

ONE Minden firm occupied two full pages of a local newspaper in its holiday advertising. A few such business-men in our town would make things hum.

ADMIRAL DEWEY, genial, chivalrous "Gentleman George" of your Uncle Sam's navy, here's to you. We love you all the more for your gallant stand for your comrade in victory, honor and glory, Admiral Schley. May more of the navy officers emulate your broad, frank, manly spirit and the spirit of envy and malice be damned everlastingly.

EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany, who among all modern Christian potentates takes himself most seriously, has recently shown startling evidence of unusual common-sense and judgment. Firstly, his firm stand against the brutal and murderous duello, and secondly, against the excessive beer-drinking of his fellow-countrymen, especially among the workmen, who are accredited with an average daily consumption of beer of thirteen pints per man. The duello is a relic of savagery, and out of tune with the progress and civilization of the times. The emperor has discovered that the excessive beer-drinking incapacitates the workmen of Germany for meeting the competition of the more alert, active and intelligent American workmen—and the industrial problem is now uppermost in Germany. The man who attempts to strain thirteen pints of beer through his system daily is necessarily too loggy and slow and wastes too much time to compete with the wide-awake, nervous American. The lesson to Germany is the cultivation of the arts of peace and sobriety.

Hill Has the High Hand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special).—A secret meeting of the prominent interests in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, the new proprietary company formed to lease the old Burlington railway company, was held at the office of the Northern Pacific company at 49 Wall street, late this afternoon. Among those present were: G. B. Harris, J. J. Hill, E. H. Harriman, G. E. Perkins of J. P. Morgan's firm, W. P. Clough, James Stillman and John S. Kennedy. The meeting lasted for nearly two hours and after its conclusion it was learned from one of those taking part in the meeting that the following were elected as officers of the railway or proprietary company: W. P. Clough, E. H. Harriman, G. B. Harris, J. J. Hill, J. S. Kennedy, W. H. McIntyre, C. J. Pain, C. E. Perkins, Mortimer Schiff, James Stillman.

These directors elected as officers: G. B. Harris, president; Darius Miller, vice president and traffic manager; treasurer, J. C. Peasley. The greatest significance attaches to the election of Mr. Miller as traffic manager. It is regarded, tonight, as another evidence of the strength of Mr. Hill's position in the contest which has taken place for the control of the Burlington as against all other interests in this contest Mr. Miller was the bone of contention.

Another important announcement awaited with interest is the forthcoming and long delayed annual Union Pacific report. It is understood that in view of the antagonistic position taken by the western state governors against the Northern Securities company, that the Union Pacific report will not disclose its extent of Burlington holdings.

The minor Burlington officials elected are: Secretary and assistant treasurer, H. E. Jarvis; assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, T. S. Howland; assistant treasurer, A. G. Stanwood; assistant secretary, George H. Earl.

A Most Liberal Offer.

All our farmer readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with this paper The Iowa Homestead its special Farmers' Institute Editions and the Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add for local, county and general news, our own paper, and make the price of the four one year for only \$1.25. Never before was so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our own, are well known throughout the west and commend themselves to the reader's favorable attention upon mere mention. The Homestead is the great agricultural and live stock paper of the west; The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while the Special Farmers' Institute Editions are the most practical publications for the promotion of good farming published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office.

For clothing go to DeGroff & Co.'s. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.

Hot Rolls,

hot muffins, hot cakes, made with Royal Baking Powder may be freely eaten without fear of indigestion.

ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Helper J. E. Gaunt left the service, this week.

William Baird, oil inspector, was at headquarters, Thursday.

Coal Inspector Rule was at Western division headquarters, yesterday.

C. F. Heber witnessed "King Dodo," comic opera, in Denver, Saturday night.

J. E. Gaunt has gone over to Atwood, Kansas, to be absent a week or ten days.

Ass't Sup't Harris of Denver spent Thursday at headquarters on business.

Locomotives 316 and 164 are on their wheels and will be out of the shop in a few days.

Locomotive 232 was put through the "limbering-up" process in the yard, Wednesday.

Walter R. Clark is now firing on the Frisco system out of Sapulpa, Indian Territory.

Arthur Cullen of the shop force has been off duty, part of the week, with an injured finger.

Conductor and Mrs. H. A. Beale went up to Denver, last night, to visit Miss Sarah Cool, a few days.

Three machinists, C. G. Jacobs, Herman Meyers and Paul Witthoff, quit work, this week, after pay-day.

Guy Tomlinson was one of the party that enjoyed "King Dodo," the popular comic opera, in Denver, Saturday night.

Mr. Talmage, inventor of new blow-off cock, was in the city, Thursday, and attended the meeting of the association, last night.

The O. R. C. is arranging for its annual ball and banquet to be given on January 30th, 1902, Thursday evening. The dance will be held in the Menard hall, with the K. of P. orchestra to provide the music. It is expected that the Lady Maccabees will serve the supper in Odd Fellows hall at 50 cents a plate. It will be the social event of the winter.

Railroading, close of last week and first of this week, was pretty difficult business, on account of the snow and unusual cold—the temperature was 20 degrees and more below zero at different points on the Western division. Trains were delayed considerably and a number of minor accidents occurred at different points on the division, but fortunately nothing of any moment but the Palisade wreck, last Friday morning.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you want to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by McConnell & Berry.

C. L. DeGroff & Co. have a host of Christmas Gifts worth while. Useful, ornamental, valuable, pleasing, lasting.

Another Tourist Excursion to California.

To accommodate the increasing travel to California the Burlington Route has added to its service another weekly excursion, in tourist cars, personally conducted. The Burlington's through car service to California is as follows:

Standard Sleepers—daily Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings and Oxford to San Francisco, connecting at latter city with fast train for Los Angeles.

Tourist Sleepers—personally conducted—every Thursday, Omaha, Lincoln, Fairmont, Hastings and Holdrege to San Francisco; every Wednesday and Thursday, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Wymore, Superior and Oxford to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

All these cars run via Denver and Salt Lake City, passing the grand panorama of the Rockies by daylight.

If you're going to California, you will be interested in our new 40-page folder, "California Tours—1901-2." It is free. 12-6-9ts. J. FRANCIS, Gen. Passenger Ag't, Omaha, Neb.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice, Dec. 18, 1901:

- Henry B. Alman, Henry Burnett, R. E. Boyless, John Corley, Miss Minnie Cowell, C. E. Doll, Jas. Fawthrop, Burch Heilzcock, F. L. Helms, Mr. Frank Olney, John Plamone, Jean Snider, Mrs. J. Smith, Chas. E. Shaw, Chas. Volbrecht, Sherman Walker, Will Wall, J. F. Walker, J. E. Yost.

When calling for these letters, please say they were advertised. F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

Holiday Rates--Burlington Route.

Greatly reduced rates for the holidays between Burlington stations within 200 miles. Tickets on sale December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. Good to return till January 2. Ask nearest agent, Burlington Route, for details and information or write to J. FRANCIS, Gen. Pass'r Ag't., Burlington Route, 12-13-2ts. Omaha, Neb.

For Sale.

Lot six in Egan Park addition. Five acres, improved with frame house, well, windmill, cistern, fenced, out-buildings and nice orchard of cherry, plum and apples. Trees four inches in diameter. Cost \$1,000. Will sell at great sacrifice. Write J. H. Mooney at Arapahoe, Neb.

The largest assortment of steel ranges at the lowest prices quality considered, also the steel cook stove in different patterns at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. It will pay you to look over their goods before buying.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

Many articles useful, handsome and suitable for holiday gifts at C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s.

In selecting your Christmas gifts, you can make it easier by visiting our store where you can see the latest in Novelties, Fancy Goods, Books, Toys, Medallions, Lamps, Jardinieres, Vases, Dolls etc. Come whether you wish to buy or not. Resp'y, A. McMILLEN

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CHRISTMAS TALK

For Children Toys, a large assortment. Doll buggies and go-carts, drums, guns, dishes, dolls, all sizes and kinds. Children's dishes, games etc.

Men and Women LAMPS—Elegant in design and coloring. Medallions, Candle Sticks, Mirrors, Jardinieres, Vases Albums, Perfumery, Cups and Saucers, Ebony Goods, Fancy and Toilet Articles, Combination Game Boards etc.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EPISCOPAL—There will be services in St. Alban's Episcopal church, Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Come. R. M. HARDMAN, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching, 11. Christian Endeavor at 7. Preaching at 8. Rev. Frank W. Dean of Red Cloud will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. PULPIT SUPPLY COM.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 and 8, B. Y. P. U. at 7:15. Prayer-meeting at 8 on Wednesday evening. Christmas exercises on Tuesday evening at 7:30. GEO. L. WHITE, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching, 11. Junior League, 3 p. m. Epworth League, 6:30. Preaching, 7:30. Morning subject, "The Name of Jesus." Evening subject, "Behold! He Cometh." Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening, 7:30. L. M. GRIGSBY, Pastor.

Rev. R. M. Hardman left, Tuesday, for Holdrege and Minden, where he will conduct services.

Cadet Harry Hardman, second lieutenant of company S, Kearney military academy, Kearney, Nebraska, is at home on a two-weeks' vacation, visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Hardman.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS.

School closes to-night for a two weeks' vacation.

Several of the teachers will attend the state teachers' association, which will be held at Lincoln the first three days in January.

Mrs. Anna C. Schobel will spend Christmas day with the home folks at Minden. The other teachers will either remain quietly at home or make brief visits away during the holiday season.

The Christmas entertainment given Tuesday night, by the two primary grades in the East school was a success in every particular. The audience was large, and appreciative of the many pleasing numbers on the programme. The receipts were \$19.

The teachers will spend the holiday vacation as follows: E. W. Washburn at Beatrice, Miss C. A. Gorby at Nelson, Miss Nellie West at Red Cloud, Miss Mary Powers at Trenton, Miss Cassie Andrews at Cambridge, Mrs. Ida E. White at Omaha, Miss Ella Leonard at Wymore, Miss Anna Anderson at Lincoln.

In the High school the last recitation period was devoted to a Christmas musical programme in the assembly room. The numbers, all of unusual excellence, were as follows:

- Song..... School Piano Solo..... Mrs. Mabel Stranahan Vocal Solo..... Miss Olive M. Howe Piano Duo..... Mesdames W. B. Mills, Mabel Stranahan Vocal Solo..... Mr. S. B. McLean Piano Solo..... Miss Olive M. Howe March..... Miss Blanche McCarl

Suitable Christmas exercises were held in all of the school rooms, this afternoon, just before dismissal for the holidays. Particular heed was paid the occasion in the primary departments. Letters to Santa Claus brought that good natured personage several days in advance of his annual visit to the South McCook school and to the Preparatory school in the West building. In the latter school was a tree on which were hung the tokens the little people there have been preparing for their parents' Christmas offering for the past few weeks. This was a part of the regular school work. On the East side the pupils of this first and second grades exchanged souvenirs of the Christmas season—some "busy work" their deft fingers have lately been preparing.

Miss Anna Feeny Dead.

Miss Anna Feeny of Hastings, who recently went south for her health, died on Monday. The remains were brought to Hastings, Wednesday, for interment, which took place in that city, today. Deceased was well known here. The relatives and friends have much sincere sympathy from McCook friends.

Within 800 Miles of Pole.

Dr. G. E. Borchgrevink has made a great advance into the colder and more perilous Antarctic regions, carrying the line of exploration to within 800 miles of the south pole.

Tomsk a University Town.

A technological institute has been opened at Tomsk. This is the second institution for higher education in Siberia. Tomsk is now a university town.

Indiana's Gold and Silver.

Excitement of the wildest character prevails in Warwick county, Indiana, over the discovery of gold and silver near Lynnvile. The land where the ore has been found is of the poorest, but owners are paying up back taxes in the hope of realizing handsomely. Hotels and restaurants are crowded with strangers and many more are arriving daily.

Massachusetts' Single Tax Proposal.

At the coming session of the Massachusetts legislature a bill will be offered giving to each city and town the privilege of raising money for municipal purposes by such methods as the town or city may deem best. This is the single tax proposal which was defeated in the last bay state legislature.



SEASONABLE GREETING!

Now at the close of another prosperous year, and as the New Year is about to open with bright promises of continued prosperity, I desire to thank my patrons one and all for their continued confidence and patronage, and to assure them that I shall have no higher ambition for the future than to merit their continued patronage and to enlarge the circle of those made happy, contented and satisfied by buying their dry goods, groceries etc. of

HONEST JOHN

The Right Place. McCook, Neb.

PRODUCE AS GOOD AS CASH.

CULBERTSON.

H. G. Meyer was a Trenton visitor, Saturday.

S. E. Solomon is in Arapahoe again, this week.

Ed Highland was a Hayes Center visitor, Tuesday.

Frank Brown was a Hayes Center visitor, Friday.

G. G. Eisenhart is in Imperial attending court, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Warnock were in McCook, Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Eisenhart were McCook visitors, Saturday.

Roy Kleven of McCook visited his mother of this place, Thursday.

Skating is the chief sport now as the ice has been splendid, this week.

Misses Eabe Davenport and Isa Shoemaker visited McCook friends, Saturday.

Alex Love came in from from Kansas City, Wednesday, to spend Christmas at home.

Mrs. Joseph Lackey of Hayes Center is the guest of Miss Ethyl Fellows, this week.

Mrs. M. M. Bree and children visited Minden friends, the latter part of last week.

J. T. Wells went down to Lincoln, Monday night, to begin his new work. All wish him success.

Rev. T. A. Smith of Bloomington has taken charge of the Methodist church during the coming conference year.

Lawrence Fellows of Alliance couldn't stay away, so he came home, Thursday morning, to spend Christmas with his folks.

Examination in the High school, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, having vacation on Thursday and Friday afternoons. Isa Ferrier of Franklin spent, Thursday, with his parents of this place. Miss Viola went as far as McCook with on his return.

A reception was given in honor of T. A. Smith, Friday night, at the home of Henry Lehman, quite a number attending. Refreshments of dough-nuts and coffee were served and all report a good time.

Information Complete.

Chicago Tribune: "You remember that worthless little cousin of mine you knew ten years ago? Well, he's Capt. Harkness now." "United States service, Salvation army or baseball club?"

Brain-Food Nonsense.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not only nourish a particular part of the body, but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be, its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at McConnell & Berry's. Get Green's Special Almanac.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Lintiment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 and 50 cents. A. McMillen.

Personal.

Will the lady who fell in a swoon last Thursday, in front of the postoffice, call at our store? She suffers from biliousness. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will surely cure her. Sold by A. McMillen.



Every woman in the country ought to know about

Mother's Friend

Those who do know about it wonder how they ever got along without it. It has robbed childbirth of its terrors for many a young wife. It has preserved her girlish figure and saved her much suffering. It is an external liniment and carries with it therefore, absolutely no danger of upsetting the system as drugs taken internally are apt to do. It is to be rubbed into the abdomen to soften and strengthen the muscles which are to bear the strain. This means much less pain, and all of the other discomforts of pregnancy. A druggist of Macon, Ga., says: "I have sold a large quantity of Mother's Friend and have never known an instance where it has failed to produce the good results claimed for it."

A prominent lady of Lambert, Ark., writes: "With my first six children I was in labor from 24 to 30 hours. After using Mother's Friend, my seventh was born in 4 hours."

Get Mother's Friend at the drug store, \$1.00 per bottle. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO. ATLANTA, GA. Write for our free literature and book, "BEFORE BABY IS BORN."