OUR KEYNOTE:

[illegible] Way, but a Way.

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CHRISTMAS SWAPPING.

Mrs. Augustus Belmont, Miss Anne Morgan and other leading New York women have organized a "Society for the prevention of useless giving." They say Christmas has become a burden on working girls and others.

The writer is personally acquainted with a woman whose regular practice it is to make 150 individual gifts for Christmas. She is wealthy and can probably afford it. But she has fair health, and her spare moments for a month are jammed by the selection of these presents.

After it was all over last year, she said she awoke in the middle of the night with the thought that she gave a volume of Browning's complex poetry to one friend who is quite domestic and who once told her that it was with difficulty that she could understand the simple verses of Longfellow.

A woman wrote a leading magazine in 1910, that she had just received her eighteenth penwiper. She did not dislike penwipers, but she felt it necessary to pass these on to some other friends. A complicated system of book-keeping was needed to prevent returns. Furthermore, she felt it necessary to buy 18 pocket handkerchiefs for the 18 penwiper givers.

The real trouble with the modern Christmas lies with those who feel that an equivalent money return must thus be made. If the woman who receives a diamond, given out of the abundance of the wealthy friend would only feel comfortable in sending back a box of fudge if that is all she can give, or even a Christmas card if she has money and time for nothing more, Christmas would be a sentiment.

People in whom the swapping tradition is ingrained need to reflect carefully before they establish a habit which is practically signing an agreement to pay a life annuity: To wit, an agreement to trade one Christmas gift of value until death do us part.

PENSIONING EX-PRESIDENTS.

The Carnegie foundation offers to pension ex-Presidents and their widows $25,000 annually.

The position of an ex-President is awkward. Over in Europe they would be decorated with shiny emblems, given a castle with ivy and ruined towers and one or two hundred thousand a year.

In our country they are dropped into the crowd with a dull thud. Officialy there is no more ceremony about it than with an alderman. Just as every school boy is told theoretically that he may be president, he may become a book agent or a crossing sweeper.

In actual practice the ex-presidents take care of themselves very nicely. They don't get very rich off the salary, large as it is. They pay kingly prices for their living, and it costs money to entertain the foreign diplomats with $1.00 cigars. But the prestige of the White House clings to them. It has advertising value, and they do not need to solicit chances to work for a living and earn a generous support.

The profession of law, in which President Taft will re-engage, or journalism, in which Mr. Roosevelt works, seem reasonably appropriate fields for the activities of an ex-president. But it must have astonished foreign observers when the American people let Gen. Grant go into Wall street operations for bread and butter. A president carries so much of national prestige, even after he slips off Uncle Sam's uniform, that he seems out of place in the ordinary turmoil where every day men buffet each other for a living.

An ex-president always will or should be a trained expert in public affairs. He might well be consulted as maintaining a connection with the government, ready so far as he may wish to undertake any trust which the people might wish him to undertake. Indeed, as in this land, he should and will receive a pension.

This is as it should be, if the people want any public interest in their former king, who would feel wounded if they should neglect him.

PROMPT MURDER TRIALS

The prompt conviction of five defendants in the Rosenthal murder trials in New York should be a lesson in swift justice for every court in the land.

For every hundred murders in the United States, only one murderer receives the full punishment of the law. In a recent year Chicago had 186 murders, and but one legal execution. Under these circumstances the profession of gunman has seemed a reasonably safe and substantial occupation.

There was an imperious public demand that these men be quickly caught and that justice be promptly handed out. Yet hundreds of other murders occur, in New York and elsewhere, that are accepted as merely a necessary incident of life passing slow. No red tape is cut, no legal technicalities are submerged, by the indolent action of opinion.

It goes to show that crime or disaster must have a spectacular and theatrical quality to arouse public feeling. If 100 people are killed in a railroad accident, the newspapers print 144 point head-lines, and orators pound the dust from the pulpits. If 100,000 people are killed by preventable tuberculosis, the agitation is confined to paid secretaries of charitable societies.

There was one trial a few years ago, in which an indictment was set aside because it named a certain date when the crime was alleged to have taken place. The date was correct. But the indictment ought to have said: "on or about a certain date" instead of naming it directly. With the hands of justice so tied, is it any wonder that the lyncher feels that he is the only effective protection for life, property, and honor?

Sometimes it takes a venire of hundreds of men to get a jury of 12 for a murder case. Conscientious citizens wriggle out of the obligation by elusive answers that lead to their rejection for the panel.

The business man who plays sick when his name is called for jury work has his share in the American homicide record, as well as the creature who pulls the gun or thrusts the knife.

Capped.

Yankee, boasting of the great heat experienced in America—It's so hot it burns the wings off the flies! Pat—That's nothing to what it is in Ireland. We have to feed hens on ice cream to keep them from laying boiled eggs! Loddon Pioneer.

"Are the rules made in advance?" "Yes, sir." "Who makes them?" "Why, the people who want to get up a pool game."

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"How old are you, Ethel?"

"I'm five, an' mamma says if I'm good an' eats lots o' oatmeal I'll be six next birthday."—Life.

Bringing It Home.

Her Father—What are you and young Shortclub going to live on in your cottage? Her Sister—Kisses. Mother—Well, you must know, pupa, look in the mirror.

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To make room for our Great Holiday Stock, we will offer our entire stock of Ladies' and Children's Coats, Suits and Furs at January prices.

Sale Begins Friday Nov. 29th and Ends Saturday Night Dec. 7th.

Ladies' Coats

One lot Coats that were $10 00 now $5 00

One lot Coats that were $12 50 now $6 25

One lot Coats that were $15 00 now $7 50

One lot Coats that were $16 50 now $8 25

One lot Coats that were $18 00 now $9 00

Every coat in the Store reduced. Some arrived within a week.

Ladies' Suits

Our entire stock of Ladies' Suits is put into two lots for this sale.

One lot Suits that were up to $15 00 now $7 50

One lot Suits that were up to $20 00 now $10 00

Think of it! $10 buys your choice of any Suit in the Store during this sale.

Ladies and Children's Furs

Ladies' Black Coney Muffs worth $5 now $2 98

Ladies' Black Oppossum Muffs worth $5 now $3 25

Ladies' Hudson Lynx Black Muffs worth $8 now $4 00

Ladies' Black Coney Scarfs worth $5 now $3 00

Ladies' Oppossum Scarfs worth $6 now $3 75

All Black Fox Scarfs, Muffs and Sets reduced 20%

All Squirrel pieces reduced 33%

Every Fur piece not mentioned reduced 10 to 50 %

Children's and Misses Coats

One lot Children's Coats 2 to 6 years were $3 now $1 50

One lot Children's Coats 2 to 6 years were $4 now $1 98

One lot Children's Coats 2 to 6 years were $5 now $2 50

One lot Misses' Coats 8 to 14 years were $4 now $1 98

One lot Misses' Coats 8 to 14 years were $5 now $2 50

One lot Misses' Coats 8 to 14 years were $7 50 now $3 75

Every child's coat reduced; even those arriving this week.

Now Don't Let this Opportunity Pass, and Remember the Dates.

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IT is not necessary to remember every small bill you pay, when you keep a checking account. Your checks are a record of your business.

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F. W. BURROWS, Cashier. J. C. LEVER, Assistant Cashier.

Town Gossip

—Christmas next.

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—A case of malignant diptheria is reported at Friendship.

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—The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.—Carlyle.

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—Andrew Fuller has purchased the Glenn Ruger property on Greenwood street.

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T. J. Gilbert, foreman in the News office, has been confined to the house by illness this week.

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—Mrs. Minerva Snider died at Belfast, Nov. 18th, aged ninety years. Burial was at Fillmore.

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—The J. D. Cheesman drug store on main street has been brightened by a fresh coat of paint.

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—A heavy fall of snow Monday morning brought out several cutters and sleighs during the day.

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—Mrs. R. A. Pease entertained the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at her home Friday afternoon.

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The supreme test of a man's loyalty to his home town is the way he patronizes his own town industries.

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—Mrs. Jennie Green, of Water street, is again a regular employee of the "Andover News," operating the Mergenthaler linotype.

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—Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Grenolds are pleasantly located in their new home, corner of Main and Center streets, which has been undergoing extensive repairs since its purchase.

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—A company has been formed at Fillmore, known as the "Fillmore Milk Products Co.," W. L. Youngs of that place, being one of the company. It is planned to erect a building for their use at once.

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—S. H. Cleveland, proprietor of "Cleveland's Corner Grocery," has been making a number of improvements in his store, including the installation of a new Superior account register, a new safe and floor case.

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—Workmen while engaged in sewer work near the river bank in Rochester came upon a human skeleton. It is generally supposed to be that of an Indian that was buried to all likelihood a number of hundred of years ago.

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—Frank Blackmere, City Chamberlain of Hornell, was found nearly $8,000 short in his accounts according to the report submitted to the state by special examiners, H. Hall and Mork Graves. Mr. Blackmere admits the shortage, which he claims he will make good.

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—A [illegible] of "crude oil" on the C. W. [illegible] farm near Bolivar, burned [illegible] a barn near by [illegible] burning it and [illegible]

—Buy your Christmas gifts at the Baptist Fair, Dec. 10th.

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—J. K. Dey is the new clerk at Cleveland's corner grocery.

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—Remember the Fair and Chicken Pie Supper at Harmony Hall, Dec. 10

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—Miss Edna Woodward and Ward Swartout, of Allentown, were married recently.

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—School is closed this week on account of the State Teachers Association meeting in Buffalo.

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—Thompson Richardson suffered a shock of paralysis, at his home on Barney street, Tuesday.

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—A daughter, "Doris Jean," is a recent arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Rogers, of Richburg.

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—Miss Jennie Sherman of Alfred, and Lloyd Pinchin, of Hornell, were united in marriage, November 20th

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Settle your Xmas perplexities early by ordering a list of magazines for your gifts.

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—Carl Hann entertained a company of young friends, Monday afternoon in honor of his eighth birthday, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hann.

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Mr. Judson Bellamy, a well known farmer of Transel Bridge, died Nov 20th, after an illness of several weeks. He was 75 years old and had lived all his life at Transet Bridge.

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—Carriages driven into town the first of the week testified by their appearance, to the fact that good old fashioned Allegany County snow banks had been encountered on the trip.

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—Cannon Bro's department store have a special sale this week, including ladies' coats, suits and furs. As usual their prices will be found in another column of this paper. Read them—and save money.

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—A Regal touring car owned by James Duke, of Wellsville, caught fire and was destroyed recently while being driven up Norton Summit by Mr. Duke and Connell Murphy, of Wellsville. The car was ablaze when noticed by the gentlemen who were obliged to jump for their lives. They had gotten only about fifty feet from the burning machine when the gasoline flames were in every direction.

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OUR CHURCHES

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Morning service at 10:30.

Sunday School 11:45.

J. C. E. S. 3:00.

C. E. S. 6:15.

Federal meting of the churches of Andover will be held at the M. E. church, at 7:15. Brother Baker has a message that will do us all good, and will help us in the work of the coming weeks. Come and get the help you need.

Midweek prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30.

Choir meting on Friday evening at 7:30.

Covenant meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister.

"He that would be First—first-class, let him—"which formula Mr. Williams will attempt to work out in the morning sermon.

Federated meting at the M. E. church, Sunday, 7:15 p. m. Mr. Baker's portraits of Old Testament heroes are attracting attention. He makes them live; they walk the very streets; and out of their defeats and triumphs he points a moral for today. Let every person in the town take advantage of these opportunities for instruction.

Midweek meeting and choir rehearsal on Thursday evening.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. F. M. Baker, Pastor.

Sunday services: 10:00 a. m. class meeting. 10:30 morning worship Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "The Best investment."

12:00 m. Bible School.

3:00 service at Elm Valley.

6:00 p. m. Epworth League. Topic "Sending Forth Messengers." Leader, Mrs. David Slocum.

7:15 p. m. Federated service in this church. It is expected that the new Alexander song books will be here. Bring along a little ginger for the preliminary song service. The pastor's theme: "In the Potter's Hands.'

Prayer meeting next Thursday evening at 7:30. The pastor will be present and hopes for a large attendance.

Those who missed the sermon by Brother Williams, at the Federated service last Sunday evening, were very unfortunate. He has been requested to repeat it at an early date that those kept at home by the storm might benefit by it.

The pastor closes his work, at Belmont, with the Olean District Quartette this week. To catch up with his work he will call next week both morning and afternoon.

Don't forget the class meting Sunday morning. They are important as the very source of your strength.

Lecture on Yellowstone Park, on Wednesday evening at the Methodist church. The pastor will give a short lecture on "Yellowstone Park,' illustrated with stereoptican views, proceeds for the Sunday School. Refreshments will be served at the close.

The members of the Quarterly Board are invited to the parsonage for Saturday evening. The parlor wishes to get better acquainted and talk over informally the affairs of the parish.

After eight years faithful service with the "Andover News", Lawrence Hunt, our Junior Linotype operator, has severed his connection with this office in order to gain experience upon the Standard machine, and at present is employed at the Reporter office in Wellsville.

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He Liked Them Cooked.

There was a Frenchman who hated the country as much as did Charles Lamb, but expressed his feelings into few words. This was Charles Monselet, who lived on the Quai Voltaire, Paris. "It is," he said, referring to the country, "the place where the birds are raw."

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Emma sent her plate back three times to be filled with turkey, and she was helped bountifully each time. Finally she was observed to look regretfully at the unfinished portion of her dinner.

"What's the trouble, Emma?" asked Uncle John. "You look mournful."

"That's just the trouble," said Emma. "I am more'n full," and then she wondered why all the others laughed.—Youth's Companion

The Wasted Witticism.

"I always thought," said the hostess, "that Scotchmen were humorous. One night I showed a departing Scotch guest a great pile of overcoats in the dressing room.

"'Here,' I said, with a wave of my hand, 'you are the first to leave. Take your choice.'

"'Thank you,' said he as he fumbled searchingly among them; 'I'll 'ave me own.'"—Exchange.

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