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OUR HOLIDAY WISH

We wish that we knew a different way to say "a merry Christmas and a happy new year," and yet say as much. Repetition tends to dull the efficiency of a statement. A remark heard many times becomes commonplace and loses its meaning to the hearer. And yet can the same idea be stated otherwise in as few words? Does that simply holiday greeting leave anything unsaid? What more can we wish a friend than that his Christmas be a merry one and that the new year coming be a happy one?

He who is happy can wish for nothing else—he possesses the sum total of human longing and desire. And he who is not happy, though he be a Croesus, is a pitiable object truly. The statements just made are trite; they have been said a hundred times in a hundred different ways. But the facts remain. And a deal of trouble would be saved if these facts were more widely appreciated.

May the students and the faculty of the university, then, to whom we extend this greeting, deem it, not prosaic, but the very best that can be offered, when we say that The Daily Nebraskan wishes to you all a merry Christmas and a happy New year.

NEBRASKA PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER SON

The University of Nebraska is happy to extend a most cordial welcome to her distinguished alumnus, General John J. Pershing. To claim General Pershing as an alumnus is a distinction any university may well covet. Nebraska is proud that that honor belongs to her. And she counts it a privilege to be given an opportunity to pay tribute to her son, the man who led America's forces to victory in the world's greatest war. A man whose name will go down in history with the most famous, a man on whom the eyes of the world have been centered for the last two years and more, a man for whom millions of prayers have been offered and countless tears have been shed, a man who has helped shape the destiny of nations, this man is, at his first opportunity, slipping from the acclamations of the multitude and returning to his home to be with his own at the Christmas season.

The university has many reminders of her renowned former student. The Pershing Rifles, an organization now in existence, was named in honor of its founder, who, in 1893, organized a select company of cadets for special work. His purpose in organizing it was to have a superior company in the proficiency of drill which could not be attained through the regular hours. The first Nebraska regiment was organized, with Pershing at its head, at a dinner which he gave for five of his friends. When they laughingly predicted that he should become the greatest general in the world, they little dreamed that their prophecy would become an actuality.

Prominent Lincoln men who were classmates of Pershing are enthusiastic in their praise of him. He took the military department, which then had been run in a rather haphazard manner, and made it into a well-organized institution. It was he who put compulsory drill in the curriculum. He is remembered as displaying a persistent demand for strict discipline. Never much of a talker, he kept his men under control on the drill field with his eye. He studied law at the university, and was also an instructor in mathematics. In his classroom he maintained his military discipline. Everyone was alert and there was no foolishness.

It is with great pleasure that the university is planning to share in the homecoming festivities being arranged in honor of the celebrated Nebraskan, and with open arms will welcome him home.

A SUGGESTION FOR THOSE NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

A prayer which is out of the ordinary, a prayer which grips your attention and makes you think, a prayer which is offered to you as a costly gift would be, with the hope that it may be of service to you, is this which written by a college man.

But first, a word as to the author. He is Max Ehrmann, novelist and playwright, graduate of De Pau University. It has had a very wide circulation. It has been translated into almost every language. It has been inserted into the Congressional Record at Washington. It has been set to music. Copies were stolen from the walls of the Indiana Building at the St. Louis Exposition; it has been found on the bodies of suicides, the last solace of condemned criminals, the daily lesson of millions of school children, the cherished possession alike of the Fifth Avenue millionaires and the Bowery poor of many great cities. Thousands of persons who never go inside a church read and love it. It is the prayer universal because work is its creed and love its religion.

The prayer was rescued from the waste-basket where he had tossed it, by a maid. Mr. Ehrmann was seriously ill when he wrote it. The prayer follows:

"Let me do my work each day; and if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that comforted me in the desolation of other times. May I still remember the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when light glowed within me and I promised my God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world know me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with myself. Lift my eyes from the earth and let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others lest I condemn myself. Let me follow the clamor of the world but walk calmly in my path. Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am; and keep ever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope. And though age and infirmity overtake me, and I come not within the sight of the castle if my dreams teach me still to be thankful for life, and for time's olden memories that are good and sweet; and may the evening's twilight find me gentle still."

Society

Friday, December 19
 Freshman Law Hop, Lincoln Hotel.
 Alpha Tau Omega, house party.
 Farm House—House dance.

Saturday, December 20th
 Phi Delta Theta house party.

PERSONALS

Professor A. R. Congdon, will leave Saturday for Onawa, Iowa, where he will spend the Christmas vacation.

Nell Ryan, of Omaha, will leave today for her home in Omaha, after spending this week as a guest at the Aechoth house.

Ruth King, '21, is ill at the Delta Gamma house.

Dewey Hoy, '23, is ill with pneumonia at the Lincoln sanitarium.

Marie McKee, of Aurora, is a guest of her sister Blanche McKee at the Alpha Phi house.

Dr. Earhart of the Teachers' college will spend a week during the holidays in Butte, Montana, where she will conduct an institute for the county superintendents of Montana.

Marguerite Marshall, '17, of Omaha, who for the last few days has been a guest at the Kappa Theta house left yesterday for California, where she will spend the rest of the winter.

Doris Bates, '22, who has been ill with tonsillitis, at the Gamma Phi Beta house, left today for her home in Lodgepole.

Ruth Taylor of Omaha is a guest of Dr. L. B. Pfeiffer of the European History Department. Miss Taylor was a Red Cross nurse for thirteen months, at Fort Des Moines and later at the Red Cross hospital at Denver, Colo.

Rebecca Smith of Paducah, Kentucky, is a guest of Dorothy English, '22.

OKLAHOMA PROFESSOR FREEZES BOILING WATER

Norman, Okla., Dec. 16.—Water will boil and freeze at the same time.

Marvelous? Perhaps,—but it's true. A whole class under Dr. Homer L. Dodge, professor of physics, heard it was to be done Tuesday, smiled and waited to let somebody else nibble at the joke—then saw it with their own eyes.

It's all only a problem of how liquid air is made and illustrating how refrigerating plants work. Dr. Dodge says. And here is how it is done:

The water is placed in a dish under a bell jar and pump is connected to remove the air. Water boils at a lower temperature on Pike's Peak than at sea level because the pressure is less. The lower the pressure, the lower the boiling point. The pump lowers the pressure in the bell to such an extent that the water, even though at the temperature at which it comes from the hydrant, just has to boil.

So the water boiled. The pump removes all the air except a hundred thousandth part. This however, still leaves millions of molecules of air in every cubic inch. These are too few to keep the water from boiling. Now to bring water to boil by reducing the pressure, heat must be introduced. In this case it comes from the water itself.

Since the water does not evaporate, it gets colder until it finally freezes.

So the water froze. The water on top becomes ice while the water underneath continues to boil away merrily much as it did in the Mother Goose story. The bubbles of boiling water rises to the surface, plow their way through the forming ice, and freeze!

A demonstration will be held later in the week when it will be shown that what in a bottle will boil when ice water is poured over it.

FAMOUS SAYINGS

"I'm tough," said the steak as its consumer ruined three molars in the mastication process.

"I Aint Got Nobody, Much," hummed the little 85-pound woman as she bent over the wash board making a living for her 200-pound man.

"I'm hard boiled," said the egg after the active chick inside had made six for freedom.

"I'm high-toned," said the soprano as she soared around three stories above K-sharp.

"I'm A Jazz Baby," said the man rising from a red-hot stove in actions more clear than words.

"I'm lost!" gasped the lady with the light skirt, as she swayed in mid-air with one foot just before and the other just as she attempted boarding a street car.

"I put the H in Itch," said the tramp as he indulged in another scratch."
 —Oklahoma Daily.

UNI NOTICES

Xi Delta

The Xi Delta are requested to have their pictures taken at Townsend's before Friday, December 19.

Ninety-nine tickets including all complimentary, have been validated for the Freshman Law Hop to be held at the Lincoln Hotel, Dec. 19, 1919. No more tickets will be validated for this dance.

HAS COLLECTED 3,000 PIPES

Syracuse, N. Y.—How'd you like to be able to smoke a different pipe every day for eight years?

A Syracusan, owner of the world's largest exhibit of pipes, could, but doesn't, for the Syracusan is a non-smoker, and a woman to boot. She is Mrs. Gard Foster, widow of a well known central New York physician, who has completed cataloguing her unique collection, started by her husband and finished by her since his death.

The collection now numbers 3,000 and includes pipes from every country under the sun. Among the rare specimens is a beautifully carved meerschaum with an exquisitely shaped hand holding the bowl of the pipe, the carving of the lace at the wrist being perfect in detail. A meerschaum skull pipe and a cigaret holder representing "Leda and the Swan," from Saalsburg also are reckoned as priceless.

Oh, tell me how long. Will I have to wait— Can't I get up now. Or must I—

—Stay in the house, miss all this month's quizzes, flunk out in classes, lose this semester's credit, and incidentally get out of buyin' her a present this year with a true plea of financial bankruptcy.—

Oh, boy, but it's a g-r-r-r-and and glorious feelin'.—Oklahoma Daily.

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