

FARMER TO MAKE ONE FAMILY HAPPY

Sends Load of Provisions, Saying He Remembers Time He Was Hungry Here.

FRIDAY IS TO BE SHOE DAY

An Omaha family will enjoy a fine Christmas dinner which has been sent by express from a farmer living near Omaha and who does not want his name published. In a letter he states he has not forgotten the time he walked the streets of Omaha looking for work, his wife and children hungry. Now that he is prospering he feels it is his duty to spread a little Christmas cheer along the way. The box received by Secretary Doane of the Associated Charities contained a spring chicken, pork roast, rice, sugar, pound of tea, pound of coffee, mince meat and raisins, lard, butter, eggs, honey, strawberry and raspberry preserves, apples, wild grape juice and cranapple jelly.

For Unfortunate Family.
A portion of the letter sent by this farmer reads: "I desire that this box be given to some unfortunate family. I have lived in cities and know something of the sufferings of the poor. I know their distress is not always caused by their own acts. I have myself walked the streets of Omaha, vainly seeking employment. I know what it is to be hungry and to know that my wife and children were hungry. I regret that after 30 years of preaching and professing brotherly love and peace that so many of us are still unable by our own best efforts to always obtain sufficient food and clothing in a world in which a most bountiful Providence bestows an abundance, and more than enough to fill every mouth. If through the press and pulpit, or any other way, this habit of giving to the poor in the city by the farmer could be extended, don't you think many hearts might be made glad on Christmas days; and do you know that the farmers would not even miss such slight gifts only once a year? We do not have the poor in the country as they do in the cities."

Distributes Shoes Friday.
The co-operative Christmas work being done by The Bee and the Associated Charities has assumed considerable proportion, and in a few days will have been concluded. Mrs. Doane says she received a number of responses to the appeal for children's shoes and expects to have quite a shoe distribution on Friday.

A letter received from a mother reads: "Husband is without work. Seems impossible to get work. Have three small children and would be thankful for any kind of help offered us to make a little Christmas for our little ones."

City Autos to Help.
Mayor Dahlman and Commissioner Jardine have given the use of their automobiles and chauffeurs for the Associated Charities work.

Secretary Doane was impressed when a small boy on Wednesday told her that never in his whole life had he received enough to eat at one time. His wish was that on Christmas day he could have enough to eat, even if only for once. His wish will be gratified.

The charities will furnish a merry Christmas for a negro mammy 90 years of age. The woman's two great-grandchildren will arrange the spread.

Chinese Suspected of Bringing Bogus Son to This City

Henry H. Moler, inspector in charge of the United States immigration office at Denver, is in the city looking up the case of a "heaven Chinese" who is supposed to be in Omaha. The Chinaman is suspected by Uncle Sam of having brought a bogus "son" back with him from a recent trip to China.

"It is a strange thing," said Mr. Moler, "that whenever a Chinaman goes back to his native land he invariably returns with a 'son.' Daughters seem never to be born to them, always sons. Of course, the exclusion act keeps all Chinamen out of this country, but allows such Chinamen as were here before the act was passed to bring in their children who may have been born to them in China. And it is no easy matter to prove that a 'son' is not a real son, but simply some other Chinaman that is trying to sneak in."

RAILROADS TO CALL IN THE TWO-CENT MILEAGE BOOKS

Effective December 23, according to circulars issued by the railroads, the 2-cent per mile mileage books will become things of the past, so far as being used for interstate traffic is concerned. Notice is given that on the date named, all such books will be called in, and that in their stead, if the holders desire, mileage books sold on the basis of 14¢ for 2,000 miles will be issued. In the event holders do not want the books, cash representing the unused mileage will be sent to the holders.

The increase in the charge of mileage books for interstate use is in keeping with the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce commission, permitting the railroads to charge 2 1/2 cents per mile on interstate business, instead of 2 cents per mile, as now.

The change in the price of mileage books will have no effect upon those sold for intrastate travel, but the presumption is that after the end of the present year there will not be any mileage books sold for intrastate travel. However, up to the present time there is no order out on this class of mileage.

Stock Yards Breaks All Records in the Receipts of Sheep

Estimating yesterday's run of sheep and lambs at fifty-four cars, 13,356 head, the year's receipts at the local stock yards market to date amount to 2,234,530 head or more than 2,377 more than were received in any previous full twelve months in the history of the stock yards. The previous banner year in sheep was 1913 when 3,222,153 head arrived. By the close of the year the present record will be beaten by over 50,000 head.

The above statistical record is only one of the weekly and almost daily records that are being made at the local yards. The yards company officials are daily congratulating themselves on the vast increase in stock that is being received.

Wharton to Give Five Fifteen-Pound Turkeys for Xmas

Five fat fifteen-pound turkeys will be presented as Christmas presents by Postmaster Wharton to the chief men in his office. They are specially raised, milk-fed birds from one of the postmaster's farms. They will go to Assistant Postmaster Woodard, Superintendent of Mails W. J. Mettlin and Assistant Superintendent Kleffner, William Brown and Lawrence Proulx.

Nor will the postmaster forget the fair ladies. He has a soft spot for the "dear creatures." Yes, each and every one of the fair sex will receive a nice box of candy from him.

Gould is Candidate for Builders' Head

Frank P. Gould is to be a candidate for the presidency of the Omaha Builders' exchange. His name is to be placed on the ballot for the election January 3, in place of the name of W. P. Deverell, who was one of those regularly nominated. Mr. Deverell has declined to make the race, and the name of Gould has been put on instead by the exchange.

The candidates now are E. O. Hamilton and Frank P. Gould. At the election a president, vice president, treasurer and six directors are to be elected.

TWO HIGHWAYMEN MAKE JOINT DEMAND FOR COIN

While on his way home Tuesday evening Axel Gilstad of 2004 Charles street was stopped at Twenty-sixth and Charles street by two men, who presented a joint demand for money. One of the strangers held a revolver, while the other did the research work, which netted \$5.00.

After the cash transaction had been completed Gilstad was ordered to proceed westward, under penalty of death if he should turn around. When he reached his home he did turn around, but the two highwaymen were not to be seen. Descriptions of the robbers have been furnished the police.

BIG FOUR WILL MOVE INTO MORE SPACIOUS QUARTERS

The Big Four Railroad company since it opened freight offices in Omaha a few months ago has found business so good that January 1 it will take over more office room and move to the eleventh floor of the Woodmen of the World building, where L. M. Coffey will be in charge as commercial agent, with a couple of assistants. In connection with the Missouri Pacific the Big Four has inaugurated and is maintaining a fifth morning delivery on freight shipped from New York. Within thirty days this business has been built up until two to three cars of this fast freight arrives daily.

E. L. LOMAX, STRICKEN ON MONDAY IS SOME BETTER

S. P. Booth, general agent for the Union Pacific at San Francisco, wires the office of President Mohler that E. L. Lomax, passenger traffic manager of the Western Pacific, stricken with paralysis Monday, passed a fairly good night and that the doctors in attendance are feeling hopeful.

Mrs. Lomax has wired President Mohler, notifying him of the stroke sustained by her husband, expressing the opinion that his condition improved slightly during Tuesday.

JOE DANIELS SENDS GUN TO OMAHA NAVAL OFFICE

Friend Joe Daniels, secretary of the United States navy, has sent a big gun to the local recruiting office. It has already been unpacked and mounted by Gunner's Mate Dixon, with the assistance of the other strong-armed lads of the office.

The gun is so nicely balanced that it can be moved by a child. It has five barrels, each of 37 millimeters caliber, this being equivalent to about an inch and a half. It loads automatically and will shoot just as fast as you can turn the crank.

GEORGE S. POWELL DIES AT AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE

George S. Powell, department manager for the McCord-Brady company, died Monday night of pneumonia at his home, 2715 Poppleton avenue. He was 65 years of age.

Mr. Powell came to Omaha from his birthplace in Illinois in 1888. He is survived by two sons, Dr. E. Willard and Percy S. Powell, and one daughter, Mrs. Edward L. Bradley, all of Omaha.

BODY OF MIKE CROW WILL BE RETURNED TO OMAHA

The body of Mike Crowe, former Omaha police patrolman, who died recently at Los Angeles, will arrive in Omaha Thursday evening and will be taken to Healey & Healey's undertaking establishment. From there it will be taken to Fort Dodge, Ia., for interment, Friday morning.

MOVING AN AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN BATTERY TO A NEW POSITION—In order to remove this battery to a new position, the Austrians have been compelled to pack much of the machinery of their guns on their backs.



AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN BATTERY. © INTL. FILM SERVICE

FINISH PLANS FOR CITY'S XMAS TREE

Celebration at Auditorium Will Be Open to All and Girls and Boys Will Get Presents.

GREEN'S BAND WILL PLAY

The municipal Christmas tree celebration at the Auditorium will be open to everybody. After the program Santa Claus will take possession of the stage and will distribute sacks of nuts and candy to all girls and boys. There will be a supply for 2,000 children, and if more should come, more sacks will be found somewhere. The formal program will be started at 7:30 tonight.

Whatever You Do, Here's a Chance to Help Some Needy

Christmas is almost at hand, and will soon pass, but the needs of some unfortunates will go on through the winter. It is possible for YOU to help these. Will you? Mrs. Doane here presents three more investigated cases, which she recommends as worthy of immediate assistance in the way suggested:

No. 19. Family consisting of mother, father and three children. Father met with accident last summer and not able to work. Whole support of family now on mother. Any assistance gladly accepted.

No. 20. Deserted mother and two children, 5, 3 and 1 1/2 years of age. Children just over diphtheria, which necessitated mother staying at home from work, thereby closing her sole income. Food, rent and clothing needed.

No. 21. Widowed mother and five children, ages 11, 10, 7, 3 and 1 1/2 years. Mother trying to support family with day work. Seldom asks aid. Food and clothing needed.

If you are willing to help one of these, communicate with Mrs. Doane direct at the Associated Charities or send word to The Bee.

FATHER OF NINE JAILED FOR FAILURE TO SUPPORT

A. Vickers, 1320 Jones street, charged with abusing his family, was sentenced to ninety days in the county jail by Judge Foster. Vickers is the father of nine children and, according to testimony offered at the hearing had done nothing toward their support for some time. The mother, who takes in washing, has also been the recipient of a mother's pension, which, with the income derived from her laundry work, has been the family's only means of support.

ANALYZING WINTER COUGH.

The first dose of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Sydney will help you. It kills the cold germ. Only 5c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

HARTE STARTS TO BATTLE FOR JOB

County Commissioner Harte has taken the first step toward a lawsuit by which he will seek to invalidate in the courts the law passed by the last legislature establishing a county commissioner district outside the two-mile limit adjacent to Omaha.

Mr. Harte walked into the office of Election Commissioner Moorhead. "I have here a receipt for a filing fee and I desire to file as a republican candidate for county commissioner from my old district, the Third," he told the election official.

"I will refuse the filing, since your former district has been abolished by law," said Moorhead, "but I desire before making a final decision to confer with the county attorney regarding one or two features of the case."

The new law had thrown Commissioners Harte and Best into a battle for the same district. The measure was passed, it is said, for the purpose of leaving Harte without a district.

Best Has Own View.
Commissioner Best, however, in a recent interview charged that Harte had engineered a plan by which the county board was to redistrict the county, leaving Harte a district and making Best the victim.

Then the commissioners secured an opinion regarding the validity of the new law from Attorney Myron L. Learned, who gave it as his opinion that the measure is unconstitutional.

Following Moorhead's refusal to accept Harte's filing a test suit will be started in the courts in an effort to invalidate the law.

The two-mile limit establishes an arbitrary division line, passing in some instances in the middle of farms and houses.

HYMENEAL

Reimer-Kuhlman.
Beasle Kuhlman and Carl Reimer, Jr., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his study Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Greer and Greer Kuhlman.

WHARTON SHOWS HOW TO LICK 'EM

Instructs Workers at Postoffice to Lick the Stamps for Patrons in a Rush.

POSTMASTER IS A BUSY MAN

There seems to be simply no limit to the prodigious deeds of valor being performed these days by Colonel John C. Wharton in the postoffice trenches. Like white-plumed Henry of Navarre or Horatius at the bridge or Stonewall Jackson, Omaha's postmaster is ever in the thickest of the fight, directing the operations of his tried and trusted troops against the onslaught of the Christmas packages.

People returning from the front are relating many incidents of his kindness, his courtesy, his unflinching courage.

Lyde Baumgartner on Wednesday, penetrated to a position in the first line of trenches called the "stamp window." Mr. Baumgartner is a large, able-bodied man and he was sustaining the pressure of those about him to fairly good effect while he purchased stamps to go on a package. The clerk delivered the stamps to him, just at that moment he heard a cheer come behind him, vibrant with the tone of one accustomed to command and he obeyed. He looked about and saw Commander-in-Chief Wharton.

"Here," cried the c. in c., "don't you know how to do that?"

His query was addressed to the clerk. Thereupon the postmaster took the stamps, licked them and fastened them to the package of Mr. Baumgartner.

Scarcely pausing to hear the thanks of the astonished citizen, the colonel was off to another part of the battle line where he was telling an old lady exactly what time on Christmas morning her son in Bvina, Ore., will receive the package she was mailing him.

Up and down the line he hurries, speaking an encouraging word here, smiling gallantly on the pretty ladies, seeing that the ammunition wagons keep the stamp department supplied with stamps, keep-

CUNDIFF SAYS KANSAS HAS GOOD WINTER WHEAT

Warren K. Cundiff, assistant general passenger and freight agent of the Union Pacific, is up from the Kansas City headquarters and brings wonderful reports of crop conditions throughout Kansas. Corn has turned out better than the farmers anticipated and the yield is enormous. The winter wheat is in prime condition and farmers are looking forward to a large crop next year.

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Merry Christmas LITTLE BUSY BEES

We are going to give you FIVE DOLLS THIS WEEK, because it is Christmas, and we want you all to have a chance to win one.

LILLIAN is the biggest and prettiest and is for the little girl that sends us the most pictures. EDNA is second, IDA third, HELEN fourth and "BOBBY" is fifth ("Bobby" is a girl, but they call her "Bobby," because she plays with the boys all the time). You just ought to see her run and jump and play pump-pump-pull-away and all the rest of the outdoor games. That's what puts that sparkle in her eyes and the roses on her cheeks. I just love her myself, best of them all, because she has such winning ways—dear little "Bobby." I wonder what little girl will get her. If I was a little girl, wouldn't I try, though!



Remember, you must send your pictures in ONE DAY EARLIER this week, because Saturday is Christmas, so the CONTEST WILL CLOSE 4 P. M. FRIDAY, instead of Saturday.

These dolls will be given free to the little girls under 12 years of age, who bring or mail us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of The Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m., Friday, December 24.

This picture of three of the dolls will be in The Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m., Friday, December 24.

You Can See the Dolls at The Bee Office

You'll soon know all about it! Watch this newspaper

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