

THE SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS

The gifts of yesterday

—those that are the treasured mementos of years gone by—the tokens of love, friendship and good will. In many instances they have far outlived the giver; but the spirit that prompted them has been reciprocated in kind, again and again, by the memories these one-time gifts invoke.

Perhaps it is an old-fashioned brooch, a broken set of earrings, a ring worn thin, an old-fashioned watch—they are the gifts that, surviving all others, have come down through time to find a permanent place in our affections.

Things of greater intrinsic worth have long since departed and been forgotten; others of lesser value have soon outlived their usefulness and been relegated to the ash heaps of dead memories.

But these are the cherished gifts. They were created for that purpose. And the giver, in selecting them, but exercised that spirit which had always made him dear to us. They seem to personify his own affectionate regard.

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CONGRESS TO SPEND MONEY FOR THE WEST

Alliance Gets Appropriation of \$15,000 for Completion of the Federal Building

Congress resumed business at the old stand Monday with little out of the ordinary to warrant extended description according to news reports. The congratulations and condolences between members who had been re-elected or had been relegated to private life, were spoken in the lobbies or in private, the enlivening scenes of former days where men of opposite parties threw themselves into one another's arms, being entirely missing from the picture.

It was business from the beginning and outside of the warm receptions accorded Vice President Marshall and speaker Champ Clark as they appeared in their respective places as the presiding officers over the two houses, the wheels of legislation began to grind early, betokening a desire to accomplish everything possible within the time limit set by the constitution for this session, namely March 4.

The roll call in senate and house disclosed that the entire Nebraska delegation was present, a number of the members coming in on early morning trains, to be on hand when the gavel fell, calling the house to order.

Messrs. Lobeck, Sloan and Shallenberger came in together from Chicago, as did Green of Council Bluffs, Ia. Representative Kinkaid arrived Monday morning, by the southern route from Nebraska. Representative Reavis has been in Washington since shortly after election, while Representative Stephens arrived in the capital last week. Senator Norris has been in Washington for a fortnight Senator Hitchcock arriving on Saturday.

On Tuesday the President's message to congress was read. It was one of the shortest messages ever sent to congress but is full of suggestions. The complete text of the message appears elsewhere in this issue of the Herald. It is well worth reading clear through to the end.

The Appropriations
Nebraska and South Dakota come in for their full share of the appropriations and Alliance is right at the head of the list, scheduled for an appropriation of \$15,000 for the completion of the federal building now being erected here. Following is the schedule of appropriations for buildings in process of erection:

Alliance, Neb., postoffice, for completion	15,000
Belle Fourche, S. D., for continuation	25,000
Buffalo, Wyo., for completion	31,500
Carroll, Ia., postoffice, continuation	25,000
Central City, Neb., continuation	15,000
Chadron, Neb., postoffice, completion	40,000
Chariton, Ia., postoffice for continuation	45,000
Charles City, Ia., postoffice for completion	10,000
Cherokee, Ia., postoffice for continuation	25,000
Cody, Wyo., postoffice for completion	10,000
Glenwood, Ia., postoffice for continuation	25,000
Griernell, Ia., postoffice for completion	18,000
Maquoketa, Ia., postoffice for completion	15,000
Redfield, S. D., postoffice for completion	13,000
Wahoo, Neb., postoffice for completion	39,500
Washington, Ia., postoffice for completion	5,000

Under the reclamation service: For North Platte project, Nebraska-Wyoming, \$1,170,000, this being \$70,000 over appropriation for 1917.
For Belle Fourche project \$274,000 being \$176,000 increase over 1917.
For Shoshone project, Wyoming, \$252,000 a decrease of \$500,000 from 1917 appropriation.
Included in the estimates for 1918 as presented to congress through the treasury department are the following appropriations other than for federal buildings: Indian school, Genoa, including pay of superintendents, \$555,000; general repairs,

\$7,5000; addition to hospital, \$2,500; employees' quarters, \$7,120; purchase and erection of steel water tank, \$2,400; in all...	\$8,320
Inmate institution at Canton S. D.	60,000
Support of Sioux of Yankton tribe (S. D.)	14,000
Education of Sioux nation (S. D.), including erection and repair of buildings	200,000
Support of Indian school at Flandreau, S. D.	83,955
Support of Indian school at Pierre, S. D. (an increase of \$22,000 over 1917)	82,025
Support of Indian school at Rapid City, S. D. (a decrease of \$18,000 from the 1917 appropriation)	65,500
Support of Sioux of different tribes, including the Santee Sioux of Nebraska	307,000
Hot Springs reservation	10,000
Support of Indian school at reservation, Shoshoni, Wyo.	36,725
Support of Shoshone' employees (Wyo.)	6,000
Roads and bridges, Shoshone reservation (reimbursable)	25,000

DATES OF COMING EVENTS IN NEBRASKA

December 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9—Annual Poultry and Pet Live Stock Show at Beatrice.
December 6, 7 and 8—Annual Convention of State Irrigation Association at Bridgeport.
December 12, 13 and 14—State convention of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks at Alliance.
December 12, 13 and 14—Nebraska Farmers' Congress at Omaha.
December 19, 20 and 21—State Veterinarians' Association meeting at Lincoln.
December 20 and 21—Convention of National Farmers' Equity Union at Omaha.
January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6—State Poultry Show at Kearney.
January 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20—State Improved Live Stock Association meeting at Lincoln.
January 16, 17 and 18—Annual convention of Nebraska Volunteer Firemen at Auburn.
January 16, 17, 18 and 19—Winter Apple, Floral and Potato show at Lincoln.

FOURTEEN STEERS TURNED INTO CORN STALKS—DIED

Farmers should heed the warning against turning cattle into the corn fields at this time of the year. It is almost bound to prove fatal as the poison in the stocks now acts quickly. Fourteen head of three-year-old steers belonging to E. T. Kibble of this city were turned into the corn stalks at the Kibble ranch east of Alliance with the result that they died Wednesday and Thursday night. A veterinarian was called and he put

forth every effort to save the steers but it was useless. The loss of fourteen steers runs up into money and should act as a lesson to others who might unthinkingly do the same thing.

PRIMARY TEACHER HAS SMALLPOX

Miss Eva Crocker, a primary teacher at the Central school, is ill with smallpox, having been quarantined Thursday afternoon at her rooming place at 615 Box Butte avenue. She left school Wednesday of last week to consult a physician and then learned that she had smallpox. The school was dismissed at noon that day and the entire building fumigated. The fact that school was to be dismissed anyway for the Thanksgiving holidays made it very convenient to give the building a thorough fumigation. When Miss Crocker complained of not being well it was thought she might have la grippe, as there has been an epidemic of la grippe in the schools and several of the teachers have been compelled to have substitutes teach for them.

MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES EARLY IS CALL

Post-office officials have issued the suggestion, "Do your Christmas mailing early, and that means—do it now." Fearful of a rush of business in the several days before Christmas which will jam the postal system so that some mail will necessarily be delayed, postal officials have issued the warning that all may have an opportunity to provide themselves and their relatives and friends against disappointment.

According to one, it is absolutely urgent that mail going to foreign countries gets away at once if Christmas deliveries are hoped for. The censorship of the belligerent countries spells delay and even countries not at war will have delay.

Postal employees all over the country are looking forward with dread to the Christmas parcel-post load. If those who usually wait until the last minute will hurry up, mail their packages and mark them, "Not to be opened until Christmas," they will confer a series of joys, one to the recipient and one to every postal employee who has to handle the package.

SCOTTSBLUFF TO HAVE WHOLESALE GROCERY

Through the efforts of the Commercial Club at Scottsbluff that town is no wassured of a wholesale grocery firm, according to reports. It is said that Raymond Bros. & Clark, wholesale grocers of Lincoln, have closed a deal for property along the Burlington right of way on First street, east of what is known as the Bowen storage track. The plans for a building are said to be under way, to be of brick, and large enough to take care of a branch of this kind. Work on the proposed building is expected to be started in the near future and to be rushed to a rapid completion. It is stated that A. E. Brown, who for some time has been a traveler for the firm, is slated to manage the brick house.

REGARDING POTASH INDUSTRY

Omaha, Neb.—Omaha people have invested about \$1,000,000 in an infant industry in the western part of Nebraska within the last ninety days and already they are being paid immense returns upon their investment. The money has been spent in the alkalai flats and lake beds, hitherto deemed worthless, but now are proving to be veritable gold mines, as they are giving large amounts of commercial potash. Potash on the market today is bringing nearly \$1 a pound.

This potash industry in western Nebraska was first made possible through the investigation of E. A. Cudahy, of the Cudahy Packing Company, and W. A. Page, of the American Smelting and Refining Company, together with the Redicks and a number of capitalists. They began silently by securing long-time leases on large tracts of alkalai flats and lake beds in Garden and Sheridan counties.

Nearly \$500,000 has been invested in evaporating plants at Hoffman and Antioch. The method of getting the potash is to sink deep wells into the hard pan soil. These wells are cased with iron and the water, strongly impregnated with the potash, is pumped to the evaporating plants where the minerals is separated from the water. This is done by boiling off the water, leaving nothing but the potash, salts and crystals. More than a thousand men are given employment in these fields.

At another place, instead of separating the potash from the water by the evaporating method, huge metal tanks are used and the sun evaporates the water.

WHY BUSINESS IS GOOD

Burlington Official Tells Why Traffic Is So Heavy—Potato, Beet and Grain Shipments Large

A Burlington traffic man was asked why business is so heavy on the road and replied, according to a news story in the State Journal, "Easiest thing on earth to answer." He names the large crop of potatoes, sugar beets, grain, etc., as one of the causes, and says: "You know why it is heavy in the grain producing sections of Nebraska. That is no mystery to you. You know that the farmers are howling for grain cars and that the westbound business is heavy—the manufacturers of the east bought with grain money from the farm. Easy to explain so far as eastern Nebraska is concerned. "Now take the short grass country where the cattle industry is the big thing. The cattlemen had a big year. They have sold a big crop of cattle, produced at little cost and with practically no loss. In the same region they have raised great crops of potatoes and harvested a great deal of hay. Then take the sugar beet producing regions of the

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northwest and west. The beet crop was good, brought a big price and the industry is booming. Two new sugar factories are to be placed in operation next year on Burlington northwest lines. Thousands of acres of beets have been contracted for and to produce these beets means an increase in population. An increase in population means more business for the railroad. Beets and potatoes have brought big returns during the past year. Many instances are known where the potato crop per acre brought a greater net return than the land has been held at.

"Get a little farther out into the oil and coal producing regions. New oil fields are being opened and old oil fields are rapidly increasing their production. To get the oil means that machinery must be bought and shipped and once the oil is got it must be shipped. The railroad is handling a vast quantity of oil now.

"The iron producing territory on our lines has had a season of wonderful richness. With the demand for iron ore and the high price of iron the business, has been heavy. Tonnage has been heavy and gives evidence of growing heavier.

"The demand for coal is greater than the supply and the roads are now bending their energies to get enough of this necessity into the hands of consumers to last thru the winter. The price of coal, like other things, has gone up.

"Then the sheep industry has been unusually good—so good, in fact, that sheep men are getting alarmed over it. With ewes selling from \$7 to \$9 where a few years ago \$5 was a high price, with wool selling at 30 cents where a short time ago it was as low as 20, you can see for yourself that there is some boom there. In fact, the price of sheep is so high that sheep men are seriously debating whether it will be wise to contin-

ue in the business. With the war ended and wool being shipped from Australia and other British possessions a price tumble is sure to come. The wariness of these sheepmen may keep the prices up for a while longer than they would stay otherwise.

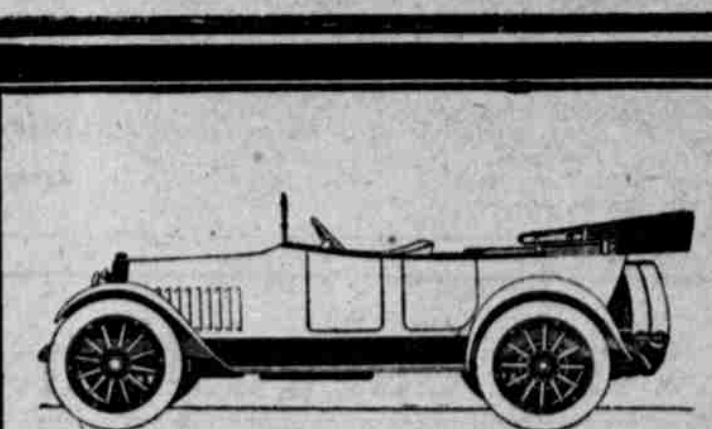
"The Northwest is reeking with ready money—too much, in fact, to make the situation look the best. It has such a boom-like appearance that a great many are hedging and getting ready for a change, but in the meantime traffic will keep up. It will be time enough for business to take the slump so many are looking for when the slump comes.

"People have the money to pay for what they buy and the ready change of money for products of the farm and factory makes good transportation business. Business will continue good until the crash."

CLAIM SERUM FAULTY
Several Sarpy county farmers who have lost all the way from 150 to 200 hogs from cholera after they were inoculated, have laid the matter before Senator Hitchcock, Congressman Lobeck and several state officials and legislators in an effort to interest them in the serum for cholera which, they claim, has been faulty in many cases. An investigation is promised in the serum business. One farmer near Gretna has a suit pending against a serum company for \$5,000.

SOLDIERS EXPECTED HOME
According to a letter received at Beatrice from one of the company C boys doing duty along the Mexican border in Texas, there is a possibility that the Nebraska regiments will be relieved from service before Christmas.

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