### Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

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### INTEREST SHOWN IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

Contest.

#### MANY CANDIDATES.

Plans have practically been completed by which the debate teams will their annual entertainment. The first clash in a dual debate this year with the teams representing Sleepy Eye. The contest will in all probability occur about February first. The question under discussion is the one debate: "Resolved: That chicken stealchosen by the Minnesota State High School Debating League: Resolved, none other than Herbert Theissen, in-That the United States should give the troduced Philippine Islands their complete independence.

New Ulm will be represented by two Therese Pfaender, Ruth Reim and Cyrus Frederickson, leader; the negaand Harold Olson, leader. It has not been definitely decided which team will to the best speaker, appointing Mr. invade Sleepy Eye, but announcement Hess as judge. will be made later.

#### Increasing Interest.

Interest in debating, oratory and declamation is beginning to be noticeable. The Siegel prize trophy which is awarded to the class winning the most points in the annual inter-class contest is being eagerly sought for. The elimination tryours will be held about January 15, and the Siegel contest probably near the end of the month. The boy and the girl winning first place in the Siegel contest in oratory and declamation respectively, will represent New Ulm High School in the district contests. Great interest is being evinced in the tryouts. Twentythree girls and eight boys have entered the contest, which promises to be a warm one.

### Past Honors.

In the past New Ulm High has placed high in the district and State contests. In 1917 Victor Reim was second in the State contest, after having won the district championship in oratory. Thelma Rinke has twice won the district championship in 1917 and 1918. In 1919 Willard Vogel won the district championship in oratory.

This year with a large number of entrants, and each class striving mightily to win the Siegel trophy, New Ulm is certain to be again well reprecontests. A victory over Sleepy Eye interesting topic of Pies. Jo says that did the frivolous Mr. Spriggins, per

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### JUNIORS STAGE CLEVER DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

### Debate With Sleepy Eye.—Siegel COON DEBATE, FRENCH PLAY AND MOCK COMMENCEMENT FEATURE

### EMINENT TALENT UNEARTHED

On Friday evening, December 12, pies are alright only the husband at 8:00 o'clock the Junior Class staged number on the program was an over- pies. ture by the High School orchestra, which was heartily applauded.

Then came the interesting chicken ing ain't no crime." The president, each one including, Rufus Rastin Johnsing, (Howard Olson). Nebuchadnezzer Jones, (Walter Schweppe), upholding the teams. The affirmative is composed of affirmative, and Hezakiah Gitdar, (Arthur Kiecker), and Ephram Pullemdown, (John Graff), who upheld tive, of Aurelia Schneider, Albert Held the negative. The president then announced that a prize would be given

> Each one spoke very "coonishly" and when they had made what they deemed a very good point they always patronized the water pitcher, thereby keeping fit for any false points made by their worthy opponents.

> After all the points were made Mr. Hess awarded Ephram Pullemdown, alias John Graff, the prize of a red handkerchief. John seemed to be very tickled over his much coveted gift.

> Again the High School Orchestra favored us with a selection Me-Ow, followed by a violin solo by Dorothy Hein, which was also very good.

### Everybody Graduates.

Then came the much looked for and longed for commencement program. The class motto was: "Me for a Diploma," the class flower, Daniel Webster, the class animal, a pony, (possibly referring to Caesar), and the class color the harmonizing light tan.

All the members came marching out to a funeral march, each wearing ancient clothing and a large chrysanthemum, and wearing also a very somber look.

The program opened by a piano solo by Martha Backer. Martha surely is advanced in her playing for we all know what a classic piece Peaches in the Summer Time is.

least important of them all, the bride

doesn't think so, but the pies that mother used to make are the only

Mildred Eibner gave a heart-rending song entitled, I Have The Sorrows, followed by an essay on Weddings by Ylona Bentdahl. She thinks there is nothing like a "good old fashioned wedding" in the "good old fashioned way."

#### What Is Life.

Then George Langmack, the living corpse of the season gave an oration on Life. George was filled with his topic telling about all the hard knocks from the cradie to the grave ending up with, "Such is Life."

Adelia Radtke then gave the class nnem and class prophecy Then I awig Harris gave an interesting essay on Hair, Hats and Clothes.

Martha Backer again favored us with the celebrated piece, Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater, after which the President of the Board, Harry Korthauer, presented the diplomas to the students. After the Mock Commencement, the High School Orchestra again played the piece La Rose Intermezzo, followed by a reading by Blodwen Lloyd, which was very well given.

### One-Act Comedy.

Mildred Eibner then sang a vocal solo, responding to an encore. Mildred's future vocation must be music or appearances deceive. Then while the stage was being prepared for the play the orchestra played Sweet and Low. The play, a very interesting feature of the evening, then followed, the cast of characters being: Major Regulus Rattan ....

..... Raymond Dingler Victor Dubois ......Clarence Herzog Mr. Spriggins .....Lloyd Ottomeyer Mrs. Spriggins ...... Helen Woebke Angelina, their daughter ......

..... Mae Koehler Julia, wife of Major Rattan ...... ..... Lola Meyer

Anne Maria .....Margaret Bentdahl The play opens with Mr. Spriggins 'letting" his rooms for rent and mov-Esther Wiedenmann then gave the ing the family to the attic to live in salutatory address followed by an es- order to meet the high cost of living. sented in these annual public speaking say by Josephine Huelskamp on the Lloyd surely took his part well and in debate, and at least the district the three kinds of pies are: restau-feetly. Helen Woebke, the wife of the interest least the district the three kinds of pies are: restauchampionships in oratory and decla- rant pies, bride pies, and the good Mr. Spriggins, did not seem to relish of the interscholastic games, and it is mation are not too much to hope for.

—True—ambition killed Caesar, but old pies mother used to make. She says that the restaurant pies are the faithful wife, she does just as her hub-

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### PRACTICE GAME LOST TO LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Close Guarding Holds Team to Seven Points.

MANKATO COMMERCIAL TONIGHT

The New Ulm High School basketball team suffered its first defeat in a hard practice against the local college on Saturday evening. The game was not scheduled until Friday night. The college has won its first victory against the high school team in five years. Due to the fact that they have the same players as last year they are building up a very strong team. Considering that the team played on the small college floor, and were outweighed quite a little, combined with the fact that we have been practicing only two weeks against the college's ten, the team is not lamenting its defeat. The game from the onlookers point of view was very crude, which was due to the fact that it was the first game of the season, and in the week following Coach Church tends to better the conditions, before we meet the strong Mankato Commercial College team, which is to be played

#### Defensive Game Played.

The first half of the game was played constantly on the defensive and the result was that it ended 7-0 in the opponents favor. The second half saw our fellows using a little more team work but the final score was 18-7. Two college men deserve special mention, Bradtke and Schultz, who played very consistent games for the opponents, while the high school team played on even honors throughout the game. It is hoped that another practice game can be had this week on our floor, and the members of the team think we can administer a defeat to our rivals. The seven men who constituted the team at that game were: Esser and R. Graff, forwards; J. Graff and Paulson, guards; and Hamann, center. Shapiro and Berg went along as subs, the former played forward the second half.

Mankato Commercial Game Tonight. Tonight the strong Commercial College team will present itself upon our home floor, and they are coming down here very confident and are looking forward to an easy victory. Two weeks ago they humbled the Sleepy Eye High School team by the score of 39 to 12. This game, as the college game, will

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#### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

I can hear the average reader growling to himself as he reads this heading: "More of that sickening moralizing. Trying so hard to make an angel out of an ordinary mortal. I'm through with New Year's Resolutions for keens They are only the solace of the weak,-etc.,-ad nauseam.

Nay, nay, dear, gentle, average reader-we're not trying to moralize; not seeking to make angels where were none before—And yet, here's a thought. Every year a big business concern in order to operate efficiently must stop for a few days to take an the true Christmas spirit. inventory; to look over its stock in trade; to dust off the shelves, and throw away a few rotten apples and a few mouldy crackers, a few rusty pairs of scissors and a moth eaten blanket or two. The business cannot be run efficiently with this dusty debris clogging the smooth running machinery. It must be cleaned and oiled, purged and renovated, polished and refined so as to start clearly and freshly for another period of activity.

It occurs to us that Human Life is just like the machinery of that big business. About once annually we Human Machines need to stop and clean out the mental grease and grime accumulated by a year's sweaty striving. We have some rotten apples to heave out of our character; some mouldy crackers in our consciences; some rust in our cerebral machinerypossibly a moth eaten blanket over the poor initiates rendered the night our "Better Selves." We need to be purged and cleaned and renovated; to start freshly and clearly upon another period of activity-if we would secure efficiency and fullness of life.

it is self-evident we suggest New main actors on the stage. Then, one our Life account "carried forward" to trance was in vogue that night, that By one of these sides, some day,

This year we shall take an Inventory; we shall cast out of our bodily habitation the elements which are hindering progress; we shall toss away the cankering mouldy selfishness of the past twelve months; we shall give an unceremonious dismissal to the small and petty prejudices which have been gradually poisoning our souls for a year; we shall clarify and purify our lives as we would our business or our machinery; we shall then start fresh and true at the top of the white expanse of a new sheet in Life's ledger, echoing the words of the great poet: "Ring out the old, ring in the new Ring happy bells across the snow The Year is going to let him go Ring out the False, ring in the true."

'Ring in the valiant man and free The larger heart, the kindlier hand Ring out the darkness of the land Ring in the Christ that is to be."

#### CHRISTMAS 1919.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive!"

How many of you believe in that old saying?

We all like to receive, I know, but don't you consider it just as great a pleasure, if not greater, to give, to make SOMEONE ELSE happy?

What a feeling of gladness would swell up in your heart could you but see the look of joy that overspreads the countenance of the one you have remembered on that day of days-CHRISTMAS! They will not consider so much, the worth or amount of the gift as they will cnerish the thought, 'How lovely of her (or him) to remember me."

If you can honestly say that you are happier, or at least as happy, when giving as when receiving, then you have the right to say that you have

Christmas is a time of joy and gladness for most people, but if there be one among you who has reason to be sorrowful, go and do what you can to cheer his Christmas. Do not forget the sad and sorrowful in your own happiness. They will welcome you far more than any gift you might send

If you have never thought of these things before, remember them this year and I am sure you will find your Christmas the happiest ever.

Let us wish each and every one of you, "A Very Merry Christmas, And a Joyful And Prosperous New Year!"

### PROTEAN INITIATION.

Two weeks ago last Wednesday night, the High School gym was the scene of some "awful doings.' It was the night of the P. L. S. initiation, and miserable with their howls.

First, the new members were put into the dressing room, and the piano shoved against the door to prevent their intrusion into the ceremony until The above being accepted as true as such a time as they were to be the Year's morning in its cold and crystal at a time, they were blindfolded and purity as the fitting time to set forth led forth. The usual method of en- This question is going to be concluded the new page of 1920. We shall forget is, a sudden push into the gym, a sud- When Bolo and Cards will be excluded the hackneyed word "Resolutions." den upward swing of the feet, and From private meetings, so gay.

the initiate was gracefully precipitated to the mat.

This method of entrance knocked all the fight out of the ones who were 'not goin' to let that bunch out there make me do a lot of fool tricks."

The remainder of the procedure was too mysterious and awful to go on with. Suffice it to say that it was a pretty well tired out bunch who gladly heard the clamor of the "dinnerbell" that let them know that the "eats," which were so well prepared by Cy. Frederickson, K. M., and Chef Koehler, were ready in the Domestic Science rooms.

It was predicted that the initiates would sleep very uncomfortably that night.

We do not know, "'cause we 'aint got the crust to ask them."

#### TRIANGLE MEETING.

Monday, the eighth of December, the Triangle Association held its regular meeting in the Emerson buildingthe Juniors occupying the club rooms.

The short business meeting was followed by an equally short (but far sweeter) program. The opening number was a short sketch of the life of Robert Service, by Alice Pfeiffer. This was followed by a song, by Florence Schneider, which was very good and called for an encore—to which Florence responded. Next on the program was a series of three impromptu speeches. Mildred Meyer shocked most of us by announcing that she wanted to be a missionary, when answering "What I'd like to be." Gertrude's Esser's story on "My first attempt at cooking" was no less interesting because most of us have gone through something similar. wouldn't be interested in Bobby Fenske's confession of "How I learned to

The next number-the thread of a story—brought to light many dark secrets, especially about the Normal Girls. For instance, all of us have wondered why the "Normal Nine" are all so plump; but who would have guessed that the reason is: excessive peanut eating?

A civil war almost followed the Parliamentary drill on, Resolved: That skating is more enjoyable than tobogganing.

The critic's report, given by Therese Pfaender was beyond reproach. Motion made and seconded that Therese be permanent critic; all in favor respond by the usual sign!!

#### SHOULD THE PHILIPPINES BE GRANTED INDEPENDENCE?

The debating teams are busy now, Or at least so we heard them say. For you should have heard that little row,

That was overheard last Thursday.

"The Filipinos are barbarians!" The Negative team cried out. "They should rule themselves and IN-DEED, they CAN!"

The Affirmative team did shout.

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### **EXCHANGES**

We see by the Echo of Luverne, that there is considerable agitation for a new school building. No doubt this is a step in the right direction. The arguments against the issue are well answered, especially the one about the size of the building. It pays to build large and substantial buildings. Your exchange department is getting started. We hope it will become stronger from now on.

Many of the schools are printing football reviews now. The Panhandler has a regular picture book with all of the individual pictures. Your percentage was slightly lower than ours, although you played one or two more games than we did. Is Wallace "Stonewall" Jackson any relation to the general?

The Rouser, Madison, Minnesota, has also issued a football number. Your football team had a very successful season. Your joke department is very good but the exchange department is rather weak.

The Central High News devotes quite a little space to the departing Seniors. They deserve attention as they can only graduate once. The Tail-Spins are exceedingly good.

The December fourth issue of the Otaknam contained pictures of both the first and second football teams. The second team should be given much credit for it surely is a great help to the first team. The Declamatory and Oratorical contests have already been held according to the last issue.

The 0 from Oskaloosa, Iowa, is a new addition to our exchange list. They seem to have a great interest in debate and have six teams debating three different questions. We wish that we had been in that Algebra class for the "feed."

The Weekly Ypsi Sem tells of hitting a bad storm at Port Huron, it must have been some storm. Any football team that would play like that ought to be banned from athletics for about five years. Couldn't you have a small exchange department and eliminate a few of the "Slivers."

Another football picture. The Purple and White has a team picture on the front page. However the gridiron heroes must now retire in favor of basketball.

Have I mentioned our exchange from Paris? Not the Paris where women's styles originate but Paris, Tennessee. The Comet is a peppy paper published by the students of Grove School. The drawings at the beginning of the departments add much to the appearance of the paper.

Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, sends us the Red and Black. It has a fine literary department and other parts are also very good. We hope to receive your paper regularly.

INTEREST SHOWN IN PUBLIC SPEAKING. (Continued from page 1.)

he has been dead a long time. Emerson who said only a paltry half century ago: "Hitch your wagon to a the Road to Home Sweet Home." star!"-Let us not be content with mediocrity—Let us cry: "Excelsior."

#### SENIOR COOKS ENTERTAINED.

Ding-dong! Ding-dong! First call for breakfast. Madam De Boof and "her husband" were entertaining the Senior Cooking Class and Freulein Spriestersbach, the noted artist, informally at breakfast. The tempting odor of coffee drifted delightfully about one's olfactory organs, causing a hollow feeling around the digestive apparatus, while from the kitchen came the sounds of crisp, fragrant griddle cakes flopping about on the gridirons. The ensuing aroma combined with the fragrance of the coffee caused more than one of the guests to wonder 'when the party was going to begin."

At last, however, it began-the butler opened the dining-room door, the guests entered, the cook followed and soon the sounds which penetrated through the doors told that the party was in full swing. The griddle cakes were to have been waffles, but owing to the "stick-to-it-ive-ness" of the mixture, they were quickly transformed into crisp, golden griddle cakes, which have not been excelled to this day. But because of their queer transformation they were called 'sinkers" by the girls. Then there was syrup, butter, cream and water— Oh that water-clear, cold and indeed very nourishing. But the coffee-it was sublime, it was delicious, it was-Oh! words fail us. Did you ever hear Bacon's famous Elegy written to the Morning Star? It is very pathetic and as it deals rather remotely with our subject "Coffee" we will endeavor to quote it:

"Break, break, break On thy cold grey stones, Oh! Sea, There's water, water everywhere My kingdom for some tea!

Speaking of tea-the Senior Cooking Class was entertained at a "Pink" or was it a "Silver Tea" one morning not so very long ago. As is always evident, it was a very formal affair as the girls wore their "evening gowns." Tea, cream, sugar, lemon were served with dainty (exceedingly dainty sandwiches-they were at least one inch square) sandwiches. Some of the girls who were of a rather daring and adventurative frame of mind, applied cream, sugar and lemon to their tea at the same time and consequently the tea had a rather "curdly" appearance, but as their motto seemed to be "The more, the merrier," they did not mind at all.

New Ulm, Minn.

"Dear Old Pal of Mine"-

"I Hear You Calling Me" from out of "The Sweet Long Ago," "When You And I Were Young" and learned "Maidens Prayer." This was "Forgotten," and we finished our "School Days." Then you went "Over There" and became a "Rose of No Man's Land." But "Tell Me," "Don't You Ever Get Lonely" for your "Old Kentucky Home" in "Dixie?" "Sweet Little Buttercup," "When You Come Back" we'll have "A Little Bit of Heaven" when we talk about our "Memories" of N. U. H. S.

"Farewell To Thee" till you're "On

"Till We Meet Again," "K-K-K-Katy.

#### GIRLS' BASKET-BALL.

The schedule is not yet completed, but so far, Mr. Schrammel has listed the following games:

Mankato Comercial College at New Ulm, December 19. We expect to play them a return game on their own floor.

We will play a double-header with Sleepy Eye at New Ulm on January 9, and a return double-header at Sleepy Eye February 13. This is believed to be an unlucky day but don't you worry! All of President Wilson's greatest events occurred on the thirteenth and so will ours. You watch and see!

Then we will play at Lake Crystal on January 23. We also expect a return game with them. In fact we are rather anxious to play at New Ulm to give our loyal rooters a good treat. The Lake Crystal girls have a wonderful team, and when they play you will be sure to get your money's worth.

These are all the games we have scheduled so far but we expect to have a double-header with St. James, and one with Lamberton. The girls would also like to play the Owatonna team at home. Last year they refused to play us on our own floor because they did not care to play a team they had already beaten. I wonder whether they will play us this year.

When we play the above mentioned games we want everyone of you there to root for all you are worth! You tle, becuz I Brok his old oNe. mi help us win the games by your velling. so if you want us to win all the rames be there and yell at every one.

#### JUNIORS STAGE CLEVER DRAMAT-IC ENTERTAINMENT.

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by says. Mae Koehler, their daughter, is in love with Victor Dubois, who is the very refined Frenchman. Clarence Herzog. Clarence surely can speak French, and we believe with very little practice he would be able to speak the language like a native.

Major Rattan or Raymond Dingler in disguise acted the part of a loving but enraged husband much to his credit, and his faithful little wife, Lola Meyer never dreamed of running off with the fickle Frenchman.

Anna Maria, the maid of all work, alias Margaret Bentdahl, surely was an abused housemaid. No wonder the maids are all striking, if all cases are like Margarets, but as George said, "Such is Life."

The receipts of the entertainment were very satisfying, the Juniors clearing about \$90.00.

### PRACTICE GAME LOST. (Continued from page 1.)

championship race will be on in full swing. After we have proved that we are the strongest team in the eastern part of the eleventh district, we will be strong contenders for the district honors, which we have so faithfully held for the last three years.

### First Real Test.

As tonight's battle will be the first real game on our home floor, it is hoped that the gymnasium will be crowded with rooters, as this is always a big factor towards winning. The team is going to try hard to win

and everybody who has the chance to translating the story of George Wash- word should have been Cerezo. In witness, will not only see a real game, but will also get a chance to admire the new basket-ball suits the team has, which are of a different color than last year. So if you don't admire seeing a real basket-ball game, come and see the new style in basket-ball

The schedule Mr. Schrammel has thus far completed is as follows:

Dec. 19-Mankato Commercial College at New Ulm.

Jan. 9—Sleepy Eye at New Ulm Jan. 16-Open.

Jan. 23-Redwood Falls at Redwood Talls.

Jan. 30-Lamberton at New Ulm. Feb. 6—Sleepy Eye at Sleepy Eye. Feb. 13-Springfield at New Ulm. Feb. 20-Lamberton at Lamberton. Feb. 27-Redwood Falls at New Ulm.

#### A FRESHMAN'S LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

deer santy Claws,

i am A little boi Fourteen yeers old. I wish U wood pleez bring me a Sled for Crismas. mY mam Wood lik A fir-Set and my Pappa wants a nekty. My anty wants A bottle of per-Fum and a Pear of silk stokkings. (Pleez bring Her the stokkings becuz sHe always wares Mine.) i also Wood lik to have A new picture Bok becuz the Babie licked The collors Off mi old One. The babie Wood lik A new Rat-Mama wood Also lik a noo potato nife Becuz she always Uses mi pa's safti Razzer and Sumtimes Hi gets maad.

I hop you Will not think i Am selfish. iF you Think i Want two mutch U knead not Bring it awl.

sinserli Your frend,

Hezikiah Sniffins.

### THE SPANISH CLASS.

All the other classes are mentioned once in a while, but nothing ever appears about the Spanish class. Although the class consists only of four students, jokes occur as well as in other classes. There was one joke that occurred in the Spanish class that is worth mentioning. The pupils were

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veza" (which means beer). The right the wrong word.

ington and the cherry tree. Miss Schu- the Spanish language there are many mann asked what a cherry tree was in words that are almost alike so that Spanish and a pupil answered "Cer- one might have the misfortune to give

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This is the season of the year when the world is filled with kindliness and appreciation, good fellowship and good cheer.

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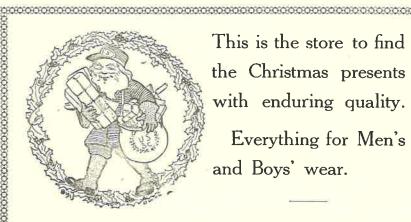
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