THE ANDOVER NEWS.

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OUR KEYNOTE:

"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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Merry Christmas

Christmas has always been a day of gladness and song. Radiant hosts from heaven came down past many a sun and star to celebrate the advent of the world's Redeemer. On the night of his birth there was a coming of celestial forms. Earth heard the music of an angelic chorus—"A multitude of the heavenly hosts, praising God, and saying "Glory to God in highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." With what melodious cadences did that glorius anthem roll along the Judean Mountains! Well nigh twenty centuries have elapsed since then. The old empires have passed away. The power of the old religons nave perished. The tooth of time has gnawed down ten thousand monuments of art. The fox burrows in the palaces where Roman emperors gathered the wealth and wisdom of the ancient world. But through all the mutations of time the birth of Jesus of Bethlehem of Judea has been celebrated with ever increasing gladness, until now no other event in all history is so widely and joyously commemorated. The visible Star of the East has passed beyond the gaze of men, but now all the shining constellations look down upon the worshipers of Bethlehem's Babe. Christmas Day as the sun moves in his golden circuit the music of Christmas bells and Christmas carols will follow him around the world. Christmas songs will go up from hut and palace, from humble meeting-house and majestic cathedral, from secluded hamlet and noisy city, from the jungles of India and the prairies of the West. And all this music will be a reminder of the angel's song that wakened the drowsy shepherds so many centuries ago with the good tidings that the "Prince of Peace" had come.

In, all the civilized world people will greet each other merrily, steeple will ring out their glad chimes, tables will be spread with good things, costly presents and loving tokens will be given and received. Men and Women may be thoughtless of religion, may even call themselves unbelievers at other times, but on Christmas day they deck their homes present their gifts and remember the Babe of Bethlehem,. We hail this ever-widening reconition of Christmas as a prophecy of the time when every tribe and tongue and people shall sing their praise of Him, at whose birth the heavenly hosts broke the long stillness of the ages and sang the only angelic anthem heard since first at creation the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for very gladness.

"For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with ever circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing."

Before Christ was born this was fast becoming a joyless world. Men and women found no comfort in the old religons and philosophies. They erected gorgeous temples that almost rivaled the ancient hills in the magnificence of their solid masonry. In them they set up hideous non-descript images and enshrined apes and snakes and crocodiles and said, "These are our gods" and went away sick and hungry hearted to die in the gloom of the starless heathen night. Deities were multiplied till there was a god for everything and almost anything answered for a god, and still no joy, no hope. Some of these gods were entreated with costly sacrifices to sanction the indulgence of lust, the robbery of widows and orphans and even the perpetration of murder. The year that Christ was born throughout the great Roman Empire that stretched from Britain to Ethiopia and from Spain to India, we are told by a distinguished writer: "The Tarpeian cruelty lurked in every shadow; the poisoner in every prominent family; the traitor in every council." The scenes of blood and slaughter were the public diversions of the people. Josephus says, "Never since the world began was there a time more fruitful of wickedness." Many noble spirits in hopless despair sought death because they supposed it to be the end of sorrow—an eternal dreamless sleep.

Then it was that God, who had given hope to the Hebrew prophets by the unsyllabled voice of an inward relation, spoke to Joseph by a dream to the Moglans by a star, to the shepherd's by the melody of heavenly choir and to all mankind by his son, who came to be the world's hope for "This life and that which is to come."

Through the coming of Christ the Pagan heaven has been emptied of its divinities; the colosseum with its sickening butcheries has been closed forever; nations have been planted with asylums and hospitals for the relief of every form of misfortune and distress; the doors of hermit nations have been unlocked with the golden key of the gospel; many a wilderness has been made to blossom as the rose, immortality has become something more than a vague guess; the future has been made radiant with the stars of hope. Therefore let Christmas Day be melodious with song and its hours brimful and running over with gladness.

About Christmas Day the centuries have gathered a wreath of legend and custom. Our Anglo-Saxon ancestors gave up the day to revels and jollity in which eating and drinking had a prominent part. Hence the Italian proverb sometimes applied to a busy fellow—"He has more business than an English oven at Christmas." We decorate with evergreens because evergreen is a dim emblem of the divine life whose beginning on earth the day commemorates. We hang up the mistletoe because it was a sacred plant to the British Druid whose chief priest, clad in white, cut the sprays from the sacred oak with a golden knife. We have borrowed the German St. Nicholas with his unique custom of putting gifts in children's stockings. It is the poetry of innocent childhood, this unshaken faith in boundless wealth and generosity of Santa Claus. Let the child believe in this captivating delusion as long as possible, for brief indeed is that chapter in his life when he can be made happy with a toy and a box of candy. Make the holiday festivities an unbroken round of mirth and gladness for the little ones. Many a child is made happier with five cents than Jay Gould was with his millions.

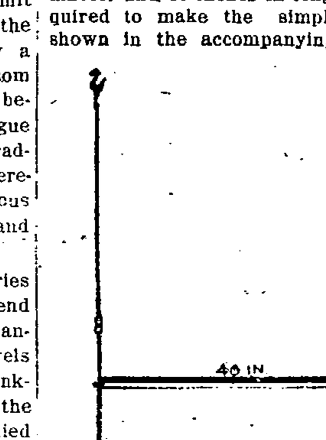
Whoever would enjoy a Christmas without a flaw, all sunshine and no cloud, let him thankfully accept God's unspeakable gift and then go and try to make someone else supremely happy.

Rev. V. L. Eggleston,
1090 St. Nicholas Ave.
New York City.

SERVICEABLE CLOTHES HANGER.

Something the Wife Will Find Handy for the Kitchen.

Two pieces of pine one inch in diameter and 40 inches in length are required to make the simple device shown in the accompanying illustration.



Making the Clothes Hanger.

Small screws are fastened in the ends of the sticks to which pieces of wire, 19 inches long, are attached. Two other pieces nine inches long are added with loops bent in the ends.

From hook eyes in the ceiling suspend two wires 32 inches long and loop them into the ends of the nine-inch wires, allowing the lower piece of wood to hang even with the stove. Such a device, says Prairie Farmer, will also be found useful in a closet of cellarway.

OILING PUBLIC ROADS.

Proving One of the Best Means of Producing a Dustless Highway.

The application of crude oil to dirt roads has been experimented with in several states and it is now agreed that it affords one of the best means of producing a solid, dustless highway that will not break through in wet weather. Where the roads are very sandy, an application of heavy loam or clay is necessary.

The road is graded and well firmed, being first plowed and pulverized to a depth of four of five inches. Oil is applied with a sprinkler and a harrow follows the sprinkler to mix the soil and oil. In tests in Kansas, says the Farm and Home, heavy oiling was given about October 1 to the amount of about one gallon for each square yard. The road was harrowed after the sprinkler and a week later a 12-ton steam roller was run over the road several times, making it thoroughly firm.

After being closed one week, the road was opened to all kinds of heavy traffic and proved to be firm but not dusty. Fast horses did not tear up the soil with their shoes. This road was not affected by winter freezing, the coating of oil keeping the road dry and preventing heaving by frost.

The following June the surface, on becoming dry, carried a light coat of dust which required one-half gallon of oil per square yard to thoroughly settle. The road stood heavy traffic during the entire season and was practically free from dust. Light applications of oil after merely grading up a road with the scraper and later rolling it down heavily have given excellent results, the most satisfactory features being that these roads were almost entirely dustless.

The oil used on the tests in Kansas cost one and one-half cents per gallon at the refinery or three cents when applied. The cost of grading and oiling the road varied from $500 to $1,300 per mile, according to distance from shipping point, cost of labor, etc.

HANDY LOW TRUCK.

Made from Front Part of an Ordinary Wagon.

Here is a handy low truck made from the front part of an ordinary wagon. A strong oak reach about a foot long replaces the longer one. To the rear end of this is bolted an iron clevis that holds a crosspiece, as

The Low-Down Wagon.

shown ... explains Farm Journal, two poles 15 feet long are used. At two feet from the upper end holes are bored and the poles are pinned to the crosspiece, the ends resting on the bolster about two inches from the standards. The rear wheels are 15 inches in diameter, put on an iron axle.

FARM NOTES.

See that no one disturbs the birds on your farm. They are your best friends.

Sell off a few of the common rams if you are raising sheep and invest the money in one good animal.

While blackstrap molasses can be safely fed to grown cattle or horses, care should be exercised in feeding it to young stock.

Flies in daytime and mosquitoes at night make stock lose flesh. Stables can easily be screened and at nominal cost.

Sunlight and air and cleanliness are the cheapest of all disinfectants.

Black knot in plums and apple canker can be cured by judicious pruning and spraying.

Keep the garden free from weeds until after frost.

For the protection of the weaker members of the flock grain should be well scattered when feeding fowls.

Clean up the poultry houses and whitewash them before frost.

Handling the Straw Stack.

Have the stacking yard as near the barn as possible and fence it off from the barnyard. Clean up around the bottom of the straw stack so the stock will begin to eat there. Do not allow any stock to sleep in the stack yard at night. By keeping it clean around the stack the cattle will lick up all the chaff and grain and at night you will have about enough loose straw to bed down the stock, which will leave the stack yard clean for the next morning. There is no waste of straw by this method and it is converted into feed and manure with no extra labor.

Imaginative Irish.

The quality which distinguishes ourselves (the Irish) from our English brethren is the divine possession of imagination.—Dublin Irish Homestead

WE ARE BACK AT THE OLD STAND

I am now located in the new Vars Block on Main street where I shall be pleased to have those in want of useful and ornamental

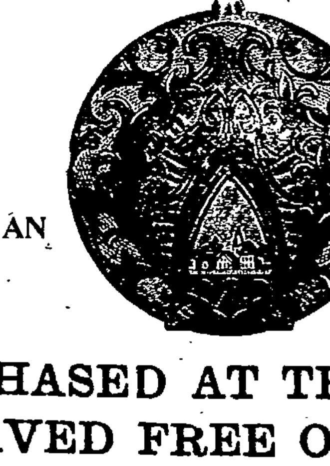
Christmas Presents

call and inspect the line. Here are some timely suggestions to aid prospective purchasers.

For Ladies

BRACELETS
BACK COMBS
LOCKETS
NECK CHAINS
SET RINGS
WATCHES
SILVER NOVELTIES
BEADS
BROOCHES
BELT BUCKLES
TOILET SETS
SIGNET RINGS
UMBRELLAS

BRACELETS ARE MORE POPULAR THAN EVER. I HAVE A VERY COMPLETE STOCK TO SELECT FROM



For Gentlemen

CUFF LINKS
WATCH FOBS
STICK PINS
SHIRT STUDS
SIGNET RINGS
WATCHES
STONE SET RINGS
WATCH CHAINS
COLLAR BUTTONS
SMOKING SETS
WATCH CHARMS
UMBRELLAS
MILITARY BRUSHES

THE LARGEST STOCK OF SILVERWARE, JEWELRY AND CLOCKS EVER SHOWN IN ANDOVER

Do You Want

Your friend to remember you forever? If you do, make him or her a present of a . . . .

PARKER LUCKY CURVE FOUNTAIN PEN

Prices $1.50 to $10. Let us put one aside for you. These are the pens you see advertised in the magazines. We warrant them as well as the maker.

ALL GOODS PURCHASED AT THIS STORE ARE HAND ENGRAVED FREE OF CHARGE.

FLOYD C. VARS

JEWELER AND OPTICIAN

YOUR ATTENTION is respectfully directed to a comparative statement of the resources of this Bank, beginning with its first statement to the Comptroller of the Currency, April 6, 1906, and on the 27th of November in each succeeding year, ending with the last statement November 27, 1908.

Resources April 6, 1906, (First Report to the Comptroller)		$ 93,192.81
" Nov. 27, 1906		161,907.67
" Nov. 27, 1907		181,586.08
" Nov. 27, 1908 (Last Statement to the Comptroller.)		$222,749.86

Burrows National Bank

Andover, N. Y.

NEW STATE DEPOSITOR

Town Gossip

Do something for somebody and do it now.

A fine assortment of card board in beautiful tints for Xmas work at this office.

Kindness and courtesy need elbow room and are smothered to death in a crowd.

It might be well for some people to learn that one of the natural results of a butting in is a throwing out.

Elijah Bliss one of Fillmore's pioneer residents died at his home there November, 26th at the age of eighty eight years.

C. H. Thomas died at Belvidere, December 4, aged eighty-three years. He was a veteran of the civil war serving in the 8th, New York Heavy artillery.

It is not often that the News publishes verse, but we have a fine poem from the pen of Sergeant Elmer Kemp which will be printed in our columns after the rush of holiday work.

A barn belonging to Ira Preston between Almond and Hornell burned to the ground last week. A quanity of hay and numerous farming implements were stored in the building all of which were burned.

The new officers of the Prohibition County committee are as follows: W. J. Hardy, of Belmont, Chairman of Executive Committee; W. J. Hoyt Wellsville, Vice Chairman; E. B. Freeland, Wellsville, Secretary and Treasurer.

Joseph Gorton, Jr., died at the home of his pareents in Friendship, December, 10, aged thirty-one years He was known throughout the United States as the musical director of "Gorton's Minstrels" and had also won a name among musical composers.

As a precaution against the spreading of the foot and mouth disease among the cattle, the Agricultural Department of the United States in accordance with the authority vested in it by law, has prohibited the interstate shipment of hay from the State of New York unless the hay is disinfected, under the supervision of one of the Department's inspectors.

Tissue paper in large sheets for wrapping Xmas gifts at the News office.

A Suffrage club known as the Allen Civics Club has been organized at Alfred.

A good many items of interest in this paper will be found in the ad columns this week.

The Rev. E. D. VanHorn of Alfred Station supplied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday night.

Floyd Pease of Greenwood was in town Monday to have his wrist dressed, which had been badly bitten by a hog. making a painful wound.

The farm house of Smith Dean near West Almond was destroyed by fire Dec. 6th. The family were away from home at the time and but few articles were saved.

It is claimed that there are 500 wells that should be producing oil in the Bradford field, that are unable to be pumped on account of the lack of water.

Ernest Johnson died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Verna Johnson in Wellsville, Saturday. He served in the Spanish American war member of Co. K. 3rd. N. Y., Volunteer Infantry of Hornell.

Highway Commissioner Andrew Cummings of Little Genesee and Daniel Dempsey of Bolivar have been granted a patent on a sluice covering. The covering is now being successfully used on the highways in that town.

Chris. Hornberg, bartender at the Hotel Brunswick, of Wellsville, mistook a glass of concentrated lye for one of beer and drank it Saturday night. It might be a good idea to serve lye along with beer occasionally. Lye is cleansing.

W. W. VanNoy was stricken with typhoid fever Monday. Mrs. VanNoy has been ill for some time with the same disease and a son is just recovering. Another son recovered some time ago. It has developed that there has been a serious defect in the house drainage and there is an inclination to attribute the sickness to this.—Cuba Patriot.

Milo Smilino, the Australian, who is confined in the county jail on the charge of murdering his boarding house keeper, of the same nationality at Cuba, will be tried at a special term of Supreme Court at the Belmont court house. The Dispatch say that it is estimated that the panel of 100 jurors for this case will cost the County of Allegany $1,000, beside other expenses connected with the trial.

William C. Miller died suddenly of heart failure at his home in Wellsville, December 11.

Miss Mary Welsh of Scio and Edward J. Glancy of Wilsonburg, W. Va., were married, Nov. 25th.

The tax payers of Almond are considering the proposition of incorporation under village laws.

Theodore Hunt of Allen had his leg broken and both feet crushed while working on a hay press last week.

Morris Reisman has gone to Tip Top and will make his home with his brother, Simon Reisman in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun opened their cafe in Enterprise Block to the public Saturday. The location is ideal and the interior very attractively arranged.

The body of Mrs. Electa Colbath who died in the Willard State Hospital December 5th was brought to Cuba, her former home for funeral service and interment.

Charles Peterson of Angelica has issued warrants for two boys named Ryan, charging them with stealing $120 from his pockets while he was asleep. The Ryans have left town.

F. C. Vars is back again at his old stand in the new Vars Block, with a full line of new jewelry, ready to welcome all his old customers and make new friends. Call and see his new line of beautiful Christmas gifts.

James H. Black of Scio was the victim of a peculiar accident recently which resulted in death, December 9. Mr. Black had driven to Wellsville and in jumping from the carriage injured himself causing intersesception of the bowels. An operation performed by the attending physicians was of no avail. Mr. Black was sixty-five years of age and a respected citizen of Scio.

Miss Jennie Tempest in the dual role of Lady Isabel and Madam Vine, portrayed these characters in a manner that stamps her a thorough artist W. H. Scanlan as Archibald Carlisle, was all that could be desired in the role and the entire cast was perfectly fitted to the characters assumed.

Kane Press Notice.

Notice.

Property owners please take notice, that hereafter the walks in the village must be kept clear of ice and snow. If it is not done by the property holder, I will be obliged to see that they are cleaned and the expense charged against the property.

Jay Scribner, Street Com.

Burrows Christmas Suggestions

PROSPERIETY IS KING IN THIS COMMUNITY. THE YEAR 1908 HAS BEEN A GOOD ONE, AND WE HAVE MORE EXTENSIVE PREPARATION THAN EVER BEFORE FOR A BIG CHRISTMAS BUSINESS. THE STORE IS LITERALLY CROWDED FULL OF SUITABLE MERCHANDISE FOR SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS. NOT MANY SHOPPING DAYS REMAIN. THE BEST SELECTION CAN BE HAD NOW. DON'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW JUST WHAT TO BUY. COME IN AND LET US MAKE A FEW SUGGESTIONS. PERHAPS WE CAN HELP YOU OUT. WE MENTION A FEW THINGS BELOW, BUT CAN ONLY SUGGEST A VERY FEW OF THE MANY GOOD THINGS WE HAVE TO SHOW YOU.

For the Man

Hats and Caps from 25c to $3.00. Sweaters and Sweater Coats from 50c to $3.00. Overcoats from $5.00 to $18.50. Suits from $4.75 to $18.00. Umbrellas, an unusually fine line bought especially for Christmas shoppers, from 75c to $3.50. Suit Cases and Bags from $1.00 to $7.50. Trunks from $3.00 to $7.50. Night Shirts, 50c and $1.00. Dutchess Trousers from $1.00 to $5.00. Neck Handkerchiefs of all kinds from 50c to $1.00.

MUFFLERS.—Several new kinds in all colors, in silk and wool. Suspenders in gift boxes, 25c and 50c.

CORLISS COON COLLARS.—A box of some of the new styles would please him.

KID GLOVES AND MITTENS.—50c, $1.00 and $1.50. Golf Gloves, all colors and black, 25c and 50c.

NECKWEAR.—A Tie is always acceptable. We have the finest line of Neckwear ever shown in town. All the new shapes and colors at 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

FANCY HOSIERY.—The famous Black Cat Brand at 25c and 50c.

SHOES.—American Gentlemen and On Top in box calf, patent leather and gun metal in several new styles.

FANCY SHIRTS.—Handsome new paterns made coat style at $1.00 and $1.50.

For a Woman

SHIRT WAISTS.—The new Directoire Styles with long sleeves in silks, lawns, flannels and silk lined net Waists, handsomely trimmed with lace and Persian effects, from $1.00 to $4.50.

SEPARATE SKIRTS.—An unusually fine line in all the popular shades from $2.00 to $10.50.

COATS AND SUITS.—From several different manufacturers including the celebrated "Wooltex" garments. ALL NEW. No last year's models among them. and every garment marked at rock bottom prices, from $5.75 to $22.50.

PETTICOATS in satteens and silk from $1.00 to $5.00.

SWEATERS and Sweater Coats, $1.50 and $2.00.

SHOES.—American Lady, LaMode and LaBelle in several new styles.

WARM SLIPPERS.—Some very pretty ones from 50c to $1.25.

MUFFLERS.—In silk and wool.

WAIST PATTERNS.—In silks, voiles, worsteds and flannels.

UMBRELLAS.—An excellent variety from which to choose, from 50c to $3.50.

FANCY NECK SCARFS.—By the yard. Something entirely new and very popular. An ideal Christmas gift, bound to please.

KID GLOVES from $1.00 to $3.00. Golf Gloves 25c and 50c.

NEW BELTS, Side Combs, Back Combs, Bags, Rouchings, Belt Buckles, Fancy Collars, This department is full of the little things that are always acceptable.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—We could use the whole space this week if we attempted to describe our Christmas Handkerchiefs. They are here in an almost endless variety from 3c to 50c each. Some very special numbers at 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c.

FASHIONABLE FURS.—Black Furs are very fashionable this year and we have a fine assortment of them bought before the recent advance in price of over 20 per cent. You will find here an excellent assortment of all kinds of Neck Pieces and Muffs, sold separately or in sets. We have some very special bargains at $2.50, $3.25, $6.00 and $10.00. Fine squirrel set of best quality at $11.75.

For Children

Skating Caps, 25c and 50c. Golf Mittens, 15c to 50c. Walton Shoes, 85c to $1.35. Handkerchiefs of every description. Sweaters, Warm Slippers fur trimmed, Black Cat Stockings, Suits, Coats, etc. etc.

For the House

LACE CURTAINS, 50c to $5.00 per pair.

COMFORTABLES, $1.00 to $2.50.

BED BLANKETS, 65c to $1.75 per pair.

NAPKINS from $1.00 to $3.50 per dozen.

TABLE LINEN.—Extra values at prices from 25c to $1.00 per yard.

PILLOW TOPS, Towels, Lunch Cloths.

RUGS.—We received this week a large shipment of Rugs, beautiful patterns. There are different sizes and they are priced from 98c to $3.75. A Rug is always an acceptable present.

Articles selected now will be laid away until called for if desired. Store will be open every evening until after Christmas.

A. M. BURROWS' SONS.

We close Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 P. M. All other evenings, except Saturday, at 8.