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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

Programs for Christmas Eve Entertainments at the Wayne Churches.
Sunday School Children Participate in the Happy Scenes

Baptist Church.
The following program will be given at 7:30 Christmas Eve.

Voluntary.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Anthem—By the choir.
Recitation—"Greeting".
Song—"Primary department."
Exercise—"Knights of Christian Courtesy."

Recitation—"Babe of Bethlehem".
Exercise—"We'll Smile".
Trio—Selected.
Recitation—"The Christmas Tree".
Recitation—"The Sunday School Boy".

Exercise—"Rosy Posies".
Recitation—"The Plum Pudding Boy".

Solo—Selected.
Recitation—"The Night Before Christmas".

Anthem—By the choir.
Exercise—"Snow Brigade".
Recitation—"Warning".
Recitation—"The Grumpy Man".
Solo—Selected.

Offering.
Recitation—Selected.
Drill

Anthem—By the choir.
Pantomime—"The Story Teller's Dream".

Presbyterian Church

The following program will be given at the Presbyterian church on Christmas Eve:

Old Christmas Hymns (Organ).
Hymn—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing".

Scripture Reading—Luke 11:1-14.
Prayer.

Anthem by the Choir.
Recitation—Lucile Noakes.
Exercise—The Christmas Stocking.
Recitation—Junior Vose.

Cradle Song—Primary Department.
"Why the Chimes Rang"—Florence Welsh.

Primary Children Bring White Gifts. Song—Primary Department.

Junior Girls Bring White Gifts. Song—"O, Little Town of Bethlehem".

Junior Boys Bring White Gifts. Song—"Hark! I Hear the Angels Sing".

Intermediate Department Bring Gifts—"Legend of Cathay"—Nora Hoshaw.

Presentation of Gifts by Seniors and Adults.

Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".

Seniors Present "Santa's Substitute".

Report and Summary of White Gifts Benediction.

Methodist Church

The following is the program to be held at the Methodist church Thursday evening at 7:30. Everybody invited.

PART I
Song—Marjorie Morgan.
Welcome—Little Folks.

Christmas Bells—Mrs. Rennick's Class.
Cause its Christmas—Ten Little Girls.

The Wise Men and Shepherds—Mrs. McConnell's class.
Recitation—Mary Alice Ley.

The Fairies, an exercise—Miss Laase's class.

PART II.

Christmas Cantata—Down the Chimney with Santa Claus. This Cantata is composed of chorus, recitations and pantomimes. Santa comes down the chimney with messengers and Christmas blossoms.

Good Night song.

German Lutheran Church.

At the German Lutheran church the pupils of the Sunday school and the parochial school will gather at the church where a fine Christmas tree will be in place and a program consisting of songs, poems and recitations will be given by the little folks. Gifts will be distributed to the little folks, and a real Christmas eve festival will be indulged in. A welcome awaits the little folks.

On Christmas morning at 11 o'clock appropriate services will be held, and the pastor will make a talk. The invitation is to the entire congregation and others who understand the language of the speaker.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
The following program will be given at the St. Paul's Lutheran church Christmas Eve:

Opening address—Mr. Crissie Wills
Anthem—"O Davids Town of Bethlehem!"—Choir.
Recitation—Willie Learner.
Recitation—Miss Ruby Kay.
Dialogue—"Christmas"—Primary Class.
Recitation—Miss Mary Skiles.
Recitation—Jonnie Learner.
Dialogue—Little boys.
Anthem, "Silent Night"—Choir.
Recitation—Miss Effie Roehr.
Recitation—Miss Elsie Learner.
Dialogue, "Joy"—Little Girls.
Recitation—Miss Viola Bohnert.
Recitation—Catherine Bohnert.
Tableaux, "The Shepherds"—Boys Class.
Recitation—Henrietta Hurstad.
Anthem, "The Glad News Proclaimed"—Choir.
Recitation—Miss Florence Roehr.
Dialogue—Five Little Girls.
Recitation—Madeline Bohnert.
Song, "The Little Christ Child Lay"—Little girls.
Recitation—Miss Filis James.
Recitation—Miss Ethel Fox.
Duet—Margaret Bichoff and Madeline Bohnert.
Recitation—Miss Maud Goeman.
Tableaux, "The Nativity of Jesus the Messiah"—boys and girls.
Anthem, "Come Let Us Worship"—Choir.

Roberts-Burton Shorthorn Sale
One of the coming sales at the Wayne pavilion that should mean much to the farmers of this county is the Shorthorn dispersion sale to be held there Thursday, January 14th at which time Messrs. Roberts & Burton will dispose of 43 head of practical Shorthorn cattle, the herd they have been building the past few years. In the catalogue, which will soon be ready, are listed 14 bulls from calves of six months up to matured bulls. There will also be 29 cows, heifers and calves, making it a sale that will be attractive to all. Some of the cows will have calves at their side, and all of breeding age will be bred to a pure Scotch bull, Wayne Sultan, which leads their herd, an animal that is of excellent blood and good individuality. This herd is to be dispersed for the reason that Mr. J. M. Roberts and Mr. Burton are each moving to places where they cannot handle the herd in proper manner. Next week there will be an advertisement telling you more about this sale and the individuals offered.—adv.

Death of Mrs. Otto Sydow
Mrs. Otto Sydow died at their home near Altona Tuesday night, December 22, 1914, at the age of 28 years, 5 months and 28 days, of scarlet fever, after a very brief sickness. She was born in Noble county of this state, and leaves to mourn her loss a husband and three small children. The funeral and burial will be at the Altona cemetery this morning, attended only by those who must be present, on account of the nature of the disease with which she was stricken. On account of the quarantine we are unable to give a more extended history of her life. The husband and motherless children will have the sympathy of all in their sudden bereavement.

Successful Horse Sale
The Burruss-Billeter sale of pure bred horses at Carroll last week was a success, the 21 head bringing an average of \$441. The top was a 2-year-old which brought \$1,100, and a mate to him sold at \$1,005. The best of the offering was picked up by men from other parts of the state who know and handle lots of good horses and goes to prove that Wayne county can breed as good stock as any in the state, and the equal of much of the imported stock. It is a business that should thrive now, for the war has invaded the best horse-producing countries of Europe.

Express Car Burns
Last evening as train No. 2 between Omaha and Sioux City was coming north the express car caught fire, between Calhoun and Blair, and burned part of the contents of the car. One hog burned besides some few other packages. At Blair the fire department was called to subdue the flames. Cause unknown.

Have you paid your subscription?

Our Christmas Prayer

"May God bless us, every one. May our judgments be gentler, our will to make others happy stronger. May it be our will and opportunity to make little children happy. May we fully realize that the only thing in the world out of which a man can be made is a little boy, that the only thing out of which a woman can be made is a little girl. God help us to protect the children, to give them opportunity to grow to full stature. Open our eyes to find those who may be in need; help us to remember the poor. Let this Christmas time be a time of truce during which all differences may be adjusted, all quarrels abandoned, all enmity forgotten. May the joys that come to children on Christmas day become the contentment of the of the household. May the saloon be banished from the earth, and may peace speedily come to all nations. May the fragrance of Christmas be with us throughout the new year, and may the peace that abideth forever be ours.—Amen."

Farm Demonstration Meetings

The meetings held in the county last week by Mr. Anderson of the University extension department were not very well advertised or attended, except the meeting at Carroll, Saturday, which was the most enthusiastic of any. The work is going forward, however, and an increasing number are taking an interest in it. The committee for securing names and pledges of aid and co-operation are filing their lists slowly. The farmers appear to think that some one is coming to tell them how to farm—which is scarcely half of the truth. The demonstrator tells others how you farm for a big part of his work. If you have a good thing he comes and finds out about it and tells you some other man's good thing and reports your method of making a success to the other man, helping both.

One farmer who accused the Democrat (jokingly) of being the paid organ of the demonstrators, said that the farmers were doing the best they could with help. Conditions as they are—that it was impossible to secure help to farm as they would like to do. We admit that, and that is a condition which might be remedied by united action to secure the help. There are plenty of people seeking employment, and if it could be known in the right section of the state that Wayne county had places for 100 men trained or familiar with a certain line of work they could be obtained.

Another obstacle mentioned by this man was that the large land owners who rent are not in sympathy with the move, and that they will not rent their land except on terms that the tenant must comply with as to the kind of crop grown and the part of the place on which it shall be grown, how it shall be plowed, and numerous other conditions which he thought would not be in harmony with the work of a demonstrator. This may be true, and if so there is the more need of a demonstrator. These same land owners and tenants may both be benefited thereby. The man who has the land and has long known it feels justified in telling a man strange to the place what is best to do and perhaps in insisting that it be done that way, but we know of a farm land owner in another state who is finding it most profitable to both himself and the tenants on his place to leave a vast amount of such detail to a competent demonstrator whom he pays liberally to co-operate with his renters. The same rule should apply here. We believe that many things might be improved in any farming community by the employment of competent disinterested (financially) persons to advise with both landlord and tenant. What is good for one should be good for both.

The Democrat will be glad to publish the opinions and experiences of those who are not favorable to the idea as well as those who do favor it. Out of discussion we can arrive at the truth.

The Cradle

BELL—To Frank Bell and wife, Saturday, December 19, 1914, a son.

VICTOR—Saturday, December 19, 1914, to Carl Victor and wife, a son.

ROE—Saturday, December 19, 1914, to Wm. C. Roe and wife, a son.

WAMBERG—Monday, December 21, 1914, to Mrs. Oscar Wamberg, a son.

Normal Football Banquet

On Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p. m., President and Mrs. U. S. Conn entertained the Wayne State Normal football squad of 1914 to a sumptuous banquet. It was a rare treat for the boys. From candied grapefruit to cafe noir the boys were as busy as bees. The menu included all the good things of the season and the boys did them justice.

The table decorations were the normal colors. The place cards were handsome ones especially designed by the students of the art department. After the repast had been served the season of 1914 was toasted to, in elegant style.

Prof. Keckley acted as toastmaster and toasts were responded to by the following players: Becker, Hering, Wilcox, Ralph Moore, Musselman and Capt. Marsteller. Prof. Heuntemer and President Conn responded to impromptu toasts.

Mrs. Conn proved herself the dean of hostess. The guests besides the thirty-five members of the foot ball squad included Prof. and Mrs. Keckley and Prof. and Mrs. Hunter.

The event will be a memorable one in the foot ball season of 1914.

School Notes

The city schools closed yesterday afternoon for the annual holiday vacation. Appropriate exercises were held in the various rooms and the spirit of Christmas was everywhere evident. The children of the first grade entertained the kindergarten with a Christmas program and tree. Candy and nuts were distributed in neat Christmas boxes and the children spent a happy hour together.

In the high school, the seventh and eighth grades assembled and a program of Christmas music was rendered. Each of these grades and the high school contributed numbers and the third, fourth and sixth grades also visited the room, each singing a selection. Throughout the afternoon a great many visitors were present.

A donation of fruits, vegetables, and clothing was made by the schools, all contributions being voluntary on the part of the pupils. A large amount was collected and placed in the hands of the commercial club for distribution among the needy.

A number of the alumni of the high school, now home from the higher institutions of learning, have called at the school this week. They are always welcome to their old haunts, and the school always feels a keen interest in their progress.

Of the teachers, Mr. A. E. Nordgren will spend the vacation at his home at Newman's Grove, Miss Atwine Meyer, at Columbus, Miss Emma Hughes at the home of her brother at Fremont, Misses Sewell, Abbott, Nickel, Pawelaki, Welch, Huyck and Mesjames Murfree, Seace and Phillips and Professor O. R. Bowen will remain in Wayne.

Warda Randol of the Junior class went to Kansas City Tuesday, to spend the vacation with relatives.

Miss C. Esse Teich left this afternoon for her home at Bancroft where she will spend the remainder of the week with her parents and then go to Oakland, California, where she will teach. Miss Janette Garlough of Chicago will take her place in the kindergarten.

See us for wedding invitations.

Social Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Hamer Wilson will entertain the following guests at Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. K. Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. William Mellor, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hoffman of Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shultheis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ringland, son Joe and daughter Ruth, Mrs. Berrie and daughter Florence from Lexington, Mo., who is visiting her daughters, Mrs. William Mellor and Mrs. H. S. Ringland.

The Early Hour club were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Harrington at the home of the former Thursday evening. The amusing part of the entertainment was the grab bag. Mrs. Rollie Ley played a march and all marched by the bag each taking a present. Guests of the evening were, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Theobald, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ley, Dr. and Mrs. Heckert. The club will not meet again 'till after Christmas.

Mrs. Conover and daughter Miss Laura will entertain on Christmas day the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conover, C. E. Conover, G. A. Wade, and Mrs. Nelson of Sioux City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Chace and Mr. and Mrs. Davies will entertain in the Chace home, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh and family and Mr. and Mrs. Phillio and family and Sam Davies at dinner on Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Blair will entertain Mrs. Main and family at Christmas dinner.

Good Farm Meeting at Sholes

Mr. Anderson, who was at Sholes last evening to talk to the farmers about farm demonstrator work reports a good meeting, more than 40 being present. Mr. E. Chapman was made temporary chairman and fourteen or fifteen farmers joined the organization. This must bring the list in the county fully up to the fifty mark, for they have been doing good work in Carroll vicinity, where Alex Lowry was made chairman, and Secretary Dayton of the Wayne temporary organization already has a list of the good farmers of this part of the county down as members.

Klopping-Steen

A clipping from the Belvidere Republican, just received tells of the marriage of Frank Joseph Klopping of this place to Miss Hannah Alice Steen of Chicago, Saturday, December 19, 1914, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brooks of Belvidere, a sister of the bride. The groom has many friends here who wish him much of happiness.

The Democrat for job printing.

MAKING A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Organized Effort of Churches, Schools and Commercial Club Promises That None Will be Forgotten

As the Democrat goes to press the organized effort of many Wayne citizens to see that no one is without Christmas cheer is moving toward a finish. Under the united efforts of the churches, schools and commercial club this work has been systematically undertaken, and most excellent results are promised. It was the idea of President Berry of the commercial club to introduce a system to this work, and it has been cheerfully carried forward under that plan. Many will be the glad hearts among the little folks because of this move, and those back of it realize that it makes them as happy to give as it does the others to receive. When the final report is made the needed funds will be asked and cheerfully given. Santa Claus is abroad in the town this afternoon and evening. Christmas spirit fills the air, and the Democrat joins in hoping that all may have a "Merry Christmas" and a happy, prosperous "New Year".

Prize Winners at Variety Store
The trade stimulating contest put on by Mr. Nuss of the Variety store terminated today, and the following were winners in a contest in which 68 young folks took a part.
Boys: 1st, Walter Krel, automobile; 2nd, Henry Ley, Punching Bag.
Girls: 1st, Emma Whittler, \$25.00 doll; 2nd, Genevieve Wright, desk and chair; 3d, Prudence Bush, set of scissors; 4th, Bernice Hansen, child's suit case; 5th, Lilly Ehtencamp, gocart.

A Little Blaze

Last Thursday evening there was a little blaze at the Shultheis Pharmacy, when the fire of the coffee urn ignited the shelving on one side and the mantle over the soda fountain on the other. A hand extinguisher was quickly brought into use and the fire extinguished, but not, until both shelving and fountain were scorched. The loss is small, however, and covered by insurance.

There is anxiety at the home of Noah Willamson and family today. The good wife and mother has to undergo an operation for removal of a tumor. That she may soon recover good health is the wish of their many friends.

Invitations are out bidding guests to the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Burruss the morning of December 30th to witness the marriage of their sister, Iva M. to M. Ivor Morris, at Carroll.

Christmas and New Year

Greetings:

"To sum up all, be merry
I advise
And as we're merry
May we still be wise."

With all kind thoughts
and all good wishes for
your Christmas and
the New Year - - -

Gones' Bookstore



Greetings:

The FIRST NATIONAL BANK, of Wayne, Neb., wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hopes all will receive their full measure of success and prosperity in every line of endeavor the coming year. This opportunity is taken to thank its many customers and friends for their part in contributing to the bank's gratifying growth and large volume of business the past year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. W. Mason was a visitor at Carroll Tuesday.

G. S. Mears was a visitor at Hoskins Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ley spent Tuesday at Sioux City.

Wm. Cunningham and wife were at Sioux City last Friday.

H. E. Simon was over from Winside the first of the week.

Mrs. John Larison and daughter, Charlotte, visited at Sioux City Friday.

C. A. Kingsbury of Ponca was here Monday looking after business matters.

L. A. Kiplinger was a Pender visitor Tuesday, going over on legal business.

Forrest L. Hughes made a trip down the line Friday for a short visit with friends.

J. W. Mason went to Sioux City to visit his daughter-in-law, who is at a hospital there.

Miss Eva Alter is home from Grand Island, where she teaches, for the Christmas vacation.

A. D. Lewis, the chiropractor, will be out of town Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 25th, 26th and 27th.—adv.

C. G. Hale and family from Burrwell came Friday to visit at the home of C. Clasen and family during the holiday time. Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Clasen are sisters.

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A. G. Bohnert
Proprietor

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Paul and Ensign Young are home for the Christmas vacation, one from Fremont, where he is engaged as a Sunday school missionary, the other from Clarkson, Iowa, where he has been assisting with the music at a series of revival meetings.

Ernest Samuelson, who is in school work at Lind, Minnesota, is home for the holidays, dividing his time between his parents at Wakefield and his relatives and friends at this place. He reports that school work is going nicely with him.

Mrs. Dickabaugh of Malvern, Iowa, returned home Saturday morning, following a short visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Roberts. Mrs. Laird of Werland, Wyoming, another sister was also here, and left for her home the first of this week after a visit of two weeks here.

It was a successful box social held Friday evening in the Mick school district, officially known as No. 71. The boxes were beautiful and in demand by a large crowd. Miss Francis Spahr, the teacher, was in charge of the excellent program, and Miss Pearl Stone made a success of the musical part of the entertainment.

D. Nellor and family, five children, passed through here Monday on their way from Randolph, where Mr. Nellor recently sold the Enterprise, on their way to their new home at Carlisle, Iowa, where he has bought the Optomist, and is to take possession at once. We wish them plenty to do and lots of good pay for their exercise.

Miss Francis Bartels, who is holding down a homestead and teaching the winter school near Merriman in the west part of the state, is spending two weeks vacation with home folks at Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bartels. Mrs. Bartels and daughter, Mrs. Sitton came down from Carroll Saturday morning to meet her at this place.

W. L. Will is here from Wyoming to spend the holidays with home folks. Mrs. Will went to Portland to be with her folks at Christmas time. Mr. Will is in the forestry service for his Uncle Sam.

Of the weather he says that he prefers the Wyoming kind, where they have less snow than here, and a dry air which makes a low temperature more endurable.

Henry Hollman and son Ben were here from West Point last week returning home Saturday. Mr. Hollman tells us that he will move back to his farm northeast of Wayne in the spring, and once more be a citizen of this good country.

C. Sohren, who has been on the place since Mr. Hollman left three years ago has bought a place near Randolph, and will move there in the spring.

J. H. Miner went to Saronville, a place in the southern part of this state, Monday morning with a view of purchasing a polled Durham bull for his herd. The question naturally came to us, "how did he know there was any prospect of finding such an animal as he wanted way off in that little place, that the most of us do not know is on the map—but it is dollars to doughnuts that the owner of the bull advertised—and that is the way to bring patrons."

With this issue the Democrat begins a series of railroad advertising in which the roads are carrying their plea direct to the people. We cannot agree with all of the things they claim, but they wish to present their side of the question, which like all questions, has two sides, and in thus presenting it, it should have consideration. We ask that these articles be read carefully as the railroad position is an important question which should be settled right.

The question of a farm demonstrator for this county is under discussion, and what will be done is not yet determined, but we note that from work carried on the past season in Thurston county a method of corn cultivation was proven to have increased the corn yield on one farm five bushels per acre. This method of cultivation can now be made known to any of the farmers and they may profit thereby.

The plan is to find the best way by actual tests and then give all the benefit of the knowledge acquired. The demonstrator aids in the work of making these tests and then distribute report of the result and that is what counts. They claim to have had trouble in Thurston county in securing a white corn that would do well, but the demonstrator secured Silver King corn from Iowa—the northern part, which made a better corn than the seed planted, and averaged 49 bushels per acre. Such things as these count for the general benefit of all.

Jerry's Business Adventure

A story written by Gladys Goldie, class of '15, formerly of this place, for the Reflector, the school paper of Wilmington, California. Miss Goldie will be remembered by many of the Wayne pupils, where she attended school until the close of the 1911 school year.

Jerry was what his hard working father called a lazy good-for-nothing. He lived in a small New England village, where everyone knew everybody else, and where, if anything out of the ordinary happened in a home, the entire town knew all about it by the evening of the same day. By this time, the story had usually reached such dimensions that it was indeed a fairy tale.

Jerry would not work. His father had tried time and again to get him a position, but Jerry either left or was "fired", and the latter was far more often the case. When he had at last managed to save five dollars, he invested it, to his father's horror, in a lottery ticket, for which he had sent to New York. To the amazement of the village, and especially to Jerry's own, he won fifty dollars.

Jerry had a great desire to see life. The first thing he did was to purchase a ticket to New York, where he stayed until he was penniless, and he had to wire home for his return fare.

On the day before he returned home, he passed a fine looking building which had gilt letters above the door, "Information Bureau". Inside were clerks running to and fro with bundles and papers, while on a chair nearby a lost baby sat, sound asleep.

But Jerry had eyes for no one but the man who he thought surely was the proprietor, as he was sitting comfortably in an arm-chair, reading a newspaper. That would be the very thing for him. Stopping a newsboy, he asked what business was carried on there. The boy explained, laughing at his ignorance.

On the way home, he was possessed with but one idea.

"I shall start an information bureau in our town," he thought. "Of course I won't need all those clerks in such a small place, for I can do most of the work myself at first."

"Just wait until I get a good start, and won't those people have a different idea of Jeremiah Jones?"

When he reached home, he begged his father to let him have the small office at the side of the grocery, but he insisted that his business must be kept secret. As soon as his father consented, he set to work industriously, for the first time in his life. The product of his labors was a brilliant purple sign.

The next week the village gossip was amazed to see a huge signboard next to Jones' grocery, which read "Information Bureau, Jeremiah Jones."

Within fifteen minutes the whole village was aware of the fact, and their curiosity could not have been held in check by the entire police force. At the end of that day, Jerry's pride in himself rose several degrees, although almost all he did was to explain the nature of his business.

At the end of the week, however, no more than a dozen persons had entered the office to seek the information Jerry had to give. The next week he was the joke of the whole town. A group of school boys looked up the hardest words in the dictionary, and after learning how to pronounce them, proceeded to ask Jerry to tell them how they were spelled. Jerry was bewildered. "Was this a part of the information business?" he thought.

This was only the beginning; before the second week was over, Jerry's hair had begun to turn gray. His nights were spent in studying spelling and arithmetic in vain attempt to prepare for the morrow, for he hated to give up.

It was no use. He failed terribly as far as the information bureau was concerned, but his experience must have been valuable from another point of view, for the last time I was in the town, I found Jerry the head clerk in the only department store of the village."

A Spelling Lesson

What does Ghouphptheightteeau spell?

Do you give it up? It spells potato—that is, according to the following: Gh stands for p, as you will find from the last letters in hicough; ough for for o, as in dough; phth stand for t, as in phthisis; eigh stands for a, as in neighbor; te stands for t, as in grisset, and eau stands for o, as in beau.

Thus you have p-o-t-a-t-o.

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Neighborhood News

Gleaned From Democrat's Exchanges

A new bank building was opened to the public at Blair last week, the Citizen's State bank.

The farmer institute at Stanton last week was not largely attended on account of severe cold weather.

According to figures compiled by the Nebraska state board of agriculture the sugar beet acreage amounted to 28,118 acres in 1914.

The Pender firemen celebrate with their 25th annual ball at that place New Year Eve, and promise to make it the great social event of the year.

It is proposed to spend about \$300,000 of the river and harbor appropriation on the Missouri river between Kansas City and Fort Benton. That is stringing it out a long ways.

Sneak thieves are pilfering from the vehicles left standing on the streets at Stanton, and when a farmer misses a fur coat in such a time as last week he has to exercise a heap to make the body stay warm, but he is not hot enough he is first discovers the loss.

The Nebraska dairymen are planning to hold one of the biggest meetings in the history of the association during the week of organized agriculture, at Lincoln, January 18-23. Addresses, lectures and demonstrations will be features of the program.

There is a demand from certain heavy tax payers and some of the newspapers of Cedar county for an investigation of the official acts of some of the retiring county commissioners. If such feeling exists the investigation should be held as a matter of justice to the officials—though they may not want justice—some people are afraid of justice.

The rural schools of Nebraska doubtless will receive considerable attention during the next legislature session. During the week of organized agriculture in Lincoln, January 18-23, the rural school patrons will hold a session. Superintendent-elect A. O. Thomas will read a paper and there will be an open forum on school law revision. The members of the legislature probably will listen to this discussion. Superintendent-elect Thomas is arranging for a meeting of the county superintendents so that all phases of the rural problem may be considered.

The citizens of Blair may have some trouble in the near future. The Nebraska Gas & Electric Co., have a plant there and are selling light, but have no franchise to use the streets, the city refusing to grant one, as we understand the case. But the city has decided to do its own lighting, and is going to put in a complete plant. This may cause a mix-up. Wayne is fortunate in owning its own plant and not allowing any private outfit to get a foothold here. We are getting good service and but little trouble, and the cost is less to the consumer than it probably would be if a private company was furnishing.

Over near Dakota City they have a span of rabbit hunters who have a tower built on top of a lumber wagon and then hitch a span of mules thereto, and place the driver in a protected box and go after the game, having the team driven into the willow jungle where the rabbits abound. In this manner the danger of an attack is much less the rabbits invariably take the

mules for Jacks, and the rest of the crew is safe from attack, and it is reported that they thus have much of this dangerous game. It is great sport and the only danger is that the wagon may upset and throw the occupants out at the mercy of the cottontails and jacks.

More than four hundred members of the Farmers Co-operative Grain and Live Stock State association attended the annual meeting held in Omaha last week. Representatives were present from more than one hundred individual associations, the most widely distributed attendance that has ever visited the convention meeting.

Many questions of prime importance to shippers from the state were discussed by such men as Clifford Thorne, of the Iowa Railroad Commission, Hon. John Humphrey of the Department of Agriculture and others equally well known. Drastic resolutions on many subjects affecting the shippers were adopted and referred to the legislative committee for action. J. S. Canaday of Minden was re-elected president, and J. W. Shorthill, secretary and treasurer.

Willis Reed of Madison was here Saturday as one of the attorneys in a Bloomfield case which was heard before Judge Welch here, by consent of both sides. A year or more ago Bloomfield voted bonds to purchase an opera house building for a city hall, and made the deal, paying part of the purchase price, as we understand the case. But there was a hitch in the sale of the bonds for the reason that there was some technical point raised as to the proper calling of the election—and as a result another election had to be called and held. At this election the people again voted yes, and were once more defeated because of some little irregularity—so it was tried again, and possibly another time, for we have lost the notch stick on which we began to keep tally. At any rate, at the last election the bonds failed to carry, and then the man who was selling the building started action to compel the completion of the sale and that is as far as the history of the case is recorded at this writing.

Here is a good thing suggested by the Humphrey Democrat for a farm demonstrator. It would be nice to have a chance once more to buy some good home-cured and home smoked ham. It is as different in taste to us compared with the machine cured meat as real rice pudding to one made of sawdust: "Speaking of the farmers institute wouldn't it be a good idea to have a bacon and ham exhibit at the coming institute to be held in Humphrey on January 14th and 15th. There are many farmers who are curing their own hams and these could be induced to exhibit. One of the demonstrators from the agricultural college could possibly be secured to instruct the farmers in the best methods of home curing. The smoke-house, so long a neglected adjunct to the farm, is coming into its own once more and the farmers who are overlooking this source of profit are just a bit behind the times. There is a brisk market for home cured hams and bacon in the larger towns and cities and this market may easily be cultivated to the great advantage of the farmers. Let us make this section of the county famous for its home cured hams and bacon. Let us offer some attractive prizes and work up plenty of enthusiasm. This paper will do its share. Who's for the first annual ham and bacon exhibit."

Lumber Notice

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Wayne county, Nebraska, for lumber for any of the following dimensions, to wit:

2x4 to 2x12: 12 to 20 feet long.
3x10 to 3x12, 3x14, 3x16, from 16 to 32 feet long.
4x4 to 10x10, 18 feet long.
Prices on the above in both pine and fir.
Piling 8-inch top 10 to 32 feet long.

Prices for piling to be quoted on both red cedar and oak.

Separate bids to be made on commercial and full sawed lumber.

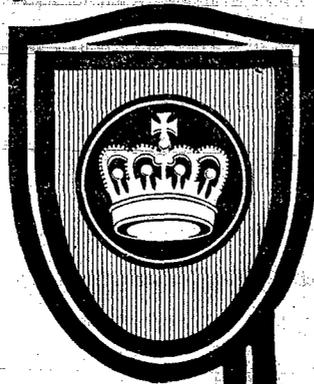
Bids must be quoted on above dimensions, and as shown above. County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, also right to buy piling and lumber in car load lots from other parties than those to whom the contract is let.

All bids to be filed with the county clerk of Wayne county, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of January 19th, 1915.

All bids to be opened at 12 o'clock noon of January 19th, 1915.

All bids to be and cover all lumber and piling to be used for the year 1915.

Dated at Wayne, Nebraska, this 16th day of December, A. D. 1914.
CHAS. W. REYNOLDS,
(Seal) 51-4 County Clerk.



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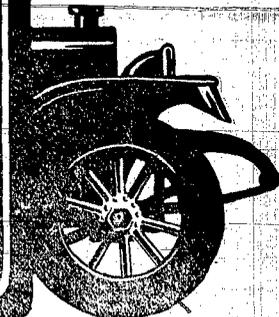
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A Christmas Message

(By A. S. Baell)

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Christmas is here once more and we of all the people of the earth are most favored. When we consider what the coming of the Christ Child has and does mean to the world it certainly is reason for rejoicing.

That Christianity has not saved the continent of Europe from war is sad and yet the blame cannot be laid to Christianity; but rather to the lack of Christianity; nor to the Christ but to the men who refuse the Christ room in their hearts and lives.

Theoretical Christianity cannot save the world, but applied Christianity is the final solution of every vexing problem. It is not the mere conceding of the truths of Christianity. The civilized world concedes the truths of Christ. So did the demon-possessed men of Christ's own day, who declared that they knew Him to be the "Christ the Holy One of God". That confession did not save them from the torments of their own devilishness. It is not what is conceded but what is assimilated of the truths that shall set you free. I may acknowledge that food is good for the body, but if I eat no food I will die of starvation. I may concede all the truths of the Christ Child and yet die a most unchristian death. The life must be nourished by the partaking and assimilating of the food in which the individual believes. There is as much difference between the conceding of the truths of Christianity and the becoming Christian as there is between the conceding of the truth of the wholesomeness of food and the taking of that food into the body where it becomes the life of the body. There is all too much of that kind of Christianity in the world today which is the mere assent to the truths of Christianity with no vital infilling and renewing of the life by the assimilating of the Christ life.

The great problem of the modern church is how to overcome the indifference toward the church caused by the all but universal conceding of the truths for which the church stands.

Who shall say but that the great tragedy of war, with its atrocities—for war itself is an atrocity—is the legitimate harvest of the cold hearts that have been untouched by the real spirit of the Christ while they have professed a faith and have mentally conceded the tenets of revealed truth.

The great war in Europe has broken the spell of that charmed life of the soldier on dress parade with bright uniform—long columns of marching men with martial music—and has revealed the truth that this monstrous beast with snapping eyes that sparkle like diamonds, and with graceful maneuvers, like the folds of a mighty serpent, is indeed the venomous beast with sharpened fangs and poisonous sting; it is the boa constrictor that having once entwined itself about the nations of men is tightening its coils and driving home the sting of certain death.

At this Christmas time God is calling men to Himself. Men have been content with temporal blessings. They have given their

mind to the worldly things—the great and astounding discoveries and inventions in the sciences, at the unprecedented commercial development and the multiplied means of pleasure together with the deceived notion that if they conceded the truths of Christianity, and at times attended to the forms of the church ceremonies, such as baptism and the Eucharist, that they were therefore necessarily Christian.

Commercialism, science, invention and pleasure together with the forms of religion are not enough to save the world. If you constantly increase man's power and at the same time do not increase his goodness he will pull the whole temple of civilization down to ruin. If these things are our only salvation then there is nothing for humanity to look forward to but a bloody tomb.

But it is Christmas and we have the Christ and to Him we must turn. He has power to vitalize the truth which we concede. You say that if we have Christ and He has power then why does He not end the great war? Our answer is that it is not Christ's mission. Christ did not come to earth to save men from hell. He came to save men from sin and to make them new creatures, having the mind of the Christ. He did not come to save sinners from reaping the sure penalty of their own offences. He came to win men from the offence. He came to call men, and to empower, but never to compel men to live holy lives. He warns of the awful results of sin and selfishness, and says "Come unto Me and learn of Me and I will make you become the sons of God". When men refuse to come to Him they hasten on the broad way that leads to destruction and Christ will not save them against their will.

"(It has been said that this war proves that Christianity is a failure. The man who says that should indicate at what point Christianity has failed. He ought to specify the particular teaching which has gone to pieces under the strain of this great world tragedy.

The ten commandments have not failed. They will never be pulverized by the shells of the greatest of the siege guns. The Golden Rule is golden still, and the breath of war will never tarnish it. The great commandment of love to God and man is as indestructible as the arch of heaven. The character of Jesus still survives. It will be beautiful after the heavens have been rolled together as a scroll. Not one feature of the religion of Jesus Christ has failed.

If some one says that the claims of the church have all been shattered, the reply is that the church makes no claims except on conditions that must be met. It promises no victories except to hearts that surrender. It predicts no paradise until men have in them the mind of Jesus. Christianity is an invitation. If the invitation is not accepted, it can do no mighty works. Christianity is a revelation of the heart of God. If men refuse to become like Him, the world remains in darkness. There is no failure then in the Christian religion. The failure lies with the men who refuse to receive it. If Europe had been Christian this war would never have been. The agony of Europe gives new point to the question: "How shall we

escape if we neglect so great salvation?" It illustrates the meaning of Christ's figure of the man who was foolish enough to build upon the sand. It pours a blazing light around the Apostle's great declaration: "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

For any paper or magazine published Sam Davies has the agency, and will be glad to take your order for same. He has some money-saving combinations and clubbing offers. See him about the year's reading.—adv.

Good sized new barn for sale cheap. Enquire at this office.—adv.

FOR SALE

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Pony, Buggy and Harness

A nice Christmas present for some boy. Will make a price that will sell the outfit.

LeRoy Owen

Wayna, Nebraska

You are Careful to Avoid that Place or Person Known to Contain or Have a Contagious Disease.

You would not shake hands with your best friend if you knew he had the smallpox. Exercising this same intelligence and wise precaution, can you consistently continue to imbibe water from a well that is located anywhere near an out door closet and feel that you are "playing safe", so far as your health is concerned? Of course you can't. The very vein which supplies that well may for all you know, flow directly beneath that out door closet. But if this is not real in your case, what about the transmission of disease by flies of filth, and disease germs from the closet to your food in your home?

Again leaving out the question of the comfort and convenience which can be obtained by the use of an indoor closet, can you afford to endanger your health by exposure to cold with the possibility of contracting habits of irregularity, which the use of an out door closet entails?

Along with the big corporations and institutions throughout the country, let "Safety First" be your slogan, and start the new year right by cheating the undertaker out of any prospective business in your family, due to this relic of a barbaric age, by installing a "Hypco" Aseptic closet in your home.

Samples may be seen; prices and particulars may be obtained on application to C. Clasen special representative for the Hygienic Promotion Co., of Detroit, Michigan.

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Is just as necessary as a summer vacation and what can appeal to you more than a few weeks where summery breezes and out-of-doors life will put vim and renewed ambition into your life.

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WINSIDE RESIDENCE AT AUCTION

Saturday Jan. 2nd

Home of Hannah Martini, situated on corner lot, one block from Main street. Seven-room house with cellar and stone foundation; good cistern; cement walks in front; lot 50x150; fruit trees; chicken house and coal house.

Terms on house will be made known on day of sale

W. H. NEELY, Auctioneer

WAYNE MARKET REPORT

Following are the market prices quoted us up to the time of going to press, Thursday:

Table with market prices for Oats, Corn, Barley, Spring wheat, Wheat, Eggs, Butter, Hogs, Fat Cattle.

More Revelations on Water Power

The people of Nebraska may now see what the granting of water power franchise means. It does not make any difference whether those franchises are granted to an individual, company, corporation or water-power district, the object being to charge excessive rates in any case, to the consuming public.

The second obstacle is in any commission fixing the value and the expense of operating any plant. This has been clearly demonstrated by our commission fixing telephone tolls and railway rates.

Mr. Kennedy was one of the three oldest living Nebraska railroad men, having been the conductor on the second passenger train that ran out of Omaha on the Omaha line.

Light Commission Hardy declared today that the power current furnished from the municipal plant costs 1 1/2 cents per kilowatt to produce.

This Loup project referred to is owned by certain Grand Island interests and eastern capital, among them the late speaker of the Nebraska legislature.

The Value of Alfalfa

Right here in the home of alfalfa we are wasting opportunities which are embraced eagerly by dairymen of other states at an advanced cost, because they find it profitable.

the dairy cow. Hugh S. Baker who runs a 30-cow dairy at Decatur, Illinois, feeds alfalfa most of the time getting his supply mostly from Kansas at a cost of from \$17 to \$18 per ton, when the best of clover and timothy hay was selling at half that price.

Howard Kennedy Dies of Pneumonia

Howard Kennedy, one of Nebraska's pioneer railroad men, says the World Herald, died at the Swedish Mission hospital December 15, at 3 o'clock after an illness of but one day's duration, pneumonia being the cause of his death.

It was thought that his sickness was not of a serious nature, as he had been well and had made his run as usual that day, and he retired for the night expecting to go back to work Tuesday morning.

From Omaha he went to Blair, which was the division point of the old Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, with which road he secured his first railroad position, that of fireman on the daily passenger running between Blair and Missouri Valley.

In 1879 he came to Omaha and it was at this time that the first trains were to start running between Omaha and Desoto on the Omaha line.

Mr. Kennedy, who was 65 years old, is survived by his mother, who has lived to the remarkable age of 101 years, and at this time resides in Hodginsville, Ky., and also by a brother, Charles, who lives in Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. C. A. Barber, of Custer, Mont.

Rev. Richardson, who was called to Missouri, last week by the sickness of his mother is expected home this evening, his mother's condition having improved, and services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday as usual.

Among the Churches of Wayne

German Lutheran Church

There will only be the regular services at this church next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 o'clock in the morning and preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock.

St. Mary's Church

During the past few weeks the commercial world has been busy with feverish activity preparing for the advent of Christmas. Thousands have been spent in the spirit of good fellowship and kindly feelings that animate the human heart during this joyful time.

The principle service will be a high mass at 6:30 a. m., followed by low masses at 8:30 and 10:30 with benediction in the evening at 7:30, and all who so desire are heartily welcome to any or all of these services.

Methodist Church

Dr. C. M. Shepherd of Lincoln, spoke in behalf of the retired ministers of Nebraska, at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

The choir did themselves credit in the rendition of the cantata, "The Star of Hope" on last Sunday evening. This was the kind of a musical program that not only pleases the music loving people but also carries the Gospel story with conviction to the hearts of the audience.

The Sunday school committees having the matter in charge are making preparations for a most delightful occasion on Christmas Eve. Santa Claus is expected to be in evidence. The Christmas tree from Santa's own forests, one of the very finest, will serve Santa as a convenient pack for his many Christmas joys.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Regular divine worship every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at a quarter of eight.

The subject of the morning sermon will be "God, Our Guide" Psalm 121:1-8. We are living in a sinful world. In a number of subtle ways we are kin with the world, subject to its influences, caught by its whirl of excitement, absorbed by its pressing claims, and easily we become of the world, as well as of the world.

PUBLIC SALE
In order to close up an estate the undersigned will sell at public auction on the Rieke Lauman farm 3 miles east and one-fourth mile south of the Wayne M. E. church on
Wednesday, January 6th
Commencing at 12 o'clock sharp. FREE LUNCH AT NOON.
Seven Head of Horses
One team of matched grays 7 years old, mare and gelding, wt. 2700; bay gelding 5 years old, wt. 1400; pair matched black mares coming 4 years old, wt. 2800; black horse 5 years old, wt. 1000, a good single driver and saddle horse; black gelding 10 years old, wt. 1275.
Fifteen Head of Cattle
6 good milch cows fresh in April; 4 coming three years old heifers, all with calf; 3 yearling heifers; 2 yearling steers.
TWELVE DOZEN BROWN LEGHORN CHICKENS
MACHINERY
Good 8-ft. McCormick binder, new Gretchen corn planter with 80 rods of wire, 2 Badger cultivators, 14-in. John Deere gang plow, nearly new disc with tongue trucks, two 3-section harrows, good carriage, single buggy, three wagons, hay rack, hay rake, fan mill, hand corn sheller, cider press, grindstone, 3 sets work harness, set buggy harness, saddle, 2 sets fly nets, DeLaval cream separator good as new, some household goods and other articles too numerous to mention.
TERMS—Ten month's time on all sums over \$10.00 at 10 per cent interest. All sums under \$10.00, cash. All property to be settled for before removed.
NOAKES & LAUMAN
ADMINISTRATORS
E. & D. H. CUNNINGHAM, Auctioneers. H. S. RINGLAND, Clerk.

3:14. Luther League every Sunday evening at a quarter of seven. Come and enjoy the hour with the young people. The Ladies Aid Society met last Thursday with Mrs. Ole Hurstad; a most enjoyable meeting was held. The president gave the report of the bazaar and it proved to be the best one the ladies have ever had.

The next meeting will be held the first Thursday in the new year. The calendars of the church have been received and are on sale. See the pastor or the president of the ladies aid, Mrs. Lundberg. The annual congregational meeting will be held the first Sunday in the New Year. The Christmas program will be given Christmas Eve.

The catechetical class will meet in the pastor's study, Saturday afternoon at half past two. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to worship with us. Clyde Oman, who cried the sale of P. W. Oman this week says that everything sold well, proving that the people appreciate and are willing to pay for real values.



"A Merry Christmas To All"
The spirit of Christmas is shown in the happy faces of the people we meet on the street, in the jolly, good-natured bustle of the shoppers and in the mysterious hiding of bundles. Kindness and forgiveness and laughter will be on the telephone wires all during the joyous holiday season. Old time friends will be reminded that they are not forgotten. Where in the old days one Christmas visit was made in person ten will now be made by telephone. If you have a surplus of happiness during the holiday season, why not telephone a part of it to someone who has less? All through the holidays the telephone will be flashing millions of greetings and good wishes far and near over its network of wires. The telephone will carry the slightest inflection of the human voice out to the far-away friend and relative. The telephone, you know, is the great and almost limitless roadway over which Christmas spirit may travel. Why Not Telephone and Spread Good Cheer? NEBRASKA TELEPHONE COMPANY

WISHING ONE AND ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, I take this opportunity to thank my many patrons for past favors and pledge you my best services in the future.

R. N. Donahey
Optician

N. B. I will be absent from the city during the next week, spending the holiday season with home folks.
R. N. D.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Big Xmas matinee at Crystal Friday.—adv.

Tracy Kohl is home from Lincoln for the holiday vacation.

Phil H. Kohl went to Omaha on business Tuesday morning.

Ellis Kendrick was here looking after business matters Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Tobias were visitors at Sioux City Wednesday.

Don Mayfield is spending holiday vacation with home folks at Stanton.

Sam'l Barley went to Sioux City Wednesday to spend Christmas with friends.

Herbert Welch is home for the Christmas vacation from Williams, Massachusetts, where he is studying law.

Magnus Poulsen and wife went to Hudson, Minnesota, Wednesday to spend Christmas with her home folks.

H. Honey and wife and Miss Emma Clark of Sioux City were guests of R. N. Donahey and wife Tuesday night.

Read the Calumet adv. on another page. It will tell you where you can get the best Christmas dinner.—adv.

Mrs. C. O. Larson of Wausa returned home Tuesday evening following a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Berg.

C. E. Sprague went to Sheldon, Iowa, Wednesday to visit his sister and brother and also look after some business matters.

I. N. Boniwitz left Wednesday morning for Marshalltown, Iowa, to visit his sister and old-time friends during the holiday season.

Harold Blair, who is with the Sioux City Gas and Electric Co., is expected here this evening to spend Christmas at the home of his parents, E. S. Blair and wife.

We wish you, one and all

A MERRY XMAS
And
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

WAYNE'S LEADING CLOTHIERS

Blair & Mulloy

Phone 15

Frank Sederstrum was a Norfolk visitor Tuesday.

Lucy Hayes players at Crystal Thursday and Friday.—adv.

Don't forget to see those Idaho apples at Vail's apple and vegetable store. Phone Red 360.—adv.

Mrs. Miller and daughter came from Randolph Wednesday to visit at the home of W. S. Brown and wife a few days.

Miss Helen Blair arrived home Saturday evening from Hastings where she is teaching, to spend her vacation at home.

A. H. Philson of Bloomfield was here Saturday, attending court and visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, W. J. McInerney.

Dr. T. R. Heckert, wife and daughter left Wednesday to spend Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Norris at Hastings.

Mrs. Hurley, who is visiting here from Montana, went to Wakefield Tuesday afternoon to visit her brother, Ben Skiles, between trains.

Miss McCaw, who has been caring for a sick child at the Harry Lessman home returned Wednesday to Omaha, the little one being better.

Mrs. Wiley left Wednesday to visit home folks at Naponee during the holiday season. Professor Wiley accompanied her part way, returning the next day.

James Steele left Wednesday to visit friends at Smithville, Missouri. Mr. Steele has frequently made the pilgrimage to the "ville" near Kansas City.

Mrs. E. G. Carhart went to Mapleton Wednesday to visit home friends Christmas, and Mr. E. G. goes today to join her there for Christmas dinner.

Elmer Peterson from Belden stopped here the first of the week to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Henry Jans, while returning from a visit at Humphrey.

Harry T. Barley of Fairfield, Iowa, who has been here for a month or so visiting his brother, Sam'l Barley, left this week to get home for Christmas dinner.

Miss Emma Framer leaves today to visit home folks at State Center, Iowa, for a month, during the quiet season at the Jeffries millinery store where she is employed.

While on her way down town Saturday evening, Mrs. Warnock had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk near the White livery barn, breaking the bones of her left arm near the wrist.

Willis Fleetwood, who is studying music at Indianola, Iowa, comes home this evening for the holidays. He comes from Shenandoah, where the glee club of which he is a member sang last evening.

Miss Edith Brooks, who has been making her home here with her sister, Mrs. Blessing and attending college, went to Huron, Kansas, Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with home folks.

Doctor and Mrs. T. T. Jones will entertain at their home at Christmas dinner tomorrow, Mrs. Jones' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nangle from Sioux City and Mr. and Mrs. Eph Beckenhauer from near town.

The family of Otto Sydow, except himself, are said to be quite seriously ill at their home near Altona. When the physician was called the first of the week he pronounced it scarlet fever and the place is now quarantined.

The "Christmas Prayer", quoted on another page was taken from the Yoeman Shield and says so much in so few words that we gladly offer it to our readers as the embodiment all that can be said in the way of Christmas, Christain sentiment.

Prof. E. E. Lackey and wife left Tuesday to spend Christmas at the home of his parents at White City, Kansas. From there he will go to Chicago later to attend a meeting of school men who are interested along the same line of work as Mr. Lackey has here.

The Crockett home, which has been under quarantine for several weeks on account of mild cases of scarlet fever, is released, and those who were quarantined out are gathering home and those who have been in may get out. It will be a nice Christmas celebration.

According to the Omaha Bee, Senator Phil H. Kohl of this place is being considered as the logical man for the senators to name as president of the senate. We do not understand that the Senator is a candidate for the place, but that it is a case of the office seeking the man. If he could accept the place and not be called upon to preside too often it might not interfere with his good work in other ways, for it sometimes happens that the chairman of an assembly is the most helpless member of the body.

Elmer Noakes and family are visitor Tuesday.

Lucy Hayes players for Christmas matinee at Crystal.—adv.

Mrs. Littell visited the Chapin home at Winside Wednesday evening.

Auctioneer Neely reports a good sale of the L. C. Donner stock last week.

Miss Myrtle Kopp spent Christmas day at the Hornby home at Winside.

Miss Grace has gone to Adair, Iowa, to visit home folks during the holidays.

There was a club dance at the city hall Tuesday evening at which all enjoyed a pleasant time.

Cabbage, onions and potatoes at wholesale prices at Vail's apple and vegetable store. Phone Red 360.—adv.

Mrs. Baker and daughter Hellene went to Harlan, Iowa, this morning to spend the holidays with relatives and old friends.

On New Year night the Wayne Firemen will give their annual ball which is easily the leading dance of the entire year.

Ed. Swanberg and wife from near Hartington, came today to eat Christmas dinner at the home of Frank Weber and wife, the lady's parents.

E. W. Splittgerber arrived this morning from Van Tassie, Wyoming. He says all is well there. That the cattle on a thousand hills are still on the range, and doing fine. He is much pleased with his new home.

Mr. Christensen of Meadow Grove, who is attending the Normal here had the first three fingers of his right hand nearly severed while at work in the manual training department of the school last Friday. With prompt medical attention the wounds are reported to be healing nicely.

There is a partial reunion of the Coleman family this week at the home of Patrick Coleman, who is between 82 and 100 years of age. His son Joseph and wife from Everett, Washington, and Prof. Edward Coleman and wife from Letcher, South Dakota, are here to eat Christmas dinner with their aged father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Carhart came today from Mapleton, Iowa, to spend Christmas with their sons, Ben and Charles. They purchased the Ray Reynolds property here and are planning to move to Wayne shortly, which will make four of the Carhart families with homes here, practically completing the family circle.

Mrs. Edna Churchill went to Sioux City Tuesday to meet her husband, Prof. F. G. Churchill, who came from Winnipeg, Canada, to join her in a holiday visit with home folks. Arthur Neely and family will come from Sioux City and make a complete family reunion at the F. L. Neely home in this city tomorrow.

Wayne camp W. O. W. elected the following officers for the next year, at their meeting Friday evening: C. Clasen, Sovereign Commander; Bert Wright, Advisory Lieutenant; L. A. Kiplinger, Clerk; Sam Davies, Banker; Walter Lerner, Escort; John Bingfold, Watchman; Charles McMackin, Sentry; J. M. Wiley, Manager; Art Norton, Manager.

Tony Bastian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bastian of this place left the first of the week for Chance, South Dakota, where he has two brothers now engaged in farming. He also has a claim there and is planning to join his brother in growing sheep. Evidently the "free trade" in wool has no terrors for him. He thinks that the people will wear woolen clothes if they can get them whether there is a tariff on wool or not.

Grant Zimmerman and wife, who formerly lived at Wayne—in fact almost grew up here, came Monday from Arco, Idaho, to visit at the home of her parents, W. A. Hunter and wife, and with their many old friends and neighbors. He reports that the several Wayne people who are at Arco are well and doing well—that they have made a success in their new home, and that dry farming properly done is a success.

There was a joint Christmas celebration Wednesday afternoon at the Stamm school house when the pupils of the day school and those of the Sunday school joined in Christmas festivities. The pupils of the school under direction of the teacher, Miss Essie Spahr, gave a fine program of songs, recitations and readings appropriate for the occasion. There was a nice Christmas tree and the Sunday school provided a treat of fruit, candy and nuts for all. This was a fitting closing of the school for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Wadsworth and family went to Page today to spend Christmas. Vail still has some of the choice Idaho apples. Phone Red 360.—adv.

Miss Killen is spending vacation at Adams, and Miss Stocking at North Bend.

Mrs. J. H. Rimel returned last week from a visit with her parents at Malvern, Iowa.

Miss Margarite Baker is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ross at Winnebago over Christmas.

Roy Hurst and family have gone to Malvern, Iowa, to eat Christmas dinner and visit friends.

Miss Evans left this morning to eat Christmas dinner with home folks at Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Mrs. Nelson of Sioux City came Wednesday for a visit at the home of her friends, J. A. Farnsworth and wife.

W. D. Redmond went to Crab Orchard this morning to get his feet under his mother's table for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kopp, of Thomas, Oklahoma, arrived Tuesday evening to spend the holidays with the former's brother, S. G. Kopp and wife.

Saturday, December 19, 1914, County Judge James Britton united for weal or woe, the lives of Gust Oleson and Miss Laura Larson, at his office in the court house.

James W. Burnsell and Miss Maude Bell, both of Bloomfield, were united in marriage at the office of County Judge Britton, Wednesday, December 23, 1914.

Frank Landanger came from Red Oak, Iowa, Wednesday evening to visit at the home of his brother-in-law, Herb Robson, and his brother Julius Landanger near this place.

Julius Peterson of Laurel was a Wayne visitor Wednesday, coming down with his little son, who is under a doctor's care here. The Peterson family moved from Wayne about four years ago.

The Ballard-Pumleish-Sherbahn Orchestra have severed their connections with the Crystal Theatre and will devote their entire time to dance and concert work. The Crystal Orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Carmen Ewing of Bloomfield.

There is to be quite a reunion of the Griffith family at the home of E. L. Griffith and wife this Christmas time. Miss Mabel of Des Moines comes home, D. Griffith and wife from Irene, South Dakota, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tompkins from Bassett are to all be home.

Mr. Dean of the Central meat market wishes us to stop the press to tell his many patrons that he extends to one and all the best of wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous new year, and that the Central will always be found on doing its part in contributing to that end with the best that is to be had in meats of all kinds.—adv.

Mr. John Goldie of Sioux City, who has been here for several days visiting at the home of C. A. Chace and wife, his sister, returned home Wednesday morning. Mr. Goldie has long been a resident of Sioux City, and until recently in the printing business there, having just sold his plant and business. He spent several months during the fall and summer in California, part of the time with his brother, W. S. Goldie, formerly of the Democrat. He reports that "By Dad" and family are doing nicely in their new home. All well and happy.

Wm. Culvertson, who came here from Peru three weeks ago to work at the new college building went to his former home Wednesday to visit friends a few days and return with Mrs. Culvertson after Christmas. They will keep house in the Hitchcock home for the present, while Mrs. Hitchcock is at Hartington visiting relatives. He likes Wayne well, and predicts a bright future for the school and the town. He bases his prediction on his observation of what the school at Peru has grown to be, and the fact that Wayne is surrounded by such excellent farming country.

Among the Christmas souvenirs given out by Wayne institutions is a neat savings bank which the State Bank is giving to the children. The little box has capacity for \$3.00 in dimes, and when full may be opened at the bank. It is designed to encourage the habit of saving among children. The Phillo & Harrington Lumber Co., are giving their patrons a useful present—a pair of Shark pliers—something that is frequently needed anywhere, almost in these days of machinery and wire fences. The Berry Abstract Co., are sending out a very pretty bill book, and the First National Bank is supplying a handsome calendar to the people.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

The Masked Ball.

About this time—that is to say, about the time the Black Hundred was stretching out its powerful secret arms toward Norton—there arrived in New York city a personage. This personage was the Princess Parlova, a fabulously rich Polish Russian. She leased a fine house near Central park and set about to conquer social New York. This was not very difficult, for her title was perfectly genuine and she moved in the most exclusive diplomatic circles in Europe, which, as everybody knows, is the most brilliant in the world. When the new home was completely decorated, she gave an elaborate dinner, and that attracted the newspapers. They began to talk about her highness, printed portraits of her, and devoted a page occasionally in the Sunday editions. She became something of a rage. One morning it was announced that the Princess Parlova would give a masked ball to formally open her home to society; and it was this notice that first brought the Princess Parlova under Braine's eyes. He was at the Perigoff apartment at the time.

"Well, well!" he mused aloud. "What is it?" asked Olga, turning away from the piano and ending one of Chopin's mazurkas brokenly.

"Here is the Princess Parlova in town."

"And who is she?"
"She is the real thing, Olga; a real princess with vast estates in Poland with which the greedy Slav next door has been very gentle."

"I haven't paid much attention to the social news lately. What about her?"

"She is giving a masked ball to formally open her house on the West side. And it's going to cost a pretty penny."

"Well, you're not telling me this to make me want to know the princess," said Olga, petulantly.

"No. But I'm going to give you a letter of introduction to her highness."

"Oh!"

"And you are going to ask her to invite two particular friends of yours to this wonderful ball of hers."

"Indeed," ironically. "That sounds all very easy."

"Easier than you think, my child."

"I will not have you call me child!"

"Well, then, Olga."

"That's better. Now, how will it be easier than I think?"

"Simply this, the Princess Parlova is an oath-bound member, but has not been active for years."

"Oh!" Olga was all animation now. "Go on!"

"You will go to her with a letter of introduction—no! Better than that, you will make a formal call and show her this ring. You know the ring," he said, passing the talisman to the countess. "Show this to her and she will obey you in everything. She will have no alternative."

"Very good," replied Olga. "And then the program is to insist that she invite Florence and that fool of a reporter to this ball. Then what?"

"You can leave that to me."

"Haven't all those failures been a warning?"

"No, my dear. I was born optimistic; but there's a jinx somewhere in one of my pockets. I'm sure that I've had everything just where I wanted it, and then—poof! It's pure bald luck on their side, but sooner or later the wheels will turn. And any chance that offers I am bound to accept. Somehow or other we may be able to trap Florence and Norton. I want both of them. If I can get them snugly away, Jones will be forced to draw in Hargreave."

"Is there such a man?"

"You saw him that night at the restaurant."

"I have often thought that perhaps I just dreamed it." She turned again to the piano and began humming idly. "Stop that and listen to me," said Braine, not in quite the best of tempers. "I'm in no mood for whims."

"Music does not sooth your soul, then?" cynically.

"If I had one it might. You will call on the Princess Parlova tomorrow afternoon. It depends upon you what my plans will be. I think you'll have little trouble in getting into the presence of her highness, and once there she will not be able to resist you."

"I'll go."

"And go she did. The footman in green livery hesitated for a moment, but the title on the visiting card was quite sufficient. He bowed the countess into the reception room and went in search of his distinguished mistress.

The Princess Parlova was a handsome woman verging upon middle age. She was a patrician; Olga's keen eye discerned that instantly. She came into the reception room with that dignified serenity which would have impressed any one as genuine. She held the card in her fingers and smiled inquiringly toward her guest.

"I confess," she began, "that I recall neither your face nor your name. I am sorry. Where have I had the honor of meeting you before?"

"You have never met me before, your highness," answered Olga sweetly.

"You came on a charity errand, then?"

"That depends, your highness. Will you be so good as to glance at this?" Olga asked, holding out her palm upon which the talisman lay.

The princess shrank back, paling.

"Where did you get that?" she panted.

"From the head," was the answer.

"And you have followed me from Russia?" whispered the princess, her terror growing.

"Oh, no. The Black Hundred is as strongly organized here as in St. Petersburg. But we always keep track of old members, especially when they stand so high in the world as yourself."

"But I was deceived and betrayed!" exclaimed the princess. "They urged me to join on the ground that the organization was to attempt to bring about the freedom of Poland."

Olga shrugged. "You were rich, highness. The Black Hundred needed money."

"And you need it now?" eagerly, believing that she saw a loophole.

"How much? Oh, I will give a hundred thousand rubles on your promise to leave me alone. Tell me!"

"I am sorry, your highness, but I have no authority to accept such an offer. Indeed, my errand is far from being expensive. All the Black Hundred desires is four invitations to this ball which you are soon to give. That should not cause you any alarm. We shall not interfere with your sojourn in America in any way whatsoever, provided these invitations are issued."

"You would rob my guests?" horrified.

"Positively no! Here is a list of four names. Invite them; that is all you have to do. Not so much as a silver spoon will be found missing. This is on my word of honor, and I never break that word, if you please."

"Give me the list," said the princess, wearily. "Who gave you that ring?"

"The head."

"In Russia?"

"No; here in America." Olga dipped into her handbag and produced a slip of paper. This she handed to the princess. "Here is the list, highness."

"Who is Florence Hargreave?"

"A friend of mine," evasively.

"Does she belong to the organization?"

"No."

"Then you have some ulterior purpose in having me invite her?"

"I have," answered Olga sharply; "but that does not concern your highness in the least."

The princess bit her lips. "I see your name here also; a man named Braine, and another, Norton."

"Say at once that you do not care to execute the wishes—the commands—of the order," said Olga coldly.

"I will do as you wish. And I beg you now to excuse me. But if anything happens to any of my personal friends—"

"Well?" haughtily from Olga.

"Well, I will put the matter in the hands of the police."

"But so long as your personal friends are not concerned?"

"I shall then of necessity remain deaf and blind. It is one of the penalties I must pay for my folly. I wish you goodnight."

"And also good riddance," murmured Olga under her breath as she rose and started for the hallway.

Thus it was that when Norton went to the office the next afternoon he found a broad white envelope on his desk. Indifferently he opened the same and his eyes bulged. "Princess

Parlova requests" and so forth and so on. Then he shrugged. The chief had probably asked for the invitation and he would have to write up the doings; a phase of reportorial work eminently distasteful to him. He went up to the city desk.

"Can't you find some one else to do this stuff?" he growled to the city editor.

"The city editor glanced at the card and crested envelope. "Good Lord, man! Nobody in this office had anything to do with that. What luck! Our Miss Hayes tried all manner of schemes, but was rebuffed on all sides. How the deuce did you chance to get one?"

"Search me," said the bewildered Norton.

"If I were you I'd sit tight and take it all in," advised the editor. "It's going to be the biggest splurge of its kind we've had in years. We've been working every wire we know to get Miss Hayes inside, but it was no go. This in this country you get into the society or you don't through the Sundays."

"Hanged if I know who wished this thing on me."

"Take it philosophically," said the editor sarcastically. "The princess won't bite you. She may even have seen your picture—"

"Get out!" grumbled Norton, turning away.

He would go out and see Florence. On the way out to Riverdale he came to the conclusion that the list of the princess fell short and some friend of his who was helping the woman out suggested his name. It was the only way he could account for it.

But when he learned that Florence had an invitation exactly like his own and that she received it that morning he became suspicious.

"Jones, what do you think of it?" he questioned.

"I think it was very kind of the Countess Perigoff suggesting your name and that of Florence," said the butler urbanely.

"Oh!" cried Florence, disappointedly.

"It is the only logical deduction I can make," declared Jones. "They are both practically Russians."

"And what would you advise?" asked Norton.

"Why, go and enjoy yourselves. Forewarned is forearmed. The thing is, be very careful not to acquaint any one with the character of your disguise, least of all the Countess Perigoff. Besides," Jones added smiling, "perhaps I may go myself."

"Goody! I've read about masked balls and have always been crazy to go to one," said Florence with eagerness.

"Suppose we go at once and pick out some costumes?" suggested Norton.

"Just as soon as I can get my hat on," replied Florence, happy as a lark.

"But mind," warned Jones; "be sure that you see the customer alone and that no one else is about."

"I'll take particular care," agreed Norton. "We've got to do some hustling to find something suitable. For



There Was a Secret Exit.

a big affair like this the town will be ransacked. All aboard! There's room for two in that car of mine; and we can have a spin besides. Hang work!"

Florence laughed, and even Jones permitted a smile (which was not grim this time) to stir his lips.

A happy person is generally unobservant. Two happy persons together are totally unobservant of what passes around them. In plainer terms this lack is called love. And being frankly in love with each other, neither Norton nor Florence observed that a taxicab followed them into town. Jones, not being in love, was keenly observant; but the taxicab took up the trail two blocks away, so the matter wholly escaped Jones' eyes.

The two went into several costume shops, but eventually discovered a shop on a side street that had been overlooked by those invited to the masquerade. They had a merry time rummaging among the campy smelling boxes. There were dominos of all colors, and at length they agreed upon two modest ones that were evenly matched in color and design. Florence ordered them to be sent home. Then the two of them sallied up to the Ritz-Carlton and had tea.

The man from the taxicab entered the customer's, displayed a detective's shield and demanded that the pro-

prietor show him the costumes selected by the two young people who had just left. The man obeyed wonderingly.

"I want a pair exactly like these," said the detective. "How much?"

"Two dollars each, rental; seven apiece if you wish to buy them."

"I'll buy them."

The detective paid the bill, nodded curtly, and returned to his taxicab. "Now, I wonder," mused the customer, "what the dickens those innocent looking young people are up to?" He never found out.

On the night of the ball Norton dined with Florence for the first time; and for once in his life he experienced that petty disturbance of collective thought called embarrassment. To talk over war plans with Jones was one thing, but to have Jones serve soup was altogether another. All through dinner Jones replied to questions with no more and no less than "Yes, sir," and "No, sir." Norton was beginning to learn that this strange man could put on a dozen kinds of armor and always retain his individuality. And tonight there seemed something vaguely familiar about the impassive face of the butler, as if he had seen it somewhere in the past, but could not tell when or where. As he and Florence were leaving for the automobile which was to take them to the princess, the truth came home to him with the shock of a douche of ice cold water. Under his breath he murmured: "You're a wonderful man, Jones; and I take my hat off to you with the deepest admiration. Hang me!"

"What are you mumbling about?" asked the happy girl at his side.

"Was I mumbling? Perhaps I was going over my catechism. I haven't been out in society in so long that I've forgotten how to act."

"I believe that. We've been in here for five minutes and you haven't told me that you love me."

"Good heavens!" And his arms went around her so tightly that she begged for quarter.

"How strong you are!"

The splendor of the rooms; the dazzling array of jewels, the kaleidoscopic colors, the perfume of the banked flowers and the music all combined to put Florence into a pleasurable kind of trance. And it was only when the first waltz began that she became herself and surrendered to the arms of the man she loved.

And they were waltzing over a volcano. She knew and he knew it. From what direction would the blow come? Well, they were prepared for all manner of tricks.

In an alcove off the ballroom sat Braine and Olga, both dressed exactly like Newton and Florence. Another man and woman entered presently and Braine spoke to them for a moment, as if giving instructions, which was indeed the case.

The band crashed into another dance, and the masqueraders began swirling hither and thither and yon. A gay cavalier suddenly stopped in front of Florence.

"Enchantress, may I have the pleasure of this dance?"

Jim turned Florence's hand. But she turned laughingly toward the stranger. What difference did it make? The man would never know who she was nor would she know him. It was a lark, that was all; and despite Jim's warning touch she

was up and away like the mischievous sprite that she was. Jim remained in his chair, twisting his fingers and wondering whether to laugh or grow angry. After all, he could not blame her. To him an affair like this was an ancient story; to her it was the door of fairyland swung open. Let her enjoy herself.

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Invite Them In; That Is All You Have to Do.

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Meantime Jim got up and began to wander about in search of Florence.

Braine played a clever game that night. He and the Russian, still dominated like Norton and Florence, ordered the Hargreave auto, by number, entered it and were driven up to the porte cochere of the Hargreave house. The two, alerted, the chauffeur sent the car toward the garage, and Braine and his companion ran lightly down the path to the street where the cab which had followed picked them up.

It grew more and more evident to Jim that something untoward had taken place. He could not find Florence anywhere, in the alcoves, in the

side rooms, the supper or card room. Later, to his utter amazement, he was informed that the Hargreave auto had some time since been called and its owner taken home. Some one had taken his place!

His first sensation was impotent fury against Jones, who had permitted them to play with fire. He flung out of the mansion unceremoniously, commandeered a cab, and flew out to Riverdale. And when Jones came to the door he was staggering with sleep.

"What's the matter with you?" demanded Jim roughly. "Where's Florence?"

"Isn't she with you?" cried Jones, making an effort to dispel the drowsiness. "What time is it?" suddenly.

"Midnight! Where is she?"

"Midnight? I've been drugged!" Without a word Jones staggered off to the kitchens, Jim at his heels.

There was always hot water, and within five minutes Jones had drunk two cups of raw strong coffee.

"Drugged?" he murmured. "Some one in the house! I'll attend to that later. Now, the chauffeur!"

But the chauffeur swore on his oath that he had left Jim and Florence on the steps of the porte cochere.

"Get in!" said Jones to Norton, now fully alive. He could not get it out of his head that some one in the house had drugged him.

The events which followed were to both Jones and Norton something like a series of nightmares. In the new home of the Princess Parlova a bomb exploded and fire followed the explosion. From pleasure to terror is only a step. The wildest confusion imaginable ensued. Most of the guests were of the opinion that some anarchist had attempted to blow up the house of the rich Pole. Jones and Norton arrived just as the smoke began to pour out from the windows. A crowd had already collected.

Then Jim overheard a woman masquerader say: "The fool made the bomb too strong. She is in the room on the second floor. The game is up if she suffocates—"

The voice trailed off and the woman became lost in the crowd. But it was enough for the reporter, who pushed his way roughly through the excited masqueraders and entered the house. The rescue was one of the most exciting to be found in the newspaper files of the day.

So Braine in his effort to scare everybody from the house had overreached himself once more.

(Continued next week)

Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account in the County Court of Wayne County, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, Wayne County—ss.

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On reading the petition of Rollie W. Ley, administrator, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 19th day of December 1914, and for distribution of the residue of said estate in his hands. It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court, to be held in and for said county, on the 12th day of January A. D., 1915, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Nebraska Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

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WAR HAS CLOSED MONEY MARKETS OF EUROPE TO THEM INDEFINITELY

In view of the fact that one of the railroads of Nebraska has already filed an application for an increase of rates with the State Railway Commission, it is the desire of all the railroads to utilize this opportunity for an intimate and frank discussion of the whole railroad question with the people of his state. To this end, the careful attention of the readers is invited to a series of articles which will appear in this newspaper during the next few weeks and which will contain the most far reaching discussion of this great problem that has ever appeared in the public press. All that is asked in the meantime is that the people of Nebraska accord to the railroads the courtesy of listening to their side of the story and then form such conclusions as, in their judgment, the facts may warrant.

That the railroads of the United States are today confronted by the gravest crisis in their history there is not the slightest question. For some years they have been desperately struggling with an ever increasing cost of operation in the face of reduced freight and passenger rates—but serious as this situation was before, the European war, which has indefinitely closed to them the foreign money markets, has suddenly brought them face to face with a situation which threatens not merely many new receiverships but the actual paralysis of the entire transportation industry of the Nation. It was this state of affairs which compelled the closing of the New York Stock Exchange some months ago. What will happen in the future the future alone can tell. American railroads are valued in round figures at twenty billion dollars, and of this vast sum nearly five billion dollars worth of securities are held abroad. Should Europe, in its frantic struggle for funds, seek to convert these securities into cash during the next twelve months, where is the money to come from with which to buy them?—and failing to protect these securities what demoralization will follow not merely in railroad investments but in all other American industrial values as well? The recent statement of David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that the inability of the Englishmen to convert their American investments into cash is crippling Great Britain in its present emergency is ominously significant. Possibly the New York Stock Exchange may be able to resume operations without disaster for the time being but that the finances not merely of the United States but of the world will be subject to a strain without precedent in history during the next year or two is so apparent that it requires no extended comment. In a future article this phase of the question will be dealt with more fully.

President Wilson's Views

That the situation is profoundly serious is manifested by the recent utterance of President Wilson to a group of Eastern railroad executives. In his letter to Mr. Trumbull of the Chesapeake & Ohio he said:

"You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way, whether by private co-operative efforts or by the action wherever feasible of governmental agencies, and I am glad to do so, because the need is very real. They are indispensable to our whole economic life, and railway securities are at the very heart of most investments, large and small public and private, by individuals and by institutions.

"I am confident there will be earnest and active co-operation in this matter, perhaps the one common interest of our whole industrial life.

"Undoubtedly men, both in and out of official position, will appreciate what is involved and lend their aid heartily wherever it is possible for them to lend it. But the emergency is in fact extraordinary and where there is manifest common interest we ought all of us to speak out in its behalf, and I am glad to join you in calling attention to it. This is a time for all to stand together in united effort to comprehend every interest and serve and sustain it in every legitimate way."

Railroads Lost Millions

The net operating income of the railroads of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1914, was \$120,000,000 less than for the previous year. The gross earnings for the year were \$44,000,000 less than for 1913—while expenses and

taxes were \$76,000,000 more. But heavy as this burden was before, the great struggle across the seas, carrying in its wake the destruction of untold hundreds of millions of dollars worth of all kinds of property, renders the situation a thousand-fold more serious. It means, in short, that for a number of years to come Europe will have no surplus money for investment in the United States or elsewhere and that American railroads will have to finance their future needs at home! How herculean this task will be, saying nothing about protecting themselves against the dumping of foreign securities, may be judged from the fact that the bond and note obligations which will mature between now and the end of next year, and which the railroads will have to meet in some way, amount to more than a \$663,000,000—and this doesn't take a dollar's worth of new improvements or betterments into consideration. These are obligations which were incurred in the past and which must be met as they fall due if the transportation companies are to be preserved from wholesale receiverships and ruin.

Manifestly, therefore, American investors, big and little, will have to come to the rescue—and before they will consent to do this American railroad securities will have to be re-established as a sound, respected and paying investment—and this, on the basis of present railroad earnings, is impossible!

For this reason the railroads of Nebraska believe the impending crisis demands that they lay this whole problem before the people of the entire state—that they have a heart-to-heart talk with the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the banker, the laboring man, and all other citizens upon this great question which so vitally affects the future welfare of the commonwealth and the Nation.

Why Railroads Are Helpless

In time of acute financial stress private industries are in position to very largely adjust their affairs to meet the emergency. They can advance the price of their commodities, cut their payroll in half, or shut down altogether, and thus permit the storm to blow over without actual shipwreck. The railroads, as quasi-public enterprises, however, are in an entirely different position. Their rates are regulated by law and cannot be advanced without the consent of the people through their law making bodies. In order to please the convenience of the public and not to break down the commerce of the country they must operate their freight and passenger trains whether they carry a full load or only a quarter of a load—and in view of these facts it is manifestly unfair to put the railroads in the same class with private industries in the present crisis and ask them to shift for themselves as best they can. When the people took over the complete making and regulation of railroad rates they at the same time assumed the solemn implied obligation to see that the railroads get a square deal—for the people are the only power that stands between them and ruin.

We believe every intelligent citizen will agree that agriculture, commerce and industry cannot get along without the railroads. On the other hand, the railroads cannot get along without the patronage and, what is equally essential, the good will of the people. That some of those who have been entrusted with railroad management in the past are somewhat responsible for the apparent gulf between the public and the transportation companies is perhaps true. Busy and harassed by the herculean tasks entrusted to their care, there has been too little contact between them and the people. Again, it is undoubtedly true that the world of railroad finance as well as other lines of industrial activity has had its share of inexcusable abuses—but just as the public does not hold the banking world or the ministry responsible as a whole for the shortcomings of an occasional black sheep, so the hundreds of honest railroad of-

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officials throughout the country should not be condemned because of the misdeeds of the few

Who Owns the Railroads?

In this connection it may be said that the railroad world is encumbered with a lot of phantoms which exist only in the popular fancy. For instance, because there have been some half dozen so-called railroad magnates whose names have figured prominently in Wall Street, many people have come to believe that the railroads of the country are largely owned by a few rich men. As a matter of fact, nothing could be farther from the truth. Out of the colossal sum of twenty billion dollars invested in American railroad securities less than 5 per cent is now or ever has been, in the hands of these men who have figured prominently in the newspaper headlines—while the other 95 per cent is in the hands of nearly two million investors, large and small, who in many instances have put the modest savings of a lifetime into these securities in order that they might lay away a competency for old age.

When, therefore, the value of these securities is depressed, or perchance destroyed, the hardship is ten-fold greater upon thousands of every-day citizens—upon the frugal mechanic in a New England factory, the widow with her life insurance funds, and the countless other citizens in every avocation and walk of life than upon the handful of millionaires, good or bad, who have figured prominently in railroad circles. Thus, for instance, the great Pennsylvania System has over 70,000 stockholders, while the Santa Fe has over 40,000, and the same ratio holds good in nearly all the other lines.

Many Other Investments Affected

But that isn't all. For many years railroads bond were considered the safest and soundest investment in the country, and hence hundreds of millions of the assets of our great life insurance companies, banks, benevolent associations and colleges were invested in them, and the moment, therefore, that the soundness of these securities is affected the financial solidity of these myriad institutions is greatly menaced at the same time.

Carrying it a step further, it means that every holder of an old line life insurance policy and millions of depositors in saving and other banks, and those interested in many fiduciary, benevolent and educational institutions are directly concerned in the present situation, which threatens to largely destroy the high regard in which an investment in railroad bonds was held.

In the impending crisis, therefore, not merely the fate of our transportation system is at stake, but along with it the very financial integrity of our entire investment world—and this only goes to show how vast and overshadowing our railroad industry has become—how they are not merely the giant arteries of agriculture and commerce, but how closely their welfare is woven into the woof and fabric of the entire Nation. Among other things, it should remind us how interdependent we have come to be in this mighty republic of ours—that each is in truth becoming more and more his brother's keeper, and that we need to think and act carefully lest in our mistaken zeal we destroy those who, like ourselves, need whatever of this world's goods the toil and sweat of years has brought to him.

That the time has come when the citizens of Nebraska and the country generally should do some serious thinking in connection with this great and vital question there is not the slightest doubt, and hence we appeal to the people to read the forthcoming articles carefully and thoughtfully—and since all the essential facts and figures quoted will be taken from the public records they will be easily capable of verification. Especially do we hope that farmers whose market facilities and land values are so critically affected by the railroad problem will follow the articles closely—for agriculture and transportation are easily the Nation's two greatest and most fundamental industries. (PAID ADV.) To be continued next week.

Back to the Farm

Mighty good advice, but it meant inconvenience, discomfort and danger to health in days gone by. Now country folk can have the health protecting conveniences of the city folks. The Hypco Aseptico Closet is one of the most important of these. Particulars and prices may be obtained on application to C. Clasen, special representative of the Hygienic Promotion Co., of Detroit Michigan.

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COST OF LIVING FIGURES.

Percy B. Ball, Socialist Candidate for Secretary of State, Gives Address in This City.

Percy B. Ball of North Attleboro, who is running for secretary of state on the socialist ticket, spoke in Court square today night. He quoted some interesting statistics in the course of his address upon the high cost of living. According to the figures of Prof. Scott of the University of Pennsylvania, it costs a family of man and wife and three children 14 \$811 a year to live in New York City. In Philadelphia it costs \$745.35; in Fall River, \$675.00; in South Boston, \$675.00; in the United States, \$637.00. The cost of living in the city of Boston is as follows: food, \$320.00; clothing, \$140.00; fuel, \$80.00; rent, \$80.00; transportation, \$20.00; medical, \$10.00; recreation, \$10.00; insurance, \$12.34; sick pay, \$20.00; liquor, \$20.00; other purposes, including taxes and interest, \$63.05. The total is \$768.54.

Commenting on these figures, Mr. Ball pointed out how small is the allowance for rent—only a little more than \$8 a month—and for recreation only about 20 cents a week. Liquor, he said, is not a big economic problem, since the average expenditure is only 24 cents a week.

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Wakefield News

Mrs. O. F. Crane left yesterday for her new home near Oelrichs, S. D.

Judge J. C. Robinson of Hartington was a Wakefield visitor Tuesday.

George Childs has returned from a several week's stay on his farm near Page.

Ernest Samuelson arrived Saturday from Lind, Minnesota, to spend the holidays at home.

Miss Florence Kingsbury left Monday for Preston, Minnesota, to visit her grandmother.

Mrs. M. Murphy is enjoying a visit with her daughter, Mrs. William Gillispie in Omaha.

Fred Rewinkel and daughter went to South Dakota Wednesday for a visit with his father.

Miss Annie Davis went to Malvern, Iowa, to spend her vacation with her father, C. E. Davis.

Mrs. Annie Denny came home Tuesday from a brief visit with friends at Norfolk and Tilden.

Mrs. Hannah Holmgren came from Omaha Tuesday evening for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Swan V. Nelson.

Mrs. W. S. Ebersole returned Saturday from Independence, Iowa, where she visited Miss Mabel Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Weaver returned Friday from a five week's visit with relatives in Happy, Texas.

Mrs. Schindler and son of Cole-ridge are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Carpenter.

The high school boys basketball team lost the game to the Concord town team Friday evening by a score of 23-21.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lundak went to Winnetoon Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walton.

Mr. Gustaf Olson and Miss Laura Larson were married at Wayne Friday evening. They will make their home in Wakefield.

Mrs. Emma Murphy of Cedar Rapids, and Miss Audrey Murphy of the university are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hosford.

Casper Johnson and daughter Nancy, and niece Inez and Mary, returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Villaca, Iowa.

A company of friends surprised Mrs. C. A. Henry Friday afternoon, the occasion being her birthday. A delicious luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dilts and children of White Lake, S. D., made his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Dilts, a short visit returning home Tuesday p. m.

Those home from school for the holidays are Florence Anderson, Henry Dixon and Vernon Erickson from Augustana; Edla Collins and Clarence Plouffe from the university.

The Luther League of the Lutheran church and the Loyal Berean class of the Christian church are preparing for watch-meetings in the respective churches New Year's Eve.

Henry Schafer and daughter Lizzie, returned Monday to Galva, after a two week's visit in the John Baker home. Henry Bridgman and family of Pierce have also been visiting at Baker's.

Mrs. Neal Mack, who was called to Sioux City by the serious illness of her husband at St. Joseph's hospital, returned home Tuesday morning. We are glad to learn that Mr. Mack is improving, although slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ekeroth entertained fifteen guests at a six o'clock dinner Thursday evening. Twenty guests were invited in for 12 o'clock dinner Sunday. Mr. Ekeroth's Sunday school class of boys at his home Monday evening.

Word has just been received here of the death of Mrs. Frank L. Shoop at Seattle on December 6th. The remains were taken to her former home at Spencer, S. D., for burial. Mrs. Shoop was the wife of our former editor, Frank L. Shoop.

See the Democrat for wedding invitations.

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Hoskins News

Mrs. Fred Strate is ill.

Henry Parchen of Norfolk was here Sunday.

Mr. Brodegard of Omaha was here Saturday.

Elmer Machmueller visited in Norfolk Sunday.

Grant Means of Wayne was in the village Saturday.

A. A. Bell of Norfolk was here on business Saturday.

Horn—Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krause, a son.

Mrs. Gus Schroeder was a Sioux City visitor on Saturday.

R. G. Rohrke returned Tuesday from Verdigris, Nebraska.

Laverna Krause has recovered from an attack of tonsillitis.

Ben Ruhlow of Norfolk came Friday to visit with home folks.

Miss Mildred Houser left Sunday evening for her home in Norfolk.

Quite a number from here attended the Hugh Lawrence sale, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Green spent Sunday at the Martini home in Winside.

Paul Deck was to Ewing on Tuesday a few days the latter part of last week.

Miss Zastrom of Norfolk is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Buss.

Miss Margret Schemel of Osmond came Saturday to spend her vacation with home folks.

Mrs. A. M. Averill and Mrs. Saling visited with friends at Winside Sunday afternoon.

Charles Wooley left Saturday for his home at Hardy, to spend the holidays with home folks.

Frank Phillips was a business passenger to Sioux City Thursday returning Friday forenoon.

Miss Clara Kollath returned Saturday from Norfolk where she has been staying several months.

Rev. Theo. Brauer of Hadar, spent Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Heberer.

Mrs. Wm. Eckert returned Saturday from Wisconsin where she visited relatives for two weeks.

Miss Anna Scheurech returned Saturday from Madison where she visited at the Geo. Schmidt home.

Miss Perditta Morgan left Saturday for Wakefield. She will spend Christmas with friends at Grand Island.

Miss Christina Lundquist left Friday afternoon for Marcus, Iowa. She has been visiting relatives near Hoskins.

J. W. Overman returned Thursday evening from White Lake, South Dakota, where he visited relatives.

Miss Lydia Woolschlager left Wednesday for Burke, S. D., to visit with her sisters, Mrs. Henry Horn, and Mrs. James Evans.

On Saturday evening a party was held at the Herman Buss home in honor of Mr. Buss' birthday anniversary. A jolly time was had by all.

Mrs. Herman Deck and Miss Lizzie Deck left Monday morning for Oshkosh, Wis., on account of the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. John Dowlat.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews on Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Matthews' birthday anniversary. A good time was reported.

Mrs. Frank Schultz of Fonda, Iowa, visited Saturday at the John Ziemer home. From there she left for Norfolk to visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Al Houser.

On Wednesday evening, thirty friends of Mr. and Mrs. Pofahl gathered at their home to help Mrs. Pofahl celebrate her thirty-fourth birthday anniversary. At a late hour refreshments were served after which the guests departed for their homes, wishing Mrs. Pofahl many more happy birthdays.

On Friday evening Kris Kriagels Minstrels, a play, was given by the pupils of the grammar and intermediate rooms of the Hoskins school. The parts played by Jesse Parchen as Santa Claus and Paul Rohrke as the man from the moon, were especially pleasing. Irvin Behmer, Piffles and James Ziemer, Timothy Trundle, the clowns, could not be beaten in playing their parts. A large crowd was present and all thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Advertised Letter List

Letters—M. Ackerman, Milton Compton, Ernest G. Dorry, Geo. Farrett, H. A. McCormick, Arthur M. Owens, D. Sterns, Mrs. Emma Wright.

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Pay your subscription today.

Hunter Precinct.

Ethel and Anna Felt did their Christmas shopping in Wayne Tuesday.

Paul Olson went to Sioux City Sunday morning to visit his sister who is reported very low.

Gust Johnson was pleasantly surprised last Friday night at the home of Wallace Ring, by his many friends.

The box social at the Bell was a great success, the prize of a box of cigars causing several of the boys to become bankrupt.

We regret to say that Oscar Anderson's have sold their farm and purchased a larger one near Cresco. Mr. Anderson expects to move in the spring and while we regret to see them go we wish them many happy days in their new home.

Several of the young people of the Bell attended the box social at the Fredrickson school south of Wakefield. One party was dumped in a snowdrift while returning, while another had to leave part of their cutter behind. The correspondent hasn't learned how they got home.

Wilbur Precinct

A Merry Christmas!

Wm. Ahern shelled corn for Chas. Meyers, Sr., Monday.

Stella and Louie Bruggeman were Wayne visitors Saturday.

F. L. Phillips was seriously ill last week but at this writing is some better.

Amy Phillips is clerking in the M. T. Woodruff store in Laurel this week.

Elmer and Rueben Lyons, Anna Monr and Viola Phillips are enjoying a two week's vacation.

Forty dollars was realized at the social at the Beckman school house Friday evening. A vote was made for the prettiest lady and the homeliest man. Mrs. A. E. Halladay received the first prize, a vase, and Charley Meyers, Jr., the latter prize.

State Normal Notes

A union meeting of the literary societies was held last Friday evening.

A much appreciated gift received by Dr. House was a copy of Browning from a former pupil.

The holiday recess begins Thursday, December 24 and class work will resume on Monday, January 4.

Professor J. G. W. Lewis will attend a meeting of the National Political Science association, which meets in Chicago on December 26.

Wednesday morning the chapel hour was given over to the training school, and a Christmas program was rendered by that department.

Professor and Mrs. E. E. Lackey went to his old home in Kansas Tuesday to be present at the marriage of his sister. From there Professor Lackey expects to go to Chicago to attend a meeting of the National Geographic association.

A very interesting event was held in the chapel Monday evening under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. The program was arranged under the direction of Miss Hazel Day of Morningside and consisted of music, readings, pantomimes, etc. It was well attended and the receipts of the evening amounted to more than \$40.

When school opens after the holiday vacation special arrangements will be made for those who enter for the short courses. Professor Lackey will offer a course in farm management for those who wish to study problems of greater efficiency in the management of farms. Professor Hunter, whose department is always crowded at this season of the year, will run his class schedule late in the afternoon in order to accommodate those who are interested in lathe and forge. Professor Wiley has provided classes in bookkeeping so that those who dropped out last spring can continue the subject with but little loss of time.

Miss Piper and the young ladies of her-all gave a Christmas entertainment to students and faculty of the school in the chapel on Tuesday evening. The program follows: Piano duet—Miss Hoogner and Donelson; Reading, "Goings of the White Swan"—Miss Martha J. Woosley; Drill, "When the Great Big Dipper Did the Tango"—Twelve Young Ladies; The Mechanical Dolls, representing advertisements, given by six girls and directed by Miss Eugenia Madsen; Spanish Dance—Miss Marguerite Anderson; Pantomime Demonstration of How Young Ladies of Terrace Hall Act When They Attend the Crystal With Their Escorts—Five Young Ladies; Negro Chorus and Drill.

The three days preceding the Christmas vacation were home coming days at the Normal, and students and faculty were glad to greet many who were here during other years. Among the visitors were the following: John Rock-

well, superintendent of schools, Butte, Neb.; Katherine Hely, teacher Crofton, Neb.; Martha J. Woosley, principal of schools, Primrose, Neb.; Jennie W. Sabin, teacher of German and history, Lynch, Neb.; Neva J. Orr, intermediate department, Albion, Neb.; Mabel H. Banks, primary department, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Bessie Martin, formerly Miss Bessie Banks, now of Fort Morgan, Colo.; Miss Lind M. Winter, primary department, Sioux City, Iowa; Gladys Kline, intermediate department, Sioux City, Iowa; G. E. Cress, superintendent of schools, Winside, Neb.; Ernest Samuelson, manual training and agriculture, Lynd, Minn.; Alma Craven, student of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.; Glenn Gildersleeve, student of Wesleyan University, University Place, Neb.; James McEachen, student of University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; Marjorie Kohl, student of Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

New Books in Library

The following list of books were placed in the library last week:

Silver Sand—S. R. Crockett.

The Eternal Masculine—Mary R. S. Andrews.

Captain Dan's Daughter—Joseph C. Lincoln.

Brother's Hero—Ralph H. Barbour.

Delia Blanchflower—Mrs. Humphrey Ward.

Harris Brinker—Mary Mapes Dodge.

Big Tremaine—Marie Van Vorst.

The Hands of Esau—Margaret Deland.

The Wide Wide World—Susan Warner.

Rimes to be Read—Edmund Van Cooke.

The Prolongation of Life—Elie Metchnikoff.

Woman's Who's Who of America—John Wm. Leonard.

The American Government—F. J. Haskin.

Chat in the Zoo—Teresa Weiner.

Birds Life Stories, Vol. 1, Vol. 2—C. M. Weed.

A Little Book of Well Know Toys—J. M. Braden.

The Holton Primer—M. A. Holton.

Story Land of Stars—Mara Pratt.

Child's Garden of Verses.—R. S. Stevenson.

The Four Wonders—Eleanor Shilling.

Games for all Occasions—Mary E. Blain.

Elected Mother—Maria T. Davies.

Bedesman, 4—Mary Skrine.

The Guns of Bull Run—J. Altsheler.

The Gleaners—Clara E. Laughlin.

Studies in Child Development—Julian Hallam.

The Modern Chess Primer—Rev. E. Cunington.

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, December 25-26. Opened on Tuesday, December 29. Hours: 2-5 and 7-9 p. m.

LIBRARIAN.

Notice

To Oliver E. Graves, F. W. Summers, Mrs. F. W. Summers, Mrs. Oscar C. Wamberg, Ida R. Miner, Nora L. Porter, Mary A. K. Fisher, Margaret Grier, Mary Palmer, John A. Barbour, and J. G. W. Lewis, and to all persons owning or having any interest in the property or any part thereof, hereinafter described.

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of January, 1915, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the Council room in the City Hall in the City of Wayne, Nebraska, there will be a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wayne, Nebraska, sitting as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of establishing and fixing the valuation of each of the following described parcels of real estate, to-wit:

Lot 4 of block 1 of Britton & Bressler's addition to Wayne.

East half of lot 1 of Taylor & Wachob's addition to Wayne.

North half of lot 1 in block 7 of Britton & Bressler's addition to Wayne.

East half of lot 4 in block 6 of Britton & Bressler's addition to Wayne.

Lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 24 of College Hill addition to Wayne, all in the County of Wayne and State of Nebraska.

And ascertain and determine the benefits derived or injury sustained by each parcel of land above described by reason of the construction, during the year 1914, of certain sidewalks by said City, along or abutting said property, and at said meeting will levy a special assessment against each on said parcels or tracts of land for said improvements.

(Seal) C. A. CHACE, Mayor.

50-5 J. M. CHERRY, Clerk.

C. R. Nelson came down from Yankton, S. D., Tuesday to join his wife here in a visit at the J. H. Rimel home.

Local News Items

Claus Ott, who has been having typhoid fever is said to be improving.

Clem Crossland is home from Lincoln for the Christmas vacation.

Roy Brown left this morning to spend Christmas with friends at Madison.

Miss Elisabeth O'Brien is spending a few days this Christmas time with friends at Springfield.

C. L. Wright and family from Beemer are here for the holidays, visiting his parents and brother.

Dr. Lutgen and wife from Auburn in this state, and Mrs. Lutgen, his mother, from Gem, Kansas, came today to spend Christmas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Lutgen.

The home of Wm. Hanssen was quarantined Wednesday, two of the small children having scarlet fever. The youngest one is said to have considerable fever but is not considered dangerously ill.

Bernard McConnell came the last of the week from Elbow Lake, Minnesota, to visit home folks and friends a few weeks. He is working with a land company there, and reports that they had a good season.

To some unnamed person the editor and family are thankful for a pretty centerpiece around which to build a Christmas dinner—a fine fat goose. May the giver never know sorrow or hunger is our wish.

Improvement is the word at the Central market, and the latest is a modern, sanitary fish box, in which the fish maybe kept neat and clean and cool, and be seen by the purchaser. It is a neat and convenient case, and is the equal of the show cases for fancy goods in other lines.

Nebraska Business in Healthy Condition

Business statistics from various parts of the United States, collected by a reliable agency, show that Nebraska is in better financial condition than most any other section of the country. Business has been normal, a tribute to the producing power of the fertile fields of the Middle West. When other sections and their conditions are taken into consideration, this section compares most favorably.

In fact this section of the country is the occasion among eastern business men for much favorable comment. In practically every line of business, there has been little decrease. Omaha statistics show that although some loss has been sustained in certain lines, gains have been made in others to the end that the general report will show a normal amount of business, and many even bring forth the information that gains have been made. Bank clearings are increasing and for the past two weeks have exceeded those of a year ago, an indication that the future months will be marked by general prosperity.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Dec. 23.—Only 2,800 head of cattle arrived yesterday. The market on killing cattle was around 10@20c higher, or 25@50c higher than the low point last week. This would apply to beef steers, cows and heifers. Feeders did not decline so much last week and they have not shown so much improvement this week, but still they were a little stronger again yesterday, or around 25c higher than last week.

Cattle quotations: Prime yearlings, \$8.75@9.75; good to choice heaves, \$8.00@8.50; fair to good heaves, \$7.50@8.00; common to fair heaves, \$6.00@7.00; good to choice heifers, \$6.00@7.00; good to choice cows, \$5.50@6.35; fair to good cows, \$5.00@5.50; canners and cutters, \$3.75@4.75; veal calves, \$7.00@9.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$5.00@6.75; good to choice feeders, \$7.40@7.75; fair to good feeders, \$6.75@7.25; common to fair feeders, \$5.75@6.50; stock heifers, \$5.25@6.25; stock cows, \$4.75@5.75; stock calves, \$6.00@8.00; good to choice range heaves, \$7.60@8.25; fair to good range heaves, \$6.75@7.50; common to fair heaves, \$5.75@6.75.

Receipts of hogs yesterday amounted to 9,800 head. Quality of the receipts was very fair and the market showed an advance of 5@10c. Bulk of the hogs moved at \$7.00@7.05, with quite a sprinkling at \$7.10, and several loads as high as \$7.15, the top. Everything moved fairly readily to both packer and shipper buyers, except the extreme light hogs, which were not in very good demand, and were slow sale.

Sheep and lamb receipts yesterday totaled 6,300 head. Fairly active, steady to 10c higher on lambs and steady to strong on aged sheep would about cover the situation on the sheep market. The range for lambs was largely at \$7.90@8.00. The receipts of ewes showed up in larger proportions yesterday than in several days and the quality as a rule was good, the bulk of the offerings finding an outlet at \$5.00@5.30. There were fewer offerings at the disposal of feeder buyers, with prices quotably steady.

Wants, For Sale, Etc.

Loose or baled alfalfa hay for sale. M. T. Munsinger, phone 427. —adv. 51-2.

FOR SALE—Japanese Bantams—nice pets. Phone 212.—adv. 50-1f.

FOR SALE—A good young full blood Shorthorn bull. F. G. Philleo, Wayne.—adv. 50-2.

Flour Sacks For Sale—I have a large supply, and they make excellent dish towels—50c per dozen. Wayne Bakery—adv. 52-2.

FOR SALE—Nine room house located on two lots in one of the best residence sections of the city. Special terms if taken soon. Plenty of fruit. Enquire of Box 685, Wayne, Neb.—adv.

FOR SALE—120 acres unimproved land, 6 miles south and 5 1/2 miles east of Wayne. Terms reasonable.—Enquire of Hugo Tetinkuhl, Wakefield, Nebraska.—adv. 45-1f.

W. W. EVANS, Wakefield Neb., breeder of Big Type Duroc. Herd headed by Blue Ribbon Meddler. Spring and fall boars for sale.—adv. 42-1f.

Polled Durham For Sale

Have a few double Standard Polled Durham Bulls for sale. Am pricing them right for immediate sale. E. W. Splitterger, route No. 3, Wayne Nebraska.—adv. 91f

Shorthorn Bulls for Sale

Four choice registered young bulls, J. M. Roberts, Wayne. Phone 432.—adv 171f.

Short Horns For Sale.

I have a number of good Short Horn Bulls for sale, from seven months to two years old. Come and see them if you are wanting a thoroughbred animal.—Adv. C. B. THOMPSON.

Now On Sale.

Some excellent young Duroc male pigs and Rhode Island cockerels. Call at farm one mile south of Wayne.—Adv. Will Morgan.

Some Good Thoroughbreds.

I have a few choice pure-bred Duroc boars and Shorthorn bulls for sale. See me at the harness shop. JOHN S. LEWIS JR.—Adv.

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Britton Goods head my herd—the youngest son of FAMOUS OLD CHOICE GOODS.

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Harness, Saddles and everything in the Horse Furnishing Line

We also carry a large stock of Fur and Plush Robes and Horse Blankets

Prices Reasonable

Culvert Notice

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received at the county clerk's office of Wayne county, Nebraska, for the furnishing of steel or corrugated culverts for Wayne county, for the year 1915.

Bids to be received on the following sizes:

18-24-30-36-42-48-60 inch.

Culverts to be delivered at either Wayne, Winside, Carroll or Hoskins or Sholes.

Said bids to be filed with the county clerk on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 19th day of January, 1915.

Bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon of the 19th day of January, 1915, by the county clerk in the presence of the Board of county commissioners of said county at the office of the county clerk of said county.

No bids will be considered unless accompanied by cash or a certified check of \$200.00 payable to Chas. W. Reynolds, county clerk of said county, in case the successful bidder refuses to enter into contract with said county if same is awarded him. Successful bidder will be required to give bond to the county with two or more good and sufficient sureties in the sum of \$1000.00 conditioned for the faithful performance of contract awarded him.

The Board of county commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Wayne, Nebraska this 16th day of December A. D. 1914.

CHAS. W. REYNOLDS,

(Seal) 51-4. County Clerk.