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Preparing for the Christmas Playlet

THOMAS FIGURES SCHOOL AID CASH

State Superintendent Computes Amounts that May Be Given in State.

APPORTIONMENT TO DISTRICTS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The state superintendent has just completed the distribution of aid for weak school districts. The law contemplates seven months' school for each district in the state. Many districts find it impossible to maintain seven months after making the maximum levy of 25 mills and adding thereto the estimated state apportionment. The statutes provide that each district shall have \$36 for seven months and this amount is taken as the basis for reckoning aid. The last legislature changed the method of distributing the temporary school fund. It is expected that under the new method the western districts will get an additional amount which will more nearly enable them to become self-supporting. In checking up the valuation of western districts the state superintendent finds that the valuation is increased almost 16 per cent in many places, which will enable these districts to raise an additional amount. In Brown county ten districts voluntarily levied 45 mills. The following is a list of counties receiving state aid, the number of districts interested and the amount apportioned to the county:

Table listing counties and their respective school district counts and apportioned amounts.

Fewer Than Half Counties of State Have Issued Bonds

ing to the records of the state auditor's office, less than half of the counties of Nebraska have a bonded indebtedness. Dakota county has the smallest indebtedness, \$2,000, while Douglas county shows the largest with \$1,977,000. Otoe county stands next to Douglas with \$399,000 bonded indebtedness, while Lancaster stands third with \$180,000 and Washington fourth with \$128,900. All the rest are below the \$100,000 mark. The list is as follows:

Table listing counties and their bonded indebtedness amounts.

Beatrice Creamery To Build Warehouse

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The Beatrice Creamery company from Nebraska, having had great success here, will build a \$500,000 warehouse.

FAIRBURY CELEBRATES MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Approximately 5,000 people attended Fairbury's first municipal Christmas tree last night and helped to make the occasion a merry one. Three hundred high school students sang Christmas carols and special music was furnished by the Fairbury Concert band from a stand in the court house yard. Cliff Cronka, originator of the municipal Christmas tree, presided. At the conclusion of the services the Boy Scouts distributed nearly a ton of candy and 150 miniature horns and the beautiful tree was made radiant with red, white and blue incandescent globes. Prior to the opening of the program practically all Fairbury churches gave Christmas entertainments and Santa Claus remembered the little ones. Intense cold prevailed and it is estimated that thousands were driven to their homes. Fairbury merchants enjoyed one of the best Christmas shopping seasons in history.

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Michael Conrad. FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Michael Conrad died suddenly at her home early this morning of grippe. Mrs. Conrad was born in Helmsdale, Bavaria, April 18, 1832. She was married in 1871 and with her husband came to America that year, locating in this county on a farm. The family removed to Fairbury in 1888. She has made this city her home since then. Mrs. Conrad is survived by the following children, all of Fairbury, including four daughters and two sons: F. F. and Otto Conrad, Mrs. B. C. Huber, Mrs. J. W. McDonald, Mrs. F. J. Walsh, Mrs. Len Hinnit. These families comprise some of the most prominent and leading citizens in this part of Nebraska. Arrangements have been made to hold funeral



Eleanor Kountze



Walter G. Preston, Jr.



Eleanor Scott

The first rehearsal for the charming Christmas playlet which will be given under the direction of Smith college alumnae December 31, will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Young Women's Christian association. Mrs. Edgar Scott, Mrs. Al Gordon, Miss Dorothy Ringwalt and Miss Katharine Lee Grable are in charge of the affair, which is for the benefit of the scholarship fund. All the speaking parts will be taken by children whose mothers or sisters attended Smith college or who expect to school there themselves some day. They are Elizabeth Ringwalt, Emily Burke, Margaret, Eleanor and Hunter Scott, Walter Preston Jr., Ida Smith and Dorothy Sherman. Included in the chorus

Three Killed When Girls Greet Visitor

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Miss Mary McCreaney, 30 years old; Ethel McCreaney, 7 years old of Avoca, and Benjamin Harrison, 20 years old of Corning, were killed today by a freight train at the Avoca station. The young women went to the station to meet Harrison, who was to be their Christmas guest.

GEORGE P. MOORE FORMER OMAHA MAN DIES FRIDAY

George P. Moore, resident of Omaha for twenty-five years and former manager of the local plant of the Carter White Lead company, died on Friday in Chicago. He had been living in Sacramento since he left this city. Funeral will be held at Bath Lake, Ind., where the family has a summer home. Mrs. Moore was Miss Anna Tilly, member of a pioneer family of Omaha. There are five surviving children, a daughter being married only a few months ago. Information received here states that Mr. Moore was stricken with heart failure while at luncheon.

Overloading The Stomach

Causes Incomplete Digestion, Weakens the System, and Breeds Dyspepsia. Peter Swanson, retired a resident of Omaha for thirty-five years, died in Inman hospital of the grip. His wife and three sons survive him. The funeral will be held from the family residence, 808 North Nineteenth street, Tuesday at 2 p. m., with interment at Forest Lawn cemetery. Gluttony is as vile a sin as drunkenness and its evil results are more terrible and far more rapid. The human system turns into the stomach and alimentary canal from 7 to 8 pounds of digestive fluid every twenty-four hours. Crave your stomach with food and you exhaust these juices. If your stomach cannot digest the food because it lacks juice to do it with, you should either eat less or make more gastric fluids. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain ingredients one grain of which will digest 1,000 grains of food. With Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in your stomach the evil effects of overeating are removed, for these little tablets when dissolved stick to the food and digest all the good from it. They won't abandon the stomach and leave a mass of decaying undigested food to rot and irritate the mucous membrane lining. They give greater quantities of gastric fluid, help the intestines enrich the blood, prevent constipation and glutinous white stools, may yet be made less harmful by the use of these tablets. Every druggist carries them in stock; price 25 cents per box, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package free by mail. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 215 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

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SOLONS WILL HAVE FEAST

Legislative League Banquet Will Be One of Best of the Series.

MUNY CHRISTMAS IN LINCOLN

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Arranging of the program for the annual legislative league banquet has been placed in the hands of the legislative reference bureau and Director A. L. Sheldon and Assistant Director Thorne Browne will proceed to get busy at once laying out a line of procedure which will make the 1915 session the best yet pulled off. The date has been set for February 25, and as many of the former members are candidates for some office it is thought the meeting will be a very interesting one.

Municipal Christmas.

The municipal Christmas festivities took place on the state house grounds this evening. Two big evergreen trees from Joe Stecher's county were procured and erected on a big platform on the north side of the capitol. Back of these trees a bower of evergreen with a flare of electric lights, while colored lights and spangled ropes of many different hues were entwined about the bower and among the trees.

Elks Play Santa Claus.

Lincoln Elks pulled off their annual Santa Claus stunt to the poor kids of Lincoln this morning in the usual successful manner, although this year appeared to outrival all previous attempts. They began last year by engaging the city Auditorium and putting on a few vaudeville stunts from the local theaters to amuse the kids, and this year's program was along the same line. About 3,000 boys and girls took advantage of the opportunity to get free toys and candy.

Fenton Some Showman.

Warden Fenton is beginning to make a reputation as a showman, or rather as a promoter. The warden generally makes good at anything he undertakes, and his shows at the penitentiary have always been good. This year he put on an entirely new program with new stunts, motion pictures and the like, and having the inspiration of a show house at the pen which would be a credit to towns of 10,000 people, the talent which he has under his supervision turned themselves loose in good shape. Many of the "shut-ins" would make good on the vaudeville circuit, and the crowd which filled the auditorium at the pen this evening was well entertained and enjoyed one of the best programs ever put out at the institution.

Hearings on Naval Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Permission was given today for 3,000 more Carranza troops to pass through the United States on their way from Agua Prieta to Juarez. They go to strengthen the garrison in the former Villa stronghold and suppress disorders, as well as to take part in the campaign to the south. In giving permission for the passage the stipulation was made that the Mexican troops should not go through the city of El Paso, but should pass around it to the international bridge.



Elizabeth Ringwalt



Margaret Scott

Won't Hold Arts Meet. PARIS, Dec. 25.—A Havas dispatch from Venice says it has been decided not to hold the twelfth international exposition of arts in Venice in 1924.

LOSES RELATIVES AND HER PROPERTY

Mrs. Julia Schneider Comes from Germany to Live with Sister, Mrs. Getzschmann.

TELLS OF EFFECTS OF WAR

Mrs. Julia Schneider of Marburg an der Lahn, Germany, has just reached Omaha from the fatherland to take up her permanent residence here with her sister, Mrs. Bertha Getzschmann. Mrs. Schneider recently lost a daughter and son-in-law and had two other sons-in-law wounded in the war, and having lost nearly all her possessions through the European conflict, came to America to live.

On the Dutch border all her letters, postcards, printed matter, field glass, as well as ten pounds of German chocolate she intended bringing to this country, were confiscated by the authorities. Every passenger was obliged to disrobe totally and became subject to a complete inspection, baggage, clothing and person alike undergoing a thorough scrutinizing. Owing to the poor quality of Holland coal, which contains considerable sand, her steamer, the Noordam, was three days late in reaching port. No freight whatever was carried by the boat, the Britons not allowing a thing to pass. In one instance twelve soldiers came on board the steamer, taking with them three of the passengers as prisoners of war. Two German subseas were

observed in the North Sea, as well as several British men-of-war.

German Patriots. Regarding conditions in Germany, Mrs. Schneider related many interesting details. She declared the patriotism in the entire country is something marvelous, the wounded being scarcely able to wait the opportunity to return to the front, and young lads eager to take up arms. Many of the youngsters are refused because of their youth, and not a few of these, nevertheless, surreptitiously reach the front in their desire to serve. Marburg university, formerly attended by 2,500 students, now has only 500, of whom 300 are women. It was formerly looked upon with disapproval for girls to attend a university. All the numerous fraternity houses of Marburg have been converted into hospitals.

Milk, bread, meat, butter, soap, fat and most all food supplies are sold only upon presentation of coupons, which are regulated entirely by city and governmental authorities. Prices are from two to three times normal rates. Poor families, whose male members are in the field, receive financial assistance from the government, as well as coal, potatoes and other supplies. Practically nothing can be bought except by coupon, the rich having no advantage or concession over the pauper. All nickel money has been called in. Iron coins being substituted in their place. Copper kettles, roofs and kitchen utensils have also been confiscated by the government.

Old Farmer Bates was pointing out the merits of the neighborhood he lived in to his newly arrived lodger. "There's a church near," he said, but I never put my nose in it. "Why?" asked the visitor. "Is anything the matter with the vicar?" "No," was the reply; "but it's this way. I sold the old vicar milk and eggs and butter and cheese, and, seeing as he patronized me, I patronized him. But this new chap keeps 'is own cow and 'ens. 'If that's your game, I thought, 'we'll 'ave 'ome-grown religion, too!'"

Wait!!! for our January CLEARANCE SALE which starts on Monday Jan. 3d Men's Women's and Children's Apparel at-- Clearance Sale Prices BENSON & THORNE @ 1516-18-20 FARNAM STREET.

Protection First Will Santa Claus Forget Your Babies When You're Dead? A queer question? Well, perhaps—but it's intensely serious. It means, in other words—have you made adequate provision for your family in the event of your sudden death? Not a pleasant thought, maybe, but a far more unpleasant one is that the wife and little ones you love and cherish may next week be left penniless and dependent upon the charity of friends. But by investing the price of ONE CIGAR a day you can make sure that they will be comfortably provided for even though you should die before another Christmas comes. And they deserve that much sacrifice on your part—don't they? The A. O. U. W. of NEBRASKA has been a Protecting Saint to families of deceased members for 29 years—has filled empty stockings with more than \$11,000,000 in cash—and has paid the money when it was most needed—upon the death of the breadwinner of the home. The A. O. U. W. of Nebraska provides its 40,000 members with sound, safe, state-supervised life insurance at ACTUAL COST. What This Reliable Insurance Will Cost You Per Month. Following is a table showing the monthly cost of insurance in the A. O. U. W. to its members. The rates are low, but adequate: Age Policy of \$1,000 Policy of \$2,000 18 to 24 \$0.75 per month \$1.50 per month 25 to 29 .85 1.70 30 to 34 1.00 2.00 35 to 39 1.15 2.30 40 to 44 1.30 2.60 There is an A. O. U. W. lodge in your vicinity ready to welcome you as a member. Make application today—while your health will allow you to secure membership—to some officer or member of your local lodge. No certificate issued for more than \$2,000 to one member.