

AS TOLD TO US

The Red Cloud schools close Friday afternoon for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. J. W. Hauck went to Hastings Friday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. Frank Peterson went to Hastings Friday morning to spend the day.

Miss Anna Stumpenhorst was a passenger to Hastings Friday morning.

Mr. N. B. Bush went to Hastings Friday morning on train 4 to spend the day.

Mr. F. E. Crawford was a passenger to Blue Hill Thursday morning on train 4.

Mrs. Chas. Brubaker went to Hastings Tuesday morning on train 4 to spend the day.

Miss Hallie Summers went to Hastings Friday morning to spend the day visiting with friends.

Mrs. Julia Warren went to Fairfield Iowa, Monday morning where she will visit for a few weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Dave Kaley went to Lincoln Monday morning where she will visit for a few days with friends.

County Attorney H. S. Foe was attending to some legal business at Burlington, Colorado, the last of the week.

Mrs. Earl Hall returned home Monday evening on train 11 from Hastings where she had spent the day with friends.

Chas. Conrad of Hastings went to Superior Tuesday morning on train 16 to spend the day attending to business matters.

Mrs. E. A. Creighton and Mrs. W. A. Sherwood returned home Monday evening on train 11 after spending the day in Hastings.

The Red Cloud American Legion Post will meet Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. J. M. Bates returned home Monday evening from Grand Island, where he had been spending the past couple of days.

Mrs. Andrew Saladen arrived here from her home in Alma Wednesday morning for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. Breault, manager of the United Grocery Store went to Hastings Friday morning to spend the day attending to business matters.

Earl Patten, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Kearney, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Patten.

Friday evening Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Edson entertained the printing fraternity of the city at a six o'clock dinner in honor of their son, Russell, who together with R. y Herberger have leased the Keneaw Progress from L. H. Schultz, they taking possession Saturday. The dinner was a sumptuous affair and the evening was spent in listening to music and singing.

Oari Oglevis and Jan Kagle were in Hastings Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Herb Ludlow returned home Thursday evening from Lincoln where she went the first of the week for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Mary McClelland and Edith Ziess went to Hastings Saturday morning to spend the day returning home on No. 11 that evening.

Miss Elna Gregersen returned to her home in Minden Monday morning on train 4 after spending the past few days here visiting with friends.

The taxpayers of this county are holding a meeting at the court house this afternoon and a complete writup of the same will be in this paper next week.

Mr. Dan Garber returned home Thursday morning on train 11 from Lincoln where he has been for the past few days attending to business matters.

Gene Bush returned to Oberlin, Kan. Monday morning after a short visit here. He is working in one of the drug stores in that city during the holiday season.

Mr. S. K. Logan of Blue Hill purchased a ticket at the local ticket office Wednesday morning for Tucson Arizona, where he will spend the winter months with relatives.

A. H. Carpenter returned home Friday morning from Seldon, Kansas, where he has been for the past few days looking after his real estate holdings in that vicinity.

M. L. Weiser who has been here for the past month working in place of Mr. Bush, went to Denver Saturday evening on No. 17. Mr. Bush resumed his duties Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown arrived here from Keller, Minnesota, the latter part of last week for an extended visit with his father, Wm. Brown. They drove through from Keller.

Joe Crow arrived here on No. 16 Saturday morning to spend the day attending to business matters and visiting with relatives. He returned to his home at Republican that evening.

One carload of hogs and one carload of cattle were shipped from here to the South Omaha market Tuesday morning. J. H. Ellinger went to Omaha in charge of the shipment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stevens returned home Thursday from Rochester, Minnesota to which place they went about ten days ago to get advice from Mayo Bros. about her physical condition.

Mrs. Ida Richardson intends driving to Hastings this evening to meet her daughter, Miss Fay, who is coming home to spend the holidays with her mother. She is attending school in Lincoln.

Mrs. Roy Robinson arrived here Wednesday morning on train 16 from Cheyenne Wyoming, to spend a couple of three weeks visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Jernberg and with friends.

Miss Clara Beezley returned to her school work at Riverton Monday morning on train 15 after spending the past couple of days here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Beezley and with friends.

Two carloads of cattle were shipped from here Sunday to the Omaha market. A total of fifteen cars were ordered but owing to the general shortage of cars along the line the shippers were forced to hold most of their stock over.

Mr. William Schenk and Gertrude Wolfe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wolfe, autoed to Alma Saturday where they were married by the county judge. They departed from that place for Los Angeles, California where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Irene Weisz went to Lincoln Monday morning for a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Gund, before returning to her home in Chicago. She has been here for the past couple of weeks visiting with her sisters, Mrs. E. A. Creighton and Mrs. W. A. Sherwood. The two latter went as far as Hastings with her.

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J. H. BAILEY.

Uncle Santa Claus

By Christopher G. Hazard

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"TELL us a story, Uncle Peter," said the children, as they climbed over their kindly relative one Christmas eve. "A story!" repeated Uncle Peter, affecting surprise, but willing to draw upon his inexhaustible stock; "well, have you ever heard of Uncle Santa Claus?" "Oh, you mean Uncle Santa Claus!" exclaimed Jack. "No, I don't," said Uncle Peter; "I mean the old man with the plug hat, the blue swallowtail coat, the striped breeches; the old man with eyes like stars and a smile that never comes off excepting when somebody is treading on somebody else; the old man with the striped flag, whose headquarters is up in Alaska; the biggest Santa Claus there is." "All right, then," answered the children, "tell us about him."

"Well," said Uncle Peter, "he has his hands full just now and is doing all he can to fill the hands of others. The air is so noisy with wireless cries and clamors, there are so many hands reaching out over the seas, that he is almost distracted. Ever since he got back from the great war he has been repairing its damage and renewing the prosperity that it spoiled. And long before that he was in the Christmas business. He surprised China by refusing to accept the great sum of the Boxer indemnity. He let the Cubans have Cuba when he had made them free, and many thought that he had a right to take that fair island for himself. He is working hard at his task of making America truly American, a sober, industrious, enlightened, prosperous, happy, Christ-mas-y nation."

"I'm glad I'm one of his American children," said Agnes, when Uncle Peter had concluded; with which sentiment all the rest agreed. A little cloud of doubt had arisen on the Christmas sky, however, as



"I'm Glad I'm One," Said Agnes.

Uncle Peter had spoken of Uncle Santa's largeness in far countries. Edith voiced it when she wanted to know if it would be of any use for them to expect anything that Christmas, whether or not they were to hang up their stockings. "You'll put your foot in it if you do," said George. "No, she won't," said Uncle Peter; "I have had a special delivery letter from Uncle Santa, saying that he has had his eye on this house for the last twelvemonth, and that this will be one of his stopping places because from it so much of service for others has been going out. He says that you are his gardeners, and that you have planted so many seeds of kindness that a lot of beautiful things will be sure to come up. That is always the way, he says; in fact, it is the way in which he got rich himself."

This was a very pleasant assurance for the children. It made them think of a happy mistake that one of them had made when they were having war gardens all over the town: A certain Mr. Rose had been appointed by the mayor as inspector of gardens for the whole place, and one day Betty pointed him out to a friend with whom she was walking. "There goes Mr. Rose," she said; "he's an expecter of gardens!"

When the children had been reminded of Mr. Rose they also remembered what Betty had done at their last Christmas party; stalking heavily and pompously down the room, she had said: "I'm Mr. Atlas, who holds up the world." So one of them stood on tiptoe, threw back her head and threw out her arms and said: "I'm Uncle Santa Claus, who holds up the world." "Well done!" cried Uncle Peter; "that's just it!"

There wasn't any disappointment in the house the next morning. "Did you get all that you wanted?" asked Uncle Peter. "Yes," said Mary. "Were you at all disappointed?" "No," said Mary. When Mary said "Goodness," her mother said, "You shouldn't say 'goodness,' Mary." "Gracious!" said Mary. But Mary was too excited to have a care for her expressions. In describing the situation afterwards she said: "I was in a perfect stupor of excitement."

Uncle Peter had a present. After all the rest had been happy Agnes brought out a pair, and when Uncle Peter opened it there were too big books that told over again the story of all that America had stood for and accomplished. This made him very glad indeed, and he asked them to write his name on the fly leaf and to say that it was from his Young Americans. Then the Christmas party ended with a verse of our national anthem, heartily sung and followed by all the other verses, with a hurrah for Uncle Sam instead of an amen.

The Degree of Honor will meet next Tuesday evening; there will be initiation.

"Chet" Sheeley went to Grand Island Tuesday to visit his mother and attend to some business matters.

Mrs. D. B. Farmer, better known as Nannie Wright to many in this community, passed away at her home near Clarence, Missouri, last Thursday after undergoing an operation. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holmes departed Friday morning for Clarence to attend the funeral. She is survived by a husband, her mother, Mrs. Emily Wittwer, two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Holmes and Mrs. Art Robinson, and two brothers, Albert and Sam.

Garfield Community Church

Next Sunday will be a happy day for the children as well as for the older folks at the Garfield Community church. All the services will take on the Christmas spirit. The Sunday School lesson will be on the Birth of Christ and also from Luke 12. The morning sermon will be on "The Preparation of the World for Christ." At 7:00 p. m. a program of Song Exercises, Recitations, Readings will be given. The music will be furnished by the Chorus, Sunday School Classes. There will also be a solo, duet and a trio.

The service and decorations will be planned after the "White Gift" Christmas idea. This idea will be explained at the program.

On the afternoons of Dec. 26, 27 and 28, from 1:30 to 4:00 a Bible Institute will be held at the church. The Sermon on the Mount and the early chapters of Acts will be studied and some problems of Religious Education and Christian Life will be considered. All are requested to be present at these sessions. We especially desire high school students to attend.

We hope to see you Sunday morning and evening at Garfield.

Grace Church Notes

On Friday evening, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p. m., the Christmas tree and program will be held in the church, all scholars of the Sunday School, their parents, friends and communicants of the church are invited to be there.

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, services as follows:

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning Service at 11 a. m.
Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.
At the Morning Service, Charity League A. F. & A. M. are expecting to attend.

On Monday, Christmas Day, there will be service of Holy Communion at 10 a. m.

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