

## News and Gossip of the Surrounding Towns

## NEW PARIS, OHIO.

New Paris, O., Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Hill of Xenia, are spending the holidays with Wm. Mills and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Young's little son Douglas, has scarlet fever. The family was quarantined Friday.

Miss Lizzie Mitchell spent Christmas with Wm. Miller and family.

Mr. Harley Porterfield of St. Louis, is spending the holidays with relatives. Ed Spencer of Richmond, Ind., spent Christmas with Gus McNeill and family.

Harry Collins and family visited his parents in New Madison Christmas.

Mrs. Belott, Mrs. Straight and son and daughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Wrenn.

Mr. C. C. Hawley and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of Eaton, Friday.

Mrs. Clarence Colby and family, Charley McKee and family, Mrs. Minnie Cain and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hutton spent Christmas day with Grant Colby and family.

Loren Petry, who has been employed as principal at Urbana, O., is spending the holidays at home.

Miss Edith Miller of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Orville King of Pittsburg, Pa., is home for his Christmas vacation.

Mr. J. H. Daugherty and family, Mr. G. A. Hill and family, Mr. Albert Daugherty and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McKee spent Christmas with Harry Daugherty and family.

Mr. Fred and Laura Kemp, of Indianapolis, are spending a few days with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Louck are visiting their niece, Mrs. Stone of Dayton.

Mr. Ross Markey spent Christmas with his grandparents, Ross Reid and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Eliason spent Christmas with her parents, James Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hapner spent Christmas with her parents at New Madison, Ohio.

Mrs. Barber is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Ritts, of New Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport and Mrs. Sarah Mills, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Kuth of Camden, Mr. Will Potts and family of New Hope, Miss Bessie Potts, of Oxford, Mrs. Agnes Morton and daughter Mary of Eaton and Cash and Jennie dinner with Mr. James Kuth and family.

Miss Shirley Watts is spending her vacation with Hazel Crowl of Campbells town.

W. P. Mills and family, Olive Billman and daughter Hester, Mrs. Cora McWhinney and family, Mrs. Alice Dowler and daughter Ladessa, and Mr. Carl Norris and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Mary McWhinney of Westville.

Mr. Ed Clark and family are spending the holidays with relatives at Anderson, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. King are visiting at Wabash and Anderson, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hogston are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Pawpaw and family of New Madison, O.

Mrs. Clara Moore and family took Christmas dinner with Mrs. Bish.

George Kuth and Chas. Marshall took a burial vault to New Lexington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reinheimer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kilbourne and Mr. Frank Sloop and family at Christmas dinner.

Miss Marie Denney is spending the holidays at her home in Portland, Ind.

Mr. Walter Barton of Pittsburg, Pa., spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pence and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pence of Pittsburg, are visiting relatives and friends of this place.

Mr. Paul McNeill of Indianapolis is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. H. E. McKeon, who is employed at Indianapolis, spent Christmas at his home.

Mr. Bruce Barr, Mr. Emmet Sherer and Mr. Herbert Forbes spent Saturday in Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slewacki of Richmond, and Mr. Harley Porterfield of St. Louis, Mo., spent Christmas with Mrs. W. G. Hahn.

Mr. Frank Purviance and family of West Alexander, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Benson.

Miss Grace Samuels took Christmas dinner with Mr. Morris Sullivan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Samuels spent Christmas with Chas. Samuels and wife.

Miss Roxy Cussins of Anderson, Ind.,

came in Saturday for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Lee Baumgardner.

Miss Mary Canny of Dayton is visiting her sister Julia.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Murray spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyle.

Chas. Davidson of Milford Center visited Chas. Samuels and family Saturday.

Miss Alice Canny of Dayton visited relatives of this place Christmas.

Mr. A. C. Marshall and family of Gettysburg, spent Christmas with B. L. McKee and wife.

Mr. James Paul and wife of Covington, Ky., spent Christmas with Mike O'Donnell and mother.

Miss Marie Peelle entertained at six o'clock dinner Friday evening.

Mr. C. G. Baker visited his parents at Greenville, Christmas.

Mr. Sam Weller of Greenville and Miss Anna May White, were united in marriage Christmas day.

Miss Kate Marrison, who has been sick, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Ella Bloom spent Christmas with Mr. John King and family of New Madison.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box, 25c.

## GREENSFORK, IND.

Greensfork, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry King entertained his mother, brother George, Mr. Burgess of Richmond, and Geo. J. Nicholson and wife of this place Christmas.

Mrs. D. D. Doyle and children were guests of her sister and family, Mrs. Geo. Davis, near Williamsburg, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Flo Brashier of Indianapolis, who has been visiting relatives here, left Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Joseph Yager and family at Richmond.

The Friends and the Christian church Sunday schools united and held their Christmas entertainment at the Friends' church Christmas eve. There was a good attendance and the exercises were interesting and a good time in general was had.

Harmon Davis has been making the delivery on his Rural Route with his auto and makes good time.

Mrs. Oliver Cook was called to New Madison, O., Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Perry Russell.

A. U. Brown and children visited Thomas Cain and family at Economy Christmas.

Mrs. Melissa Bond and son and daughter have returned from a visit with relatives at Economy.

Jeannette Buntin is spending a few days at home with her parents.

Martin Worl, southeast of Hagers town moved on the Cook farm north of town.

Daniel Doyle returned from Southern Indiana Thursday and will spend the holidays here with his family. He has been engaged painting pictures and his headquarters have been Tell City, Ind., for some weeks.

Gordon J. Smith, W. L. Hatfield and Trustee Florence Boyd were in Richmond, Saturday on business.

Mrs. Shrinier of New Castle, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Tarkleson and family.

Frank Boyd, wife and children were guests of Mrs. Chamberlain at Centerville, Friday.

John H. Chapman will be the guest of relatives at Fairland, Ind., for a few days.

D. C. More, wife and Miss Stallard returned after visiting relatives at Modoc, Ind.

Miss Foster of Anderson is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chapman, for a short time.

The ladies of the Christian church will give an old fashioned watch meeting at Kienzie's Hall, New Years eve. Supper will be served beginning at five o'clock, and also lunch during the evening. All are invited to attend.

Our business men in all branches of trade are well pleased with the Christmas trade as it was a record breaker in the history of the town.

Mrs. Lucy Jewiss of Richmond, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. J. Nicholson and family Saturday and Sunday.

## CAMBRIDGE CITY, IND.

Cambridge City, Ind., Dec. 28.—Harry Ware of Indianapolis, spent Christmas with his mother, near this city.

Mrs. Bertram Berger, who has been spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele, has returned to her home in Kokomo.

A. R. Feemster was in Indianapolis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Judkins entertained with a family dinner Christmas day. Nineteen members enjoyed the hospitality.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Allen were called to Hagerstown by the death of the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Star, Christmas evening.

Miss Dora Wallace of Milton, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kneise Saturday.

George Doney, Sr., made a business trip to Connersville, Saturday.

Martin Kennedy spent Christmas with his family in this city.

Miss Goldie McCannless of Carlos City is here visiting relatives and friends.

James Barefoot of Cowan, has been spending a few days with his grand-

mother, Mrs. Barbara Barefoot, and other relatives.

Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Reese and sons Arthur and Carl, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Little of Connersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harper have returned to their home in Cleveland today.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Callahan, of Lewisville, and Miss Jean Callahan, of Indianapolis, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loeb.

Miss Myrtle Vanmeter has returned to Indianapolis after spending her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Vanmeter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Joslin of Cleveland, have been the guests of Mrs. Catherine Wheelan and family.

Mrs. James Vanmeter and daughters Myrtle and Shiloh, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shively, of Richmond, at a six o'clock dinner Saturday evening.

## ELDORADO, OHIO.

Eldorado, O., Dec. 28.—We enjoyed Christmas in Eldorado very much. We spent the day in visiting and entertaining, playing euchre, croquet and shooting clay pigeons. Frank Rowe won the shooting prize. In the evening some of us enjoyed the dance at the K. of P. hall while the U. B. church was crowded with those who came to the Xmas entertainment, which was a decided success in every particular.

Mrs. Mollie Murray is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Petry, at West Manchester.

Frank Floyd is spending his vacation at Ephraim with his parents.

Mrs. Hazel Britton has returned to her home in Dayton after a pleasant visit with her father William Ricker.

Thomas Dowler was in Dayton Xmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Carter of Detroit are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ullom, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, in a few days will go to Florida for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eyer spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murray at New Paris.

Chester Blackford and friend of Dayton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Shewman.

James Bechtel of Eaton, is the guest of his sister Mrs. C. H. Stayton.

Mrs. Chauncey Lee is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petry have returned from a visit to A. B. Heath, New Paris.

Roy Ricker, who is attending the Agricultural college in Lansing, Mich. is the guest of his father, William Ricker.

Misses Ruth and Mattie Wilt are home from Richmond, where they visited their sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wills are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Jane Hartzel in Piqua.

Mayor Schlenz of Yellow Springs is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schlenz.

Harry Lee is at home after working some time in Pontiac, Mich.

R. C. Trick of Arcanum is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Trick.

William McCabe entertained Xmas, C. B. Newton, of Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schlenz entertained Xmas, Mr. and Mrs. Deardorf of Centerville, Ind.

S. J. Kemp, entertained at a goose dinner, Xmas, H. B. Sell and wife.

Elmer Petry of Eaton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Deem.

Ora Arthur, wife and mother, are guests of friends in Saxona.

Miss Maurine Dunn of New Paris is the guest of Mrs. Josie Beck.

Howard Heath is a business visitor in Richmond today.

Mrs. Anna Stout and children, of Portland, Ind., are being entertained by her sisters Mrs. A. A. Miller and Mrs. C. W. Campbell.

Mrs. Francis Adams, is visiting friends in Dayton.

Mrs. Anna Ford and daughter Iris of Eaton, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spitzer have been visiting in Brookville with their daughter, Mrs. Ira Willbaum.

C. V. Campbell has received the appointment from Secretary of State of Local Registrar in this district which is known as No. 10. Carl Miller is deputy registrar.

Mr. Barton and family of New Madison are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Willbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gilbert of West Alexandria are guests of their mother Mrs. Frank Rowe.

Mr. George Bunker and daughter Audrey of Richmond are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bunker.

## Two Edged Punishment.

An English newspaper says that a schoolmaster was in the habit of punishing scholars who came late to school in the morning by keeping them in the afternoon. One who was five minutes late was kept in ten minutes and so on in proportion. One morning it chanced that the schoolmaster was half an hour late, and a smart boy among his pupils was not slow to remind him of the fact. "I'm very sorry for being late, boys," said the schoolmaster, with a twinkle in his eye, "and as I punish you it's only fair that you in turn should punish me, so you will all stay and keep me in for an hour this afternoon."

## Languages of India.

One hundred and fifty different languages are spoken in India, most of them unwritten, and this fact frequently leads to trouble in the courts of that oriental country. Strangely enough, Indians frequently drift into that capital who can find no one able to understand their vernacular. Neither the court nor the court interpreters understand some of the litigants and witnesses in legal cases.

## Polo, Elwood vs. Richmond, Monday, Dec. 28.

## 1909 TO WITNESS RUSH OF ALIENS

Prosperity Likely to Cause an Increase in Immigration To Set in by April.

## LOW WATER MARK IN 1908

TOTAL FOR THIS CALENDAR YEAR IS ABOUT 400,000 AGAINST 1,170,285 FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

New York, Dec. 28.—According to the best information from official sources, there is as yet no increase in immigration due to the election of Mr. Taft as president, although some ships appear to be bringing to America immigrants in growing numbers. The commissioner of immigration says that this is only an apparent increase, and gives his figures to prove it.

Only those who have been planning for months to emigrate to America are coming now, seemingly. Even after the tide turns and begins to make for prosperity it takes time—even months, the immigration sharp says—for the European peasant to set his house in order, dispose of what little he has, procure his passage, and make all his arrangements for coming to the land of promise. Neither on the day after an election in the United States nor for several months following, argue the wise ones, may any appreciable increase be looked for, but it is coming surely in the spring.

## May Set New High Water Mark.

Next year may see a new high water mark established in the size of the alien labor army which will invade the United States, an army all of whose members, down to the smallest boy of legal age to be employed and the tiniest servant girl, will find work in plenty, while the bread line is idle.

The largest number of immigrants leaving Europe in more than a year came in on the Hamburg-American liner Amerika, on her last voyage over. She brought in her third cabin and steerage 1,984 souls. The next largest number brought over this year, which will go down on the records as a low water mark year, was on the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria of the same line, which arrived on Dec. 8 with 1,545 third class and steerage passengers.

"There is no increase in immigration, none whatever," said Commissioner of Immigration Robert Watchorn yesterday. "There is no change whatever. There will be little more than an average of 1,000 a day for this calendar year."

## Strike the Lowest Average.

"We are having frequently only 800 a day, as against 5,000 on occasional days in other years. For the class of ships to which the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and the Amerika belong there are now fortnightly sailings, which doubles the number of immigrants that would arrive on a weekly schedule."

"On one day recently seven ships came in with 5,572 immigrants, but this denoted no increase in immigration. The ships had been delayed by bad weather and happened to arrive together. For two days previously we had practically no immigrants on the island and on the day following there was none."

"So far about 300,000 immigrants have arrived at this port, and if there is a like showing for the remainder of December it will make a total for the calendar year of about 400,000."

## Looks for Rush Next April.

The commissioner said he did not look for the rush due to better times until next April. During November a total of 33,891 alien passengers landed here, of whom 8,707 were non-immigrant aliens; that is, they had either been here before or were passing through the country.

Of those who arrived at this port in November, 9,288 named New York City and state as their destination; 3,929, Pennsylvania; 2,156, Illinois; 1,162 Massachusetts; 1,700 New Jersey and 1,054 Ohio. Up to Dec. 10 of this year, 646,062 of the foreign labor element have returned to Europe from United States and Canadian ports, which is 123,884 more than had gone back up to the same date in 1907.

The Victoria cross is a Maltese cross made of Russian cannon from Sebastopol and is given for gallantry in action.

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There is probably no flower of the unpretentious order that will give a larger measure of satisfaction than the fragrant English violet. A pot of violets will furnish sweet fragrance and blossoms well through the winter if placed in a sunny window in a room just above freezing. They are hardy and do not seem to mind the cold.

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## The Farm, Orchard and Garden

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## PAPER FROM CORNSTALKS.

Following closely on the publication of many articles of late pointing out the rapid disappearance of timber supplies suitable for the manufacture of print paper comes an announcement from the chemists of the United States department of agriculture at Washington that a process has been discovered whereby the cornstalks which are at present wasted at the rate of millions of tons annually may be converted into an excellent quality of paper. The first practicable samples of the new cornstalk paper have been manufactured by Dr. Bristol, chief chemist of the department, and his assistants. The experiments have been carried to the point of making five shades of paper. One grade is dark gray, thick and heavy, like parchment, and almost as tough as sheepskin. The white is made from the hard outside shell of the stalk and the yellow grades from the pith. The latter have a much longer fiber and resemble the paper made from linen rags or cotton, being soft and pliable. The process of manufacturing the new kind of paper is said to be much simpler than that involved in reducing wood pulp to paper, the stalks needing but two or three hours' cooking, while wood pulp needs cooking four or five times as long. The experiments predict that when the manufacture of the new kind of paper is started on a large scale it will be at least 50 per cent cheaper than the paper at present made from wood pulp.

## A PRACTICAL CAMPAIGN.

The Audubon Society of America, whose members are intensely interested in the protection of bird life, has decided on a plan of campaign for the future differing radically from that followed in the past. Heretofore the appeals of the society for assistance in the good work which they are trying to do have been largely on the basis of sentiment—humanitarian and aesthetic reasons—rather than on that expressed in terms of dollars and cents. The campaign which the society has laid out has in view setting before the farmer, orchardist, railroad and business man the enormous annual financial loss sustained through insect damage, rendered yearly more threatening as a result of the ruthless destruction of bird life. Last year, according to figures compiled by the society, the money loss to the various interests of the country as a result of insect damage aggregated \$900,000,000. In connection with these figures they cite the fact that the federal government does not out the poultry pestiferous of \$65,000 to investigate and educate the people on this all important topic. The Audubon society has struck the right gain in getting on to the basis of the cash loss to business interests as a compelling motive in bird protection, and it goes without saying that it will produce results.

## AN IMPROVED VARIETY OF OATS.

A number of farmers in the oats belt report exceptionally good results in both yield and weight per bushel with a new variety of oats, the Regenerated Swedish Select, introduced two or three years ago by a firm of English seedsmen and exhibited at a number of state fairs during the past summer. The variety of oats in question is short keeled, remarkably plump and full as to berry and has been known to yield as high as 100 bushels to the acre and to weigh as heavy as fifty pounds to the bushel. Excellent characteristics of the new variety are that it is early maturing, stiff and strong in straw and virtually rust proof. The seed comes high, from \$2 to \$3 a bushel, but the increased yield and quality which it guarantees would seem to justify the purchase of enough seed for a good sized breeding plot. In a great majority of cases where the new variety has been raised there has been an increase in yield of 25 per cent or better.

## A WORD ABOUT OLEOMARGARINE.

Federal laws lately passed wisely place restriction on the sale of oleomargarine as a counterfeit of dairy butter. This is just common decency and honesty. It should not be palmed off on the public as a dairy product. On the other hand, it is only fair to say in behalf of the manufacturers and retailers of oleomargarine that when it sells under its own colors and is sold honestly for what it is—largely beef fat—no serious objection can be urged against it, as it is a clean and wholesome food product. For a large class of people who this year find themselves in straitened financial circumstances oleomargarine will doubtless be extensively used as a substitute for the genuine dairy product, which is thus early in the season retailing for better than 30 cents per pound and considering the high price of feed may be close to 40 cents before spring.

## The stock raiser has a job on his hands to figure out a profit in feeding sixty cent corn to five dollar hogs or cattle. In fact, he may as well save his pencil, for the job can't be done.

Two thousand five hundred dollars was recently refused for a Kellerstrass Crystal White Orpington hen named Peg. Her owner evidently believes in raising thoroughbred fowls as well as in keeping the best for himself.

A decided point in favor of the manure spreader is that besides being a distinctly labor saving piece of machinery the fertilizer it spreads goes twice as far and does more good than that scattered by the old pitchfork method.

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ducted show that when cheese is sold from the farm or milk from which cheese is made a much larger amount of fertility is taken from the soil than in the case of butter or cream. This is to quite an extent responsible for the fertility and productivity of those farms on which buttermaking is the chief occupation.

A fact quite generally known, yet sometimes overlooked, is that root clover is a biennial—that is, its length of life is but two seasons long—which means that if the second growth is not allowed to mature seed in the autumn of the second season the crop will die out. This variety of clover as it grows along the roadside seems to have a perennial habit but this is due to the fact that it produces seed often enough to perpetuate itself.

According to reports issued by the department of agriculture at Washington on Nov. 10, the average yield of corn in the country for the present year is 26.2 bushels per acre, while the estimated total production is 2,642,687,000 bushels. This is a better showing both in yield per acre and total production than last year, when the average was 25.9 bushels and the total yield was 2,592,320,000 bushels. The quality of this year's crop is 86.9 per cent, while in 1907 it was 82.8.

Any upward movement in grain prices which causes stock raising and dairying unprofitable and tempts the farmer to sell his cereal products in the raw state rather than in the finished form of beef, pork, mutton, butter and cheese can only be viewed as a misfortune from the standpoint of a permanent agricultural prosperity, which from the very necessity of the case depends upon an intelligent maintenance of the fertility of the soil. It is likely that many will disagree with this view, but a careful consideration of the points involved would seem to verify it.

So long as the average yield of corn per acre for the whole country remains in the neighborhood of twenty-six or twenty-seven bushels, and numerous instances are on record where enterprising farmers have secured a yield of from 80 to 120 bushels per acre, it will be entirely in place to continue raising and writing about the possibilities of agriculture in the United States. Had the average yield per acre been twice what it was (26.2 bushels), or 52.4 bushels—a moderate yield—the total corn production would have been 5,285,374,000 bushels, while at 50 cents a bushel \$1,321,343,500 would have been added to the value of the crop.

The average housewife would much prefer to