

WILLIAM ZUTZ, PIONEER DIES AT LOS ANGELES

William Zutz, pioneer of Hoskins, farmer, stock raiser and bank director, died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Soenneken, at Los Angeles, California, December 13, 1919. The body was brought to Norfolk for burial.

Mr. Zutz has been spending the winter in California for the past five or six years and was feeling well until a few days ago. Complications due to old age are the cause of death. He was 84 years old and survived by his wife, who was at the bedside at the time of death, his son, Ernest, and daughters, Mrs. R. G. Rohrke, of Hoskins, Nebraska, and Mrs. Soenneken.

William Zutz was one of the old trail breakers of this territory, an inspiration to old settlers, a self-educated American and one of the sturdy men who helped develop this rich territory.

He was born in Pommerania, Germany, in 1835. His father was a professional gardener and a lover of things productive. These ideals were transmitted to the son whose life among Nebraska pioneers developed this fact. In 1860 William Zutz married Miss Louisa Schwertfeger. Nine years ago this couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Hoskins.

In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Zutz broke ties with the fatherland and parents and traveled across the Atlantic, settling near Watertown, Wisconsin, where Mr. Zutz began his apprenticeship on farms. During the winter months he studied the English language, became an apt scholar and later a fluent master of the language. In April, 1870, he went to Omaha, there secured a team and wagon and with his family he drove to Norfolk. He took up a homestead north of the city and cast his lot among the makers of this locality. He went through the hardships of early pioneering and his winter studies on Wisconsin farms helped him materially when it came to transmitting his knowledge to his neighbors. Some of the old men of today were students under Mr. Zutz who occasionally taught school when teachers were scarce.

In 1896 Mr. Zutz decided to farm on a larger scale and took up land near Hoskins where he raised stock and did general farming. Later he sold his farm and engaged in the mercantile business in Hoskins and after five or six years of hard business life, he retired. He became a director of the Hoskins State bank and for about twenty-five years he was a director of the Norfolk National bank.

Both bride and groom are favorably known in this county where they have long been residents. They will be at home soon on the eighty-acre farm which has been fitted for a home. The groom has been active in carpentering and building for a number of years, and will now become the "independent farmer."

IF EVER YOU DANCE DO SO NEW YEAR'S EVE

No sooner was the coal strike settled—or settlement assured than the good firemen of Wayne began with their interrupted plans for a grand New Year's masquerade ball, which will be given at the opera house for a joint benefit to the firemen and the community house fund. So they have sure got every one on the hip. If they don't want to dance they may want to help the firemen, for they may need them most any cold night, and if they still do not want to help the cause, who would say they did not want to see the community house fund grow. If any such there are, they should move out, it seems to many people.

The bills, the advertisement and this news item all tell you that the dance is to be at the opera house the evening of December 31, 1919—the end of the old year that has been with us for the past twelve months. The famous Reed orchestra from Sioux City is to make the music. Costumes may be had at the usual place, or you may make your own. If you can build a perfect disguise. Some of the boys will bring you a ticket if you ask 'em and if you don't ask 'em they will come any how.

CARPENTER-JENSEN

At the Baptist parsonage, Monday, December 22, 1919, by the pastor, Rev. Robert H. Pratt, Mr. Jens Peter Jensen and Mrs. Lottie Carpenter, both of Winslow, were united in marriage. The bride and groom were accompanied by Gilbert French and Mabel Hale, as best friends and witnesses.

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CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

O Little Town of Bethlehem—Choir Prayer—Pastor.
Christmas Welcome—Primary Girls.
Adeste Fideles—Choir.
No Room at the Inn—Ivan Davis.
Candle Exercise—Beginning Class.
Why I Love Christmas—Ruby Nichols.
Recitation—Maurice Kopp.
Song—First Junior Girls.
Christmas Holly—Halwys Pratt.
Gifts for the King—Crystal Dragon.
Bethlehem's First Christmas—Lucille Norton.
Christmas Time—Wallace Johnson.
A Warning—Ina Hanson.
Christmas Anthem—Choir.
The First Christmas—Bessie Green.
Exercise—Nina Barnett, Bernice Harrison.
Why?—Florence Chapman.
Message of the Angels—Mildred Hungerford.
It Came upon the Midnight Clear—Intermediate Girls.
A Photograph—Netha Senif.
A Christmas Legend—Adeline Sparks.
Christmas Bells—Hazel Chapman.
Sleep—Holy Babe—Quartet.
The Christmas Story—Bernice Sylvanus.
Three Fairies—Ethel, Gladys, Ruby York.
Christmas Memories—Aletha Johnson.
The First Christmas Song—Helen Chapman.
Old English Carol, what Child is This?—Choir.
The Sweetest Story—Vera Sylvanus.
The Christmas Peace—Viola Köpp.
A Beautiful Thought—Winnifred Sparks.
The Angels Song—Mabel Nichols.
Song—Mabel and Lavern Stamm.
Silent Night—Choir.
Reading—Louie Sprague.

THE COMMISSION FORM

Last year a move was started to present the question of changing the government of this city to the commission form. This is a plan of government which appears to be growing in popularity because of certain merits of the method. But the movement was not considered last season until too late to take the steps necessary and have the change made when the city year ends and begins in May, so the matter was dropped—and almost forgotten. But this week attention is called to the matter again, and if action is to be taken this year the preliminary petition will need be gotten under way at once in order that the requirements may be complied with before the end of the city year.

Do you favor such a change? Study the question. Write your opinion and let the Democrat tell what you know about it and what you think best to be done. Without knowing much of the detail workings of the commission form of city government, the editor has formed a favorable impression without being able to just tell why at this writing. It is a good plan to study question now.

BAKER-ANDERSON

At the home of the bride's parents at Gregory, South Dakota, Thursday, December 18, 1919, occurred the marriage of Miss Florence Baker and Mr. C. F. Henderson of Winslow. Miss Baker was a student at the Wayne Normal on several occasions, and last attended during the summer term of this year. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were Wayne visitors Wednesday, and called at the E. O. Gardner home, where the bride roomed when at Wayne. They came over from Winslow where they had been visiting while on their way to Schuyler. They will be at home a few weeks later at O'Neill. They many Wayne friends of Mrs. Henderson wish her a happy life.

BLOCKS SALE OF SUGAR ABOVE 11 CENTS A POUND

New York, Dec. 22.—The proposed sale of 9,000,000 pounds of Cuban sugar to consumers at 19½ to 20 cents a pound with \$100,000 profit was held up today by Arthur Williams, federal food administrator, because the fixed price is 11 cents. The sugar is aboard a steamship which arrived recently from Cuba. Mr. Williams informed Emmanuel Rionda, member of a firm of brokers to which the cargo was consigned, that the aid of the sugar equalization board would be invoked, if necessary, to prevent the sale at the price proposed. Rionda explained that the sugar would cost his firm 18½ cents a pound, divided as follows: 13½ cents paid growers, 3½ cents for refiners, 1-10 cents for duty and 4-10 cent for freight.

Yuletide Greeting:

Upon this gladsome Christmastide
We wish to readers, far and near,
A wealth of joy and peace, beside
A glorious meed of Christmas cheer.
May all your fondest dreams come true
And all your hopes successful be;
May Heaven shower choice gifts on you
And those you love most tenderly.
We wish you health as years roll by,
And friends in many a score;
We wish you Heaven when you die—
What could we wish you more?
—G. H. Liddell.

PAULSON-BUSH

(Contributed)
The pretty country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Paulson was the scene of a very pretty home wedding on Wednesday, December 24, 1919, when their daughter Alvena was united in marriage to John L. Bush, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf officiating. The ceremony took place at high noon, the impressive double-ring ceremony being used. The opening strains of the Lohengrin wedding march announced the coming of the bridal party, accompanied by the bride's little sister, Pauline, bearing the wedding ring, followed by the minister. They were married under a double arch, decorated in pink and white, with bride's roses and ferns and festooned with holly and Christmas bells.

Immediately after the bridal party had received congratulations and best wishes, a very elaborate wedding dinner was served by the Misses Kate and Gustava Paulson and Miss Charlotte Bush.

The bride's gown was a beautiful creation of brown palm messaline draped with blue georgette. The bride grew to womanhood in this vicinity, by her pleasing personality inured herself to a host of friends. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bush, who has lived his entire life in our midst and by strict integrity in his work has proved himself a young man of sterling qualities.

The young couple left on the afternoon train for an extended wedding trip and will be at home after March 1 on the groom's farm, northwest of town.

TREATY TO BE RATIFIED

Mr. Bryan absolutely and single handed, brought over the one vote necessary to the ratification of the Spanish war peace treaty but he will not be so potential this time. The people back-home have finally impressed it upon enough senators that the treaty must be ratified. And it is going to be ratified, without any insulting language in it and without much regard for the wishes of presidential candidates. This much seems certain now from word received from Washington by the Tribune.

The nation has lost enormously in Europe by all this political play, this assertion of senatorial prerogative and there has been no gain unless it shall impress upon some future president who may have a treaty to negotiate that he must add a few senators to his entourage when he goes abroad to negotiate. The senate will then have aggrandized a little power at the expense of the executive and in defiance of the constitution.—Sioux City Tribune.

LÉE-MORRIS

Monday, December 22, 1919, at the office of County Judge J. M. Cherry, and by him, Mr. Pearl E. Morris and Miss Mary Lee were united in marriage. With them as witnesses came Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lee, who were married by the judge October 2, when the bride and groom of this week came as witnesses. The judge says this proves that his life sentences are popular. All are from Verdell.

HAMILTON-GIFFORD

Wednesday, December 24, 1919, at the county court room by Judge J. M. Cherry, Mr. Cecil Morris Gifford and Miss Ellen Sarah Hamilton, both of Randolph, were married. The groom is a Wayne county farmer, and the bride one of the successful teachers of this county, and they will be at home after March 1 on the northwest corner farm of Wayne county.

LUCAS-SHERBURNE

A very pretty wedding took place at high noon Tuesday, December 23, 1919, in the cozy reception room of the Wayne hospital, when Mrs. Eva M. Lucas and Mr. Paul D. Sherburne were married, Rev. John Beard of the First Presbyterian church officiating. The impressive ring ceremony was witnessed by Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Lutgen, Mrs. Beard and nurses of the hospital, who repaired to the dining hall after congratulations and partook of a splendid three-course dinner.

The bride was attired in a beautiful embroidered midnight blue velour suit. The collar, vest and cuffs were mouse colored. Hat, gloves and shoes to match and wore a corsage bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley. The groom wore a conventional black suit.

The bride has been head nurse at the Wayne hospital for the past three or more years, and has won a place high in the esteem of the community by her efficiency and tender ministrations to those who came under her care. Before coming to Wayne she was for two years head surgical nurse at the Sacred Heart hospital at Le Mars, Iowa, where she took her training as nurse. She is to return to duties here for a time after a short wedding trip. The groom, before entering service and after his discharge has for the past six years been in the employ of a plumbing supply company at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He served eighteen months in the aviation branch of the service. Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne will be at home at 1016 Norton avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

IN COUNTY COURT

All has not been quiet in county court for the past week. Some young fellows from the neighboring towns of Emerson and Wakefield seem to have spent considerable time at Wayne during the last few months breeding trouble. Geo. Roland of Emerson and L. Worthum, a couple of cousins were of the bunch, and early in December they had a dispute and went out to settle it by a fist fight, about 1 o'clock one night. Later the matter was reported and Roland was brought in and plead guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs, and a few days later the other pugilist was impartially given the same penalty.

In taking testimony evidence developed which implicated Geo. Mitchell of Wakefield as having a hand in taking a good overcoat from the Boyd hotel one night when the bunch were there. Following the clue evidence was gathered which warranted the detention of Mitchell on the charge, and he was arranged and plead guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, and after a few days in the county jail he raised the price of the assessment and paid and left the Lewis boarding house.

The coat was sold to some one living near Wayne, and has been recovered and returned to the owner, E. L. Powell, a Sioux City traveling man. One of the other young men who had been running with this bunch is doubtless guilty under the "white slave act," but he has gone to other parts. Let us hope that this will prove to be the breaking up of what was making a bad bunch, and that the fellows will brace up and be men among men.

Player Piano For Sale

If you want a bargain in a good piano and player piano, move up quickly to the Calumet restaurant where there is one for sale at right price.—adv.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song, Joy to the World—Choir.
Welcome Address—Mabel Hurstad
Prayer—Pastor.
Silent Night—Choir.
Recitation—Ruth Clark
Duet, Star of the East—Henrietta Hurstad, Doris Madsen.
Reading—Elsie Lerner.
Song, Hush, a Little Babe is Sleeping—Primary Department.
Recitation—Glen Thompson.
Recitation—Alice Shields.
Song, Shepherd's Song—Junior Boys.
Recitation—Alma Martin.
Recitation—Bennie Kay.
Solo, Christmas Chimes—Mabel Hurstad.
Recitation—Arlene Johnson.
Reading—Doris Madsen.
Recitation—Clement Johnson.
Song, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear—Choir.
Recitation—Evelyn Helges.
Recitation—Helen Thompson.
Recitation—Leason Nyquist.
Offering.
Song—Choir.
Distribution of Treat.
Benediction.

GOODFELLOWSHIP WEEK

Most towns in Nebraska are very much alike, simply trading and shipping points for the locality in which they are situated. Each has its efficient public school system, its more or less pretentious churches, its prosperous business firms, its amusement places and its modern homes. Being rural in location and isolated from the economic struggle of the great commercial and industrial centers, our towns are splendid places for building frugal homes and rearing worthy families destined to become the steady influence in national life and ideals.

Each town is ambitious to become larger and more prosperous than its adjoining neighbors. Each new store, bank, opera house or hotel is regarded as a mark of some special or peculiar prosperity. The automobile has forced paving upon us and yet the actual paving of streets in advance of a neighbor is accepted as proof of superiority. This ambition to grow is worthy and the spirit of optimism it creates is helpful. However, in most cases there is in reality very little that can be said for one community which can not be said for many others.

Our towns have much in common. All are located in fine agricultural districts; all have a prosperous, progressive citizenship; all have substantial business interests; and the bank statements of all reveal a remarkable per capita wealth.

Wayne is the county seat and the terminus of a branch road leading into a rich agricultural territory. In this it has some advantages not enjoyed by some of its neighbors. The one factor, however, which raises Wayne above the reasonable ambitions of other towns in this locality is the State Normal School. The Normal has always been proud of Wayne and Wayne has always shown its appreciation of the Normal. The two have their interests inseparably blended and anything beneficial to the one is helpful to the other.

When it comes to an intelligent consideration of our growth, prosperity, influence and efficiency there is no "hill" and no "down town." We are one. Any attempt to create a line of division even though it be simply in the form of a mental attitude renders an unworthy service to each. The mutual friendship of the past should be retained and strengthened. Our social intercourse should be broadened. It is in the spirit of this purpose that the Normal proposes to institute "Goodfellowship Week." This is to be a week of musical festivals—orchestra, band, quartets, and choruses. There will also be selections given by members of the department of expression. These programs will be given in the various churches and all will be absolutely free. The last week in January has been selected for these programs and it is hoped the citizens of Wayne will largely attend each program. Each program will be a first class entertainment and all of us will not only enjoy the program but come to know the high character of work being done in these departments of the Normal. Let us all get behind the plan and make this week the big mid-winter event of the year. Let us in truth make it a "goodfellowship week."—T. A. Britell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Farrler left Wednesday to visit his home folks at Chambers.

HERE ARE SOME H. C. L. STATEMENTS FROM PALMER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Expectations of a decline in retail prices, beginning January 1 and March 1, was expressed tonight by Attorney General Palmer, in a statement summing up the efforts of the government to date in forcing down the cost of living.

"The cost of living, already under control," said the attorney general, "can be reduced if everyone who produces will produce his utmost. If all honest people will join with the department of justice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding."

Explaining that a downward trend in retail food prices ordinarily was shown during the first two months of a year, Mr. Palmer said it was the hope of the government "that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the government, which is just now getting well under way."

Prices Stationary
Although statistics compiled annually by the government show that in previous years retail food prices increased during the fall months, Mr. Palmer said that since August this year, such prices had been maintained practically stationary.

Only since October 22, when necessary amendments to the Lever food control act were passed, the attorney general's statement said, has it been possible to deal effectively with all cases of profiteering and hoarding. From October 22 to date, 179 prosecutions have been instituted and prosecutions and seizures have covered eighteen states, it was added.

Due to co-operation between the government and various retail merchants' associations, the statement said, prevailing profits of clothing had been reduced from 6 to 50 percent.

FIVE BROTHERS MET FOR THE FIRST TIME

Five brothers, all former residents of Dakota county, Nebraska, were all together for the first time in their lives Sunday when they met at the home of the youngest brother, Eugene Leedom, 1112 Thirteenth street.

The meeting was quite by accident. George W. Leedom, 67, a farmer of Wood, S. D., was returning from the republican state convention at Pierre, S. D., and stopped for a few days visit with his brother when another brother, at London, Nebraska, dropped in for a few days' visit.

The two other brothers, Joe M. Leedom, 54, county surveyor of Dakota county, Nebraska and Fred F. Leedom, 50, a farmer of Homer, Nebraska, were called on the telephone and came to Sioux City, that all might be together.

Eugene Leedom, who is 42 years of age, is a traffic policeman for the Great Northern railroad in Sioux City at the Nebraska street crossing.

The three older brothers, Joe, Boyd and George W., were born in Pittsburg, Pa., while Eugene and Fred were born in Humboldt county, Iowa.

Because of differences in age, the brothers had never been together at home and different places of residence since has kept them apart. Eugene Leedom, who is 42 years of age, is a traffic policeman for the Great Northern railroad in Sioux City at the Nebraska street crossing.

OFF FOR ENGLAND TUESDAY

H. J. Hughes, who came to America seven years ago, was a passenger for the seaport Tuesday morning, starting on a voyage to visit his parents in North Wales. He thinks he will enjoy the visit with home folks and amid home scenes, but thinks he will soon want to return to this good country. We wish him a very pleasant trip.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 24, 1919.—Letters: Geo. H. Balkam, c/o H. Schumacher, Leroy Holcomb, Albert Hokanson.—C. A. Berry, Postmaster.

AT THE
Crystal
THEATRE
E. GAILEY, Manager

Tonight—Thursday
"ONE THING AT A TIME O'DAY"
Featuring Bert Lytell
Matinee 3:00 p. m.
Admission.....10c and 30c

Tomorrow—Friday
"EASY TO MAKE MONEY"
Featuring Bert Lytell
Admission.....10c and 20c

Saturday
"THE TWEED OF JEWELS"
Featuring Corinne Griffith
One-Reel Christie Comedy
Admission.....10c and 20c

Monday
"UP THE ROAD WITH SALLY"
Featuring Constance Talmadge
Ford Weekly
Admission.....10c and 20c

Tuesday
Episode No. 7
"GREAT GAMBLE"
Three Reels of Roaring Comedy
Admission.....10c and 20c

Wednesday
"EASTWARD HO"
Featuring William Russell
Admission.....10c and 20c

MATINEE EVERY SATURDAY
"Get The Habit"
F. A. T. T. Y.

Matinee Christmas at the Crystal at 3:00 p. m.—adv.
Mrs. Frank Mellick from Winside was a Saturday visitor at Wayne.
J. H. Wright was looking after business matters at Sioux City Monday.
C. E. Carhart was a passenger to O'Neill Sunday evening, going over on a business mission.
Miss Iva Sala, who teaches at Plainview came home for the Christmas vacation Saturday.
Mrs. Morris Thompson went to Wakefield the first of the week to visit friends a few days.
Ed Sala came from Winner, South Dakota, where he is in a garage, to spend Christmas with father, sisters and his little son.
Tony Olson, from the Jack Hyatt place south of town, went to Crofton Monday morning for a Christmas visit with friends.
Alice Root of Albion passed through Wayne on her way to Sholes to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Root.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swanberg from Pender were here to eat Christmas dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weber.
Miss Amy Hanson of Wakefield, who has been teaching at Creighton, visited here Sunday, while on her way home for the holiday vacation.
The St. Louis Republic, for many years a leading newspaper and a power in politics in other days, is dead. It went wrong, politically in 1896, and has been dying by degrees ever since.
The Commoner is offering a campaign rate of 75 cents. If you want to know how W. J. B. thinks things should go. It should easily be worth that much to know where he is at during the coming campaign year.
Chas. Denesia came from Carroll Saturday and spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. Mulloy. Sunday he was joined by his daughter, Lillian, and she was accompanied by Miss Katherine Hennessy. All returned to Carroll Monday.
Attorney Alexander from Orchard was looking after business matters at this place last week, and left for home Saturday and Sunday evenings. On the Saturday trip he missed connection at Randolph, and made his way back to Wayne for a new start Sunday evening.
A crew of telephone men are in Winside for the purpose of rebuilding our present system. All telephone poles will be removed from the streets and put in the alleys. Cable will be used quite extensively. We welcome the improvements with open arms.—Winside Tribune. Yes, and the company will welcome the extra pay they expect.
More than thirty million people subscribed to the Liberty war loans during the war. The total sum subscribed was little less than twelve billion dollars, and the sum accepted was but fifteen million less than ten billion. Now that is some stunt. Ever stop to calculate how much that is? Let's see: 99 is one less than 100; 999 is just less than one thousand; 9,999 lacks but one of being ten thousand; 999,999 lacks but one of being a million; then you must add four more nines to the string to bring the sum up to within one of being ten billion, and if there were nines enough in the machine to make that much money we would print it and give it to each and every reader.

Burret W. Wright was a passenger to Sioux City Monday.
Anna Clason of Sholes was a Wayne visitor Saturday.
Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Vail spent Sunday with relatives at Norfolk.
Jessie Watson came from Lincoln Saturday to spend the vacation in Wayne.
Miss Pearl Sewell went to Carroll Saturday evening to spend Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Davis.
Miss Beulah James from South Sioux City came home Friday evening to spend the vacation with home folks.
Miss Martha Weber came up from Omaha the last of the week to visit home folks a few days at Christmas time.
Misses Mary and Marsaline Lewis came from Plainview Saturday to spend their two weeks' vacation in Wayne.
Gladys Woods, who is teaching at Newcaste, passed through Wayne on her way to Carroll to spend her vacation there.
Eleanor Jones, who is attending Wesleyan, returned to her home in Carroll Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents.
Irene Hunt of Bloomfield spent Saturday in Wayne. She was on her way to Ainsworth to visit friends during the holidays.
Mrs. Alice McManigal went to Winner Monday to be with her daughter and her numerous acquaintances during the holiday time.
Miss Wealthy Marvin of Ainsworth, who teaches near Bloomfield, was here Saturday on her way for a Christmas with home folks.
Miss Helen Gildersleeve, who has been attending a music conservatory at Oberlin, Ohio, returned Saturday to spend the holidays in Wayne.
D. W. Griffith's masterpiece, "Broken Blossoms," will be at the Crystal, New Year's day and the day following. Matinee at 3:00 p. m.—adv.
The weather was fine the last of the week, and much enjoyed, but it was hard on the splendid sleighing people had been enjoying for a month.
Miss Irma James, who teaches at Sioux City has gone from that place to Wyoming, Iowa, to spend the holiday vacation there with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James.
Frank Pryor and family from near Carroll were here Sunday to visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Pryor, and Monday Mrs. Pryor went to Creighton to visit her parents for Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jenkins of Carroll returned to their home Monday, having been spending some time at Minneapolis, where Mrs. Jenkins was taking treatment. The lady reports much improvement in health.
Prof. F. G. Churchill from Ames, Iowa, came the first of the week to join his family here in a Christmas visit. Mrs. Churchill has been here several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Neely.
Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Harvey from Omaha have been here visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Harvey, of this place. They had to return before the Christmas day, to relieve some others at the University hospital that they might have a Christmas.
Mrs. James Finn returned home the last of the week from Minneapolis where she received much benefit from a course of treatment taken at a hospital in that city. Her son, Matt, was also there with her for treatment, and he comes for Christmas, and is said to be quite well again.
Eggs are again on the toboggan—said to be dropping from the dollar mark down, down, down, until some places only quote them at 55c. When the price reaches about the 20c mark the editor's birds may begin to sing and deposit eggs in their little nest. We hope a lot of other things come from on high to a place within the reach of people who are "short."

Matinee Christmas at the Crystal at 3:00 p. m.—adv.
Mrs. Pape and daughter of Randolph were Wayne visitors Saturday. House for sale, well located. A bargain if taken soon. See D. D. Tobias.
Madeline Stanton who is teaching in Creighton, returned to her home in Carroll Saturday for a two weeks' vacation.
Fern and Frances Oman returned to Wayne for Christmas vacation. Both girls are attending the state university.
Ed McChesney, who is studying agriculture at Ames, Iowa, came home the last of the week to be with his relatives and friends here during the holiday vacation.
Donald Gildersleeve, who is attending the state university arrived at Wayne Saturday to spend his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gildersleeve.
D. W. Griffith's masterpiece, "Broken Blossoms," will be at the Crystal, New Year's day and the day following. Matinee at 3:00 p. m.—adv.
The American hen is said to have been responsible for two billion dozen eggs last season—and yet some of our cranks in the department of agriculture are taking the trouble to kick because a few of them get cracked in getting to market. Of course, if the producer could have realized the \$1.00 a dozen which the packer and the profiteer are making the city-consumer pay just now, biddy would be much more respected. To be sure, it is right and proper to try to keep the egg from going broke on the way to market, for that will make just that many more for the people to pay for and eat.

Greetings:

At this time we take great pleasure in extending to you our greetings, and wish you all a

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Wayne Bakery
E. Lingren

See the Democrat for sale bills

ESTRAY NOTICE
Strayed to the home of the undersigned, two and a half miles east of Wayne, one white-face steer, coming two years old, weight about 650. Owner may reclaim same by proving property, paying keep and advertising charges.—Otis Stringer, phone 212-413.
—Wayne, Nebraska, December 8, 1919. 12-11-19

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Sybil Dixon returned home Saturday morning from a visit at Burk, South Dakota.
Master Robert Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, went to Dakota City Saturday to spend a few days with relatives.
Miss Clara Burson, who is teaching near Winside, went to Decatur Saturday to spend her holiday vacation with her sister, Mrs. Cooper.
Lyman D. Rolfe, who was a resident of Pender most of the time since he moved from his native home in Chautauqua county, New York, in 1902 died last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Phillips at South Sioux City the 12th of this month, at the age of 86 years, lacking twelve days.
Word was received here by relatives on Tuesday of the death of H. E. Wheeler of Grand Island that morning. Mr. Wheeler had been a constant sufferer for more than a year. He suffered a number of paralytic strokes of late. The funeral services were held at Grand Island. He will be remembered by many in Winside, having lived here several years.—Winside Tribune.

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W. A. HISCOX
HARDWARE

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

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Thanking you for past favors, we assure you a welcome and our best endeavor to serve you during the new year.

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Greetings:

At this time it is our pleasure to extend to you our greetings, and to wish you

A Right Merry Christmas

State Bank of Wayne

HENRY LEY, President HOLLIE W. LEY, Cashier
C. A. CHACE, Vice Pres. HERMAN LUNDBERG, Asst. Cash

Henry Korff and family are this week moving to Wayne from Cedar county—from Hartington, where they have been living for a few years. They recently purchased the G. S. Mears residence, and are now taking possession. Mr. Korff is one of the progressive class of citizens we are glad to welcome him to Wayne, where he comes that the younger members of his family may have some school advantages, not obtainable while the children remain at home in some other places. Mr. Korff and family have long been residents of Cedar county, where he has a farm or two now in the care and keeping of some of the older children. He twice represented Cedar county in the state legislature at Lincoln, and ably represented them, we are told. He was active in good war work in Cedar county, and a member of the county council of defense. Born in German territory, he became American when he took the oath of allegiance at Nebraska City about thirty years ago. He gave two sons when Uncle Sam called and one sleeps in France, the sacrifice made by this family for the cause of democracy.

ABOUT INCOME TAX RETURNS
Income tax returns are due January 1, 1920. The last date of filing will be March 15, 1920. Blanks for making returns will be mailed before January 1, to every individual, partnership and corporation that filed a return for the year 1918, so all will have ample time in which to file complete return within the time prescribed by law.
Those required to file returns should complete their figures immediately on the close of business December 31, while the transactions of 1919 are all fresh in mind. It will save time for you and all concerned.
Representatives of the Internal Revenue Department will visit all towns, where the number of returns filed warrants doing so, to assist taxpayers in making return. There will be but one visit to each place and no return. Taxpayers are urged to avail themselves of this service. Watch newspapers for announcement of when the income tax man will be at your nearest town. He will be there only on the dates announced.
We will bring this service promptly on the morning of January 2, 1920. Your town may be the first on the list, so be prepared.
Every single person whose net income is \$1,000 and every married person whose net income is \$2,000 must make an income tax return. There are penalties for failure to do so.
Those who did not make returns for the year 1918 should request the Collector of Internal Revenue, Omaha, Nebraska, to send a blank on which to make return. Those who made returns in 1918 will be mailed returns, but should one not be received by January 10, 1920, write the collector to send you one.
The law contemplates that taxpayers make their own income tax returns. If you want assistance, you should avail yourself of the services of the income tax man when he is in your vicinity.
Make your return at the earliest

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WORK OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

J. G. W. Lewis, who was named to represent this county in the constitutional convention, is home for the holiday recess, the body having been organized and committees named to work out different questions which should properly come up for action. At the request of the editor, Mr. Lewis has furnished a brief report of the convention thus far, and also copies of three proposals which he has introduced for the consideration of the body—proposals which he deems important which had not been presented by other members, and he will appreciate having the people who sent him to Lincoln read and consider his proposals.

To the editor one of the big things which the convention should do would be to open a way for the people to own and develop the waterpower of the state; and provide for joint ownership and development with adjoining states where power developed could be advantageously used by the people of the states. On this question, Mr. Lewis said several proposals had been introduced, but that it is yet too early to know the feeling of the membership on this matter.

When asked about the work of the convention, Mr. Lewis said in substance as follows: "The convention is now just fairly ready to work, the organization having been completed and about one hundred and fifty proposals for amendment having been introduced. A number of these proposals, however, are quite similar and most of them perhaps refer rather to details than to general principles.

"Thus far there has been evidence of a sincere desire to do what is right, and a realization that the work of the convention will be subjected to the criticism of not only people now living but of others not yet born. In other words, the convention seems to realize that it is making history.

The personnel of the convention is considerably higher than that of the ordinary legislature, but no one would be freer to admit than would any delegate, that the convention is not composed of the ablest men that could have been assembled in Nebraska. It will probably be found to be far from being the ablest body of men that could have been assembled.

"Thus far there seems to be no segregation of classes in the convention into groups nor does any one seem to be taboed because of previous political affiliation or previous reputation for radicalism. In fact, some of the men most widely advertised as radicals in the campaign, would be conceded by the whole convention, thus far to be among the most helpful delegates.

Our presiding officer, Mr. Weaver, seems to be a man of strength, self-control, and scrupulous fairness. He enjoys the full confidence of the convention; as far as I can learn.

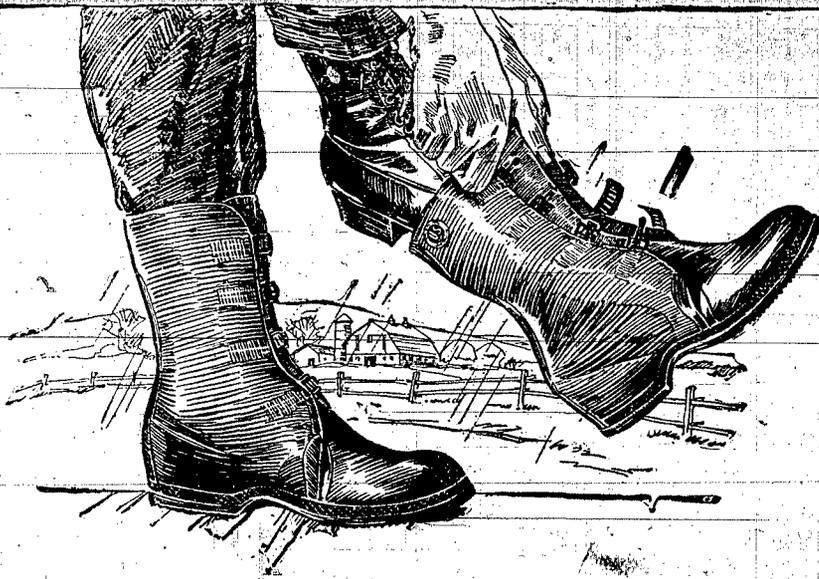
"The proposals introduced by me may seem to many people, not very vital, but they are the product of some little study and reflection, and will be considered more vital the more they and the conditions that suggest them are studied. There are many vital proposals on other matters proposed by other members so that there has been no need to duplicate them. I am not at all confident that the convention can be induced to adopt any of the three listed above, but I think I shall not be afraid to abide by the opinion of a few years hence as to their soundness."

The following are measures proposed by Mr. Lewis in the Nebraska constitutional convention.

Proposal No. 94. Executive Bureau of Investigation. There shall be an executive bureau of investigation consisting of one or more persons of special fitness, as the legislature may deem needful, to be appointed by the governor; alone, who shall maintain a permanent record of the governmental affairs of the state and to whom the governor may refer for investigation and report any question concerning the government of the state, and who shall assist in the preparation of the budget and such other proposals as may properly be included in the message of the governor to the legislature.

Provision shall be made for the publication in series and the distribution of the reports of the executive bureau of investigation, and the legislature shall have power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution the provisions in this constitution relating to the bureau herein and heretofore named.

Proposal No. 128. Bills; Origin. Amendment: Any bill may originate in either house of the legislature, or bills may be introduced by any member of the executive department. Any member of the executive department shall be privileged to appear before either house of the legislature in support of any measure introduced by him and it shall be the duty of any member of the executive department, upon due notice, to present himself before either house for proper interpellation. All bills passed by one house may be amended by the other or the governor may propose amendments to any bill passed by



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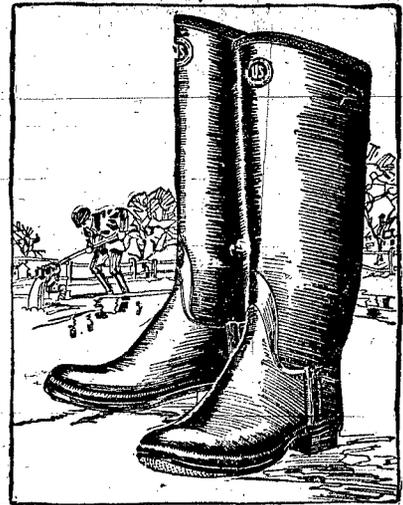
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both houses and presented to him for signature, which amended bill if agreed to by a majority of each house in the order of its former passage, with no other than the governor's amendment or amendments added thereto, shall be signed by the governor and become a law.

Proposal No. 26. Civil Service: Appointments and promotions in the civil service of the state and all the civil divisions thereof, including cities and villages, shall be made according to merit and fitness to be ascertained, so far as practicable, by examinations, which so far as practicable, shall be competitive.

SAVE A DOLLAR

On account of the tremendous increase in the cost of paper The Lincoln State Journal will be compelled to increase its subscription price a dollar. One year's subscription within 600 miles will be taken for a short time at the old rate of \$6 for the Daily and Sunday; \$4 for the Daily only; \$2.50 for the Sunday only. The Journal is the largest paper in the state and prints more reading matter than any other Nebraska paper. The Associated press and the exclusive Nebraska use of the Chicago Tribune leased-wife service, together with un-

equaled features, making it NEBRASKA'S GREAT MORNING NEWS-PAPER. Nine-tenth of the people of the state can be better served by The Journal than any other paper. Try it the coming year, but send in now if you want to save a dollar.—adv

HOARDING—COAL

One citizen tells us that the coal shortage was largely manufactured for a purpose—not at Wayne, but the country over. He claims that when Omaha was reporting less than five hundred cars of coal in that city, a committee found that there was more than three times that number of cars. Men will always be found who seek to gain from the misfortune of others. Certain it is, that considerable quantities of coal appeared on the scene where needed very shortly after the strike was ended. Of course, a shortage may exist, and this temporary supply that seems to have been so near at hand may not last until the newly mined coal comes to this land so remote from the mines.

HEARD AND SEEN

AND FELT AT STATION
First Student, Normal English. Class—"Did you find her?"
Second Student—"Nope!"
First Student—"I seen her."

Newell Klopp of Stanton came to Wayne Monday morning to visit Max DeWitt at the Rexall store.

Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Jones and son, Galen, of Carroll, were Wayne visitors Saturday.

Miss Mildred McManigal and Mrs. Henry Smith from Winside were visiting Wayne friends Saturday.

Horses For Sale

I have 35 head of western horses from 3 to 7 years old, broke and unbroke; will weigh when matured from 1200 to 1700 pounds. Am pricing them to sell, at my place 10 miles southwest of Wayne.

Hugo Splittgerber

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WAYNE MARKET REPORT

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

Wheat	\$1.90
Corn	\$1.25
Oats	.69c
Rye	\$1.20
Hens	.47c
Roosters	.8c
Eggs	.80c
Roosters	10c
Butterfat	.68c
Hogs	-\$12.25
Cattle	\$10@13.50

A suggestion comes from good banking authority that the surest way to check profiteering in the United States is to make public all of the individual income tax returns. This would be a strutting procedure. In a way it would be an attack on the age-old system of private business and private property. The innovation is defended on the ground that all methods of doing away with extortion by legal means have failed. Men have learned that it is more comfortable and more profitable to cooperate than to compete. Therefore excess profits are being piled up continually and no adequate way has yet been found to give the ultimate consumer a square deal. The theory of the publication of income tax returns is that it would not only expose the profiteer but would tempt other men to enter his field with active competition. State Journal.

WITH THE WAYNE CHURCHES

Wayne Methodist Episcopal Church
(Rev. W. Kilburn, Pastor)
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.
Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

On Sunday morning a large audience was present at the M. E. church when the choir rendered there Xmas cantata. Too much cannot be said in a praiseworthy way for the magnificent rendering of the program. It was without doubt one of the rare treats of the year.

For Sunday school next Sunday the superintendent is making arrangements for an elaborate program. The Misses Oman will sing, Miss Virginia Bowen will read. This should mean a record attendance.

The Xmas program will be given by the Sunday school children on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The First Presbyterian Church
(Rev. J. W. Beard, Minister)
Morning worship 10:30. Theme of the morning sermon "The New Frontier."
Evening service at 7:30. Theme of the evening sermon "White Stone Men."
Sunday school at 11:30. Classes for all.

Senior Endeavor at 6:30. Beryl Maxwell leads this meeting. Subject of the Endeavor study "Make next year better."
A home church, a home welcome, and a friendly interest!

English Lutheran Church
(Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Pastor)
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Public worship, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Luther League, 6:45 p. m.

There will be no Aid meeting next week. Instead of the regular meeting an oyster supper will be given at the home of Mrs. Henry Kay Saturday, January 3, beginning at 5 p. m.

First Baptist Church
(Robert H. Pratt, S. T. M. Minister)
The morning service of worship and preaching at 10:30. Subject, "The Christmas Hope."
Sunday school at 11:30.
The Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Evening preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Life."

Lutheran Church
(Rev. H. A. Teckhaus, Pastor)
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Thursday, January 1, New Year service, 3 p. m.
Saturday, January 3, catechumenal instruction, 11:30 a. m.

House for sale, well located. A bargain if taken soon. See D. D. Tobias.

SOCIAL NOTES

There was a very pleasant surprise planned and executed for Lyle Gamble Saturday evening, the day following being his twenty-third birthday. A number of his numerous Wayne city and country friends gathered at the farm home south of town to remind him of the event. Numerous remembrances were left as tokens of regard. A happy evening was passed during which refreshments were served. The guests did not depart until the clock announced that his birthday was indeed at hand, then they gave him twenty-three hearty spas and a big one to grow on.

The U. D. club had a Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones last Friday evening. The rooms were decorated with Christmas decorations and the Christmas tree which contained a gift for every one present. The evening was spent socially which was enjoyed by all. Miss Morrison and Mr. Smith a sister and brother of Mrs. Jones, were guests of the club. Next meeting will be January 5, with Mrs. Ringland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beebe will entertain the following relatives at Christmas dinner: Mrs. R. Craven, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Miss Nettie Craven, Miss Alma Craven, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Craven and daughters, Harriet and Katherine, Mrs. Jessie Reynolds and children, Miss Helen and John Austin, Delos Reynolds and Clyde.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. G. Mines on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Carrie Bruner will lead devotionals, Mrs. Brittain will give a paper on Union Republic, Mrs. Cherry will give a paper on "What Our Town Needs." The members will all join in singing Christmas songs. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Crawford on January 9.

Mrs. R. E. K. Mellor and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shultheis will entertain at a family dinner on Christmas day. The following guests: Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ringland and son Joe and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Shultheis, Miss Hattie Shultheis and Arthur Shultheis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ley will have a family dinner on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Ley and children, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ley and baby daughter, Miss Clair Walter of Mankato, Minnesota, a niece of Mrs. Henry Ley, who is spending her holiday vacation here.

The members of the Early Hour club will be entertained at a watch party Wednesday, night New Year's eve, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carhart. A two-course dinner will be served at 6 o'clock. The evening will be spent playing cards.

The Rural Home society will hold their annual meeting and dinner at the V. L. Dayton home in this city Tuesday next, the 30th, an event which no member will miss if it is possible to be present.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Kilburn will entertain at Christmas dinner. The guests are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gildersleeve and daughter, Miss Helen, Mr. and Mrs. George Crossland and sons, Will and Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mines will entertain their daughters, Miss Elizabeth and Margaret Mines, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mines and T. B. Heckert at dinner at the Boyd on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher will entertain the following guests at Christmas dinner: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Alger, Miss Dorothy Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cunningham and baby, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ellis of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miner will entertain at Christmas dinner, having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miner and children, Miss Eloise, Ellis and Marian, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Owen and LeRoy Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Huntemer will entertain the following guests at Christmas dinner: Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Moran and sons Louis, Francis, William, Thomas and Bon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Fanske, children and guest, Miss Jennie Wells, of Sioux City, will eat Christmas dinner at the Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gardner will entertain Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wade and children at dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Berry will entertain Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark at dinner on Christmas day.

Miss Eloise Miner entertained at an informal dancing party Tuesday evening.

BERGER WINS AT WISCONSIN ELECTION

Coupled with the news of his election comes the assertion that he will not be permitted to take his seat, it being published that Representative Dallinger of Massachusetts, chairman of the election committee will make objections as he did before. He may have had good reasons to offer objection the first time, for the offense charged had not been an issue in the campaign in which he was a candidate for election. But in this election last Friday this question was the main issue in the campaign, or at least one of the main issues, and the opposition against him was united on one candidate, thus making a square issue. The following report tells of the result, and also of the kind of campaign carried on. Congress and the state of Wisconsin have made citizens—or at least voters of these people, and if we are a democracy, it seems to the writer that we cannot disfranchise them or say who they shall elect by the edict of the chairman of the committee on elections. The Democrat does not favor socialism as expressed by the voters of this district, nor the kind of a campaign they waged, yet would consider it preferable to such a campaign as Newberry of Michigan stands convicted of by a grand jury of his fellow citizens. Besides, Berger would be the only avowed socialist in congress, and we fear that there are many in the senate who came in much as Newberry did. The members of the lower house surely should be able to cope with one socialist. To admit Berger as the representative of his district will be far better for democracy than to deny him a seat simply because he is a socialist. If he has committed any crime which makes him ineligible to congress—why allow him to run? If a criminal, put him in prison or deport him—if a disloyal citizen disfranchise him. But do not throw him out and deprive a district of being represented. Perhaps they best know what kind of representative they want and have a need of. The law makes the voter the judge in such cases, else why allow him to vote?

Here are reports of the press as to the election and campaign: Berger, who was unseated by the House of Representatives because of his conviction under the espionage law, was opposed by Henry Bodenstab, a fusion candidate.

The campaign was the most bitter ever waged in Milwaukee—scenes of many warm conflicts between socialists and the other parties.

"Personalities, religion, nationalities, and prohibition" were some of the questions injected into the campaign. Congress barred Berger because of his conviction under the espionage act. Gov. E. L. Phillips promptly called a special election for today to fill his place. Berger equally promptly announced himself as a candidate for a reelection on a platform in which he declared: "I am pro-German, pro-France, pro-England, pro-Poland—in short I am pro-humanity." Berger stated he was anti-prohibition, anti-profit, anti-entangling alliances and anti-Wilson's "collusion" with profiteers in hurling the nation into an unnecessary war.

Berger and his campaign managers stumped the district, speaking German as well as English and arguing that "when a man is barred from a body to which he has been elected by the people he is the victim of the worst kind of autocracy." Perhaps the hottest fight has been waged in the newspapers, three afternoon and one morning paper of the city daily bombarding Berger, who himself a publisher, has replied in kind in his own afternoon daily.

The Fifth Wisconsin congressional district sent Victor L. Berger, socialist, back to Washington, for another attempt to assume the seat which congress recently refused him on the face of returns today.

Berger defeated Henry Bodenstab, fusion candidate, by 4,806 votes in a special election yesterday, polling 24,367 to his opponent's 19,561. His 1913 vote was 17,822.

Berger issued a statement hailing his victory as "the first sign of the reawakening of genuine democracy in this country since the days of the struggle for the emancipation of the black race."

THE IMPETUS OF PARCEL POST

One need but visit the postoffice at Wayne or most any other place this week to get some idea of what the new postal law, granting the people the right to send merchandise at a reasonable rate has done for this country.

Monday evening the editor was curious enough to accept an invitation to take a peek at the business end of the Wayne postoffice, where Postmaster Berry is now such a busy man. There was something less than a car load of mail sacked ready for the wagon to convey to the evening train, due to leave Wayne about fifteen minutes after the visit. The postmaster informed us that this mail had all come in with the exception of perhaps two sacks since 2:30 that afternoon, when a cargo of mail had been dispatched; and he then had a quantity not included in this shipment

Cheap Excursion To Florida

We have some of the richest land in the world for sale at very reasonable prices. Where you can raise 100 bushels of corn and two crops of other things in the same season; eight to ten cuttings of alfalfa in a season. I am going to Florida about January 3rd. See me at once for further information.

Grant S. Mears

Office Over Meat Market

equally as large due to go east in the morning. So practically all of the forty-nine sacks of mail—yes, he said forty-nine sacks, and we saw them, had been taken in that afternoon.

He said that people wondered that their packages were slow coming, and slow going, but that if they could see what accumulates at one postoffice at a time like this, and then imagine hundreds of such offices pouring like streams into the great distributing centers they would cease to wonder that the mail came late, but would wonder that it came at all. Only a very good system prevents a tangle that would never unravel, not in time for the presents to get home for this Christmas, at least.

It is not many years ago that the express companies were leading a fight in which many a retail merchant was helping, to head off the parcel post which was headed this way. The mail order house was held up as a scare to the local merchant, and many of them failed to see that they too might become mail order houses. That the tariff for express was a handicap to the merchant and the purchaser. Finally the matter was put over; and later more liberal terms and rates were given, and now the parcel post is a necessity to the local merchant as well as the mail order house, and a convenience to millions of people.

We venture the suggestion that the fact that we have a means of sending presents by parcel post has more than doubled the holiday trade of many a community—and been—the means of making many poor people happy at this time of the year. The editor well remembers a fine Christmas bird—a fat hen, sent to his home from a place some 600 miles away. A good old soul sent it, who had more hens than money; and wishing to remember the family just started biddy that way by express. The bird came in fine condition, and with it came an express charge of \$1.00 and 15 cents additional for the local delivery, and hens selling at from 50 to 75 cents each. But it made us think of home friends. By parcel post today the charge would have been about 22 cents.

The world moves, and a lot of the people from "Missouri" have been shown.

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—Assurance of longer battery life.

If your battery is getting to the point where it shows signs of quitting it will pay you to get on the track of Threaded Rubber. Come in any time and have a talk about batteries.

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Pavilion Sale!

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Saturday, Jan. 3rd

Commencing 1 o'clock, Sharp

List your offering now with L. C. Gildersleeve, Sales Manager.

Will have some Single Comb Rhode Island Red Pullets and Cockerels, besides a lot of other good stuff which we will try to list next week.

Look at advertisement next week. Plan to attend this sale, where you fix the price you pay for what you get.



We wish all of Wayne county a

Merry Christmas

and we thank you for the bounteous holiday business you have given us. We hope to merit the continuance of your generous support.

Morgan's Toggery

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. A. Chace went to Sioux City Tuesday for the day.

Ed Hooker from Carroll was a passenger to Omaha Tuesday morning. Dr. Young's Dental Office over the First National Bank. Phone 307. Adv-29-1f.

Mike Finn was a Sioux City visitor Tuesday. James Ahern of Carroll accompanied him for the trip.

John R. Massie, who is one of the five factors in the school at Madison is home for the holiday vacation.

James Mulvey came from Winner the first of the week to spend Christmas with Wayne relatives and friends.

Miss Elta Munsinger went to North Platte Tuesday to spend the holiday vacation there with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Munsinger.

D. W. Griffith's masterpiece, "Broken Blossoms," will be at the Crystal, New Year's day and the day following. Matinee at 3:00 p. m.—adv

Jay Jones from Sioux City has been here visiting his parents for a few days. He reports that he expects Mrs. Jones home from California within a few weeks.

Mrs. L. E. Panabaker returned Sunday morning from her visit with her father, James Harmon, at Fort Collins, Colorado, and reports that she left him feeling much improved when she started to return home. Monday she was called to Laurel by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Walling.

Dr. Mullen for a number of years a resident of Bloomfield, has moved to Omaha, where he will make headquarters. Formerly practicing dentistry, he took up life insurance work after an automobile wreck laid him up for work at his profession, and his success in the new work was such that he has been asked to take a responsible position in the management of the company affairs in this state. Dr. Mullen was active in war work during the late spat with Germany, and made some enemies of which he should feel proud—and proud of the fact that such enemies caused his defeat as a senator from his district to Lincoln last election. He was the choice of a lot of loyal people of his district, but the enemies he made among the pro-Germans was the cause of his defeat, for they did not fight in the open.

Misses Helen and Wilma Garwood of Carroll were Wayne visitors Monday.

Ward Randel is here from Lincoln for the holiday dinner with home folks.

Miss Minnie Marquardt of the Normal force, is spending the vacation at Norfolk.

Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Mrs. Moses and Mrs. George Pinon of Winside were shopping in Wayne Monday.

The Misses Burnham, three of them, who have been attending the Normal, left for their home at Sholes Tuesday morning.

Mrs. A. E. McDowell, of Sholes passed through Wayne Monday on her way to Winnetoon to spend Christmas with relatives.

Harold Croghan left Wednesday to spend Christmas with home folks at Creighton. He will return to finish his school work at the normal.

Geo. Farran of Winside was a Wayne visitor Tuesday. We do not see his smiling countenance as often of late as when he was one of the county board of commissioners.

L. M. Owen was a visitor at Sioux City Tuesday, going down on a business mission, so timed that he could meet his son, LeRoy, as he came from Chicago, where he had been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Coyle went to Omaha Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. H. W. Whitaker, who has been visiting here for a few days. Mr. Whitaker was here Sunday returning Monday, and the wife and children, Harry and Helen, returned with her parents Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bright of Chadron, came to spend Christmas at Winside with his mother, Mrs. Wheeler. Tuesday afternoon the professor came over to visit Wayne friends. He met many friends from the Normal who were at the station leaving for the holiday vacation. Mr. Bright has many friends at Wayne.

When making up your belated list of Christmas presents—selecting something which you had forgotten, or had not previously had time to attend to, remember that \$1.50 and the address of the one for whom a present is desired sent to this office will make fifty-two very acceptable presents to relatives and friends who have formerly lived at Wayne. Try it and watch the smile all round.

Mrs. Brockway will visit friends in Laurel.

Matinee Christmas at the Crystal at 3:00 p. m.—adv

Charles Chinn will spend his holidays in Wakefield.

Miss Madeline Starton of Carroll spent Monday in Wayne.

Harold Boyce is home from Humphrey for the Christmas vacation.

Ina Reed of Winside spent Monday in Wayne shopping for Christmas.

Miss Pifer has gone to spend the holidays with home folks in Lincoln.

Forrest Hughes and family went to Tekamah to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. Coral Smith of Carroll spent Monday afternoon in Wayne.

E. Closson was here and at Sholes the last of the week, coming out from Sioux City.

Miss Pierce goes to Lincoln. Miss Dewey goes to Mendota, Illinois, to spend her Christmas.

Miss Florence Wright is home from Plainview for the holiday vacation. She teaches at that place.

Miss Bettecher left Tuesday to spend the vacation time at the homes of various friends in Indiana.

Mrs. Peck of Sholes returned home Tuesday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bush.

J. H. Massie was at Randolph Tuesday, looking after business connected with his farm at that place.

Miss Jessie Jinks has gone to spend Christmas with a sister in Ames. After which she will go to her home at Toledo.

Mrs. W. E. Philby and daughter, Marion, of Sholes, left Monday for Omaha where they will spend their Christmas vacation.

Miss Kingsbury of the Normal teaching force, left Tuesday to visit a brother at Ithica, New York, during the vacation days.

"Cordham Saw Frame and 26" Saw \$26.00. Send for Ice Tool Catalog—American Saw & Tool Works, 14th St. and Western Ave., Chicago."

Mrs. John Gettman returned home last week from Minneapolis where she went for treatment. Mr. Gettman came from Carroll to meet her here.

Miss Mabel Jones who is teaching near Peetz, Colorado, passed through Wayne Monday afternoon on her way to Sholes to spend Christmas vacation with her parents.

Hugo Splittgerber was at Wayne Monday on his way to Sioux City, on a business mission. He also left an advertisement of horses for sale which may interest many.

James Harmon and his daughter, Mrs. Mary Stephens, from Fort Collins, Colorado, came this week to visit here and to see a daughter and sister, Mrs. Walling of Laurel, who is seriously ill.

Well the stigma of furloughs from prison are not all on the republicans, for Edgar Howard, acting governor gave liberty of that kind to Andrew J. Chamberlain in January, 1917, after the man had served but a few months of a one to seven year term.

Miss Helen Burton goes to her home in Chicago to spend her vacation. Miss Elizabeth Brown visits in New London. Miss Elizabeth Bettecher goes to West Liberty, Indiana. Mrs. and Mrs. Teed and baby will spend Christmas in Ponca.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klopping returned the last of the week from Omaha, and we are told that they purchased a residence there to which they will move before the first of March. Their son, Bryan, is to take charge of the home farm when they depart, the condition imposed, we are told, being that he have a partner for the venture.

Representatives from this county, Miss Sewell, Professor Teed and Walter Gaehler were at Wakefield the last of last week to take up the matter of rural school consolidation with like committees from Dakota and Thurston counties, as it is necessary at the county line to form some districts partly in one county and partly in another to obtain the best results.

A successful farmer institute was held at Homer last week. The display of grain competing for first place was good, and a number of interesting and instructive talks were given. A. V. Teed of this place had a part on the program and brought out many important points in connection with the coming consolidation of schools in the rural districts of this state.

W. D. Funk returned last Thursday night from Omaha where he attended a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Mr. Funk for the past year has been Grand High Priest of the order and upon laying down his duties to his successor received many deserved compliments for his good work during the year in extending the influence of the order. For seven years he has been a member of the Grand body passing from one post to another until he reached the highest office in its gift. His address to the body in laying aside his duties is said to have been a masterly and scholarly one. Bloomfield Monitor.

If You Want a Ford Car Now We can Make Prompt Delivery

Ford cars are more useful today than ever before; a necessity in village, town, city and country; the utility of farmer, merchant, manufacturer, architect, engineer, contractor, salesman, doctor, clergyman; a profitable factor in the life of the nation. Runabout, \$500; Touring Car, \$525; One-Ton Truck Chassis, \$550; Coupe, \$650; Sedan, \$775—these prices f. o. b. Detroit. We can get but a limited quantity. Please give us your order at once as first come will get first delivery.

Wayne Motor Company

Phone 9 Phone 9

Mrs. C. Peterson from Winside was a Wayne visitor Tuesday.

Leslie Welch came up from Kansas City to be with home folks today.

Dwight McVicker is here and with relatives at Carroll for the holiday season.

About 35 or 40 head of spring shoats for sale. J. H. Rimel, phone Red 458.—Adv

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dowling went to Columbus Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Conn left Tuesday to visit at the home of her mother at Sycamore, Indiana.

Mrs. H. A. Preston and sons, Irl and Kenneth, went to Oakland Wednesday morning to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Martha Pierce of the Normal accompanied by her niece, Miss Dorothy Crawford, has gone to Lincoln to spend the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Armstrong of Sioux City are here to dine at the home of his mother, and visit other relatives and friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Samuebon and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wright went to Pierce Wednesday to eat Christmas dinner at the home of Roy Pifer, a brother of the ladies.

J. W. Mason and wife and daughter, Miss Mary, entertain sons and brothers today. E. A. Mason from Meadow Grove and L. Mason from Wakefield and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMullin of Craig will spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dorset. Mrs. McMullin has been here for several days. Mr. McMullin came Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knopp who have been at Davenport attending the Dr. Palmer school of chiropractic came to spend Christmas in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Knopp, Sr. Miss Pearl Madden, accompanied by her friend, Miss Nell Schriver, came from Omaha for Christmas at the Chas. Madden home. Mr. and Mrs. Madden are also host and hostess to Mrs. Ada Rehnick and family, and Mrs. Robert Perrin.

W. E. Kruse of Highmore, South Dakota, was here visiting friends a few days ago, and went home last week. He called at this office while in town and visited a little. He told us that land is advancing in price in his part of the state, and that they had been blessed with a bumper crop last season, all of which helped to pass prosperity round.

Mrs. D. D. Tobias is visiting at Sioux City today.

C. E. Perkins and family are now residents of Wayne, having moved in last week and taken possession of a place recently purchased in the north part of the city.

License issued Wednesday morning for the marriage of Carl Haase and Miss Minnie Boecks, both of Norfolk. They are to be married today at the church at Hoskins by Rev. Spearing, the pastor.

Mrs. Clara Gustafson, who went to Stanton, Iowa, about two months ago to aid in a new children home near that place, came home Tuesday evening, and plans to remain here for an indefinite time.

Miss Mabel Sumner is visiting home folks at Bloomfield today.

Miss Gladys Olson went to Dallas, South Dakota, Tuesday to spend the vacation in the home of her parents.

It is told to the reporter that Fritz Reinholdt and Miss Dora Puts from Winside, came to Wayne to wed Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Radaker came from O'Neill Tuesday to spend Christmas with home folks, Wm. Gildersleeve and family.

Carl Madsen came Wednesday from Rochester, where he has been for the past three months for treatment. He is much improved in appearance and strength.

XMAS JOYS ABOUND HERE

We extend to you our greetings and wish you all a

Merry Christmas

and a

Prosperous New Year

MILDNER'S GROCERY

PHONE 134 WAYNE, NEBR.
CLEANLINESS IS OUR MOTTO

Greetings:

With plenty of the very best of meats from this shop on your table your Christmas dinner should be one of the best in the land. And we certainly wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous 1920. May you all have plenty.

Central Market

Just Phone 66 or 67.

YULETIDE BUSY TIME FOR CUPID

Some Christmas Love Superstitions, Customs and Practices in the Old World

PURSES FOR POOR BRIDES

Money Collected and Presented in a Way So as Not to Offend Girls—Flowers Used in Proposals by Shy Young Natives of Alps.

Good St. Thomas, serve me right
And send me my true love tonight.
That I may gaze upon his face,
Then him in my fond arms embrace.

After placing a piece of holly under her pillow, many a girl, in the north of England especially, repeats these lines to herself before retiring to rest on Christmas eve, according to a writer in London Tit-Bits.

Cupid plays an important part in many of the superstitions and customs that are still extant at this season.

Another queer custom in the north, although it is not now so prevalent as it was, is that of gathering maidens' purses. The money for these purses is collected some weeks before Christmas from the inhabitants of the mining towns, and they are given as marriage portions to the poorest among those girls who are soon to be married. On Christmas eve a full purse is quietly thrown in at the girl's window, so that her feelings shall not be wounded by an ostentatious distribution.

A Christmas practice among superstitious girls who wish to dream about their future lovers is that of abstaining from food or drink or speech during the whole of Christmas eve. Then, after all the family have retired, they make a cake of flour, salt and water, called a "dumb cake." This they eat just before retiring to bed, in the belief that their somewhat indigestible supper will cause them to dream of their future husbands.

In the Alps there exist several charming Yuletide customs of proposing marriage by the language of flowers. If a girl accepts a bouquet of edelweiss from a man during the period from Christmas day to New Year's eve the action denotes that she accepts him as her future husband.

Another Christmas custom in Switzerland is for the young man to place a flower pot containing a single rose, and a note on the window sill of the girl's room when she is absent from home. He then waits for a reply. If the maid accepts the flower before New Year's eve, then the young man boldly enters the house to "ask papa." If, on the other hand, the rose is not touched, but is allowed to fade away, the proposal is rejected without a single word of love having been exchanged between the couple. This is a useful custom for bashful bachelors!

In Sardinia Christmas wooing is far more complicated. If a Sardinian father has a marriageable daughter, the would-be suitor applies to him for permission to speak to her by means of a species of telephone that has been in use for the purpose for centuries of Christmases.

It is a long string with a wooden knob at each end. The girl drops one knob out of her window and the shutters being closed, places the other knob to her ear. Down below her would-be lover pours words of undying devotion into his knob!

On every New Year's day in Roumania a fair of marriageable girls is held. The girls are all drawn up in one line and the men in another, with the parents of both behind them. If a young man likes the look of any particular girl he steps out of his line, goes up to her and enters into conversation. If he is favorably received by the girl, his parents and her parents compare notes as to the marriage settlement and similar practical matters.

Many quaint superstitions are associated with the festive season in various parts of Britain. In Hertfordshire the wearing of new shoes on Christmas day is considered to be very unlucky; while in other parts it is thought to be inviting ill luck to allow any new leather in the house during the whole of Christmas week. Some folk say that "a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard," but in Devonshire they say that a green Christmas makes a prosperous year.

Superstitious people assert that one should be careful about the choice of the holly for the decorations. Part should be smooth and part prickly. Then, providing both kinds are carried into the house at the same time, all will be well. But should the prickly variety be taken in first, then the husband will rule the household during the coming year; if the smooth is brought in first the wife will be "top dog."

A BELL

Had I the power
To cast a bell that should from some
grand tower.

At the first Christmas hour
Outing,
And fling
A jubilant message wide,
The forged metals should be thus allied:
Not iron of pride,
But soft humility, and rich-veined hope
Graft from a sunny alpine;
And there should be
White charity,
And silvery love, that knows not doubt
nor fear.

To make the pearl more clear;
And then to firmly fix the fine alloy,
There should be joy.
—Chilton Scollard

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Hark! Hark! I hear a distant bell,
And now a chime—they softly ring;
What joyful tidings do they tell
As back and forth they swing.

'Tis mid of night—who rings those bells?
Perhaps some doves there nestling,
And while each little bosom swells
And warm, they touch with gentle wing
The tuneful metal, and it feels
So incubated it would swing
To life, and wake the world with peals
Of gladness as for new-crowned King.

Those midnight bells, how sweet they chime;
The welkin vibrates with their sound;
To hearts attune they are sublime,
Nor spread they dread alarm around.

Lo! now I see, from East afar
A light shines through the steeples' frame.

'Tis brighter than the brightest star,
It glides the bells with golden flame;
There, too, I see some cherubs cling
Fast hold the ropes, how fair they be!
They swing the bells and sweetly sing
'This is the Christ's nativity.'

Wake every heart, join in their song
Of praise to Christ, our new-born King;
To him our sweetest strains belong,
And his, our richest offering.

When wakes the god of day, and shines
Athwart the heavens, what of gloom
Will wake as yet? With box and pines
And flowers gay, your house will be
Adorned, and while the anthem swells
With organ's voice, all Christendom
Will vibrate to as are those bells
That Christ's nativity has come.
—J. William Pope

ANCIENT CHRISTMAS TOYS

Dolls That Delighted Children of Rome and Greece in Early Days Recently Excavated.

Rag dolls are as old as the hills and so are dolls with movable arms and legs, toy dogs, rocking horses and a host of other things that bring delight to the children on Christmas morning.

Recent excavations in the ruins of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt have placed the British museum in possession of an interesting assortment of these relics of early Christian days, some of which may possibly have been given to the children of the followers of Christ at a time when the observation of Christmas day was an innovation.

In the nursery of a newly excavated house at Behnesa, Egypt, a fairly well preserved rag doll was found with arms and legs still intact and painted face. The doll is by no means a beauty and does not compare with the Christmas dolls of today, but nevertheless it must have brought joy to a little girl's heart nearly 2,000 years ago.

The jointed dolls of long ago were made to sit down, stand up and move their arms, but they didn't close their eyes or squeak "mamma." Among the toy dogs, horses and donkeys are some made of stone and baked clay and others carved out of wood.

A CONVENIENCE.



"So you think the Santa Claus myth is a good thing?"
"Yes, it's a great convenience to have some imaginary person to take the responsibility when the children are disappointed Christmas morning."

A Christmas "Suppose."

We would not change the children's Christmas. But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instead of my giving you a present and your giving me a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have any Christmas. There are hundreds of them somewhere. Or, if we do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?—Christian Register.

Touched His Heart, Not Purse.

A very ragged individual invaded the office of a millionaire one Christmas eve and started describing his woes and sorrows in so graphic a manner that the millionaire was more affected than he had ever been before in his life.

At last, with tears in his eyes, he rang the bell for his servant, and when the latter arrived, said to him in a broken voice: "John, put this poor fellow out at once. He's breaking my heart."

Their Annual Resolve.

Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past: "Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."

CLOSING OUT SALE!

Having leased my farm, I will offer for sale at my home place, located one mile north and one-half miles west of Wayne, seven miles east and one and one-half miles south of Carroll, and ten miles west of Wakefield, on

FRIDAY

JAN. 2, 1920

Commencing at 1 o'clock, Sharp

Lunch Before Sale

7 HEAD OF HORSES

One team brown mares, weight 3200, 9 years old; one bay mare, weight 1520, 5 years old; one black mare, weight 1500, 4 years old; one brown mare, weight 1500, 4 years old; one saddle and driving mare, weight 1130, 9 years old.

8 HEAD OF CATTLE

Two milch cows, one giving milk, one fresh calf at side; one heifer coming fresh soon; one yearling heifer, four calves, three steers and one heifer

HOGS

Twenty to forty head of brood sows bred for April farrow. About fifty head stock hogs. Good Polands.

Two Stacks Alfalfa

One or Two Cribs of Corn

Eight or Ten Dozen Chickens

Farm Machinery

Three lumber wagons with box, two wagons with hay racks, two top buggies, bob sled, spring wagon, McCormick binder, 7-foot; two Standard mowers, 5 and 6 foot, Satley gang plow, 14-inch, with sod bottoms extra; 16-inch walking plow, three Moline See-Saw 6-shovel cultivators, two disc cultivators, Hoosier drill, broadcast seeder, 11-foot; two 3-section harrows, Janesville disc, weeder, John Deere stalk cutter, two-row cultivator, good as new; Janesville lister, good as new; Janesville edgedrop corn planter with 100 rods of wire, Moline Gretchen corn planter 100 rods of wire, fanning mill, Dempster hay stacker, sweep, McCormick rake, 6 h. p. International gas engine, De Laval separator, 1 1/2 h. p. International Mogul engine, kerosene burner; 40-pound saddle, three sets work harness, two sets single harness, carpenter tools, anvil and bits, cider press.

Terms—Twelve months' time will be given on approved notes bearing 8 per cent interest. Sums of \$10.00 and under cash.

J. C. FORBES

D. H. CUNNINGHAM, Auctioneer.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Clerk.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Wayne county, Nebraska, for county physician, from January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1921. County physician to tender all necessary attendance and furnish all medicine necessary for all persons who are or may become a county charge upon said Wayne county, and all those whose circumstances are such as to require the county to provide for them such attendance and medicine whether inmates of the county poor farm or not, and all prisoners who may be in the county jail during the year.

Said physician to furnish at his own expense all medicine for persons dependent upon the county for the same, and also perform all surgical work for such persons, including the prisoners aforesaid. Bids to be made for so much for the year.

The board of county commissioners

have and reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids to be filed on or before January 1st, 1920.

Dated at Wayne, Nebraska, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1919.

(Seal) CHAS. W. REYNOLDS,
County Clerk.

W. H. Phillips, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon
Wayne, Nebr.
Res. Phone 120 Office phone 70

Doctor Blair

Office on corner of Third and Main St., above law office of F. S. Berry.
Special attention given to diseases of women and children.

Dr. T. B. Heckert

Dentist

Opposite Postoffice

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Attorney at Law

Practice in all courts,
Office in Mellor Block
Wayne, Nebraska

IT'S NOT YOUR HEART IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

Kidney disease is no respecter of persons. A majority of the ill-afflicted people today can be traced back to kidney trouble.

The kidneys are the most important organs of the body. They are the filters, the purifiers, of your blood. Kidney disease is usually indicated by weariness, sleeplessness, nervousness, dependency, backache, stomach trouble, pain in loins and lower abdomen, gall stones, gravel, rheumatism, scatica and lumbago.

All these derangements are nature's signals to warn you that the kidneys need help. You should use GOLD MEDAL Haerlem Oil Capsules im-

mediately. The soothing, healing oil stimulates the kidneys, relieves inflammations and destroys the germs which have caused it. Do not wait until tomorrow. Go to your druggist today and insist on GOLD MEDAL Haerlem Oil Capsules. In twenty-four hours you should feel health and vigor returning and will bless the day you first heard of GOLD MEDAL Haerlem Oil.

After you feel that you have cured yourself, continue to take one or two capsules each day, so as to keep in first-class condition and ward off the danger of other attacks.

ASK for the original imported GOLD MEDAL brand. Three sizes. Money refunded if they do not help you.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Wayne, Nebraska, December 16, 1919.

Board met as per adjournment. All members present.

Herman Neitzke is hereby appointed overseer of road district No. 55 and bond approved.

Comes now Frank Schulte and says that on December 30, 1918, he filed a claim for road work, amounting to the sum of \$11.07 which is given on the records as claim No. 1570. That on December 30, 1918, said claim was allowed and warrant drawn on road district No. 54 by warrant No. 552. That said warrant was received for by him, but never was presented by him for payment and that the same was lost by him and he now asks that a duplicate be issued in lieu of the lost warrant.

On motion it is ordered that the county clerk draw a duplicate warrant in the sum of \$11.07 on road district No. 54.

\$650.00 is hereby appropriated from the county general fund to the jury fund.

The following claims were on motion audited and allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the respective funds as follows:

No.	Name	What for	Amount
1453	Nebraska School Supply House,	supplies for Co. Supt.	10.00
1454	J. S. Gamble,	rent for John Harmer	10.00
1455	O. P. Hurstad & Son,	supplies for J. C. Harmer	15.00
1458	Hammond & Stephens Co.,	supplies for county superintendent	64.11
1463	H. F. Wetzlich,	rent for election	5.00
1473	S. Ickler,	blacksmithing	10.50
1474	S. Ickler,	blacksmithing	57.75
1480	W. A. Hiscox,	hardware	77.05
1486	A. Bloomberg,	blacksmithing	12.50
1487	University Publishing Co.,	supplies for county superintendent	5.10
1488	Ekeroth & Sar,	hardware	19.30
1496	A. E. Childs Implement Co.,	doubletree	2.50
1500	Standard Oil Co.,	oil and gasoline	3.22
1502	Farmers' Union Co-operative Ass'n,	coal for J. C. Harmer family	32.75
1503	Farmers' Union Co-operative Ass'n,	coal for court house	292.03
1512	City of Wayne,	light for November, 1919	20.80
1513	P. M. Corbit,	expense advanced	9.85
1524	P. M. Corbit,	highway commissioner fees	76.20
1525	H. W. Barnett,	drayage	1.50

No.	Name	What for	Amount
1390	J. D. Adams & Co.,	road maintainer	160.00
1501	Dixon County, Nebraska,	half road work on county line	310.35

No.	Name	What for	Amount
963	Dixon County, Nebraska,	half of bridge on county line	644.48
1468	Geo. M. Jordan,	lumber	95.29
1476	Willard Fletcher,	drayage	16.00

No.	Name	What for	Amount
1390	J. D. Adams & Co.,	road maintainer	100.00
1390	J. D. Adams & Co.,	road maintainer	100.00
1467	William Marple,	road work	21.00

No.	Name	What for	Amount
1447	Ernest C. Frevort,	road dragging	22.87
1452	Arthur Hagemann,	road dragging	12.75
1456	Nick Kahler,	road dragging	9.75
1461	Frank Carpenter,	road dragging and bridge repairs	5.25
1470	C. W. Anderson,	road dragging	72.00
1475	Arthur O. Reichert,	road dragging	9.00
1477	E. C. Perkins,	road work	3.50
1478	E. C. Perkins,	road dragging	9.00
1492	Eddie Petersen,	road dragging	21.00
1493	Eddie Petersen,	road dragging	12.00
1495	O. G. Boock,	road work and road dragging	3.00
1498	Frank Bronzynski,	road work	24.75
1499	Harry Tidrick,	road dragging and overseeing, claimed \$126.00 allowed at	81.00
1507	Walter Herman,	road dragging	5.25
1515	C. B. Wattier,	road dragging	34.50
1519	Adolph Dorman,	road dragging	1.12
1521	Frank Utecht,	road dragging	24.00
1522	Albert Utecht,	road dragging, road work and cutting trees	37.00

No.	Name	What for	Amount
1457	Platte Valley Cement & Tile Mfg. Co.,	drain tile	24.50
1517	Adolph Dorman,	freight advanced	21.78
1518	Adolph Dorman,	road and grader work	74.00
1481	Henry Otte,	road work	94.80
1470	W. H. Closson,	moving tractor	5.00
1482	Ben Terry,	road work	26.10
1471	C. W. Anderson,	road work	7.00
1490	Wm. Peterson, Jr.,	road work	16.00
1494	J. P. Jensen,	road work	8.40
1495	O. G. Boock,	road work and road dragging	5.30
1511	Anton Peterson,	road work	5.00
1466	J. P. Douthitt,	road work	3.00
1483	John P. Davis,	road work	34.30
1484	W. B. Lewis,	road work	2.10
1485	W. C. Davis,	road work	12.00
1491	Mark Benschopf,	road work	18.00
1445	A. H. Brinkman,	road work	13.00
1505	Walter Simpson,	road work	20.45
1506	Lyle Gamble,	road work	4.55
1508	I. O. Richardson,	road work	3.60
1509	Verne Richardson,	road work	5.85
1510	George Steele,	road work	5.60
1489	Emil Lutt,	road dragging	8.62
1472	F. H. Kay,	grader work	12.60
1497	Andrew Pearson,	road work	21.00
1522	Albert Utecht,	road dragging, road work and cutting trees	20.50
1523	Frank Utecht,	road work and cutting trees	25.00
1446	Ernest C. Frevort,	road work	5.95
1516	Bernhard Spittigerber,	road work for 1918	50.00
1520	Bernhard Spittigerber,	road work with engine	79.50
1514	Bert Cook,	grader work	11.80
1462	Nels Andersen,	road work	18.00
1461	Frank Carpenter,	road dragging and bridge repair	3.00
1504	Herman Bronzynski,	road work	53.00
1504	Herman Bronzynski,	road work	30.00
1324	August Meierhenry,	road work	24.45
1325	Fred Meierhenry,	road work	108.35
1514	Bert Cook,	grader work	11.00
921	Charles Bernhardt,	road work	96.00
1464	Wm. May,	road work	4.00
1465	Gustav May,	road work	3.00

The following claims are on file against the county but have not been passed on at this time:

106 for \$38.55; 1205 for \$85.597; 823 for \$3.75; 893 for \$36; 1284 for \$2; 1304 for \$665.27; 1205 for \$457.67; 1306 for \$343.46; 1309 for \$513.52; 1310 for \$419.70; 1313 for \$406.52; 1316 for \$357.52; 1317 for \$440.67; 1326

A Closing Out Sale!

As I am moving to town, I will sell at public auction three and one-half miles south and two and one-half miles west of Wayne and five and one-half miles due east of Winside, on

Thursday, January 8th

Commencing at 12 o'clock sharp

Free Lunch Before Sale

4 Head of Horses

One gray mare, smooth mouth, weight 1300; one brown mare, 6 years old, weight 1250; one bay mare, 6 years old, weight 1250; one roan horse, 5 years old, weight 1100; one pure bred Spanish Jack, weight 900.

26 Head of Cattle

Ten milch cows, some of these fresh and others to be fresh soon; five head of 2-year-old heifers to be fresh soon; one 2-year-old steer; eight yearling heifer calves and one white face bull.

36 Head of Hogs

Twenty head sows, sixteen stock hogs, one Duroc Jersey boar.

Machinery, Etc.

Two New Century cultivators, two disc cultivators, one 3-section harrow, one Grand Detour disc harrow, John Deere corn planter with 160 rods of wire, Gretchen corn planter with 120 rods of wire, 8-foot Deering binder, good top buggy, two wagons, hay rack, five sets work harness, some alfalfa in stack and some other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms—Ten months' time will be given on approved notes bearing 8 per cent interest. Sums of \$10.00 and under cash.

Mrs. D. H. Surber

D. H. CUNNINGHAM, Auctioneer.

H. S. RINGLAND, Clerk.

for \$25; 1378 for \$35; 1395 for \$63.50; 1459 for \$1; 1460 for \$89.14; 1469 for \$130.59.

Comes now E. J. Huntmer and says that for the year 1918 he was assessed as in the city of Wayne on an actual valuation of \$1985.00 which makes his tax \$48.54. That he paid said tax under protest and filed proper affidavit for the reason that he was assessed with stock in a building and loan association in the amount of \$1000.00 when as a matter of fact \$100, is all that he had paid in toward such stock and he now asks that the sum of \$20.38 be refunded.

On motion the board reduces the actual valuation \$900.00 and orders the county treasurer to refund the sum of \$20.88.

Comes now L. S. Needham & Bros. a partnership engaged in the grain and live stock business at Winside, Nebraska, and says that for the year 1917, they were assessed with an elevator on lots 1, 2, 3, block 12, original town of Winside, and for that year they were also assessed with a \$2000.00 elevator on their personal property schedule as improvements on right of way which constitute a double assessment. That said tax was paid under protest and now asks a refund.

The board after due consideration denies the application for a refund for the reason that said affidavit was not filed within the time required by law, and that the tax has been distributed by the county treasurer to their respective funds.

Comes now Earl Lound and says that for the year 1918 he was assessed on an actual valuation of \$2655.00 for Chapin precinct, which made the tax amount to the sum of \$32.23. He paid said tax under protest and filed affidavit giving as his reasons over taxation.

Board after due consideration denies that he is overtaxed and rejects the application.

Comes now Carl H. Leonard and says that for the year 1916 he was assessed on an actual valuation of \$5690.00 in Logan precinct, Wayne county, Nebraska, which makes his tax \$42.04. That he paid this tax under protest and filed his affidavit showing that he was assessed on a valuation of \$2500.00 in Thurston county, Nebraska, on some of the same items, as he was then carrying on farming in both counties and he now asks that the sum of \$17.37 be refunded.

The board after due consideration reduces the actual valuation from \$5690.00 to \$3190.00 and orders treasurer to refund the sum of \$17.37.

Comes now Mrs. J. F. Jeffries and says that for the year 1918 she was assessed with a valuation of \$3995.00. That she was assessed with a cash item of \$750.00. That said item was held for purpose of paying a debt that she was owing at the time and that she should have been allowed this deduction. That her tax in all amounted to the sum of \$92.69 which she paid under protest and filed this affidavit and now asks that the sum of \$14.50 be refunded, this being the tax on the cash item of \$750.00.

The board after due consideration reduces the valuation from \$3995.00 to \$3245.00 and orders treasurer to refund the sum of \$14.50.

Comes now Bellows & Davis and says that for the year 1918 they were assessed on an actual valuation of \$9855.00 for the village of Carroll, which makes the tax \$210.00. That said tax was paid under protest for the reason that an item of \$4033.90 given as amount added to stock since last invoice was an error and that this amount be deducted from their assessment and that the tax on the same amounting to the sum of \$86.24 be refunded.

The board after due consideration reduces the actual valuation from \$9855.00 to \$7855.00 and orders the treasurer to refund the sum of \$42.80.

Comes now John F. Sherbahn and says that for the year 1918, he was assessed as for within the city of Wayne on an actual valuation of \$5150.00 on about nine acres in section 13, township 26 range 3, east in Wayne county. That said tax amounted to the sum of \$119.47 which was paid under protest for the reason that about 6 acres of this land is an old clay pit and worthless.

The board after due consideration reduces the actual valuation from \$5150.00 to \$3150.00 and orders treasurer to refund the sum of \$46.40.

Comes now R. A. Clark and says that for the year 1918 he was assessed in the city of Wayne on an actual valuation of \$16290.00 which makes his tax \$380.33. That he paid said tax under protest and filed affidavit. That he turned in under book accounts due me the sum of \$5460.00 that the said amount was an error and asks that it be reduced to \$524.00; that the difference in tax in such reduction amounts to the sum of \$114.49 and he asks that this sum be refunded.

The board after due consideration reduces his actual valuation from

\$16290.00 to \$13560.00 and orders treasurer to refund the sum of \$63.33.

Comes now the Radio Round Incubator Company and says that for the year 1918 they were assessed in the city of Wayne on an actual valuation of \$23565.00 which made the tax amount to the sum of \$546.71. That said tax was paid under protest for the reason that they were assessed with one item of \$2500.00 as money in bank subject to check, that they owed to exceed the \$2500.00 and that they were entitled to a deduction of the \$2500.00.

The board after due consideration reduces the actual valuation from \$23565.00 to \$21065.00 and orders the treasurer to refund the sum of \$55.00.

Comes now G. W. Fortner, and says that for the year 1918 he was assessed in the city of Wayne on an actual valuation of \$5420.00 which would make his tax amount to the sum of \$125.75. That he paid said tax under protest for the reason that he was assessed with \$2000.00 money in bank and \$1000.00 book accounts. That he did not intend that this assessment should be given in that way as he did not have the money in the bank, neither did he have this amount in book accounts. Also that an error was made when the stock was put in at \$2000.00 when it should have shown \$1000, and he now asks that his valuation be reduced from \$5420 to \$1420 which would make the tax to be refunded \$92.80.

The board after due consideration reduces the actual valuation from \$5420.00 to \$2710.00 and orders the treasurer to refund the sum of \$62.87.

Whereupon board adjourned to December 30, 1919.—Chas. W. Reynolds, Clerk.

BUSY REPUBLICANS

(Columbus Telegram)

During the week nearly half a score of republicans have publicly announced that they will submit their names to the state primaries as candidates for the republican presidential nomination.

The newspaper offices have been flooded with literature issued by campaign managers in behalf of the several candidates. General Pershing has not yet authorized the use of his name in connection with a nomination for the presidency, but he has a very active boosting committee, and it is putting out a vast amount of propaganda in his behalf. It must be that Pershing intends to become a candidate, else he would not permit his friends to incur so much expense in his interest.

The contest at the republican primaries in Nebraska will be particularly interesting. It is understood that the McKelvie faction in the party will get behind the candidacy of Governor Lowden, of Illinois, while Lieutenant Governor Barrows is regarded as the leader of the forces in this state demanding the nomination of General Leonard Wood. The movement to give the Nebraska delegation to General Pershing is headed by Wood Brothers, the Lincoln telephone millionaires, Hiram Johnson's campaign in this state will be looked after by Frank A. Harrison, the stormy petrel on the Nebraska political sea, who is understood to be acting by request of Senator Norris, who is a red-hot advocate of the nomination of Johnson.

Earlier in the campaign it was believed all the advocates of a military man for president would get behind the candidacy of General Leonard

Wood, and particularly in Omaha, where his handling of the court house riot brought order out of chaos in a hurry. But if it happens that General Pershing's name shall be submitted at the Nebraska primary there will be a division of the military vote, and in that case Hiram Johnson will have an easy fight for the delegation from this state. His friends say he can carry the Nebraska primary, no matter if pitted alone against General Wood or General Pershing, and with both those military leaders in the race they regard the success of Johnson already assured.

My own judgment is that the Nebraska republican nomination will go to one of these three—Pershing, Wood or Johnson, with chances largely in favor of Johnson in a three-cornered contest. Possibly General Wood might win the Nebraska vote, if only Pershing might win it, if only Wood would keep out. But with the military vote divided between the two popular generals, well, in that event the big senator from California would be an easy winner.

Wanted Agents for Wayne and Vicinity

Good proposition. Previous experience unnecessary. Free school of instruction. Address—Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, accident and health department, Saginaw, Michigan. Capital \$1,500,000.—12-20-2

Good Wild Hay For Sale

Have 15 to 20 tons of this hay, but half mile west from depot, Gus Zelman, Wayne, phone Black 368.—12-18-19

See the Democrat for sale bills

SANTA BANNED BY PURITAN FATHERS

No Christmas Festivities or Gifts for Children in Massachusetts in Early Days

DAY JUST LIKE ANY OTHER

Condition Somewhat Better for Youngsters in New Amsterdam—Holiday Observance Toyless in the Colonies in Seventeenth Century

In the early days of this country's history Christmas festivities were not generally observed and poor old "Santa Claus," and all he represents, had a hard time of it.

In Massachusetts the observation of Christmas was utterly denounced as an evil, ungodly and pernicious custom, and any child daring to think of as much as a plum pudding on that day would make herself liable to reproof by the authorities. All along the stern and rock-bound coast, Geraldine Ames writes in the Churchman, the only Christmas trees in the days of the Puritan domination were those that nature had planted there and had adorned with fleecy snow. The fires burned brightly on the open hearths, but as far as the children knew Christmas was just like any other day in the calendar. Even after the Puritan reaction against the forms and customs of the old church had spent itself to some extent the children of the seventeenth century still expected no gifts in honor of the birth of Christ.

In New Amsterdam (the outlook was a little better for the children. The Hollanders had brought with them their St. Nicholas, and his birthday was celebrated joyously by young and old just before Christmas, but Christmas was also observed. Of course, they had not many real toys as we know them today, but in the shoes that the little Hollanders set by the fireplace in the shining kitchen, which was also the living room, were homemade gifts. Many of these were of a useful character, such as hand-knit caps and mittens, but now and then a skillful Hollander would carve a model of a boat such as that which had brought them to New Amsterdam, or a miniature chest of drawers, and one can fancy the recipients showing these with pride, to the wondering little Indian boys and girls when they came to be off terms of sufficient amity with them for such conferences.

In Virginia, where the church of England was strong and its adherents steadfastly observed the holidays as in the home country, there was always more of the Christmas spirit and abundant cheer and merry-making than elsewhere at this season. Here the Yule log held its place and here were the games and the feasting that made it indeed the merry season of the year. Later when New Amsterdam became New York and the English came in to power the character of the Christmas holiday was changed somewhat, although the Dutch influence continued dominant for many years.

Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observations were not frowned upon by religion, feasting and good cheer were abundant, and bond and free, rich and poor, old and young, shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from over seas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their younger brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own, to fondle and cuddle. A toy was a thing to be cherished in those days. Some of the gifts were of real intrinsic value, for the shipping and trading were growing to be important factors in the colonies, and men brought treasures of all kinds from the far East to the seaports, whence they were distributed to other parts of the colonies. The war for independence interrupted this and the children shared in the self-sacrifices and deprivations that were undergone by all the families living in the colonies at that time. When soldiers were starving at Valley Forge there was little thought in their homes of Christmas merrymaking and little out of which to provide it.

After the war there were still lean years, but by the opening of the nineteenth century peace and plenty smiled upon the land and Santa Claus found it safe to resume his visits and make his distributions.

Remember Old Friends.
"What? A holiday greetings card with old Bill's name scribbled across it? Good old Bill! Why, it's 11 years almost since we saw each other, and here he's not forgotten me even yet. . . . Huh, Mary, you needn't be so all-fired proud of that scarf Aunt Susie sent you. This may be only a colored postcard, but by George, it's from Bill!" Well, well—this sure is Christmas!"

The First Christmas Card.
The Christmas card cannot claim to have been established so long as other of our Christmas customs. The first Christmas card came into the world in 1848, when Sir Henry Cole, an Englishman, sent Yuletide greetings to his friends.

The Question of Importance.
Millionaire—Tell me, child, that young man who wants to marry you this Christmas, has he got any money?
Miss Innocence—Money, father? Why, he has just given me a cluster diamond ring studded with pearls.
Millionaire—Yes, I know. Has he any money left?

Boxing Day in England.
Boxing day is little known in America, but its observance is general in Great Britain. It is the day after Christmas day, and is observed as a holiday, Christmas being reserved for religious observation. A feature of the day is the giving of gifts by employers to employees. These are called Christmas boxes.

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THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry,
And the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a king!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the Virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Aye! the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a king!

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impaired,
And that song from afar
This sweet o'er the world,
Ever heard, is adored,
And the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations
That Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng.
Aye! we shout to the lovely
Evangel that bring,
And we greet in his cradle
Our Savior and King.
—Josiah G. Holland.

LORE OF THE YULE LOG

Should Be Lighted From Portion of Last Year's Which Should Be Preserved for Good Luck.

The Yule-log, a probable variant of the bonfire—so characteristic of sun festivals—has some interesting folklore of its own.

In medieval England, its duration coincided with the Christmas revels. As long as it burned, the tenant had a right to feed at the lord's expense. The log was often cut from an ash-tree—the sacred tree of our Saxon forefathers. There is a gypsy legend that our Lord was born in a field and brought up by an ash-fire.

The log should, properly, be lighted with a portion of last year's log, a piece of which is always supposed to be preserved for luck. At the same time that the Christmas fire was lit, the Christmas candle had to be lighted. (A portion of last year's taper was also to be kept.) It was unlucky to snuff the Christmas candle, which burned for 12 days—the period of festivity. At St. John's college, Oxford, can still be seen the ancient stone socket with the Agnus Dei stamp, in which the Christmas candle was placed on the high table.

On the Isle of Man, the folk formerly carried long tapers to church on Christmas eve.

AND BEFORE CHRISTMAS, TOO.



"Jeanette, you are the light of my life. You're my sun, my stars, my all, you're my—"
"Yes, George. I know all that; but you're broke."

The Bubble Burst.
Young Tom was spending Christmas in the country and had been invited to the beautiful home of a sweet young thing named Agnes.

"What a charming place!" he said enthusiastically, to Agnes' proud parents. "Does it go as far as those woods over there?"
"It does," remarked the somewhat unsympathetic father.

"Ah," said Tom, still cheerily; "and to that old stone wall over there, sir?"
"It does," came the gruff answer; "and it goes as far as the river on the south, and to the main road on the north."

"Beautiful!" put in Tom.
"Yes," went on the old man, "but it doesn't go with Agnes!"
Then Tom faded peacefully from view.

Stockings for Christmas Only.
The Christmas stocking as generally known is one taken from the bureau supply for daily wear. In certain parts of the country, however, the Christmas stocking is never in use except to be "hung from the chimney with care." The New England stocking of this kind is usually long in the leg and knitted from woolen yarn. There are stockings on Cape Cod which have been used by four generations of children. Once emptied of their treasure on Christmas morning they are rolled up and marked and laid away for the next year's festivities.

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ASIA BIRTHPLACE OF ST. NICHOLAS

Contrary to General Belief in This Country, He Was Not of German Origin

BORN IN SIXTH CENTURY

Worshipped by Italian Sea Traders as Their Special Protector—Played Double Role in This Country in Early Days.

Just why so many Americans think of the good Saint Nicholas as a German saint, and on second guess agreed to him with Dutch ancestry, is not known. But it is undoubtedly the general belief in our country that the saint, whose birthday, December 6, is celebrated in some countries as the "gift festival" of the year, was of Teutonic extraction.

The Christmas saint really was born in Asia Minor, in Panthera, in the province of Lyca, some time in the sixth century. St. Nicholas of Bari, he is often called by Europeans, but only the bones of St. Nicholas reposing for eight centuries in the crypt of a handsome cathedral at Bari, Italy, have given him that title. He never lived in Bari. Italian sea traders, who worshipped him as their especial protector, stole his body from its resting place in Myra in the twelfth century and brought it to the Italian seaport. Since that time the celebration held there in the saint's honor is unique.

The Eastern world knew and loved him first, but it is from Western Europe that we learn of many of the quaint customs connected with the celebration of his birth. In Lyca he lived to a good old age, filling his days even in childhood by doing good-deeds and giving lavishly to the poor of the fortune he inherited. It was Christlike to give, so, as a steward of God, his wealth belonged to God's children, Nicholas believed. Finally he was made bishop of Myra, where he went to live after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

It was not strange that after such a life of charity he should become a saint of the common people, even as St. George was a saint of knighthood. He was invoked by the laborer tolling for his daily bread, by mariners, by merchants. He was protector of the weak against the strong, the poor against the rich, the captive, the prisoner, the slave. He was especial guardian of maidens, schoolboys, the orphan poor. Throughout all Catholic Europe children are taught to reverence him, and to believe if they are docile and attentive to their duties he will fill the cap or stocking with dainties; if they are naughty or idle, he certainly has a rod in pickle to bring along for them.

Saint Nicholas has found his way to America in double role of benefactor and bugaboo. Among the Pennsylvania Dutch parents still admonish children: "Be good, Peitzelckel will get you"—Peitzelckel being a species of unkind Santa Claus and closely related to the "Old Nick." In some sections Kris Kringle appears in combined role of Santa Claus and Christchild. He has other names—Santclaus, Claws Niglo, Nikolo.

Although strangely little is known of St. Nicholas in America, a few churches scattered over the country bear his name. No saint of the calendar has as many churches, altars and chapels erected in his honor. Most towns in England boast churches bearing St. Nicholas' name. There are more than a hundred in Belgium and thousands scattered over Europe. But wherever he is worshipped and his birthday observed it is always in remembrance of the fact that he is a follower and disciple of the Christ, whose coming was the greatest gift of all.

Charity at Christmas.
There can be no holier sentiment attached to a gift on Christmas day than charity, for charity combines all that is good and tender in human ideal, impulse and emotion. There is a double joy in charity, for it blesses two. It not only gives happiness in the act itself, but it quickens and develops, for all after life, pure, precious qualities of mind and heart that are a well-spring of peace. Charity comes nearer to spanning the immeasurable space between the sin of this world and the holiness of heaven than any other blessing that mankind knows.

An ideal Christmas which would really mean genuine good will among men is one in which none should be cold, hungry, shelterless or friendless—one in which they who have would think first of them who have not.—Christian Herald.

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CHRISTMAS REBORN

My heart's throbbin' like it used to, old times play along its strings . . . At the thought of Christmas comin' and the thought of Christmas things . . . And the thought of little children climbin' out of little beds . . . With the Christmas candles throwin' golden glory on their heads, . . . And a-standin' like I've seen them all about the Christmas tree; . . . There is memories a-plenty comes along the years to me . . . But no memories are sweeter than the memories that come . . . Of the fur-off Christmas mornin's and the children with their drums.

Little children appy-toin' down the stairs in nights white, . . . Then a sudden rush an' clatter, and a squealin' of delight . . . When they see the tree a-standin' in the crispy Christmas dawn. . . . And a look has made them certain that old Santa Claus is gone— . . . For although they write to Santa tellin' what they'd like to get . . . They are always sort of a-sore that they will find him there till yet . . . When they're gettin' up so early, so they give a squeal to see . . . That he's got his work all finished and has left the Christmas tree.

Children late years ain't been gettin' all they write him for . . . For his work was interfered with by the horrors of the war; . . . But the war is done and ended, and we've got to rise and go . . . All the galts for this here Christmas that we ever used to know; . . . Got to do our shoppin' early, and enough for years-gone-by; . . . Got to bring back Santa Claus and get the Christmas tree; an' try . . . To forget that there was hatred in the world, an' grief and tears; . . . Got to do our shoppin' now and brighten up the comin' years. . . . —Judd Mortimer Lewis.

CHRISTMAS ACTS AS TONIC

Happy and Exhilarating Mental Spirit Has Good Effect on People, Declare Medical Observers.

Close observers in the ranks of the medical profession have noted one very interesting fact concerning the Christmas season—that it generally has a good tonic effect upon their patients. In explanation of this the London Lancet says that since Christmas has come to be regarded as a time for good cheer, a universal feeling of contentment and happiness is engendered at this time of joyousness, routine is for a while relieved, a certain freshness is given to the daily round, differences of opinion are sunk, and a charitable spirit prevails. Is it, by the way, hoping for too much that the season of good fellowship should leave some lasting effect upon the manners and methods of all?

It may not be easy to trace exactly why this sense of exhilaration and well-being comes with the advent of Christmas, for the psychological factors concerned are not simple. But the main point is that the mental state does everybody good, and the annual festivity is just as excellent an institution as the prescription of the physician which gives tone and vigor to the struggle in life's race. There is no need nowadays, thanks to the good sense of the people and the counsels of their medical advisers, to moralize about the evils of a stupid indulgence in food, alcohol and tobacco on a festive occasion such as the present. Practically everybody realizes the great physiological advantages of being wise on a merry occasion and the disadvantages of being a fool.

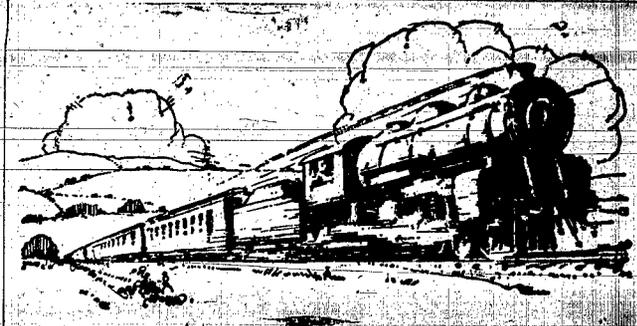
Many more persons than formerly feel where use ends and abuse begins, and they act sensibly accordingly; and so far from it being a crime to make the season festive by enjoying, on a little extended scale perhaps, the creature comforts of life, some decided good is done to both the mental and physical health of the individual. The festive season may, therefore, be welcomed which brings cheer to thousands, which induces the generous and charitable to brace the mental and physical functions of the community at large, giving it the opportunity of relinquishing its business and its worries for a time, to start again refreshed and ready for "the trivial round, the common task." The prescription "A Merry Christmas" is sound so long as the "signature" of good sense is observed.

ESPECIALLY AFTER CHRISTMAS.



Miss Romantique—You men—before marriage you pay compliments, but after—
Mr. Wise—We pay the bills.

Christmas.
It is a blessed thing to believe in Christmas and all that it means. It is a blessed thing to be able to hear the song of the heavenly visitors. It has never sounded sweeter; never more necessary, never more full of hope and promise.



The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a vastly greater tonnage than that of any other country. There is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways. —United States Senator Cummins.

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads—in England and France, the best in Europe—and in other Continental countries—and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

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BLAZE AT THE BOYD

Saturday afternoon about 5:30 an explosion occurred in the Boyd dining room which for a time promised serious results to the place. The absence of electricity had made necessary the use of an oil burner beneath the coffee urn, and this exploded starting a blaze which though confined to the one room made it necessary to newly paper the room and replace some of the wood work with new. The explosion broke a number of dishes, and Landlord Gansko estimates his loss in dishes and dining room furnishings at \$100. The loss to the owner of the building was perhaps fully as much. The fire department was called, but not needed, as the flames were handled without their aid.

See the Democrat for sale bills

AN OPPORTUNITY TO START A HERD

In the Shorthorn sale of Henry Cozad, to be held at the Wayne pavilion January 10, a chance will be offered for some farmers in this vicinity to secure the foundation of a herd of good home-grown animals and at a fair price. Mr. Cozad has been building a fine herd for a number of years, selecting with care from the best families of Shorthorn cattle. The sale of his farm he was on makes this dispersion sale an opportunity for Wayne people to reap where Henry has been sowing. No farmer in this county who wants to improve his herd with Shorthorn blood should fail to attend January 10 at the Wayne pavilion.

Read the advertisements.

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