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Christmas

"And the angel said unto them,
Fear not; for, behold I bring you good
tidings of great joy which shall be
to all people, for unto you is born
this day in the city of David a savior,
which is Christ the Lord."

Many able speakers and writers
will use this text form the gospel of
St. Luke today as a theme for Christ-
mas observations. The words arrest
attention. An angel is speaking. A
messenger from out of the skies, a
being from realms above is here.
Would we have time to listen? In
hardened and cool indifference would
we care to listen? Engrossed in ma-
terial interests, pleasures, follies would
we catch the gleam of the seraph
wing if one came from the courts of
the Infinite? The group of Jewish
shepherds holding their lonely vigils
on the dark mountains of Moab did.
Not to Cyrenius, the provincial gov-
ernor, not to the bloody Herod, not
to Caesar Augustus in distant Rome
did the angel appear. The gross, the
vicious lives are not touched by the
sacred and sublime.

It is worth while this Christmas
morning to read again the story of
the first Christmas morning. Per-
haps some have not heard it since
childhood—maybe never read it them-
selves. And with this record in the
second chapter of Luke read the story
of creation's morning in the first
chapter of the sacred volume. Both
are beautiful in their simplicity. The
worthwhile days, the worthwhile spe-
cial seasons to which mankind clings,
have their foundation in the bible.
There we get our weekly rest day;
there we get the record of the event
for which this special day is cele-
brated; there we turn for authority
for other special occasions. The gos-
pel of Luke especially arrests the at-
tention. His personal testimony that
he was eyewitness "to those things
which were most surely believed among
us," gives it added authority.

Among the endless list of books,
magazines, papers, now published, the
bible holds first place in the affections
of mankind. It has been translated
into 900 languages and has the largest
annual sales of anything published,
amounting to millions of copies every
year. A little time spent with its
pages this Christmas season will help
to prolong in our hearts and lives
the kindly sentiments the day inspires.

Full Steam Ahead

You have traveled on the highway
by automobile—the grey dun road
stretching at endless length ahead,
your motor purring steadily and evenly
along. In the distance a rise in the
land is observed. You roll on. The
rise becomes a hill, a peak, an insur-
mountable upgrade, dead ahead. You
wonder, can we make it? Will the
old machine climb over. And then as
you near the beginning of the ascent,
it flattens out—the mountain sudden-
ly shrinks to a mole-hill and over you
ride with perfect ease.

So on the highway of life—on the
highway of our daily experiences—
difficulties loom like impregnable bar-
riers, like mountains in the way of
future progress. Holding steadily,
evenly ahead we come face to face
with the thing that frightened; arrive
at the place where we thought our
feet must surely stop, where another
step was not possible—and then, the
difficulty shrinks, the hard job be-
comes play, the impossible is accom-
plished.

The hesitancy, the putting off, the
fear, the dread are the products of
apprehension. The difficult part of a
hard job is the beginning. Once the
old coat is thrown aside, the sleeves
rolled and the plunge has been made
there is "noting to it".

Western senators, including the two
from Nebraska, vigorously oppose Mr.
Hoover's debt moratorium. Johnson
of California is bolisterous and bitter
to an extent that suggests something
of personal feeling. If the whole of
the foreign debts were handed in to-
day it would mean little or nothing
in the financial standing of the very
numerous body comprised of the great
American commoners.

A 12-Cent Gasoline Tax

A group of Omaha men, members
of the Un-Tax-It institute, at a meet-
ing in the Labor temple in Lincoln,
advocated a 12-cent tax on gasoline.
Figures were presented to show that
of every \$1800 spent in road building,
\$1015 was derived from taxes other
than gasoline. In urging a 12-cent
tax it was claimed the license fee
would be abolished, and the full bur-
den of highway costs would fall upon
those who use them.

The word abolish is not much more
than a myth, for the average auto
owner would find his license fee of
\$8 or \$12 missing and in its place an
additional \$30 to \$50 a year of gas tax
to pay. What a sweet relief from
taxation. According to their figures
a tax of 10-cents would pay all of the
highway building costs. What do they
want done with the extra 2-cents?
They either want every highway in
the state paved before 1935 or else
they have something in mind they
have not revealed.

What we would like to know is what
they have against the man that owns
an automobile. Demands for federal
gas tax and luxury tax if applied
would greatly increase the cost of
operating an automobile, and for a
large number of those driving the
lower priced cars it would be prohibi-
tive. The day is past when an auto-
mobile is a luxury. By the present
standard and pace of living the family
car is a necessity.

The idea of a gas tax placing the
burden of paying for highways on
those who use them is erroneous. If
accurate figures could be obtained
they would probably show that more
than half of the gasoline sold is
burned up on the streets of cities and
towns. There are fleets of cars and
delivery trucks owned by the depart-
ment stores, grocers, cleaners and
laundries, the city police, etc., that
are in constant use during the busi-
ness hours. They pay a gas tax that
is used for roads they never see, and
the same thing can be said of many
privately owned cars, as well as trac-
tors and other farm equipment using
gasoline.

Before the advent of large buses
and trucks with two or three trailers
hauling loads from 8 to 15 tons down
the highways, the depreciation on
roads was much less than it is today.
The railroads have to furnish their
own road-bed and maintain it. Is
there any reason why those operating
trucks and buses should not do the
same? A tax on vehicles over two
tons would come nearer to placing
the burden of expenses where it be-
longs. If the railroad tracks were
maintained by public taxes, what a
protest would arise. A good deal of
the present highway traffic amounts
to much the same thing. The private
driver is nearly crowded into the ditch,
on a road that he helped build, by big
trucks that have no more right to the
middle of the road than anyone else.

A four cent tax would pay 20-year
bonds that would pave every state
highway in Nebraska. We could en-
dure a 12-cent tax if the roads would
be paved and then the tax done away
with but the hope for that is small,
because very few tax laws are re-
pealed. They are usually increased.

A few state papers have endeavored
to gather solace from a pencil pro-
duction purporting to have appeared
in a great American weekly of seven-
ty-five years ago. It depicts condi-
tions much as they are found today
throughout civilized lands. It may
or may not have been written as now
published. Mankind has had its "ups
and downs" through the centuries. In
all probability it will come to pass
in the process of time that there will
be other occasions similar to 1857-
1877-1895 and 1931.

A small town pool hall was robbed
of \$100. When there is that much
money to put into pleasure during an
evening or two, it is time to forget
about "industrial depression".

We wonder if the recent out-break
at Leavenworth prison was a reb-
billion against the idea of having to
live with Al Capone.

GOING ON NORTH

Highway No. 13 Being Extended Into
South Dakota

Spencer Advocate: While in Spencer
Monday, T. B. Olson, Gregory county
commissioner, informed The Advocate
that the graveling had started on
highway 13, from the South Dakota
line north to Fairfax. The gravel is
being hauled from north of the Rose-
bud bridge but is of fine quality. The
country is doing the work, Mr. Olson
states. A number of corners are be-
ing rounded and the road will be a
dandy when the recoating of gravel is
completed.

Forty Cents a Pig

Petersburg Index: Peter Wirges,
who recently came from Boyd county,
was back there last week on business.
He tells of pigs selling there for forty
cents.

The O'Neill firemen will give a ball
next Monday night at the K. C. hall
which promises to be one of the not-
able social events of the season.

Over the County

EMMET ITEMS

Miss Tresa Pongratz who teaches
school north of O'Neill, spent the week
end at the home of her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. George Pongratz.

The Pleasant Dale P. T. A. met at
the school house Friday evening. A
large crowd was present. Mr. and
Mrs. George McNair and little son
Donald were visitors. A Christmas
program was given by the children.
The refreshment committee, Mrs. John
Kee, Mrs. Gerald Dusatko and Mrs.
Carl Lorenze, served Jello, cookies
and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville White and
children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Harris
and children, Mrs. Ada Stahley and
Velma and LaVerne of O'Neill, Mr.
and Mrs. Chance Coxbill of Atkinson
are to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl
Lorenze at their farm home on Christ-
mas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaaf and
baby of Stuart, visited at the home of
their cousin, Mrs. Joe Winkler, Thurs-
day. Mrs. Winkler took care of Mr.
and Mrs. Shaafs baby while they
made a business trip to O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Schmohr and
Glady and Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-
ward Wayman and Norman, Mr. and
Mrs. Ben Wayman and Aryllis, Mr.
and Mrs. Clyde Hershier and children
Irene, Floyd and Francis and Mr. and
Mrs. John Wayman, plan to spend
Christmas Day at the home of their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Way-
man. Grandmother Kloepfer will also
be a guest.

Joe Winkler left Wednesday evening
on a business trip to Dubuque, Iowa.
He returned home Saturday night.

Mr. Jones of near Chambers shot a
Great White owl and brought it to
Ralph Beckwith Sunday to be mounted.
Ralph also mounted a Golden Eagle
for James Donlin of Spencer this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pongratz and
family were guests at the home of
their daughter and her husband, Mr.
and Mrs. Dan Troshynski, Sunday.

A Christmas program and box social
took place at the Center Union school
house Wednesday evening.

William and Fred Roth and Harry
Werner were fishing along the river
east of Emmet Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allbrecht dressed
seven large geese for friends and rela-
tives' Christmas dinners, Monday.

John and Joe Laub took advantage
of the nice weather last week and
completed their new garage with the
exception of a few minor details.

Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman and
children, Irene, Vera and Donald of
Phoenix, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beck-
with are to be guests at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith, Christ-
mas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seger of
Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Keneey
and Harold Seger of Norfolk, Mr.
and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and daugh-
ter Myrlene, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern
Beckwith are to be guests at the home
of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A.
Seger, Christmas day.

Mrs. Orville White and children who
have been visiting Mrs. White's moth-
er, Mrs. Ada Stahley of O'Neill, came
home with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lorenze
to prepare for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Schmohr and
children and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beck-
with and children played cards at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beck-
with Saturday evening. This was
little Daryl Beckwith's first evening
away from home.

Next week the Pleasant Dale school
children and their teacher, Miss Min-
nie Seger, will enjoy their Christmas
vacation.

The pupils of District 25 and their
teacher, Teresa Pongratz will also
have Christmas vacation next week.

Miss Mable Werner has been as-
sisting Mrs. Lewis Gage with her
household duties the past week.

A very nice Christmas program was
given Tuesday afternoon by the pupils
of District 159. There was a good at-
tendance. Miss Uhl is the teacher.

STEEL CREEK PICK-UPS

Dr. Suverkrabbe is kept pretty busy
helping the neighbors butcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Newman were
dinner guests at the John Carson
home Sunday.

Olive Derickson visited Mrs. Will
Derickson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schallmeyer, Jr.
and daughter, visited at the Charles
Liska home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter and
Lizzie Carson attended the funeral of
Miss Louisa Kennedy at Page, Tues-
day afternoon.

Roy Noble, of Star, trucked hogs
to Sioux City Wednesday, for Lee
Brady and Will Farand, the latter
going along.

Betty Brady has been missing
school the past week on account of
sickness.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Os-
car Newman. A large crowd attended
and all enjoyed a fine lunch.

Mrs. Pat Osborn is much improved
of her recent illness.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Charley Cole suffered a broken thigh
when she fell from a chair. The wound
was dressed by Dr. French of Page.

Mrs. Derickson, who has been as-
sisting in caring for Mrs. Pat Os-
born, is home again.

Mrs. C. L. Brady spent Saturday
with Mrs. Guy Johnson.

MEEK AND VICINITY

The program and box social held at
the Leonia school house on Friday
evening was well attended, and a
good time is reported.

Bernard Hull, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Levi Hull, who went to California
about a year ago, was visiting rela-
tives in this locality last week.

A. L. Borg, motored to Crofton
Saturday to take Harlan Mc-Cain home
for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Searles, who
have both been ill with flu, are on the
road to recovery at this writing.

George Robertson drove to Hastings
after George Thomas the last of the
week.

Mrs. Virgil Hubby spent Saturday
afternoon at the Eric Borg home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Spindler, James,
Mary, Leone and LeRoy, Rrthur
Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson,
Raymond and Hazel, Mr. and Mrs.
Oscar Johnson and Harlan, were Sun-
day dinner guests at the Griffith home,
the occasion being Franks birthday.

Mrs. Arden Johnson and children,
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rouse and child-
ren, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Langon
and children, were Sunday guests at
the home of Mrs. E. H. Rouse.

Will Langan took Darr Moler over
to his brother Al's Sunday, where he
expects to help work in the wood for
awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and
son Arden spent Sunday at the Kurtz
home near Agee.

Mr. Virgin was out from O'Neill
and installed a new radio for Mrs. E.
H. Rouse, last week.

Word was received here Monday
evening of the sudden death of Mrs.
George Spindler of Atkinson. The
many friends of the family were
shocked by her death. Spindlers used
to live in this community and the
bereaved family have the sympathy
of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Borg have been
suffering with an attack of the flu.
Mrs. Borg is some better at this writ-
ing, but Axel is about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hubby spent
Sunday at the Eric Borg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fox, Ralph and
Virginia Raush were Sunday guests
at the Ralph Turg home.

INMAN NEWS

Miss Dorothy Chicken is expected
home from Wayne Thursday to spend
the Christmas vacation.

Miss Genevive Sire, who teaches in
the Tavenor district north east of
Inman, is holding a Christmas pro-
gram at her school house Wednesday
evening.

Mrs. A. N. Butler is quite ill at
her home here this week.

Miss Marvel Hartigan who is taking
a business course at Norfolk, is home
to spend the holidays with her pa-
rents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hartigan.

Miss Opal Weind, of Newman Grove,
is here visiting at the Lewis Kopecky
home.

Mr. W. H. Chicken drove to Gracie,
Nebraska Sunday to bring his daugh-
ter, Miss Muriel, home for the holi-
days. Miss Chicken teaches school
at Gracie.

Miss Lucille Rotherham who teaches
in the Willow Lake school south of
town, will hold a Christmas program
at her school house Tuesday night.

Miss Gladys entertained the mem-
bers of her Sunday school class at a
Christmas party at the Ladies Aid
parlors, Monday evening after school.

Gene Holcomb, who has been at the
Lewis Kopecky home the past sever-
al months, has gone to his home in
Parkersville, West Virginia, to spend
Christmas with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Koster and son
Cleon, will spend the holidays in Green
Top, Missouri, with relatives.

Miss Lois Moor entertained the
members of her Sunday school class
at her home last Sunday. The guests
all reported a fine time.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church,
held a "white elephant party" at
their parlors Thursday afternoon. A
large crowd was present and every
body had a fine time. Mrs. Leslie
Castor won the prize for drawing the
best elephant. The prize was a cun-
ning white elephant made of cotton
flannel and stuffed.

THE COUNTY PRESS

Page Reporter: Tuesday afternoon
a Screech Owl flying over town be-
came tired and landed on the top of
a car parked at Ives' Filling Station.
Bill Rudat, noticing the owl land,
decided he was going to clear out the
sparrows making their winter camp
in the storage room. So with the ver-
bal aid of Dr. French and Mr. Ives,
he marched over to the car, picked the
bird off the top and put him into cap-
tivity, much to the distress of a
number of sparrows.

Chambers Sun: Mike Engelhaupt
returned to his home at Crook, Colo-
rado Saturday, after a short visit with
the M. A. Engelhaupt family. . . .
Spencer Miller has added a new pet
to his collection, this time it is a "Pos-
sum that was captured in the Od
Jarmen hen house. . . . Rodell Root,
Jr. met with a painful accident
Wednesday morning when his finger
was caught in an electric water pump.
It tore the nail off and broke the
finger.

Inman Leader: Ira L. Watson of
the Watson Hay Company, was in
Grand Island Sunday and met with the
leading hay producers of Nebraska
in conference with Hugh Drake, of

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the Nebraska Railway Commission,
with reference to the Western hay
case. One of the principal questions
involved procedure of Nebraska in-
terests, particular as to whether ad-
ditional evidence should be presented
as to the depression in the hay in-
dustry, or whether these interests
should rest upon the present record.
The rates proposed by the examiner
in the hay case are drastic and un-
reasonable, it was pointed out, and if
permitted to go into effect will de-
moralize the hay industry. Nebraska
is one of the most important hay pro-
ducing states in the union. The great-
est prairie hay producing district in
the world is in that territory between
Ewing and Bassett. It therefore nec-
essarily follows, spokesman at the
meeting stressed that with the propos-
al of 50 percent increase in the hay
rates from points on the Northwestern
to Omaha, 45 per cent from points on
the Burlington, and 35 per cent from
points in the Union Pacific, Nebraska
farmers and hay dealers righteousness-
ly are aroused over the proposals of ex-
aminers for the commission.

Over in the Senate, proceedings were
not so interesting. Again they were
voting for a president pro tem, and
again the results were the same, dem-
ocrats voing 42 for heir candidate, re-
publicans split into 31 and 13 for their
two. Senator Moses, former presi-
dent pro tem, was being opposed by
western senators who had been the
butt of his famous remarks last year
about the "sons of the wild jackass".

There were a number of new faces.
Mrs. Caraway is the first woman to
really serve in the senate, for Mrs.
Pelton of Georgia was senator for
only one day. She looks very sad. It
must be a great ordeal for her to be
in so conspicuous a position so soon
after her bereavement. Next in in-
terest is Senator J. Hamilton Lewis
of Illinois, spoken of as "Ham Lewis".
Quite in contrast to Mrs. Caraway,
with her quiet, retiring manner and
black dress, he came in, dapper and
fashionable. Reddish hair, white beard
neatly parted, sartorial elegance, but
seated in the back row. Two other
former senators were returned, both
democrats: blind Senator Gore of
Oklahoma and Senator Neely of west
Virginia. Four former members of
the house have just become senators:
Byrnes of South Carolina, Hull of
Tennessee, White of Maine, and Dick-
inson of Iowa. The last named is well
known to the middle west as leader of
the so-called "farm bloc". Senator
Dickinson is among the ablest and
handsomest of men. All four of the
former house members take with them
an experience and training which will
be of the greatest help to them in
their new office.

Little has been done in either house
of congress thus far, but the stage is
set, organization should soon be com-
plete, and then a session will be in
full swing, the most interesting and
important of many years.

GLADYCE W. SIMMONS.

COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE

A six-year-old boy was drowned in
a pond in the vicinity of Ainsworth.

Highway 11 is completed with a
gravel finish twenty miles south of
Atkinson.

Sam Nicoll of Page sustained a
nearly severed finger while sawing
wood.

Atkinson had its kids Christmas
tree Wednesday night. The adults
were as much interested as any.

A teacher at Tekamah has resigned
a good job for the laudable purpose
of getting married. She taught home
economics.

Lincoln barbers, cooperating with
the Salvation Army, have given 70
children of the capitol city free hair
cuts as a Christmas stunt.

Holt county has a thrifty lot of
jacks and cottontails that are being
made to serve as the meat portion
of the menu in many homes.

Elsewhere in Nebraska besides the
northeast portion supplying the needy
is found necessity. At Columbus 60
needy families have received Christ-
mas baskets.



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