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The Cedarville Herald.

FOURTY-FIRST YEAR NO. 5

CEDARVILLE, OHIO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1917

PRICE, \$1.00 A YEAR

MEETING

The Cedarville Community Club will hold Tuesday evening, Jan. 15.

Owing to the fact that another important meeting is scheduled for January 8, the annual meeting of the Cedarville Community Club which was announced for that date, will be held one week later, January 15, just where the meeting will be held is not yet certain, but the place will be announced next week.

A splendid chicken supper will be served by the Red Cross ladies and a speaker of prominence will be secured for the occasion. In a few days membership cards for 1918 will be on file. The membership fee is one dollar which includes the speaker. Last year one hundred and forty-seven tickets were sold for the banquet. Let us expect that number this year. The board of governors have agreed to give the Red Cross fifty cents per plate for supper and also a bonus of twenty five cents per plate for the Red Cross fund. Every man in Cedarville township is eligible to membership. You are cordially invited to unite with us on this occasion and thus help a good cause, besides enjoying a thoroughly good time.

The election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at this meeting. The two nominating committees have reported the following splendid list of names from which you may make a choice.

Regular Ticket.
President, Dr. W. R. McChesney
V. President, G. H. Hartman
Secretary, Prof. F. A. Jurket
Treasurer, L. F. Tindall
Trustee, J. C. Barber

Independent Ticket.
President, O. E. Bradford
V. President, Dr. J. O. Stewart
Secretary, Prof. L. D. Parker
Treasurer, L. F. Tindall
Trustee, Clayton McKellan

LIBRARY NOTES.

We want to thank all who gave books and periodicals for the soldiers. They are all sent to Camp Sherman. Many soldiers have magazines for the holidays. Word to the Boy Scouts in the library for information on the war, conservation of food, etc.

The following is a list of miscellaneous books in the library which is of interest to you. All books are free to everyone who lives in the township.

- Addison—Six Roger DeCoverly Papers
- Alexander—Boy and the Sunday School
- Allen—Across Asia on a Bicycle
- American Men of Letters, Irving
- American Men of Letters, Hawthorne
- American Men of Letters, Post
- Andrews—Courage of the Common Place
- Baugh—Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
- Bailey—Stories Children Need
- Barry—For the Children's Hour
- Barry—Commodore Bainbridge
- Baugh—The Boy Scouts
- Brookings—Briefs for Debate
- Burroughs—Nature Study Series, 2 Volumes
- Burroughs—Winter Sunshine
- Burroughs—Animals and Seasons
- Chapman—Life Story of Insects
- Corbett—Garden Farming
- Cleveland—First Lessons in Finance
- English Men of Letters, Burns
- English Men of Letters, Tennyson
- Forbes—Boy Problems
- Fowler—Raleigh and His Exploits
- Home—New Wars and Old
- Gill—Practical Basketry
- Gleason—Our Part in the Great War
- Green—Popular Fruit Growing
- Home—Odyssey
- Hopkins—French Canada
- Johnson—Problems of Boyhood
- Kennedy—Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony
- Kinne and Cooley—Food and Household Management
- Knight—Book of Opazars
- Lamb—Remays of Elia
- Mable—William Shakespeare
- McKee—Training the Boy
- McKee—Training the Girl
- Old English Tales
- Richardson—Cost of Living
- Robinson—Hand of Fu Manchen
- Rose—Feeding the Family
- Seton—Wild Animals I Have Known
- Seaton—Easy on Education
- Troscian—Walden
- Walcott—500 Ways to Help Your Church
- Wilson—Why We are at War

Cedarville College Notes

Cedarville College will resume recitations next Wednesday morning, January 2, 1918, at 7:30 o'clock. It is important to be present in classes on the opening day.

The departments in instrumental music, vocal recitals and home economics will begin work on the same day. The highest in the Theological Seminary will also resume their work with Wednesday afternoon's schedule. At Cedarville the excitement which is general among the church colleges and on account of the excitement of the war, Cedarville College will have no Summer School this year. The college will be concentrating its resources this year on strengthening the regular college work.

W. R. McChesney, President.

Camp Sherman Easy Winner

The Camp Sherman Co. F 280th Infantry ball team were easy winners in the game between the soldiers and the college boys at the Alford last Saturday evening. The team is composed of four athletes from this county, three of whom were from Cedarville and had brought honor many times for the college team.

The camp boys were in fine form due to the hardy training they have been receiving on the field. There seemed to be no end to their endurance. The college boys made a good showing but were in a slight of success at any point of the game. After all the game was so much like both being home teams the crowd cheered first one side and then the other.

The camp team was composed of William Corry, former captain of the Antioch team and a recognized basketball thrower. Paul Evers was from Xenia high school where he had had some experience. Evers, Hootman were college stars while John Collins and Paul Turnbull were always local favorites in the game.

The Cedarville team was composed of Roger Collins, William Collins, Morton Creswell, Oliver Cornwell, Frank Creswell acted as referee. Field goals, Rupp, 10; Corry, 9; John Collins, 10; Turnbull, 6; Hootman, 1; Creswell, 2; Cornwell, 2; W. Collins, 2; W. Collins, 2; Foul goals, Corry, 3; W. Collins, 3.

Captain Edmunds of the company did most of the playing. He did not play in the game, but was a referee. One feature of the game was three brothers, John Collins on the camp team, said to be one of the best athletes at the big camp and Roger and William Collins of the college team.

The score was 75 to 19. It is doubtful if as many stars as in the ballroom ever met on any floor in the county. The crowd was the largest of many years.

Chicken Thief Left His Sack

Earl Crow made a good discovery last Saturday that resulted in a supposed chicken thief dropping his "lift" and making a clean get away. The fellow was seen walking down the highway road and Mr. Crow being behind him to wait and they took out at a fast pace. In the pursuit Earl discovered the sack which contained thirteen nice fat hens—all of which he had their necks wrung. Thinking the property was Howard Turnbull's, he being in town was called to inspect the poultry and it was identified. The blood hounds were called but could not get any definite trace. The chickens being warm were dressed and placed on the market at Post's grocery.

Get Questionnaires

The conscripts under the draft are receiving their questionnaires and each day finds a good crowd about the court house where the attorneys acting as a legal advisory board are giving assistance to the young men in properly filling out the blanks. It is a matter of amusing things happening to the most prominent being conscripts with dependents want to make their earnings as high as possible without getting in range of the income tax provisions. Some of the boys place their earnings within just a few dollars of the \$2000 exemption for income tax.

Conscripts Home On Christmas Furlough

A number of the soldier boys came home for Christmas some returning Wednesday and some Thursday. This is the longest furlough granted the Camp Sherman men. Among those home were Sergeants Turnbull, Eoss, Collins; Corporal Creswell; Privates, Charles Lowry, Oscar Bailey, Frank Shroeder, William Fisher, Ann Jones. Lowry and Jones have been transferred to an automobile track division and expect to be sent to France in a short time. Privates Fred Tommsley and Hugh Turnbull, who are in a Columbus artillery company were also home.

GAVE THEIR APPROVAL.

The "Christmas Greeting" page in our last issue proved a very popular feature, something new. As the feature only provided for eleven spaces it was necessary to have each firm represented. Next year we hope to have a more extended service.

WAR FUND SALE.

Farmers about South Charleston are having a public sale for the benefit of the U. S. C. A. and Red Cross. According to a statement by Foster B. Houston, the community has donated \$3000 worth of hogs, cattle, poultry and farm machinery for the sale. The net proceeds go to the various funds. Governor Cox will auction off the first pig.

OUT CLASS—A number of choice pieces at special low prices.

Mr. Paul Matney has been the guest of friends at Leaville, Ind.

COUNTY LEADER

G. E. Jobs Named by United States Department of Agriculture in Interest of Food Increase.

The war program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is for a greater increase in grain and meat products from the farm. To this end the entire country is being organized and in Greene county G. E. Jobs, one of the county's foremost farmers and stock breeders, will have charge in this canvass.

The estimated number of hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection is said to be 50%, with 67,470,000 the year 1916 and 67,000,000 for the year 1917, showing a decrease this year of 450,000. It must also be taken into consideration that the hogs slaughtered this year were much lighter in weight than for the previous year. The report in the department as to the number of hogs on farms on September 1, shows a decrease of more than five million over last year.

Regardless of the high price of hogs farmers are asked to keep out a greater number of brood sows than has been customary. The demand for pork continues to grow and the shortage in storage will decrease in the number of hogs on hand indicates that the price for next year will justify careful attention to increasing hog production.

As to the grain production the increase this year over last is placed at 607 million bushels, on a five year average. The normal wheat consumption estimates that 20% of the crop is soft, which must be fed to live stock.

It is planned to replace as much wheat as possible with corn. The corn production is 30 bushels per acre. The normal wheat consumption is 5.5 bushels per capita. The duty of the farmer is to increase his hog production which makes the corn crop marketable. If there is a hog crop of corn that the market cannot absorb. The country requires an increase of at least 15% in hog production. The table of production shows for Ohio where a farmer bred 20 sows in the fall of 1916 he should breed 23 for 1917.

The increase in farm production is under Mr. Jobs's direction in this county. He is expected to lecture or address gatherings on the subject of increasing their 40th winter crop. He is also expected to give papers in extending this work.

Frank Donaldson Dead

B. F. Donaldson, aged 63, died Friday evening, at his home on the Henry road, near Leaville, Ohio. He was born in Ross county but came here in 1902. He was married to Miss Altha Miller and they would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Wednesday. The deceased was a member of the M. E. church and also of the K. of P. lodge. He is survived by four children, eleven grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters, besides the widow. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, Rev. Patton having charge. Burial took place north of town.

Dog License or The Consequences

The new dog law makes it a fine of \$25 not to have a dog license before January 1. This license can be secured from County Auditor Fairclough. Those who have been in the habit of paying a tax on dogs must not overlook the fact that they have no chance now of refusing to take out this license unless the dog has been sold or died. You do not have to own the dog to be responsible for the license. If the dog stays on your premises you are responsible for the license. If the dog owner has had warning through publication of the law. Better speed a dollar for license or get rid of the dog. This law is framed on the basis of the same law where game is killed out of season. You all know the result of guilt in such cases.

"Santa Claus" Cox Goes to Sheridan

Governor Cox and party passed through here Saturday afternoon on a special train bearing the Christmas packages to the soldier boys at Camp Sherman, Alabama. There was a package for every boy, as parents and friends sending the gifts to Columbus where the state provided transportation to the camp. Boys without parents or friends were remembered with gifts purchased from contributions of prominent citizens. There were \$2,000 separate packages on the "Santa Claus" special.

FOR QUICK SALE.

I will offer my home of 3 1/2 acres for quick sale at Leaville. Seven rooms, four with double finished floors. Modern chicken house, stable and cow stable with cement floors. Plenty of fruit of all kinds such as apples, peaches, plums, pears, cherries, raspberries, gooseberries, currants, strawberries, and winter orange and patch of 300 strawberries. In balance of case, low price, as I desire to locate in south. See V. L. Clemans or David M. Tarber, Cedarville, Ohio.

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OHIO MILKERS OUT TO THE FRONT

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Every city employe at Lorain received a 10 per cent wage increase. Columbus milk drivers threaten to strike for wage increase of \$1 a week. Bellefonte city employes receive 25 per cent increase of \$4 to \$28 a month.

New brick road between New Lexington and Somerset will be opened Dec. 15. Thomas Kerr's death, which occurred at Urbana, was the first in his family in 52 years.

Fire at Franklinburg, near Coshocton, destroyed several buildings and the Slater residence, loss \$10,000. Charles H. Miller, 50, Probate county stock dealer, was killed near Dayton by a Pennsylvania passenger train.

Fire at Xenia destroyed Hoffman Brothers' lumber yard at Youngstown, causing \$50,000 damage. A train struck a buggy near Geneva, killing Wallace Hodges, farmer of Thompson, and fatally injuring his son.

Corporal Milton H. Sharpe of Cleveland was killed at Camp Sherman, Montgomery, Ala., when a train ran away. E. R. Bathrick, member of congress from the Fourteenth Ohio district, underwent an operation at Akron for gallstones.

Probate Judge Edward Boff of Darke county, according to reports reaching Greenville, died suddenly at Jackson, Mich. Dr. O. L. Sumner of Bellefonte was named veterinarian for Logan, Union, Hardin and Marion counties to fight hog cholera.

Lorain attorneys will close their office half a day for 40 days, beginning Dec. 28. The better for the country. Only those in attendance can form any true conception of the high key of enthusiasm which prevailed from start to finish.

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The National W. C. T. U. Convention

The fact that the National Convention met in Washington was doubtless one reason why it was the largest in its history. The enrollment was 904. It was not only the largest but the most enthusiastic convention on record. Patriotism and National Prohibition were the key-words from beginning to end.

The opening of the second session of the 66th Congress at the same time added much to the occasion. Some of the leading lights of Congress appeared in the Convention with words of greeting, among whom was Miss Rankin.

Those who have that Bryan had come a back number would have been caused to change their minds if they could have seen the crowd that overflowed Polk's Theater Sabbath afternoon.

There were so many surprises that it was impossible to follow the program closely. Mrs. Thomas Edison not the greetings of her illustrious husband to the convention, Mrs. Josephine Daniels invited the delegates to an informal reception at her home. One of the most encouraging items in Miss Gordon's address was that seven states and territories had declared for Prohibition during the past year.

She gave a very interesting resume of what had been accomplished by the Path of Patriotism by Congress as well as by other agencies. "The Path of Patriotism the Path of Prohibition" was sounded throughout her address, and the sooner this truth is learned the better for the country. Only those in attendance can form any true conception of the high key of enthusiasm which prevailed from start to finish.

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Few Will Escape The Income Tax

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 27th.—It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law.

Collector of Internal Revenue A. C. Gilligan today announced that 20 men will start from his headquarters on January 1st, and on January 2nd, every one of them will be on the job in the county assigned him, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns.

The officer assigned to this county will arrive at Xenia on January 2nd and remain until January 15th, both dates inclusive. He will have his office in the Courthouse, Xenia, where he may be found every day of the dates stated.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband, whose net income for 1917 is \$2000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay." Collector Gilligan said today. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government proposes to go after all the income tax slackers.

"There is hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax.

"The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1000 or \$2000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him to play safe by calling on the income tax man.

"The man in the field will have forms for everybody, and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write to my office for forms.

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KARL HULL — Editor

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1917

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to Herald readers and patrons.

Two shut-ins on Cedar street are Postmaster Turnbull and Colin Barber, both of whom are under the weather.

Miss Belle Winter, who is teaching in the Fairville, O., schools is home for the Holidays.

The Cedarville public schools open Wednesday as do the Clinton schools. The Rosstownship schools open Monday.

Mrs. B. F. Donaldson will sell all her household good in the room on Main street vacated by the Post Bakery on Saturday, January 6, at 1:30 p. m. In the sale will be potatoes, apples and canned fruit of all kinds.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schulz, of Dayton, were Christmas guests of Mr. W. A. Spencer and wife. Miss Wilma Spencer, who teaches at Kingdon, O., has been home for two weeks, her school being closed due to coal shortage.

Private William Fisher, of Camp Sherman, and Miss Cora Milton, were married in Xenia, Wednesday, by Rev. Peter Everett. Both are residents of this place.

The South Charleston war fund sale for today has been postponed one week from today.

Cedarville High School Basketball team won a fast game over the Clinton team Wednesday night at that place by a score of 22 to 18. The home team is feeling elated over such a victory as the Osborn team has been county champions the last two years. The Osborn team will play the local Hi here tonight. It promises to be a great contest.

Mr. W. F. Anderson and wife entertained quite a large number of relatives at Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turnbull gave a Christmas dinner Tuesday to a company of relatives and friends. Among them were Mrs. Wm. A. Stoner, of Winston, Salem, N. C., and Miss Lula Smith, of Savannah, Ohio.

Word has been received here of the safe arrival of Rev. Homer Henderson, of Detroit, Mich., somewhere in France. Rev. Henderson has been granted a leave of absence by his congregation to engage in Y. M. C. A. work abroad. Rev. Henderson is a graduate of Cedarville college and his many friends will be pleased to know of his safe arrival abroad.

Mr. E. S. Townley received a telephone message Thursday from his son, Fred, who was stationed at Columbus, where he had enlisted in a coast artillery company, that he was included in a company of 50 that had been drawn to be sent on an afternoon train for Pasadena, Cal., to the Winfield Scott training camp. It is not known for certain whether Hugh Turnbull, who was a member of the same company was drawn or not.

A large truck loaded with fruit and vegetables from a Columbus firm being delivered to a farm in Clinton left the road near A. H. Greenwell's about midnight, Tuesday, and did not get out until the middle of the afternoon. The snow was badly drifted on that section of the road and but a small path for wheel tracks opened, making the road dangerous to travel. Mr. Oscar Satterfield was held up in the same place Christmas and only was released by the assistance of Mr. E. L. Sturmont and son, Charles.

The State Journal suggests that churches hold union services during the winter weather to cut down the use of coal. Such a plan is being adopted in some places. Locally our churches are all heated with gas and we have had an abundance of it this winter.

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Galloway & Cherry

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Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bradford entertained about a hundred guests Christmas Eve.

Alcohol is the best anti-freeze solution for radiators. Get it at C. M. Ridgway's.

Mrs. J. H. Wolford entertained at Christmas dinner the members of the family with Mrs. Edna Dodds of Cincinnati and Editor J. N. Wolford and family of Yellow Springs.

Mrs. J. H. Nisbet suffered a light stroke of paralysis last Saturday, but regained her speech later in the day.

Automobile owners should protect their machines during the winter by using alcohol in the radiator. O. M. Ridgway.

The O. S. U. Agriculture course opens January 7 and is open to farmers. All branches of farm work from producing more grain to expanding the live stock industry will be covered.

The Jamestown opera house has been closed for picture show owing to the scarcity of coal.

Mr. Delmer Jobe of the O. S. U. has been home for the Holiday vacation.

Always have your auto ready to start by using alcohol in the radiator. O. M. Ridgway.

Mr. Harry Bird, of the Cincinnati University is home for the Holidays.

Mrs. Kate Barber Piero, of Last Chance, near Dawson City, Alaska visited relatives here the first of the week. Mrs. Piero is a daughter of the late Samuel Barber and has lived in Alaska for a number of years. Mr. Piero died last June and Mrs. Piero has returned to this country to make her home.

Mrs. Rufus McFarland and children, of Flint, Mich., have returned here. Mr. McFarland is expected the first of the week, having accepted a position in the L. H. Sullenberger grocery.

Mr. R. L. Baldwin, wife and son, Robert, of Chicago arrived Sabbath to spend Christmas with Mr. Andrew Jackson. Mr. Baldwin returned Tuesday evening but Mrs. Baldwin and son will remain some time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McFarland had as their guests Christmas, E. E. McFarland and family, Mr. Charles Graham and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Paxson and children, Mrs. Charles McFarland and Miss Ella, of Yellow Springs.

Lesson 13.—Fourth Quarter, for December 23, 1917.

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Text of the Lesson, Pa. 123 and 124, Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Pa. 120:7.—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Lesson I.—Psalms of deliverance. Pa. 68 and 137: Golden text, Ps. 124:5. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." All past deliverances for Israel are foretastes of the great and lasting deliverance yet future when they shall be all righteous and shall not see evil any more. It is the privilege of every believer now to know the forgiveness of sin and the peace of God within.

Lesson II.—Returning from captivity. Es. 1:1-11. Golden text, Es. 126:3. "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." A gentle king, mentioned by name before he was born, was God's instrument to fulfill His word by Jeremiah concerning his purpose for Israel and was led to show Ezra and his people unusual favor. Every purpose of the Lord shall always be performed, and it is not for us to ask how (Es. 33:11; Isa. 44:23).

Lesson III.—The temple rebuilt and dedicated. Es. 3:9-13; 4:14-18. Golden text, Es. 4:10:4. "Enter into the gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." Although there were many hindrances and some delay because of the adversaries, the temple was rebuilt, finished and dedicated with joy and the Passover kept. Road Haggai and look to the Lord alone for all things.

Lesson IV.—Ezra's return from Babylon. Es. 7:21-32. Golden text, Es. 8:22. "The hand of our God is upon all them that seek Him." Ezra did not return with the first company, but some years later, taking with him much gold and silver and some of the holy vessels, and, though they had no visible escort and were four months on the way, the Lord on whom they relied brought them safely.

Lesson V.—Defeat through drunkenness. I Kings 20:1-21. Golden text, I Kings 20:11. "Let not him that girdeth on his armor boast himself as he that putteth it off." While it is true that the leaders among the enemies were a drunken lot, the reason given by God for their defeat and overthrow was that they despised him and did not know him (I Kings 20:13-28).

Lesson VI.—Nehemiah's prayer. Neh. 1:1-11. Golden text, I John 3:22. "Whatever we ask we receive of Him." A great burden was upon Nehemiah's heart because of the reproach resting upon the Lord on account of the condition of his city Jerusalem and his people Israel. If the same burden were on believers' hearts today because of the condition of the church, they would have no prayer.

Lesson VII.—Nehemiah's prayer answered. Neh. 2:1-11. Golden text, Matt. 6:7. "Ask and it shall be given you." We must not conclude, because our prayers are not speedily answered, that God has not heard us, but with absolute confidence in His readiness to answer, and with instant prayer for Him. His way is perfect; His time is best. Let us pray without ceasing about everything according to chapter 2:4, 5.

Lesson VIII.—A psalm of thanksgiving. Ps. 108. Golden text, Ps. 108:2. "Bless Jehovah, O my soul, and forget not all His mercies." Having obtained forgiveness by His mercy because of His great and all sufficient sacrifice, all else is included according to Rom. 8:32. It is exceeding great comfort to know that we have to do with one who knoweth our frame and plies like a father while he comforts like a mother. Let us meditate on Neh. 4:7-21. Golden text, Neh. 12:4. "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What shall man do unto me?" With a very vigorous opposition and such disqualified workers to build a wall as priests and merchants and women, the wall was finished, and the enemy was compelled to confess that the work was wrought of God.

Lesson IX.—Ezra and Nehemiah teach the law. Neh. 8:1-12. Golden text, Ps. 90:105. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." A week's Bible study with the book read to all the people from morning until midday, read distinctly, with the sense given and the people made to understand. The result was great joy, which was heard afar off, and the keeping of a feast the like of which had not been since Joshua.

Lesson X.—Nehemiah enforces the law of the Sabbath. Neh. 13:15-22. Golden text, Ex. 20:8. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The sins which he found prevailing on his return from a brief visit to Babylon, after being governor of Jerusalem for 12 years, were ungodly alliances, neglect of the house of God and Sabbath breaking. By the grace of God he dealt righteously with each.

Lesson XI.—Advent of the Messiah. Matt. 2:1-12. Golden text, Luke 2:11. "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." As surely as he was born in Bethlehem he shall rule in Israel (Mic. 5:2), king of the Jews, king of kings and Lord of lords, one king over all the earth (Zech. 14:9; Rev. 17:14). Let us open to Him now such treasures as he has given to us, that we may help to hasten his return.

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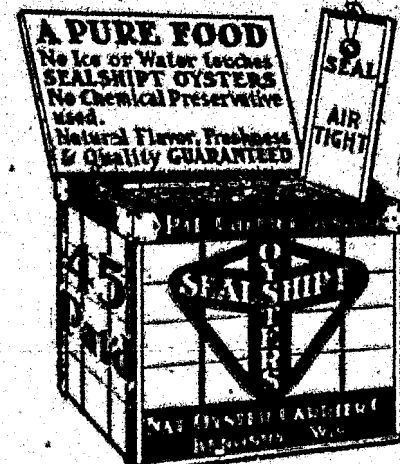
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