

BRIEF CITY NEWS

'Townsend's for Sporting Goods.' Gift Certificates—Edholm Jeweler. Have Not Print It—New Beacon Press. Christmas Tree Lighting Outfit—Burgess-Nash Company.

OMAHA CHURCHES ARE TOO "PEPLESS"

George Wallace Tells Ministers Too Little Attention is Paid to Missions.

TO WIN 3,000 BEFORE EASTER

That Omaha churches are comparatively "pepleless" and inactive in local mission and extension work, was made plain by George G. Wallace at the Young Men's Christian association, at the regular monthly meeting of the Omaha Ministerial union.

MRS. MARGARET W. CORNELL, secretary to Charles C. Crowley, indicted with Crowley and Baron Wilhelm von Bricken at San Francisco. The name of Captain Franz von Papen was brought out in the evidence against Mrs. Cornell, Crowley and von Bricken.

ONE WOMAN SWAMPS PARCEL POST CREW

Rushes Down on "Nixie" Bowles with Sixty-Eight Bundles, but "Nixie" Sticks to Ship.

WHARTON IS RIGHT ON THE JOB

"Unprecedented, amazing, astounding."

That is what the parcel post people say of the rush of parcel post packages that is pouring into the local postoffice this year.

Four good men and true, their tables equipped with scales and their heads stored with facts about zones, weights, insurance and so on are kept on the jump continually in the post-office corridor.

The rush started before 8 yesterday morning. Folks had apparently tied up their packages Sunday and were bent on getting them on their way as soon as possible.

"Will this go out today?" asked a young miss of Postmaster Wharton.

"Yes, madam," he replied, with a smile. "In fact I am holding the train for it right now."

Sends Sixty-Eight Parcels. A fashionably-dressed young woman came in with an armful of bundles and was followed by two boys bearing bundles.

It took "Nixie" Bowles quite a while to weigh the sixty-eight parcels and determine postage on each.

Fat McGovery, has a "spile" which he gives to each customer, advising them of the wisdom of insuring packages, especially when it costs but a trifle.

One woman in a fur coat spent about ten minutes in trying to decide whether to have her package insured or not.

"I guess I won't have it insured," she said at first. After buying her stamps she returned.

"Maybe I'd better get this insured," she said, as she searched her pockets for pennies. She found she had nothing smaller than a nickel, and not wishing to have that "broken" she

decided again to take a chance. However, just as she was about to deposit the package she decided once more that she would have it insured. This time she produced the cash and paid the three cents.

Saves Four Cents.

All kinds of people there are. Big men smoking cigars and wearing fur lined coats who hurry in and away; gushing girls who flutter about; foreigners who can't understand; women who leave their packages on the scales while they affix the stamps. Most of them are good natured. One woman whose package weighed just over four ounces and, therefore, had to pay the pound rate, solved the difficulty by taking one thickness of paper off. She saved 4 cents and it only took her about ten minutes to take off the paper.

A girl brought a package addressed to "Minneapolis, Wis." and apologized and stammered profusely when shown the error.

The mail is moving out in fine shape. Great car loads of packages leave the postoffice for the railroad station at all hours of the day. There'll be no congestion this year.

Santa Claus Drinks Hot Coffee Daily.

Santa Claus drinks coffee. Honest to goodness, he does.

A man goes about town with a large coffee urn and distributes hot drinks to the men who stand at street corners in the guise of St. Nicholas.

A mother and 5-year-old miss happened along while this coffee messenger was serving Santa Claus at the southwest corner of Sixteenth and Farnam streets.

In ecstasy the child exclaimed, "Oh, mamma, Santa drinks coffee. Do you think he ever drinks beer?"

Howell Declares Republican Meet Was All Harmony

R. R. Howell, national committeeman, has returned from Washington, where he attended a meeting of the republican national committee and assisted in the selection of Chicago as the city where the 1916 national convention will be held.

"Did we have harmony? Well, it was like a real peace meeting. It presages republican victory next year. I look for harmony all along the line. Of course, some of the democratic brethren will not agree with me on this proposition, but time will tell. Naturally the committee men were not all of one mind on a few minor matters, but when it came to the big proposition of republican victory and harmony, it was a sort of revival meeting," said Mr. Howell.

Rome Miller Must Pay Judgment to Guest Hurt at Fire

The supreme court of the United States has upheld the constitutionality of the Nebraska statute requiring hotel proprietors to employ men to awaken guests in case of fire. Decision was announced in the case of Emil J. Strahl, who recovered a judgment in Nebraska courts for \$5,000 damages from Rome Miller, proprietor of the Millard hotel.

Chicago Firm Gets Contract on First National Building

About the biggest job in connection with the construction of the new First National Bank building has been let to Landquist & Hiley of Chicago. This is the contract for the foundation and masonry, which includes all the bricklaying, etc.

POSTAL IN NAVY CODE IS DELIVERED TO RIGHT PERSON

A postal card was received at the local office Monday morning with no other address than three strings of little flags made with red, blue, green and white pencils.

WANT CITY TO DEVOTE FUND TO WEED CUTTING

Officers of the Northwest Federation of Improvement clubs believe the time to talk weed cutting is when the snow is on the ground.

No Church in District.

"We ought to bow our heads in shame at the little mission work our churches are doing," Mr. Wallace continued. "There are splendid opportunities all around us. Over 5,000 people live in the district in South Side, and not a single church is in the district."

To Much Society.

More distractions in modern life, too much society, entertainment, business and automobiles were blamed by various ministers for the prevailing conditions, when the subject was thrown open to general discussion.

MAN WHO ESCAPED FROM WORKHOUSE IS CAUGHT

A. R. Reynolds, Bud Stevens, Pete and Lew Wilson were each sentenced to thirty days in the county jail on a charge of vagrancy. All four, it was testified, assaulted an old man who had previously purchased their supper and taken them to a picture show.



MRS. MARGARET W. CORNELL.

Thirty More Saloons Licenses Granted

The city council granted thirty more saloon licenses for 1916, making a total of 110 approved. About eighty more are to be considered.

Advertisement for Xmas Cards by A. Hospe Co., 1812-15 Doug. Street.

Advertisement for RIEGER'S Monogram Whiskey, Express Prepaid.

Advertisement for DRY SCALY SKIN ALL OVER BODY, HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT.

Advertisement for RIEGER'S Monogram Whiskey, Express Prepaid.

Large advertisement for BURGESS-NASH COMPANY, The Christmas Store for Everybody. Includes sections for Store Open Evenings Till Xmas, Individual Pieces of Furniture That Make Practical Xmas Gifts for the Home, Special Showing of Holiday Slippers, and TUESDAY EVENING 6 to 9 Only.

Large advertisement for TWIN CITY LIMITED TO ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS, featuring a train and promotional text.