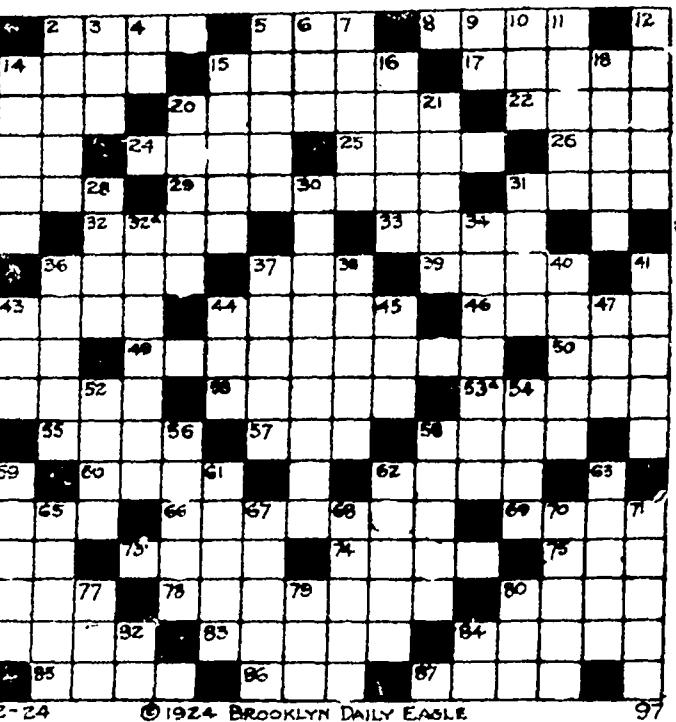


**WEST BRANCH HAS
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Christmas Celebration Began Saturday; Square Is Gaily Decorated; Free Attractions Are Offered.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



**KESTONE WATER NOT
CONDEMNED, MAYOR SAYS**

KESTONE, Dec. 22.—Claus Keppler, mayor and chairman of the board of health, at Keystone, denies that the water supply of this town has been condemned by the state board of health. False reports emanated, he says, from the fact that a recent analysis showed that the water was not satisfactory for the public管网. The town board immediately took steps to learn why this condition existed and requested Engineer Pederson of the state board to make a survey of the situation at Keystone. This survey will be made shortly after Jan. 1 and the recommendations will be followed by the town authorities.

Fletcher Stee, Sets forth not only the principles but also the practice of engineering as an art.

Furnishing the Little House," by Ethel D. Seal. Simple first principles of home decoration for the sake of small houses, either those that make no pretense at all except that of economical shelter and comfort or one that prides itself on being a gem of the architect's in genuinity.

"Small House and Large Garden," by Richardson Little Wright. The journal of a house that is only twenty-six feet long and of a garden which after being worked on from 1910 to 1919 seems immense. A great variety of experiences, good and bad, and amusing are found in these entertaining essays.

Political Science.

"America's Place in the World" by Herbert Adams Gibbons. Treats of such phases of the foreign policy of the United States as the European Alliance, the Monroe Doctrine, the Pan American Conference, the arbitration and limitation of armaments. Also considers the possible effect on these policies of entry in the league of nations and the proposed participation in the world court.

"Citizenship for New Americans," by William E. Scott. Aims to present the subject of government and citizenship in a manner which will enable a candidate not only to grasp the fundamental principles of the government but also to retain them and use them for better citizenship.

"Borrowing From Your Bank" by Stuart H. Partison. The purpose of this is to indicate what banks require from borrowers in the way of information security and reciprocal relations. Points out some interesting different ways in which banks can be useful to their customers.

"Causes of Industrial Unrest," by John A. Fitch. An attempt to show the background, the point of view, and the circumstances out of which the general labor struggle emerges.

"Housing Progress in Western Europe," by Edith E. Wood. Shows the work done by private effort and state action in Great Britain, France, Italy, Holland and Belgium. In this

survey of housing progress Mrs. Wood gives much valuable information.

House and Garden

"A Garden Bluebook of Annuals and Biennials," by Henry S. Orloff. Contains both the practical and artistic side of gardening with annuals and full working instructions, such as different annuals for certain locations.

"Design in the Little Garden," by J. S. Fletcher.

"Business Reading in Magazines," by Grace Abbott, chief of children's bureau, United States department of labor; 2, by Duncan T.

Fletcher senator from Florida (North American Review, Dec. 1924).

"Paradoxes of Farm Land

Interest to Urban Land Value," by C. L. Chambers (American Economic Review, Dec. 1924).

"Cement, Economics and Portland Cement Prices," by F. A. Fetter (American Economic Review, Dec. 1924).

(Gold "Foreign Effects of American Inflation" by Shaw, Morgan North American Review, Dec. 1924.) This year deals with something that does not exist, but is looked for. Underneath the structure of credit is a mass of gold such as no other country has ever accumulated before. It is this volume of gold, capable as it is of immense expansion through the processes of banking machinery, that is expected to lead us into inflation.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO SELL REAL ESTATE**

In the District Court of Linn County, Iowa, within and for Linn County, Iowa, in the matter of the Guardianship of Thomas S. Cook, Minor heir of Eugene L. Mateer, deceased.

The above named Thomas S. Cook, minor heir of Eugene L. Mateer, deceased.

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Linn County, Iowa, the application of John P. Mateer, your guardian, asking this court to authority and empower him to sell the following described real estate belonging to you for cash at private sale to whom.

An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the Westerly Half (4) of Lot Seven (7) Block Forty-Two, (42) Cedar Rapids Mills Company Reserve of Browns Addition to the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The said application will be heard and considered at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 25th day of January, A.D. 1925, at the court house in Marion, Linn County, Iowa.

You are further notified to appear at said time and place and show cause if any you have, why an order for the sale of said premises shall not be granted as prayed for in said application.

JOHN D. MATEER, Guardian.

Chas. L. Benesh, Attorney for

Guardian.

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36 in. Fleeced Kimono Cloth 35c

.35c

27 in. Heavy White Outing 18c

.18c

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.15c

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.35c

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Oregon City Wool Blankets \$11.95

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