

"HOLIDAY GREETINGS" FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

FROM THE OBITUARY FILES ONE LEARNS THAT FRED A BUSH WAS BORN IN HOWELL, AUGUST 15, 1861. HE MARRIED EFFIE I. DURFEE OF BRIGHTON, JUNE 26, 1889. WHILE LIVING HERE HE WROTE A BOOK OF POEMS, ADVERTISING THE VARIOUS BUSINESSES OF BRIGHTON, PUBLISHED BY THE ARGUS, TOWN & JACOBS, PUBLISHERS. HIS LIFE'S OCCUPATION WAS IN THE PRINTING TRADE AND JOURNALISM PROFESSION. HIS POEM, "HOMECOMING DAY", WAS INCLUDED IN THE 1907 HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES. MR. BUSH DIED MARCH 25, 1918. FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF HIS WORK AS PRINTED IN "A BOOK OF POEMS" BY F.A. BUSH.

GEO. L. PITKIN, DRUGS AND GROCERIES
SIXTEEN YEARS AGO IN BRIGHTON,
IN A SMALL BUT MODEST WAY,
GEO. L. PITKIN STARTED BUSINESS,
WHICH HAS GROWN FROM DAY TO DAY.
HE HAS PUSHED ALONG LIFE'S VOYAGE,
DOING WELL BY EVERYONE,
MAKING FRIENDS OF EVERYBODY,
AND THEIR VERDICT IS "WELL DONE."
HE HAS DRUGS AND PATENT MEDICINES
TO CURE YOUR VARIOUS ILLS,
WHICH HE OFFERS YOU AT PRICES
THAT WILL SAVE YOUR DOCTOR'S BILLS.
HE HAS STAPLE FANCY GROCERIES,
SUGAR, COFFEE, SPICES, TEAS,
THAT HE OFFERS TO THE PUBLIC,
ALL AT PRICES SURE TO PLEASE.
HE HAS LAMPS AND FANCY CROCKERY,
PLATES AND SAUCERS, CUPS AND ALL,
THAT ARE BOUND TO ENTERTAIN YOU,
IF UPON HIM YOU WILL CALL.
AND FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR,
HE HAS GIFTS FOR GREAT AND SMALL,
BOOKS TO PLEASE THE LITTLE PEOPLE,
OR THE OLD FOLKS, SHORT OR TALL.
HE HAS PLAIN AND FANCY STATIONERY
FOR THE BUSINESS MAN OR BEAUX,
AND FINE CIGARS FOR THE SMOKER,
AND TOBACCO, TOO, YOU KNOW.
AND WHILE LOOKING 'ROUND FOR BARGAINS,
AND ARTICLES GALORE,
YOU WILL FIND JUST WHAT YOU'RE SEEKING,
AT GEO. L. PITKIN'S STORE.

F.T. HYNE, GRAIN, PRODUCE, ETC.
IN EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO,
TWENTY-SIX LONG YEARS AGO,
THE BUSINESS OF C.T. HYNE & SON
FIRST BEGAN IN TOWN TO GROW.
IT HAS PROSPERED IN ITS JOURNEY,
DAY BY DAY, AND YEAR BY YEAR,
SINCE THE BUSINESS FIRST WAS STARTED
IN OUR THRIVING VILLAGE, HERE.
F.T. HYNE NOW CONTROLS IT,
AND HE HAS SINCE SEVENTY-EIGHT,
WHERE HE FURNISHES A MARKET,
AND NO FARMER HAS TO WAIT.
HE BUYS GRAIN AND FARMER'S PRODUCE,
HIDES AND PELTS AND FURS AND WOOL;
AND HIS STOCK OF SEEDS AND PLASTER
HE ENDEAVORS TO KEEP FULL.
AND, IF YOU SHOULD THINK OF BUILDING,
AND WISH PLASTER, LIME OR HAIR,
YOU SHOULD VISIT F.T. HYNE,
FOR YOU'LL ALWAYS FIND IT THERE.
IF FOR FIELD SEEDS OR THE GARDEN
YOU ARE LOOKING, LOOK NO MORE.
CLOVER, TIMOTHY OR GRASS SEED,
GO AND LOOK HIS LARGE STOCK O'ER.
WHEN THE DREARY HOURS OF WINTER
ROUND ABOUT YOU CHANCE TO ROLL;
WHEN YOU FEEL ITS ICY FINGERS,
THEN TO HIM JUST TURN FOR COAL.
HE CAN SATISFY THE PEOPLE,
FOR HE KEEPS A STOCK THAT'S RIGHT
AND WILL GIVE COAL BURNERS COMFORT
IN THE DAY TIME OR THE NIGHT.
THEN, IF YOU HAVE BEANS FOR MARKET
AND WOULD SELL THEM ON THE SQUARE,
TAKE THEM TO HIS ELEVATOR,
YOU'LL FIND SATISFACTION THERE.

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