

### KIDDIES HAVE JOKE ON OLD SANTA CLAUS

How They Did Laugh at First Presbyterian Sunday School When Lost Whiskers.

#### BUT HE'S "THERE" JUST SAME

With Christmas eve only two days off, and all little boys and girls supposed to be on their best behavior, dear old Santa Claus has been laughed at and joked about. And right here in Omaha, too, where the kiddies usually are as good as can be. It happened last evening at the Christmas entertainment for the First Presbyterian Sunday school, held in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian association building. The program was about over, when Saint Nick dropped in to make a final survey of the situation before making out his gift list for Friday night.

He was telling the youngsters what good children they must be if they wanted him to remember them, when something went wrong with his bushy, long white whiskers. Maybe the warm room had something to do with it. Anyway, old Santa's whiskers actually dropped off his fat, smiling face, and for an instant he looked for all the world like Dr. W. O. Henry.

All the boys laughed. But only for a moment. He caught his falling facial decorations and fastened them on again, and tried to continue with his talk to the children. But they couldn't help laughing, for they not only had solved the mystery of the Christmas saint, but also had witnessed a good joke on a former superintendent of their Sunday school.

Santa himself thought it was such a good joke that he didn't even discriminate against the children who laughed at his obstreperous whiskers. He gave out hundreds of boxes of candy and didn't overlook a single child.

#### Gifts Go to Missions.

Many gifts of clothing and toys for poor children were brought by the well-to-do members of the Sunday school and deposited around a big brilliantly trimmed Christmas tree. These gifts will be distributed through the City mission to less fortunate youngsters. The tree will also be passed on to gladden the hearts of the children who attend the Grace Chapel mission of the First Presbyterian church, Fifth and Pierce streets.

"A Boy's Dream" was the title of one number on the entertainment program. Junior Preston appeared as a lad dreaming of a beautiful Christmas dinner, and as he dreamed of each part of the feast in succession boys and girls dressed to represent roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potato and gravy, sweet potato, mince pie, oranges and other Turkey day delights passed before him in review.

Many Characters Depleted. Then "A Girl's Dream" was presented in similar fashion. Ruth Grimmel playing the part of the dreaming girl. Boys and girls dressed to represent characters in Mother Goose rhymes, and to represent Christmas toys, were parts of the visualized dream.

Ophelia Adair as Mother Hubbard was a popular participant in that section of the entertainment. She also opened the program with a piano solo. A chorus of little girls sang several numbers. Miss Nellie Watson was the pianist for the dream acts. Miss Marie Berry and Miss Elizabeth Kiewit drilled the children for the affair. George Scott was chairman of the committee and Frank E. Clarke, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided during the evening.

### Takes Life of His Friend and Pauper in Railway Station

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of customs for the port of New Orleans and prominent Louisiana attorney, shot and killed Benjamin Foster of Hattiesburg, Miss., a close friend and former business associate, and Alexander Franklin, believed to be from Natchitoches, La., in the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad depot here today.

According to witnesses, Knox walked into the crowded waiting room and, without uttering a word, drew a revolver and fired three times. Foster, who was purchasing a ticket, was instantly killed. Franklin was struck by the second or third bullet and died twenty minutes later. After the shooting Knox left the waiting room and surrendered to the police.

District Attorney Holcomb, who attempted to obtain a statement from Knox, declared that all the prisoner would say was "he ruined my life." It was said Knox did not know Franklin had been killed.

Relatives of Knox declare that he was suffering from mental aberration, as he and Foster had been friends for many years and no cause was known for a grievance. Knox recently developed mental trouble and last September was taken to Washington and placed in a sanitarium for treatment. He arrived here from Washington several days ago. Franklin was 74 years old and was a pauper. He had been accustomed to the depot by an attaché of a local charitable organization which had arranged to send him to relatives in Donaldson, La.

### Gas Company Is to Play Santa Claus

Following its usual annual custom, the Omaha Gas company will entertain its employees and the members of their families at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The entertainment will be held in Washington hall, the program being as follows: Christmas Greeting..... Rev. T. Mackay..... Gruber Holy Night..... Harry Diabrow Recitation—Bess and Scotta Claus..... Fredericksa Campbell..... Polka Brilliant..... A. John Presentation..... Wood, 1895-1915..... U. W. Clabaugh Loch Lomond—Ed Scotta Melody..... Harry Diabrow Santa Claus Work Shop..... Counsel Quartet..... Arrival of Santa Claus..... Presentation of Gifts.....

### KING OF SPAIN SIGNS DECREE DISSOLVING CORTES

MADRID, Dec. 23.—(Via Paris)—King Alfonso today signed decrees dissolving the Cortes. New elections will be held before March.

### Popular Girl Who Sells Tickets at the Krug Theater Box Office

Janita Hawleigh, mistress of the box-office at the Krug theater, has won her way from Toronto to Omaha, via Chicago and St. Louis City, by her fetching smile. When Manager W. W. (Billy) Cole of the theater looked around for a feminine adjunct for the box office, he found Miss Hawleigh and at once decided he had made a find.

Patrons of the North Brothers' Stock company already are growing to appreciate the "lady with the smile,"—the young woman, who gives a smile with every ticket. This custodian of the tickets was born in Toronto, where she made her debut in a theater box office. Later she went to Chicago, then to St. Louis City, and now declares she has found the city of her ideals.

"I really believe in the smile. You have heard it said, 'smile and the world smiles with you.' A smile will drive away any inclination to say the short and ugly word. One makes friends by smiling, and, do you know, smiling aids the digestion. Just try it for yourself," said Miss Hawleigh. She "smiles all the while."



Janita Hawleigh

### FORD PARTY VISITS NOBEL INSTITUTE

Reception of Pilgrims by Distinguished Body Regarded as Significant.

#### HOPES MISSION SUCCEEDS

CHRISTIANIA (Via London), Dec. 23.—Members of the Noble institute unofficially received members of the Ford peace expedition on Wednesday. The president of the institute without promising to support the peace mission, expressed hope for its success. He said that neutral countries throughout the world desired a speedy termination of the war.

The Norwegian people look upon the reception by the institute as significant, as such occasions are rare.

The expedition starts for Stockholm Thursday morning. The Swedish Peace and Arbitration league telegraphed that it would hold a mass meeting for the Ford delegates on Saturday.

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### WAR BRINGS WALL STREET PROSPERITY

Christmas This Year Will Be Season of Joy for All Connected with Exchange.

#### PROFITS FOR EMPLOYEES, TOO

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Christmas in the financial district will offer many striking and happy contrasts to the same period a year ago when Wall Street had barely emerged from the gloom precipitated by four and a half months of suspended activity on the stock exchange.

Banks, trust companies, private banking houses, brokerage firms and institutions of all kinds have profited very generally by the boom in stocks, which began with movements in "war brides" early in the year and sent those and kindred securities to prices under command of a few months before.

To be sure much of the advance registered by those and other mercantile issues has been forfeited and countless "paper profits" have evaporated into thin air. Nevertheless, Wall Street has been and still is very busy, and its attendant activity and prosperity are being shared by all, from the humblest "runner" to the mightiest captain of finance or industry.

#### Gifts to Employees.

Many of the financial institutions and banking houses have already distributed gifts or bonuses among their employees for the year and by this process many employees have averaged 10 to 15 per cent of annual salaries and one trust company, pension funds have been strengthened and numerous profit sharing plans have assumed substantial proportions. Gifts to some known for its generosity, is said to have given as much as 50 per cent.

All the exchanges have taken up subscriptions for their employees and it is fair to assume that individual disbursements will be larger than at any time of recent years. Last year the stock exchange, for good and sufficient reasons, refrained from asking its members to subscribe to the Christmas fund, but drew on its private funds so that the several hundred employees might not be utterly deprived of some holiday cheer.

#### Insect Bites and Infection Dangerous.

Apply Sloan's Lintiment to any bite, sting or bruise, it kills the poison and heals the wound. Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

### ASK SCHOOL KIDDIES TO GIVE BIRDS CHRISTMAS

Remember the birds on Christmas! This is the slogan which the Daughters of the American Revolution have adopted, in connection with their work along the lines of bird conservation. Mrs. William Archibald Smith, recent of Major Isaac Sadler chapter, has issued an appeal to all school children to give the birds a Christmas tree this year.

"Put out some bread crumbs or tie a piece of suet to a tree," says Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith has asked the aid of Superintendent Graff and the local Audubon society in the work.

#### A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR CHILDREN AT MOVIE HOUSE

The Rex theater, 1315 Douglas street, of which Sam Adler is manager, is to give free admission to children only from 10 to 1 o'clock Saturday, Christmas morning. Slides and photo plays will make up the bill.

### Where to Eat Xmas Dinner

DON'T LET MOTHER or WIFE SPEND the DAY OVER the KITCHEN STOVE

### XMAS DINNER NO LONGER A TERROR TO HOUSEWIVES

Hotels and Restaurants of Omaha Have Arranged Excellent Menus at Prices Within Reach of Everyone.

#### IT MAKES CHRISTMAS MERRY

Women Need No Longer Slave All Day to Prepare a Dinner While Others Make It a Holiday.

#### AND IT REALLY COSTS LESS

Christmas dinner is no longer a terror to housewives. Customers are changing because the men of the house and the rest of the family are beginning to be more considerate of mother or wife. Thousands of families will this year keep the homemaker out of the kitchen so that she too may have a holiday.

The hotels and restaurants of Omaha have recognized the turn in sentiment and have prepared for it. This year they are offering special menus at prices within the reach of everyone. Besides the menus, which are of extraordinary quality, they have in many instances arranged to have high class music and cabarets during the dinner hour.

Christmas dinner at a cafe is now in good form and enjoyable to everyone because mother or wife is not slaving all day over a hot stove.

There is a wide range of hotels and restaurants to select from in choosing your place to eat Christmas dinner. No trouble to suit yourself from the standpoint of service desired and the price you wish to pay.

A family of six can get a dandy dinner from \$3.00 up, and that is really considerably cheaper than the same meal could be prepared in the home.

### Bulgars Reported to Be Entering Greece

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—(Via London.)—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here, says that Bulgarian troops are entering Greek territory, but that if they are not attacked by Greek troops they will confine their operations to seizing the Saloniki railroad.

### HOTEL LOYAL Christmas Menu

\$1.00 PER PLATE 12:30 to 9 P. M. Oyster Cocktail

Stuffed Celery Assorted Olives Hot House Radishes

Cream of Chicken, Belle Helene Baked White Fish. Sauce Colbert Potatoes, Surprise

Roast Mount Vernon Turkey, Chestnut Dressing Cranberry Jelly Candied Sweet Potatoes Carrots and Pars in Cream

Tomato Salad, Thousand Island Dressing Hot Mince Pie or Pumpkin Pie English Plum Pudding Hard and Brandy Sauce

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### A REAL CHRISTMAS DINNER For Fifty Cents AT THE

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THIS IS "WADDLES"  
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"Waddles" weighs 35 lbs., and will stay "put."  
"Waddles" stands 6 inches high, 24 inches long.  
Place "Waddles" at the foot of your front steps and he will not only remove mud from the shoes, but will force a jolly laugh from every corner.  
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### Quarrel is Fatal to Serb King's Cousin

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Herman Merchowitch, 40 years old, second cousin of King Peter of Serbia, who had been employed for years as a porter in a furrier's establishment, died today in a hospital from a fractured skull received in an altercation yesterday with an Austrian and the latter's son. The young man, under arrest on a charge of homicide, is accused of knocking down the Serb, whose head struck the pavement.

Merchowitch, who was 40 years old, was the son of Prince John of Serbia, who came to this country in 1902, became a naturalized citizen and engaged in a furrier's business in this city until his death in 1905.

Count Zeppelin Honored. LONDON, Dec. 23.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zeppelin, builder of dirigibles, has been elected a member of the first chamber of Wuertemberg.

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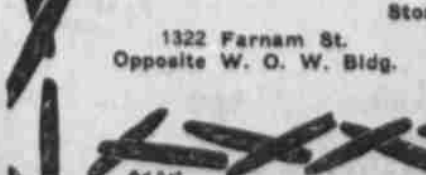
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