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BARGAINS

—AT—

Whitaker's Cash Store

IN GALENA, MD.

Men's and Boy's Clothing,

HATS and CAPS,

DRY GOODS, Flannels, Blankets, Quilts, Notions, Gloves, Etc.

SHOES:

we have them for the large and the small. Furniture, Lounges, Tables, Chairs, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Candies, Nuts, Raisins, etc. Toys, Sleds, Wagons, Doll Carriages, just what is wanted now for a Merry Christmas. We want your trade, come and see us, and we will save you money.

Respectfully, W. A. WHITAKER.

A. L. BAKER,

FAIRLEE, MD.,

Dealer in DRY GOODS,

Notions, Underwear, Hosiery, Confectionery, Fruits, Etc.

EXCELLENT LINE FINE TOBACCO AND CIGARS.

This stock embraces a general line of goods usually found in a general store, and were bought for the cash, at headquarters, consequently we are in a position to save you money if you will bring your trade at ... We have for the Christmas Holidays a class of goods for "Old Kris," and the parents of children ... can please them. These times are too hard to pay extravagant ... here. We also handle

... Farm Wagons, Dearborns, ... Harrows, Steel Corn Planters, ... Dump Rakes, Lawn Mowers, Grass Seed ... Pumps. Fence Wire of all kinds, Carts, Daytons, Carriage Harness, etc. Horse-Shoeing 85c. cash. Give me a call.

W. H. KELLEY, Locust Grove, Md.

1894 Nearly a Thing of the Past. 1895.

... past success has been extremely low margins on ..., and as the year 1894 closes, we greatly thank all ... customers for their kind patronage and solicit same ... 1895. Call at once and examine our Handsome stock of

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

... We keep everything. It's impossible to men... ...rth of the different articles we have now crowd... ...nters and shelves.

HARRY L. CHEW.

Always Ready

... ...ner

...ds and Axle Grease.

Saddles, Bridles, Collars and Whips.

...ILDREN'S SLEDS, made of Flexible Steel. Will steer in any direction.

SMITH & CLEMENTS,

... 1894. CHESTERTOWN MARYLAND

Have you bought all your

Holiday Gifts

YET?

If not, why not? Perhaps you have been look... around but could not see the article that ... articular. If so, drop in and see

... the Jeweler.

...ry purse, something for every person, ...he half, and the dollar. Something for ... girl, the boy, the baby and the LOVER, ...t nobody's purse is strained. Our store ...h new and beautiful designs. We have ... go elsewhere.

BARGAINS

...e were children. Come in and look through the ...chases Engraved free of charge.

...Jeweler, opposite Stam's P... ...hestertown, Md.

A NOVEL GUA... ...NTEE

A COMPANY THAT FU... ...RNISHES CER... TIFICATES TO W... ...OERS.

A Boon to the Busy Man ... With a Mar... riageable Daughter—Rath... r One Sided, as the Wife Is Not Bound ... An Inter... viewer of Whom Something Was Known.

Seeing the sign over the ... door, I entered. "If you wish to con... fer with the president, sir," said the yo... ung man in front, "you will find him in ... his private office," and thanking him I ... ntered the rear room, where a pleasant ... faced man greeted me cordially.

"Won't you be seated?" ... he said, grasping me by the hand. "... is your business—er—confidential?"

"Not at all," I replied. "A... s I was passing by I thought I would s... top in and inquire into the nature and ... scope of the Lovers' Guarantee com... pany," which I see advertised so extensiv... ely."

"Certainly," he responded. "I ... shall be only too glad to inform you wha... t we are here for. The Lovers' Guara... ntee company was formed for the purpo... se of securing good husbands to all mai... dens matrimonially inclined, and the g... reat success we have met with thus far ... proves that there is an excellent reas... on for our existence. The average man o... affairs has little time to look up the character and antecedents of the young fellow who applies for his daughter's hand. We look him up, and if he is satisfactory he gives us a bond, which entitles him to a certificate guaranteeing him to be all that he claims. This bond may be good for five or ten years. A man's financial status is of course easy to determine, but it is into the ... attributes of character that we ... particularly. Our certificate ... lute guarantee of the man ... we have to be particu... ... at any time in ... and show ... husband ... her c... payments."

"... suppose," said I, "after the ... married off, there develops some ... trait, some idiosyncrasy that ... unhappiness, but not separation, ... you do then?"

"... n cases," replied the president ... Lovers' Guarantee company, "are ... but of course they do occur. In a ... like this we examine into the cause ... the difficulty, and if the man be ... wrong the fact that he is under bond gives us a power over him, and generally we bring him to terms."

"But," said I, "suppose the woman in the case is wrong?"

"This," explained the president, "is extremely unfortunate, as we have no means of reaching her direct, having no power over her. We can, however, advise the man what to do, generally with most felicitous results. As a rule, these differences come from ignorance on both sides. Where they are extreme and a separation is advisable we have in our employ the best lawyers, and divorces are obtained in the most private way.

"We have in our employ one of the most eminent phrenologists in the country, who examines the heads of all applicants. Our head physician, who gave up a large practice to come with us, has a growing staff of assistants, and these look carefully into the physical condition of the applicants. You may depend upon it that when an applicant has successfully run the gantlet we lay out for him he will make a good husband. We advise all young married people to have homes of their own, no matter how humble, and have a home bureau through which a member can obtain advice on the most desirable way to live, the best locations, a list of houses and apartments and the lowest rents. By this means we are enabled to make an arrangement with landlords so that our patrons can obtain certain discounts and privileges. Were you thinking—ahem!—of entering upon the new life?"

"Oh, no," I replied modestly. "I am already married, and," I added laughingly, "I don't suppose cases of this sort come under your jurisdiction."

"Indeed they do," replied the president of the Lovers' Guarantee company. "We have lately formed a department for ... find it to be a great success. ... people and sum yearly, in advance, we furnish ladies with advice as to the proper management of husbands and direct them how to act in special emergencies. For instance, should a husband be called away too frequently at night 'on business,' imbibe too freely—I may say this is one of our greatest obstacles—or should he become ill natured or non ... tell her what to do."

"... ent secret?"

"... ded. "Indeed ... would ... ame? I always like to take down the names of all our friends."

"Certainly not," said I. "I would just as soon as not, as it is just possible I may want to advise with you myself later on. My name, sir, is Witherby."

A bright and engaging smile came over the face of the president of the Lovers' Guarantee company. "Ah, yes, indeed," he exclaimed. "J. Scott Witherby, isn't it?"

"That's it," I replied, dumfounded, a lump rising in my throat. "How the mischief, sir, did you learn my name?"

"Very easily," he responded cheerfully as he reached over into his desk and handed me pamphlet B 146, on "If You Are a Husband, Don't Be a Crank." "Your wife was in here only yesterday."—J. Scott Witherby in New York World.

Norwalk, Conn., is said to have an Indian origin, but there is an English village of this name.

Too Many Funerals.

A gentleman whose summer home is in Vermont brought back to Boston one fall a manservant from the country who had never before been in Boston. The sights and scenes in a big city impressed him peculiarly. One day he went to his employer and said:

"Mr. H——, I shall have to go back home."

"Why, Tom, have you not been treated kindly here?"

"Oh, yes, the treatment is all right, but then I'm afraid of my health."

"How is that?"

"Why, you see, Mr. H——, I saw four funerals going past your house today, and I guess Boston is a plagny unhealthy sort of a town."—Boston Journal.

A Leaf and Flower Combination.

The only known variety, species or genus of plant known to botanical investigators in which the flower grows from the leaf has been described in the Paris Journal de Botanique. This queer plant is a native of tropical Africa, and in it the flowers are borne along the midrib on the back of the leaf.—St. Louis Republic.

A Streak of Luck.

Mrs. Portly Pompus—Oh, Bridget, you have broken that magnificent Japanese vase!

Bridget—Sure, mum, isn't it lucky that there was nothing in it!—Tammany Times.

Fi... when ... ordinary street ca... —is no easy job. Lodging houses where the beds rent for 10 cents hold as grimly to tariff prices as a coal combine in arctic weather would do. It is a case of fiat money with those people. If they had 500 beds and but five lodgers, the sixth could not get an abatement, even though his flesh were dropping from his bones with frost. "No pay, no bed," is the motto, and they stick to it.

Nowadays dimes are being withdrawn from circulation. At least the people who are forced into begging them report that to be the state of the money market. Two nickles make a dime, it is true, and so do 10 pennies, but there seems to be a bear movement in small coins, and this form of currency also is hard to get, especially so for those who either can't, don't or won't work for it.

As a matter of fact there are many hundred persons in Chicago every night who cannot purchase a lodging for lack of means and who stay out so late that access to the station houses is denied because they are already overcrowded. These people will then sleep anywhere. All they want is cover from the night.

That can be had in Chicago for 5 cents. But the lowest tramp, if forc... favored him with a dime, would shrink with horror from lodging in such a place. There are one or two places of the kind in Chicago, and they are hard to find. When found, they are the very apotheosis of degradation, dirt and dinginess. Beside the 5 cent places those where admittance is a dime are palaces. For 5 cents the lodger is allowed the privilege of a chair until morning—simply that and nothing more.

The keepers of such places form the west elements of society. They do not treat their patrons as humans, nor yet as beasts of the field. The 5 cent wretch becomes an object for blows and kicks. When his nickel enters the greasy pocket that gapes for it, he is then an ator of squalor, and he is treated accordingly.

Recently the Atlas hotel was visited. It is probably the worst lodging house in Chicago. The prices begin at 5 cents and run to 15 cents. It is located on Custom House place a few yards from Van Buren street. On one side of it is a stable. There the horses get clean straw either for bedding. On the other side is a church, which has been ... which will be shortly ... ther lodging house. ...ndings the poor fellows ... ckel is allowed to ... n sit on a three le... down on the floor ... rced to sleep w... ering him, f... lar is crow...

VA...

Many of the ... Plentiful

Many of th... are yet unk... known to the... in the civiliz... Central and So... the most remar... known. In the ... this continent a... than any of the ... woods range fr... black in color, a... most beautifully ... Some of them ar... turn the edges of a... tools, while the l... only slowly.

In the Columbi... were many displa... woods, and the finest ... from Argentine Re... other South America... of these southern wo... teeth of the band sa... sawdust, but fine po... finest flour, so hard ... Some of them burned ... ers possess qualities tha... from insects. Some of ... practically indestructib... water.

Above, along the eastern ... great elevations, thro... great river valleys and i... wide areas of level cou... America are great forests ... that are specially fit for th... net and furniture work, ... shipbuilding, carpentry an... dustrial arts in which woo... material. These great fore... an unknown quantity in the ... world, but they will come ... the knowledge of men and ... trial use when once the ra... ched them.

...many years, it is sa... ...Michigan and Central ... ...publics will be threaded by ... ...s, and then those wonderful ... will be drawn upon to supply the ...and for new and fine woods in all ...ivilized countries.—Lumber World.

CURIOUS TEA PARTIES.

The Odd and Eternal Little Functions That Are Held In Pearl Street.

There is an everlasting tea party in function on Pearl street, near Hanover square. An aroma of freshly steeped leaves fills the air all the week, and following your nose to the cause you will find it pointing down to little gloomy basements where teacups are perpetually spread. They are all plain white cups, and there is no display of tablecloth or dainty cakes—just plain tea. And the methods of the tea parties that foregather there are just as plain and unceremonious.

They generally consist of old gentlemen of severely respectable appearance, and when these old parties feel like it they go down the basement steps and take a pinch of tea out of a caddy or suacer, or whatever it may be kept in, and put it in the cup and pour a little hot water on it, but never any milk or sugar. And then, despite their eminently respectable air, they dip their fingers in the cups and stir the tea leaves about or maybe fish out a leaf and unroll it, sometimes putting it in their mouths and chewing it.

But, strangest thing of all, they never drink their tea after all the trouble they have taken with it. In fact, they seem to take a strong dislike to the infusion as soon as it is before them. Sometimes they sniff at it, and if ever they take it into their mouths they do but roll it around and spit it out. Moreover, they will do the same things with half a dozen cups in succession until Dr. Johnson—unless he knew the reason—would have cried out at the waste of the cheering but uninebriating beverage.

Meanwhile other gentlemen sit also at the table and anxiously watch all this sniffing and spitting, for these are the tea tasters and samplers, and this is where tea is bought and sold not by the pound, but by the carload.—New York Sun.

What the New Year Brings.

Vacant chairs.
Good wishes without number.
Change, but not always silver.
January—and all the others.
Mistakes—we date our letters wrong.
Friends grown older and a few joyless.
Bills of every description, but every one too large.
Improvements that cause wonder and questionings.
Dividends without variety, all shrunk like old flannels.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

...t our God, Redeemer and Creator;
...art "Our Father," dearest name of all.
... in thy power and wisdom, in love greater,
Therefore we fear not on thy name to call.

Hear us, O Father, as we come confessing
The sins and follies of the bygone year.
Grant us forgiveness and with that thy blessing
Our faith to strengthen and our hearts to cheer.

Sweeten for us each bitter cup of duty
Or strengthen us their bitterness to quaff.
Give us to see the King in all his beauty
And to behold the land which is far off.

We thank thee for our being and well being.
Give us uplifting and upholding grace
To serve thee here until, earth's shadow fleeing,
We evermore shall see thee face to face.

—Buffalo News.

The Little Stranger.

New Year's In Canada.

The young Canadian on New Year's morning, after he has taken breakfast with his father, mother, sisters and brothers, wends his way to the best looking girl in the range, and as he very well knows she can't refuse to kiss him on "le jour de l'an" presents himself at her door, there to be warmly greeted and invited to enter.

Taking off his snowshoes—it's easier and more "a la mode du Canadien" to climb over the crusty snowbanks than use a "traineau"—he accepts the invitation, and as he crosses the threshold he gives the girl, for whom he has long cherished a deep regard, a couple of smacks that cause the old folks in the kitchen to question each other as to the origin of the noise. Light drinks are served. That's what the young man does. The young girl waits.

But the old folks do not forget that the day is the first one of the year. So after the work of the household is over they put on their best bib and tucker and hitch up "Monplaisir," and they start out and begin the rounds of making calls, stopping at each house, the old man kissing the neighbor's old woman, and vice versa, rinsing it down with "a la votre" from the sideboard.

Conviviality reigns, good health is drunk, and alcoholism is unknown.

From the time the sun first casts its rays on a Canadian New Year's morning until a week and sometimes two weeks later a round of jollification exists among the French-Canadians of good standing. Every night a dinner is held at one of the "clique," and so on till each has had his "blow out," and finally all relapse into the old rut of common, everyday life, arising at the sound of the angelus in the morning and burning very few candles and still less kerosene in the evening.

COMPETITION IN BABIES.

...ein a Word to a Wise Papa Ought to Be Sufficient.

... getting to be the most bare... versatile liar on earth," said ..., "and it's all on account ... innocent babies. Two of ...t the office have recently ...with the honor of pater... Prouder papas you ... them, Jones, is an ...her, and the other ...re of his baby and ...e.

...w how intelligent ...ooks," continued ... his bald head ...sseur in infan... ...e office were ... the brightest ...en and that ... child, ...nebody ...t as a pic... ...he ...of ...

...represents Smith in the background holding on his knee a mammoth infant nearly as big as he is. The baby's hands are outstretched toward the camera and look as though they might belong to Mr. Fitzsimmons or Mr. Corbett. Smith thought it was beautiful, and when some one suggested that the boy looked just exactly like him he ordered drinks all around and put the picture up on his desk as a further opposition to Jones'.

"Every time I come into the office I have to stop and admire those pictures, and I'm acquiring great self control by keeping a straight face whenever Jones or Smith says, 'And still you will remain a bachelor, will you?'"—New York Herald.

BREAKFAST IN BED.

This Is the Way In Which to Enjoy the Height of Luxury.

There is nothing which gives one quite the same feeling of luxury and affluence as breakfasting in bed—that is, unless one is forced to do it. Then it seems merely an annoyance. But when the woman whom unkind fate and domestic or business duties usually force to be up with the lark can lie in bed and have a daintily appointed breakfast tray brought up to her she feels that the final joy of sybaritism is hers.

Sunday morning is the best time for the daughter of toil to indulge in this luxurious habit. If she is a churchgoing woman, she may manage by having breakfast at 9:45. If she desires to be both pious and lazy, there are those who compromise by reading morning service in bed, and their method is perhaps not to be despised.

The first step toward enjoying this luxury is to have one's warm bath, hair brushing and the like. Then slipping on a bath robe or a dressing sack, the seeker after luxury should slip back into bed, adjust her pillows comfortably and proceed to enjoy her breakfast. It should be an unusually dainty one and served with the most appetizing regard for appearances. The tray should be covered with a delicately embroidered cloth. The china pot in which the coffee comes up should be as pretty as coffeepots can be, the sugar basin and cream jug the very perfection of daintiness. There should be a little glass bowl of mignonette or violets, or a couple of carnations, or even some fragrant green geranium stalks. A bunch of grapes, duskily purple or pink and opal, coffee clear as amber and fragrant as only coffee can be, toast, a slice of bacon and an egg or eggs boiled form a breakfast fit to serve on the pretty tray.

If the woman who breakfasts in bed will proceed to spend the rest of the day there, sleeping when she can, reading a little, entirely undisturbed by the cares of her household, she will ward off the approach of hideous old age half a decade.—Philadelphia Press.

FUN IN BILL POSTING.

HUMOR IN A BUSINESS WHERE YOU WOULDN'T LOOK FOR IT.

Picturesque and Mirthful Effects Produced With Paste Pot and Brush—Devils and Angels Are Incongruously Mixed Up. "Post No Bills" Goes.

All trades have their droll aspects, but that of the billposter is one long vista of fun. He may become an artist comedian of the first order. It does not require much brain weight either. An old fence is his only arena, and his posters are his stock in trade.

His fun is but momentary, but it is potent while it lasts. He accomplishes it by means of the combinations he is forced to make when he posts new bills over the old ones. Some of the combinations are very funny. Thus he is forced to become a mirth producer whether he will or no, but there are some among the men who get their livelihood in this manner who intentionally place the new bills where they will produce the oddest if but momentary effects.

The reporter watched one of these knights of the paste pot while he proceeded to cover up a rather flaming picture of his satanic majesty with a bill which portrayed a naval officer in full uniform. The first section put on was the officer's head. As it fitted exactly on to Mephisto's shoulders the effect was comical. The next section brought the naval man down to the bottom of his coat. From a short distance it appeared precisely as though he was minus his nether garments and stood bare legged in the rising flames which enveloped him to his knees. The billposter chuckled as he surveyed his work at this point and asked the reporter what he thought of it while he covered the officer's nakedness with a pair of trousers and shoes.

The billposter was quite talkative in his way and spoke of the droll side of his business. "Did it never occur to you," said he as he picked and sorted some flaming colored bills preparatory to pasting them on the fence, "did it never occur to you what an odd and amusing business this is? You saw me put a uniform on the devil. Funny, wasn't it? Well, it wasn't a patch to the effects produced sometimes. These bills have to be changed nearly every week, and the posters get fixed up in the queerest way. I've put angels' heads on devils and devils' heads on angels. I've put a man with a dress coat on where a ballet girl was, so that it looked as though the skirts branched out below where the coat was. I left it there for a moment while I pasted other bills, and quite a crowd gathered around. A policeman came along, and I had to cover it up.

"Once I had a Salvation Army poster to put up, and when I pasted the top portion of it over a bill advertising the play of 'Julius Cæsar' the large blue bonnet of the Salvation Army girl fitted Cæsar perfectly. It was too bad I had to spoil it."

"You see that ballet girl on the fence over there? I have got to paste this big cat over it. Now watch me do it."

He took a section of a bill with the head of a grinning feline on it and placed it so that it fitted to the girl's shoulders. A halo surrounded the cat's head, and the whole affair had a puss in boots air about it that reminded one of early fairy tales. Near by on the fence was a heroic size negro minstrel, whose immense teeth showed through lips which stretched form ear to ear.

"Now see how I will fix that fellow," said the man of the brush as he got ready a bill on which a large tiger was represented balanced on a big blue ball. The tiger's position was on the upper part of the poster. The first section fixed the animal's head on the fence, and with the next the body and feet were pasted up. Then appeared a curious effect. Where the blue ball was to be pasted the negro's face still grinned, but the tiger was now standing on top of the man's head.

"That," said the billposter, "is what I call a real artistic effect. It isn't often an artist can create a Samson in almost one stroke of his brush."

Following his pasting of the tiger, the man proceeded to put up a bear. On the spot where it was to go an overfat baby held up a package of a compound much advertised of late. The bear was built up from the feet, which rested on a horizontal bar. The bear's neck and the baby's neck touched the same point, and before the bear's head was pasted up there appeared a combination of human and brute anatomy which could hardly be equaled by a monstrosity in a dime museum.

Bill posting has undergone a great change in recent ... ...the ... ...ness ... ...os ... ...s—that ... ...not allowable for men to go ... pasting bills wherever they could find a fence. Most of the big fences are preempted now by firms who pay rent for the privilege.

The old sign of "Post no bills" is more potent than it was. Its infringement now may mean a lawsuit. It used to be very much disregarded. There is record of a very literal man who was arrested for infringing a sign which read "post no bills under penalty." When the judge asked him if he had any excuse to offer, he said he had not "posted under penalty. He had posted further along the fence."—New York World.

The Brightest Light.

The great searchlight made by the General Electric company, and which was exhibited at Chicago, afterward at the Winter exposition, San Francisco, has found a final home and resting place at Mount Lowe, California. It is estimated the rays of this wonderful light can be seen at a distance of 200 miles when the air is clear.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Housatonic is a corruption of Wassatunic, "Bright Stream Flowing Through Rocks."

A Ruined Wedding Cake.

An English gentleman residing in Calcutta brought an action against a firm of Paris pastry cooks and confectioners under rather interesting circumstances. The plaintiff was about to be married and ordered what has been called a phenomenal wedding cake from the defendants. A sum of $120 was paid down for the cake on delivery. The colossal and expensive article of confectionary was packed by the plaintiff's order, and he took it with him to Calcutta. On opening the case containing the cake when he arrived in India, the Englishman found that he had literally nothing but a shapeless mass of crumbs. The splendid gateau had been hopelessly bruised and broken during the voyage.

An action was then brought against the Paris firm for a sum of $135, which included, besides the price paid for the cake, the cost of packing and transport. The defendants maintained before the Paris tribunal of commerce that they had no more responsibility after they had delivered over the cake to the person who ordered it. It was true that they recommended a packer, but that expert acted under the orders of another individual, who had been selected by the plaintiff to superintend the operation. The tribunal decided in favor of the defendants.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

REDUCED RATES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.—The B. & O. R. R. Co., announce that excursions tickets will be sold between all stations on its lines east of the Ohio river during Christmas and New Year's holidays, at reduced rates, for all trains December 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 1895, valid for return passage until January 3, 1895, inclusive.

E. E. HUDSON,

KENNEDYVILLE, KENT COUNTY, MD.

Always in the Front Ranks for General Merchandise.

A COMPLETE LINE OF GOODS AT TEMPTING PRICES

to close cash buyers. The year of 1894 is rapidly closing upon us, and while to ... brought much prosperity, yet the encouragement we have received as a merchant ... lif, and the motto of our store for 1895 will be "Foward March." At the present ... counters entirely too many goods, and the people of this neighborhood shall have ... PRICES in order to reduce this stock. For the month of December and January ... reductions in our Dry Goods department, Boot and Shoe department; also ... This stock embraces a complete line of

GROCERIES, HARNESS, CUTLERY, HARDWARE, TINWA...

FLOUR BY THE BARREL OR S...

in fact everything usually found in a well-appointed store. Catch-p... popular with the mosses, and to those who favor me in the future wi... we will convince them that we advertise only facts. A first-class l...

DRUGS AND PATE...

always on hand, and prescriptions compounded with ...

EXTRA.—Hats and Caps ... Cigars and Tobacco CHEAP.

Dec. 20, 1894. E. E. HUD...

G. W. CLA...

Crumpton Wharf, on the Ken...

—DEALER IN—

GROCERIES, NOT...

TOBACCO AND CIG...

FLOUR, CONFECTION...

at prices that defy competition, because we sell

ONLY FOR THE C...

consequently, no high prices are known at this establishment. We ... the people of this neighborhood that by dealing here they will ... their purchases.

EXTRA NOTICE.—We are now opening a splend...

Christmas Candi... ...

and as they will be sold for the Cash o... be Lower than those who do a credit b...

Respectfull, etc.,

G...

Dec 13, 1894.

"CHESTERVILLE'S NEW ENTERP...

I will opened a First-Class GENERAL ... the above town on Jan. 1st, 1895, and will be ... to offer inducements to the neighboring co... such as they have not enjoyed heretofore. ... consists of

DRY GOODS,

Boots and Shoes,

GROCERIES,

And a General Assortment ...

usually carried in a well-appointed store. TR... taken In exchange for goods, and the Highes... always paid for Eggs.

EXTRA:—Low Prices and Square Dealing ... leading features of my business, and a call will con... that we are reliable advertisers of facts.

Respectfully, etc.,

W. A. Williams.

MELITOTA TO THE FRONT!

M. M. RASIN,

—DEALER IN—

General Merchandise,

is determined, during the month of December, to make sweeping reductions in his general line of goods in order to reduce the stock. No store in the county carries a more complete line of goods, consisting of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes

AND GENERAL NOTIONS.

EXTRA.—Being an advertiser of facts, I do not propose to misrepresent a single article in my store, and those who favor me with their patronage will be fully convinced that a dollar's worth of goods from this store will equal $1.25 elsewhere.

CHOICE BRANDS OF FLOUR BY THE BARREL OR SACK,

AND AT PRICES THAT WILL ASTONISH ALL.

Give me a call and be convinced. Resp'y, etc.,

M. M. RASIN,

Dec. 13, 1894. MELITOTA, MD.

* ORGANIZED 1865. *

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company

OF MILWAUKEE, WIS.

January 1st, 1894.

Assets	$64,071,183
Liabilities	52,712,726
Surplus	11,358,457
Income, 1893	$ 18,968,899
New Business, 1893	52,015,033
Insurance in force	326,152,947
Increase in Surplus, 1893	1,891,072

DIVIDEND TO POLICYHOLDERS, 1893 - - $1,143,962

Compare These Figures.

Company	Death Rate.	Assets to Liabilities.	Expenses to New Business.	Surplus 1893.	Surplus 1894.
Mutual, N. Y.	1 50%	$109	3.94%	$14,321,216	$15,148,269
Penn. Mutual	1.22 "	$113	3 13%	2,776,838	2,671,485
N. Y. Life	1 17 "	$113	3.00%	16,804,948	17,025,630
Northwestern	**0.95 per cent.**	**$121**	**2.85 per cent.**	**$9,456,330**	**11,299,571.**

The ANNUAL DIVIDENDS of the Northwestern have averaged over 25 per cent. of total premiums paid for over 25 years, thereby reducing the cost of insurance far below that of any other company. The NORTHWESTERN is the POLICY-HOLDER'S COMPANY.

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