh. He acted just as we would expect God to act. When He saw the suffering all about Him which would reach out His human-divine hand and give just that help which made them all happy and bond them to Him with the cords of love.

His coming has meant that everyone in need can find a friend in Him who can forgive, who can cheer, who can bless. No wonder we count time from the birthday of such a One. He has revolutionized the world by His coming so that some day it will be the Kingdom of Heaven. He has brought, by His unselfish example, all the cheer of Christmas and in His name I wish you all a merry one.

Clark replied he was unable to give secured by the Quarry city team, him as much as that but would McNeill of Sandstone was unable to give him all his authority allowed out of its usual lineup. Present indications are that the Quarry city team will have it over any of the other teams in this region and that it will be the state finals. It should have been last year but the boys failed to play up to usual form in one of the games that counted

Sandstone Wins at Basket Ball

The basket ball game at Hinckley, last Friday evening, between the High School teams of Hinckley and Sandstone, resulted in a score of 36 to 23 in favor of the latter. Webb made 26 of the 36 points

Christmas Programs

Churches All Observe Season With Services and Programs

Christmas exercises began in the Presbyterian church last evening when the children's program was held and will continue through to tomorrow evening when there will be an entertainment in St. Mary's hall of the Catholic church with a general good time. Tonight there will be programs in the Lutheran and Methodist churches with trees and all the joy that can be produced for young and old.

At the Presbyterian church

The first Christmas program was that given last evening in the Presbyterian church by the children of that Sunday school. The Sunday school room was thrown open and the joint space was filled with the younger folks and an appreciative audience. The Christmas tree was decorated beautifully with bags of candy, nuts and pop corn and there were a few other presents displayed. The room was also excellently decorated with holly and evergreens, presenting a very attractive appearance. Santa Claus was there coming from the north pole, direct. The program was excellently carried out and every number was greatly enjoyed. It was as follows:

Song by the School
Welcome..... by Little Tots
Prayer..... by Pastor
Scripture Selection.....
Song..... "Jesus Is Born"
Young Ladies' Chorus
Recitation..... "Merry Christmas"
Jean McCleary
Exercise..... Wiseman and Shepherds
by "Knights of St. Paul" Class
Song..... "Christmas Is Here"
by "Knights of B. T. C." Class
Song..... Primary Class
Recitation..... "Christmas Bells"
by Mildred Sobotka
Exercise..... "Missionary Dolls"
by (sunbeams) class
Vocal Solo, with violin obligato
by Miss Hattie Wandel
Christmas Story..... Miss Helen Bede
Song..... "Christmas Bells"
by "Knights of Honor" Class
Recitation..... "The First Christmas Morning" by Vivian Asplund
Song..... "Sweetly Rest"
by Zella Brooks
Exercise..... "Ring, Shine and Glow"
by "Busy Bees" Class
Song..... "Farewell Christmas"
by Young Ladies' Chorus

At the M. E. Church

The program and tree at the

Methodist church will be held at 8 o'clock this evening. Santa Claus has promised to attend and there will be remembrances for all the children. All are welcome. The following program will be rendered:

Ring Out the Bells of Christmas
School
Welcome..... Lucile Gottry
The Christmas Stocking..... Alice Petchel
Recitation..... Hazel St. Germain
Christmas Carol..... Class 5
Recitation..... Ruth Scofield
Recitation..... Harry Petchel
Star Children..... Class of 12 Girls
The Marvel Christmas..... Lorain St. Germain

Solo..... Faith Pennington
The Voice of the Bells..... 4 Boys
Recitation..... Hyacinth Lee
Recitation..... Florence Gardner
Song..... Class 6
Recitation..... DeWitt Gottry
Recitation..... Willard Gottry
Recitation..... Lila Norton
Song..... Class 6
Recitation The Old-Time Christmas
Lorile Boyle.

Our Greeting..... Don Spicker,
Bennet Netser, John Holmberg
Song..... Hark the Herald Angels
School.

At the German Luth. Church

The regular annual Christmas program by the children will be held tonight at 7:15 in the German Lutheran church. The following program will be given:

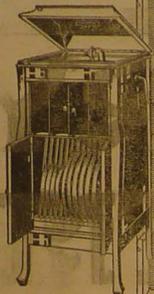
PROGRAM
PART I.
Gemeinde Gesang No. 28
A—Tutor
Antiphona
Gebet
Ev. Joh. 1, 14-16
B—Kinder
Lied No. 19 Sei uns Willkommen
Lied No. 14
Lied No. 15
Awebe!..... Erick Bragg, Bible History
Song by Bible & Junior Classes
"SING ON YE ANGELS"
Clara Dogrove
Recitation..... Lorel Pech
Gos. Sinsinger
Lied bei der 20. Klausur "O DU FROHLICH, O DU SELIG"
Cathese. Bibl. Gesch. 15
Lied..... No. 15 Der Christbaum
Walter Schults
Recitation..... Gertrude Kiek
Carl Hoffmann
Song: "A way in a manger" Beginners
Clara Lueker
Recitation..... Lila Kruer
Clara Schults
Recitation..... Rena Hlare
Lila Kruer
Katechese. Bibl. Gesch. 130
Gesang..... No. 28 Helle Lueker
Gertrude Kiek
Recitation..... Alma Hoffmann
Hilke Schwarzwald
PART II.
Song by Beginners..... Twinkle, Twinkle
Hilke Schwarzwald
Recitation..... Auna Teich
Hilke Schwarzwald
Song by Clara Lueker..... Kleine Flocken
Recitation..... Harold Glasow
Ave-Maria Hine
Song: "Silent Night Holy Night" First
Brands Class
Katechese. Bibl. Gesch.—10-32
Lied..... Do Icher Heller
Recitation..... First Reading
Dialogue..... 8 Girls (Almas Class)
Recitation..... Gertrude Bragg
Friedrich Glasow
Lied bei d. Bibelkateche. Heil Schrift d. Himmel
Benjamin Amos
Recitation..... Herta Schults
Margarete Glasow
Dialogue by 5 Maedchen..... Dauscher Class
Jahrgang Bibel Klasse
Recitation..... Clarence Amos
Dialogue..... Sallie Teich
Recitation..... Auna Hestling
Song by School..... "Da Kindchen in d. Krippe"
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THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1914.

The Christmas Guest.
Whose shall come this way this night,
By moon or light or stars,
For him the blessed candles' light,
For him the open door,
(Oh, Mary, this for thy Son's sake,
Though mine comes in no more!)

My heart is sweet, my Yule logs burn,
My board is decked and spread,
For any who may seem in turn,
Are warmth and wine and bread,
(Oh, Mary, grant my son this night
Be housed and comforted!)

Bid, banned or beguiled some for guest,
My heart shall share his woes,
And on his head my hand shall rest
To bless him ere he goes,
(Oh, Mary, grant my son this night
That blessing and repose!)

This night, for thy one Son's dear sake,
Wait light and warmth and wine,
Oh, Mary, we be mothers both!
Take these my tears for sign,
And this I do for thy sweet Son,
Will thou not do for mine?
—Theodosia Garrison

The Poker wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. May your Christmas goose always be stuffed with the sweet herbs of kindness, good cheer and hospitality.

Here for the Holidays

Philip Hamlin came home from the Hamline university, Sunday, to spend the holidays.

Miss Anna Fisher, who teaches at Sandstone, arrived Saturday for a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. I. H. Claggett arrived from Minneapolis, Saturday, to spend the holidays with friends here.

Miss Hattie Wright arrived home Saturday from Echo, where she teaches, for a two weeks' stay.

Miss Jessie Stephan arrived Saturday from Hinckley, where she teaches, for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Ella Galles will arrive today to remain at the home of her brother, Ed F., until Monday next.

Miss Irene Fisher, who is attending Hamline university, is at her home here for a two weeks' vacation.

George Wandel, who is attending the Iowa university, is home to spend his holidays. He arrived Monday.

Mrs. K. Zaskly is expected from Willow River today to spend Christmas at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Stekl.

Miss Julia Rybak, who is attending St. Catherine's college at St. Paul, arrived home Saturday for the holidays.

Miss Adeline Beke is expected home today from St. Paul, where she is employed, to visit for a few days or a week.

Miss Winifred Daley is expected home tomorrow from Waconia to spend a few days with her parents and old friends.

Hon. N. E. Hillman is expected this noon to eat Christmas dinner at the J. E. Terrien home and visit friends a few hours.

Elmer Peterson arrived Sunday from Rochester where he is on the high school teaching force, to remain a couple of weeks.

Miss Mary Roberts came home from the State university Saturday to spend the holidays, expecting to return the 5th of next month.

Thos. Fitzgerald arrived home today from Deer River, where he is looking out for timber trespasses on state lands, to spend Christmas.

Ernest and William Peterson, arrived from the St. Anthony agricultural school, Sunday, to spend a couple of weeks on the home farm near Rock Creek.

Rudolph Wesnek arrived Sunday from Minneapolis where he is attending the State law school, to remain under the parental roof the next two weeks.

Edward Prochaika is expected home today for the holidays from Minneapolis where he has been employed as druggist but is now studying optometry.

Vladimir Beke arrived home last

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Saturday from Iowa City where he is senior in the college of dentistry in the Iowa U. He will remain home a couple of weeks.

A dance will be given New Years evening in the Armory by the naval militia.

Harold Lind of Harris arrived Monday for a week's visit at the John Edin home.

Spencer Daniels came from Cuyuna, yesterday, to spend a few days under the parental roof.

Will Challeen returned home Tuesday night from Collegeville and will remain with his folks until after the holidays.

Miss Flora Kerr arrived last Saturday from Askov, where she is teaching, to spend the holidays. During the Christmas rush she is assisting in the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Larson of Sandstone will come down today to spend the holidays at the home of their son Oscar. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rudin may also come.

Mrs. J. Adam Bode and daughter Retta went to the Twin cities, last Saturday, to meet Mr. Bode who returned with them and expects to remain at home over the holidays.

Miss Julia Deany, who is attending her last year at the Valley City (N. D.) normal, arrived home Saturday for a two weeks' stay. Miss Esther went to St. Paul to meet her.

Godfred Nelson came up last Friday from Minneapolis where he is attending the State U. to spend a couple of weeks under the parental roof in Millburn, southeast of town.

Will Pennington came home Tuesday to remain until after Christmas. He has been with the Ter-Stone company in the southern part of the state and in Wisconsin the past seven months.

Miss Retta Bode came home Saturday noon from Cloquet, where she teaches to spend the holidays. She was accompanied by her cousin Miss Mabel Beke, who teaches at the same place and whose home is

in Nebraska, who will spend her vacation at this place.

John Axtell and some of the children came up from St. Paul, Monday, to remain a couple of weeks under the parental roof. Mrs. Axtell and the other children will arrive to join them today.

H. H. Heath and wife arrived last Friday from Tamurack for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Huber. Mr. Heath returned home Sunday night but Mrs. Heath will remain for an indefinite time.

Al Jumer arrived last Saturday from Chicago university, where he is studying dentistry, for a two weeks' stay. His sister, Miss Helen, arrived the previous day from the Duluth normal, also for a two weeks' stay.

Jas. Clark, who is a senior at the State university, and Bob Clark, a student at the Agricultural school at St. Anthony, arrived home last Saturday the former to remain two weeks and the latter three weeks under the parental roof.

A. C. Klieker came up from Forest Lake the latter part of last week to assist in taking stock at the Inter State lumber yard and intends returning to his work at that place tomorrow. Arnold Klieker is also expected home from Braunau today for Christmas.

The Jas. Hurley home will house quite a family reunion this week. Mr. and Mrs. Cleary, M. F. Vanghan, Jack Egan and Win. Mike, Frank and John Hurley being expected up from St. Paul today. Miss Agnes at Chicago and Geo. in Montana are not expected.

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- 60c Cups and Saucers..... .49
- 3-lbs. O'Connell Baking Powder... .59
- 3 Packages Corn Flakes..... .19
- 5-lbs. Oat Meal..... .19
- 4-lbs. Farina..... .19
- 5-lbs. Steel Cut Oats..... .19
- 3-lbs. Tea Dust..... .39
- 3-lbs. 20c Coffee..... .49
- 5 Cans Corn..... .39
- 2 Cans Tomato-s..... .19

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Pine City News

John Kruger was at St. Paul the first of the week on business.

W. H. Barnick of Sandstone was a business visitor here yesterday.

Read The Poker ads in this issue for suggestions for finishing your shopping today.

Get your suits cleaned and pressed at 'Chellberg Bros.' in the Heidigger building.

Atty. Sobotka was a business visitor at Stillwater and St. Paul, the last of last week.

Beryl Atwater of Harmony was a guest at the Daniels home the latter part of last week.

Harness of all kinds made to order. Have your harness oiled at \$1.50 per set. Give us a trial.—Haas Bros.

Oscar Larson and August Wickstrom were visitors of relatives and friends at Sandstone the fore part of the week.

Miss Flavia Daniels went down to St. Paul, Saturday, to visit for a few days at the home of her uncle at that place.

C. O. Carlson of Glenburn, N. Dak., was a guest for a few days the latter part of last week at the A. W. Asplund home.

Mrs. Otto Sorenson of St. Paul arrived Sunday and will spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cranton.

Read today's ads and finish your shopping at once. Poker advertisers are offering some excellent "last minute" bargains. Look them up.

A special meeting of the village council was held last Saturday evening to act on the Wm. Buselmeier license, which was granted.

Miss Susan Shearer has been confined, this week, in bed at the Thos. Fitzgerald home where she is recovering satisfactorily at this writing.

Mrs. Carl Ellis returned to her home at Rush City, Saturday, after several weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Sommers.

W. B. Thorp and R. R. Isaac, general manager and auditor of the Inter State Lbr. Co., were up from Stillwater, Monday and Tuesday, while invoicing the stock here.

The L. B. McClearys moved, Monday, into the Harte house recently vacated by the Knapps. No one has yet occupied the Barnum house where the McClearys have lived.

H. W. and Mrs. Harte got away last Saturday for their southern trip. They went to Excelsior Springs, Mo., to remain until about Feb. 1 when they will go on to Los Angeles.

The north bound noon train, Monday, pulled apart between the engine and mail car when stopping at the station here. It isn't every day that things pull apart when pushing together.

Word from Ensign Wm. Lahodny says that he has been attached to the ordinance department of the navy and has been stationed at the constructing and proving grounds at Bethlehem, Pa.

Frank McGrath of Rush City was here last Saturday. He reports the new McGrath Lbr. Co. mill at White Pines, on which several Pine Cityites are employed, as progressing satisfactorily.

Leon Chellberg, of Chellberg Bros., was at his old home at Cambridge over Sunday. His brother August, whose blacksmith shop at North Branch was destroyed by the fire of last week, was a visitor here last Saturday.

Frank Ling was home over Sunday from his work on the telephone lines near Red Wing. He was in hopes to be back to spend his Christmas under the parental roof but never can tell which direction he will be sent.

The holiday reunion offers an opportunity for having that family group made. We are equipped to produce the best in groups or individual portraits. We offer a variety of styles and sizes.—Daniels

Studio, Pine City. 17-2

Remember the Concert to be given by the Play Singers—the ladies' quartette—on Dec. 8, in Stock's hall.

A number of the ladies of town and occasionally a man enjoyed the coffee andainty Sunshine biscuits served at the A. W. Asplund store last Saturday afternoon. If you were not one of the number you missed a delightful treat.

Attorney Roberts was sufficiently recovered from his ten day confinement from neural rheumatism, to be able to get over town Monday though in a badly crippled condition. On Tuesday he was compelled to go to Sandstone to attend to some business matters, returning yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Frost of Duquette were visitors between trains at the F. R. Duxbury home, Saturday, while on their way to Minneapolis to spend Christmas at Mr. Frost's home. He is principal of the Duquette public school and Mrs. Frost, who was formerly Miss Rena Baker of Finlayson and who has taught for a number of years in Pine county schools, will be employed in the Askov school after the first of the year.

Haas Bros., whose purchase of the Fisher harness shop was announced in last week's 'Poker', came from Princeton. They are experienced men in their line, young and full of energy. They have rented the entire building and Mr. Wickstrom will move his shoe shop across the corner into the Kowalke building within a few days. Mr. Fisher expects to leave, may be today, for his home at Sauk Center. He is a kindly man and has made lots of friends hereabouts whose best wishes will accompany him.

At a special meeting of the Workmen in the K. of P. hall last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: James D. Boyle, P. M. W.; A. H. Lambert, M. W.; Julius Deser, foreman; August Larson, overseer; Robt. Wilcox, recorder; Otto Becker, financier; James H. Wandel, receiver; Peter Holm guide; John Edin, inside watch; Henry Davis, outside watch; R. J. Hawley, trustee for three years; Dr. R. L. Wiseman, medical examiner; Otto Becker, representative grand lodge; A. H. Lambert, alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holmberg were at Rush City last Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Holmberg's uncle, Fred Marty, who died in a Seattle hospital, as announced in The Poker last week, following an operation for cancer of the stomach. He was about 72 years of age. The funeral was held under Masonic auspices in the Presbyterian church which was crowded with relatives and old friends of the deceased. Mr. Marty was a slip of a boy when the family settled at Rush City and was well known to all the old settlers in this region. He sold his farm on the edge of Rush City when he went west, ten years ago, for about \$18,000 and we understand its present value is \$40,000.

"I'll Show 'Em, Durn 'Em"
I've stopped the paper, yes I have, I didn't like to do it, But the editor he got too smart, And I allow he'll rue it, I am a man who pays his debts, And will not be insulted, So when the editor gets smart I want to be consulted.

I took the paper 'leven years
And helped him all I could sir,
But when it came to darning me
I didn't think he would sir,
But that he did, and you can bet
It made me hot as thunder;
I says, "I'll stop that sheet, I will,
If the doggone thing goes under."

I hunted up the editor
And for his cunnin' casper,
I paid him 'LEVEN years and quit!
Yes sir, I stopped the paper,
—Ex.

Away for the Holidays
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Erickson went to Duluth, Monday, to visit until after the holidays at the home

LAST NOTICE!

Tomorrow Is Christmas
Have You Bought Your
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of their daughter, Mrs. Gilbert White.

Miss Frances Pegg expects to go to her home at Sandstone tonight for a few days' visit.

Mrs. M. E. Brown left last Saturday for Sleepy Eye to visit relatives until after the holidays.

Miss Dahl, telephone chief here, will leave today for a few days' visit at her home at Lindstrom.

Miss Ruth Greenley expects to leave tomorrow morning to spend a few days with friends at Grantsburg.

Miss Ida Knudsen of the Daniels photo gallery left this morning for her old home at Downing, Wis., for a short visit.

Mrs. Albert Klanda leaves today for Duluth and West Superior to spend the holidays at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Stubbs.

Mrs. F. M. Smith and children left yesterday for her parents' home at Stillwater and Frank will go down today. They intend returning the first of the week.

Jos. Carlson expects to leave tonight to spend Christmas under the parental roof at Harris, intending to be back at the desk in the Big Store the following morning.

Wm. Deuhlmiere, who has been employed at the Hotel Agnes, left Wednesday for his home at Litchfield to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Henry Rath Jr. is filling his place at the hotel.

H. E. Davis left today for Louisville, Minn., where he will meet Mrs. Davis on her return from Omaha where she has been visiting her daughter. They will visit over the holidays with relatives at Louisville before returning home.

Mrs. Leslie Wasson left for Fairmont, N. D., Monday, where she will visit with relatives and friends over the holidays. William Jackson of that place will be here to keep Mr. Wasson company while his wife is away. The Wassons live on the A. M. Challeen place about 4 miles east on the former Herman Johnson farm.

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