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Florence, Neb., Friday, Dec. 24, 1909.

BRAIN STORMS

Merry Christmas.
 Likewise a Happy New Year.
 Is your stocking ready to hang up?
 Of course, if you desire to make the Tribune a Christmas present of your subscription we will be happy.
 The true Christmas spirit is to be happy in giving and not receiving. It is not a time to "exchange" gifts.
 Just because next week you can swear off is no reason for going the limit this week.
 Christmas boosts the sales of the stamps at the postoffice and likewise makes more work for the employes.
 Don't eat too much Christmas. Remember that by eating judiciously you may live to eat a Christmas dinner next year.
 Don't forget that news for the Tribune must be in the editor's hands not later than Wednesday evening to insure insertion.
 Wouldn't it be lovely if the street car company would make Florence a Christmas present of better car service?

It is safe to say that a merchant that does not advertise does not want your trade. If he did he would advertise for it.
 The editor has so far received ten answers to the problem he presented last week, but up-to-date has not had the correct answer.
 A four-year-old boy recently sat and watched a man smoking a cigar. Presently he asked, "Does the cigar smoke up or burn down?" The man was stumped for an answer. What would you have said?
 A little boy returning from Christmas shopping with his mother met his father with the startling statement that he had "ridden up in an alligator and down a radiator," meaning elevator.

Tonight is the night that Santa Claus comes from out his hiding place to make glad the hearts of the children—and the elders, too, for that matter, for what person can look on the happiness of the children and not be happy himself?
FREE SUBSCRIPTION
 To any one sending in a correct answer to this question before January 1, we will give one year's subscription free:
 A wise man having a window one yard high and one yard wide requiring more light, enlarged his window to twice its former size, yet the window was still one yard wide and one one yard high. How was this done?
 This is very easy, and if you can't do it, ask the school teacher what the answer is. In all probability she won't know any more than you do.
 The correct answer will be published January 7 as well as the names of all who give the correct answer.

THAT PAVING CONTRACT.
 Florence, Neb., Dec. 21, 1909.
 Florence Tribune:—
 Please publish in full in next issue contracts between the city of Florence, Neb., and M. Ford regarding grading, curbing, guttering and paving a portion of Main street in said city and oblige.
TAXPAYER.
 In answer to the above The Tribune would state that it has already published the terms of the contract and that at the present time the contract has no news value to its readers.
 The contract is now on file in the office of the city clerk where it can be seen by anyone who desires to look it over.
 It would cost The Tribune in the

neighborhood of \$8 to prepare and print this contract which has been read in its essential features already by its readers, and the reprinting would be of no value whatever to them.
 At the present time the contract for the paving of Main street is not of one-half the importance that the street car service is. The people of Florence are more in need of this car service than they are of the immediate completion of the paving and if anyone can suggest any method of securing the improvement of the service The Tribune will be glad to lead its assistance.

A CORRECTION.
 In Mayor Tucker's letter published week before last a change of one word destroyed the meaning of part of the article. The mayor wrote that the council with one exception was in favor of the paving early in June and ready to proceed. Unfortunately the printers made it with no exception. We, therefore, take this opportunity to correct the error.

"LISTENIN' TO THE WIND"
 I ain't afraid to sleep alone, no, not a single mite,
 And I ain't frightened of the dark when ma puts out the light;
 It's kinder fun on summer nights when you're tucked up in bed,
 To watch the moonlight shinin' on the skylight overhead.
 And to have the winder open so's to hear the crickets sing,
 And the bull frogs in the medder tunin' up like everything;
 But, say! I hate to go to bed when winter's once begunned,
 'Cause then a feller has to lay and listen to the wind.

In day time it isn't half so bad—I don't care how it blows
 When everything is lighted up, 'cause then a feller knows
 It's only wind; but when it's dark and you can't get to sleep,
 It ain't no fun to stay awake and then hear something creep
 Around the corners of the house, and sorter wail and moan,
 And rattle at the shutters, like it knowed you's all alone
 And wanted to get at you—Gee! I'd 'bout as lives be skinned
 As lay up in our attic there and listen to the wind.

I ain't no 'fraid cat—not a bit; I'm brave as other boys;
 But, my! that's just the worstest, sorry, lonesome kinder noise,
 And makes me think of ghosts and things that come a-mopin' 'round
 When folks hain't buried 'em and they'd feel better under ground;
 And then there'll come an awful screech and all the house'll shake,
 And 'course I'll think what Bridget told 'bout "banshees" at a wake
 She knowed of, and a goblin thing that howled and laughed and grinned—
 Well, then I cover up my head so's I won't hear the wind.

But 't ain't no use, 't will holler so's I hear it all the more,
 And then I'll spicion somethin's hid behind the closet door,
 And then the branches on the trees 'll rub and groan and sigh,
 And, take it all together, so a feller 'll nearly die.
 I ain't a-scared of tempests when the lightning's all a flash,
 And the thunder's rumbilin', tumblin', like the sky had gone to smash;
 I like to hear the rain come down where our shed roof is tinned—
 But, say! I wish there wa'n't no night or else there wa'n't no wind.
 JOE LINCOLN.

FAIRVIEW NEWS.
 The Ponca Ladies Aid gave a long and short social Friday evening at the church. Every one had a good time.
 Mr. Schmezzo, a Japanese student from Bellevue, supplied Ponca last Sunday. Dr. Braden will be here next Sunday.
 Mr. Primrose is home on a vacation.
 Entertainment at the Ponca church Monday evening, December 26.
 Miss Hildur Erickson is spending the week in Florence.
 The Ponca Improvement club met last Friday night and was well attended.
 Drabek Bros. are baling their alfalfa hay.
 Thirtle Bros. have bought an eight horse power gasoline engine to run their shredder.
 Geo. Bird has been hauling corn the past week.
 The eight inches of snow is a big improvement over the foot of mud which we had for a while.
 J. M. Shepherds held their sale Tuesday and was well attended. Most things brought all they were worth.
 Mr. Jay Ritchie is home for the holidays.
 Mr. Harn Ritchie from Stratton, Neb., is visiting with his brother.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Church Services First Presbyterian Church.
 Sunday Services.
 Sunday school—10:00 a. m.
 Preaching—11:00 a. m.
 C. E. Meeting—7:00 p. m.
 Mid-Week Service.
 Wednesday—8:00 p. m.
 The public is cordially invited to attend these services.
 William Harvey Amos, Pastor.

Church Services Swedish Lutheran Ebenezer Church.
 Services next Sunday.
 Sermon—3:00 p. m.
 Sunday school—4:30 p. m.
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Millie and Bessie were playing at keeping house on the back steps. They had already played at everything they could think of, had prepared every meal necessary in the routine of a day, had scrubbed and dusted and now their ingenuity was at a standstill.

Suddenly Bessie had a brilliant idea. She fairly danced with delight at her originality.

"Oh, let's play making jelly!" she said.

"I should say not!" returned Millie very decisively. "My sister Jennie has been making preserves and jelly all summer and I know that's nothing to have fun with."

Bessie was so taken aback at this outburst that she had not thought of any reply to make before Millie asked her: "Does your ma make preserves and jelly?"

"Sometimes," replied Bessie. "Sometimes!" repeated Millie. "No wonder you think it's fun. But my sister Jennie has been making that sort of stuff all summer."

"Jennie is going to be married, you know," explained Millie, "so she is learning to cook. Pa says she should learn to cook a good steak the first thing, and ma says she ought to learn to make biscuits and such things first, but Jennie says she wants to learn to make preserves first, 'cuz she says Will—that's her beau—likes sweet things and so does she. But we just hate 'em. She don't care nothing about us," added Millie, bitterly. "And it's taking her an awful long time to learn to make such things. Just think of it! All summer!"

"Once when she was putting up some raspberries one of the jars broke and she scalded three fingers. Maybe pa wasn't mad when he had to pay the doctor bill till her fingers were well! But Jen said she didn't care much, 'cuz you couldn't get no more berries anyway, and she said she was just taking a rest. And ma said she was taking a rest, too."

"The worst of it was," continued Millie, "that we never had no pudding or pie or anything like that while Jennie was making preserves. We always had for our dessert what was left over after the jars were filled. And, say, maybe we didn't all get sore when we saw that stuff coming to the table! We had jelly or preserves for breakfast, preserves for lunch, jelly after school and jelly or preserves for supper. Oh, I tell you, it was just the awfulest thing! And I guess we ain't over it yet, 'cuz I heard Jennie say yesterday she was going to make some peach butter. Ugh!"

Neither spoke for a while. "When I grow up," Millie said at last, with vehemence, "and have to get married and have to learn to cook, you bet I won't make jelly and preserves. I just hate 'em."

Silence reigned again for a time. Both little girls were buried deep in thought. Bessie trying to grasp the full meaning of Millie's speech and Millie brooding over past horrors.

"Play make jelly!" repeated Millie with a sneer. "You never was in a kitchen where there was nothing but hotness and steam, and you was always gettin' chased out. First it was ma, being afraid I'd get scalded, and then Jen would chase me, she was so scared that I'd get a taste of her old preserves. I never wanted 'em anyway."

Again both fell to thinking. "Say, Bess, smell something?" asked Millie suddenly coming out of her reverie, her nose pointing kitchenward.

"Smells like peaches, I think," answered Bessie after sniffing the air.

"Oh-huh, that's what it is. Jennie's making some peach butter, and it's just fine. Hurry up and we'll get some," called Millie over her shoulder to Bessie as she ran up the kitchen steps.

Progression in Language.

It is possible to tell almost exactly when the more elegant "perspire" drove out the vulgar "sweat." According to a writer in the Gentleman's Magazine in 1791, "for some time past neither man, woman nor child in Great Britain and Ireland, of any rank or fashion, has been subject to the gross form of exudation which was formerly known as 'sweat.' Now every mortal, except carter, coal heaver and charmen, merely 'perspire.' For these 20 years past the word 'sweat' has been gradually becoming more and more odious." Before 1770 or so "perspiration" commonly meant an insensible process, "sweating" the grosser variety thereof. In one of his sermons Wesley remarked that "during a night's sleep a healthy man perspires one part in four less when he sweats than when he does not." That would be meaningless to-day.

White Monkey in Frankfurt.

A French journal has discovered a wonderful white monkey in the Frankfurt zoological gardens. It is said to be most rare, but if we remember aright there are two specimens in the gardens in Regent's park. The monkey answers to the name of Bianca. It was in 1903 that Menelek heard of it and it was caught after many weeks of trouble in the forests of southern Abyssinia. Menelek gave the monkey to Mme. Hentze, wife of his chief engineer, and the "albino" finally came to Europe. But having become very troublesome the lady decided to give Bianca to the gardens, after having declined an offer of purchase of £400.—London Globe.

Uncle Ezra Says: "It ain't good fur man to be alone, but did you ever see an ol' bach' who knew what wuz good fur him?"

Light Best Enemy of Vice. The mayor of Baltimore says that one good light is worth a dozen policemen.

Idle Chatter

Lucien Thompson, who is attending the University of Nebraska, is spending the holidays with his brother, W. H. Thompson, at Buena Vista, Florence.

For Rent—Six-room modern house. Telephone Florence 140.

L. R. Griffith has been busy all week washing and primping his chickens for entry into the poultry show at Omaha next week. He will have 45 entries. Last year he carried off so many ribbons he had to have Ernest Schmidt take his big dray to haul them home. He expects to get even more this year.

The Court of Honor will give a dance at Cole's new hall Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Reynolds were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hartman Sunday evening.

Arthur Brandeis evidently wants Florence to capture more prizes at the corn show next year, as he purchased many of the prize-winning ears for seed to plant on his farm west of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Reynolds were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Haskell for dinner Sunday.

Fort Calhoun News

Asmus Asmussen, one of the pioneer German citizens, had his annual birthday banquet last week and a large number of friends were present.

C. F. Steffens spent Wednesday in Omaha.

The Presbyterian people feel thankful to Elder William Steyer and Carpenter Teinsfeld for repairs on their church.

As Charley Seirk was coming up the Fort hill with a load of wood the sled slid and when the horses got home a little bit bruised there was a hunt for Charley, but he was all right.

"Grandma" Marion Trisler is back from College View on a visit.

Otto Frahm had a card from Hugh Murphy (born here), who had just shot a fine buck near Pueblo, Colo.

Tim Ohrt has left the farm and moved into town in the Trisler house he purchased.

Mrs. Ed. Brenner had her nephew, Ralph Rexroth, and a Miss Rood of Omaha visiting her.

C. S. Smith of Jones county, Iowa, is at Henry Fischer's farm.

"Grandfather" and "Grandmother" Troffolz of Columbus are at "Grandma" John Ketchmark's.

Jacob Miller, the last Mexican veteran to live in the county, is now in the Douglas County hospital. Perhaps the Grand Army of Relief Corps will look after his Christmas.

Harry Rohwer, who took the prize for the best twenty ears of corn grown in three states, was born here and has lived close by here nearly all his life.

James Lytle has taken his family to Burt county to live.

The Rev. Mr. Lay of Dubuque, Ia., preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Pioneer E. W. Grennele, now past 81, has returned to his winter home in Florida.

Station Agent Morris is laid up with bronchitis and his nephew has been sent up from Florence to take his place.

The Christmas exercises will be held Friday in the schools at 2 p. m. Sunday school at 7 p. m. sharp.

Gustav O. Nelson of Coffman gave W. H. Woods a sleigh ride behind a string of bells he brought back on his visit to Sweden twenty-six years ago.

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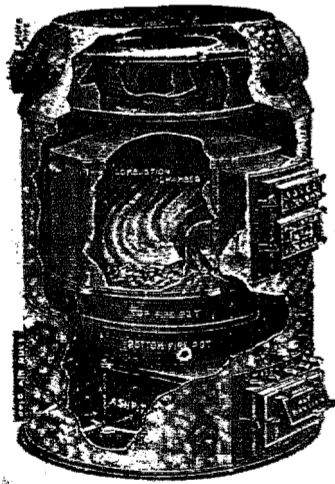
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∴ IDLE CHATTER ∴

Eloise Thomas has been on the sick list this week, but is better at this writing.

James Barrett has sold his property on Main street and moved to Omaha.

Will Lubold has started in the dairy business and is now ready to supply customers. Phone 165 and he will call.

Mrs. W. H. Thomas returned Friday from a very pleasant visit with friends in Maquoketa. Reports plenty of snow and winter weather there as well as here. While there she was much entertained, being guest of honor at some function almost every day.

Miss Ella Boone and Rasmus Pederson were married Wednesday.

The Misses Frances and Grace Thompson will give a large Christmas party at their home Friday evening.

It is easier to do your Christmas shopping at McClure's. Cheaper, too.

Claude, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Elbourn, has the chicken pox.

Court of Honor No. 353, Florence, Neb., extends a cordial invitation to everybody to come to their X-mas ball December 25. Dancing till 2 a. m. Special cars leave Cole's Hall at 2 a. m.

Don't fail to see the toys at McClures.

F. H. Reynolds leaves Wednesday evening for Billings, Mont., where he will reside in the future.

Some one who desires to have the Court of Honor X-mas ball to be a failure tore every one of their bills down. No good can come from such belittling deeds.

The cold weather caused a break in one of the radiators in Cole's hall Monday. The radiator had been turned off but not drained and froze. The damage was slight.

Don't fail to see the toys at McClures.

Beautiful and expensive prizes for the two best waltzers X-mas night at Cole's hall.

John Williams is suffering with a carbuncle on his hand.

Florence is the terminus of many bob and sleighing parties from Omaha these days, most of them visiting the pumping house and warming up before returning to Omaha.

The county commissioners have reported in favor of opening a road on the west limits of Florence, commencing at Clay street and west city limits running south 580 feet thence west 669.24 feet to the southwest corner of the n.w. ¼ of the s.e. ¼ of 20-16-13. All claims for damage have to be in by February 21.

Stationery at the Florence Drug Store, George Siert, Prop.

Henry Anderson, Robert Golding and F. H. Reynolds acted as arbitrators in the dispute of the partnership of G. Maucini and Emil Hanson on the sidewalk contract. They were unable to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the trouble, however.

George Gamble will present all his regular patrons with a "North Pole" as a Christmas present Saturday.

For Sale or Trade—A typewriter in good shape to use. Apply G 4, Tribune.

The Ponca Improvement club held its regular meeting last Friday evening. There was a large membership present, and three new members were initiated in the club. Quite a discussion was had over the unsatisfactory telephone service, as it is at present. The secretary was instructed to call a special meeting of the club for next Wednesday afternoon, December 29, at 2 o'clock, at the Ponca school house, to meet the representative of the Nebraska Telephone company. The paving of the loop road was discussed and the club will get information of the government engineer as to the best material to pave that particular road along the bottom north of the water works. The club is also in correspondence with Prof. Chase of the university of Nebraska at Lincoln as to the best methods employed for good roads. The standing road committee was instructed to notify the county commissioners about the dangerous condition of the road near Wm. Barberts.

Perfumes and candies at the Florence Drug Store, George Siert, Prop.

The Pleasant Hour club has sent out their invitations for their first dance of the season which they intend to make the best ever given by the club.

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