

A Load of Christmas Cheer



The Spangled Tree

By FOLGER MCKINSEY
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THERE never was a forest that bore a spangled tree. But every time that Christmas comes they're everywhere to see; And what has set them glowing, or in what land they're growing, I know not and I never knew—but I am very glad it's true!

Oh, first they have green branches just like the pines that dwell Beside the noble forest of Christmas by the dell; And over all that beauty a gradual beauty seems To dwell among their glowing boughs in immemorial gleams.

And now that I remember an old tale told to me— It is the land of faeries where grows the spangled tree, And softly in December the loving faeries crawl Along the hard and snowy miles— All laughter and all songs and strains— To set them in our halls.

There never was a forest except a fairy one That grew a tree of greenwood all decked with moon and sun, And little stars and candies and oranges and cake, And trumpets of the Christmaseid for little childhood's sake.

And so I'm glad I'm living where people are so fine That in the winter season the tree that seems a pine Comes from the fairy gardens all spangled as do these, That gleams for little children with the lips we love to kiss!

encore she told a droll Scamus McManus tale which made Bozo like his head at memory of his vanderlike Irish brogue.

"That sounds moreish!" he exclaimed when she had finished, and Miss Hall responded, "If you'll play another orchestra piece, I'll try to think of something." They alternated in this way, first a story, then music, until they felt that even laughter would not postpone hunger much longer; so Miss Hall slipped to the boys a box of sandwiches prepared by her hostess. The boys collected fruits and nuts from their own bags and those of willing passengers, and then Glim announced:

"Our last number will be Santa Claus—in person. His sledge is stalled near here, and his reindeer lame, and he has walked across the snow purposely to attend this party."

Bozo, who had been performing miracles in the smoking car, now appeared, with a bright red handkerchief on his head, a tissue paper beard, a neighbor's fur coat, with Miss Hall's ermine collar over it, and bits of cotton from various boxes pinned on his sleeves. Then, with much jovial banter, he passed down the aisle carrying a pack looking strangely like a pair of wild-colored



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pajama trousers fastened with safety pins. From this sack he dispensed to each child a parcel containing a sandwich, some nuts, fruit and a few candies.

Then it was that the crusty man appeared with a thermos bottle, saying, "My daughter put this in my bag, though I told her I despised cocoa, so if the kids—"

Glim needed no further suggestion, and soon the children were drinking hot cocoa from paper train cups; and before the feast was finished, the crusty man called out:

"Hooray! Snow now's come! Merry Christmas!" which was echoed all down the car.

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Live Stock Men Rap Farm Board and Market Act

This Is St. Louis Dealers' Answer to Charge of Boycotting—Law Also Under Fire

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Live stock middle men trained their guns today upon the farm board and the constitutionality of the agricultural marketing act in their defense against charges of boycotting co-operatives at the St. Louis National stock yards.

Counsel for nearly 50 respondents, called to show cause why they should not be suspended by the secretary of agriculture under the packers and stockyards act, attacked that law also. They served notice, too, that if the ruling was unfavorable to them they would carry their fight to the courts.

Claim "Put Up Job." Their attorneys contended the case was a part of a "put up job" to obtain a monopoly through the farm board act of the marketing of all meat animals and to use taxpayers' money to drive the individual operator out of business.

Also, they warned that if the board was upheld, "the same thing will be attempted in every other business in the United States." The government contended those presentations constituted no defense; that the defendants had recourse to congress on any quarrel they had with the agriculture marketing act. Its attorneys argued that the commission merchant and order buyers, in boycotting the co-operatives, did not fully recognize their responsibility as quasi-public agents, "in handling other people's property in interstate commerce."

Say Dealer Also Barred. The individual agents were charged with having boycotted the National Order Buying company and the "Producers' Live Stock Commission Sparks, Inc., with Kennett, Sparks & Co., Inc., which did business with the co-operatives. M. W. Borders and M. W. Borders, Jr., of Kansas City, and W. E. Rumble of St. Paul, represented the defendants. E. L. Marshall and C. E. Mills presented the case for the department. —World-Herald.

POTATO SHOW AT CHADRON

Alliance.—At the annual potato show the Nebraska Potato Improvement Association held at Chadron, members of the Box Butte county 4-H clubs won a large majority of the prizes. Louise and Edith Nielsen, fifteen and fourteen years old, were the main prize winners. Miss Edith won two silver cups, including the sweepstakes cup. She received first prize on her story, "How I Grew My Acre of Potatoes." Rodd Stenberg, of Alliance, won second and Joy Brittel, of Kimball, third. The Box Butte county club won high honors in the potato judging contest, making a score of 348 points. They competed with the international champions, the Bushnell club of Kimball, which gained second with 340 points.

FOOD VALUES GO LOWER

Washington.—Pork chops were 13 percent cheaper Nov. 15 than on Oct. 15 and the average of about 2 percent. The monthly report of the bureau of labor statistics issued Thursday showed a drop of 11 1-2 percent in prices reported from fifty-one representative cities as compared with Nov. 15, 1929. Fresh eggs, sugar and canned red salmon were the only reported items showing increases. Oranges dropped 24 percent during the month, navy beans 10 percent, onions 7 percent, potatoes, cabbage and prunes 6 percent, butter 5 percent, sirloin and round steak and chuck roast 3 percent and other foods ranged from 4 to 1 percent lower.

WILL UNDERGO OPERATION

From Saturday's Daily.—Miss Mary Swatek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swatek, who has been engaged in teaching in the schools of the county, departed last night for Omaha, where she entered the St. Joseph hospital in that city and will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Miss Swatek has been troubled with this for some time and as the schools were closed for the holidays, decided to have the operation performed. The many friends of this popular young lady are trusting that she may soon recover and be able to resume her usual activities.

DAUGHTER OF HUGHES TO BE WED FRIDAY

Washington, Dec. 17.—The chief justice and Mrs. Hughes today announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Elysis Hughes, to Mr. William Thomas Gossett, who would take place Friday noon at their home here. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick of New York was named as officiating clergyman with Dr. William S. Abernethy of Washington as his assistant. Only members of the immediate family will witness the ceremony. The couple will reside in New York City.

Wise folks choose their Christmas greeting cards early, insuring getting just what they want and allowing ample time for imprinting of their names thereon. A big line to show you at the Bates Book Store or the Journal office.



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States to Have Clearing House for Legislation

Headquarters at Chicago to Be Assisted by University's Experts—Formerly at Denver

Chicago.—With improvement of state government through national cooperation of state lawmakers as its objective, the American Legislators' Association, after five formative years in Denver, has moved its secretariat to Chicago so that its work may be carried on more advantageously.

Locating in the neighborhood of the University of Chicago among other national organizations settled there to benefit through the assistance of the university's governmental experts, the association has "definitely turned a corner," according to its director, Henry W. Toll, formerly a state senator in Colorado. Until the association gains the financial support of each of the 48 states, as it hopes to do, its existence is assured through recent gifts, including a grant from the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Coinciding with opening its new headquarters, the association inaugurated a legislative reference bureau, which is its primary purpose. This bureau is to serve as a "central clearing house" on matters of state legislation, through which a state legislator may determine the nature of laws on the same subject in other states, thus avoiding time wasted in research on subjects which may have been exhaustively analyzed by someone else.

"We are proceeding on the assumption," Mr. Toll said, "that there is information available somewhere on almost every legislative subject of any significance. It is our function to refer the legislator to the individual or organization that can give him what he wants promptly and most competently."

A second objective is encouragement of legislative reference bureaus in each of the states, conducted by the State, to include research, drafting and revision service. Not more than five states, Mr. Toll said, have comprehensive agencies of this sort now, performing all three functions. Good revision service exists in five states, good research services in 15 states, and good law drafting service in 20 states, he said.

To further disseminate knowledge of what is going on in the progress of legislation throughout the country, the association publishes a magazine, State Government, each month, which it sends to the 7599 state legislators. The organization has a council in each state consisting of five members of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate, while it has developed advisory committees of experts in 12 legislative fields, such as taxation, labor, health, crime, social welfare. These committees, with total membership of approximately 250, have among their members the outstanding authorities in each field. Officers recently elected by the association include: William B. Helknop, president, of Goshen, Ky., a former state representative; and two state senators, George Woodward of Philadelphia, and Seabury C. Mastick of New York City, vice-presidents.

GUARDS FAIL TO FIND SLAYER OF TEACHER, 19

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 17.—National guardsmen, county officers and aroused citizens conducted a fruitless hunt today for the slayer of Miss Velma Colter, 19-year-old rural school teacher. Few clues were developed to aid in establishing the identity of the young teacher who attacked the young teacher after she had dismissed her classes at the Garretts country school four miles south of here late yesterday. Several arrests were made by sheriff's officers, but authorities said no evidence had been obtained against the men held.

Have your name imprinted on your Christmas greeting cards this year at a very small additional cost, provided you purchase them at the Bates Book Store or the new stationery and office supply department of the Journal. We have everything that's new.

Sentence Omaha Men on Lincoln Robberies

Joseph Decker and John Filla Captured in Store—Third Man Is Being Sought

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—Joe Decker, 23, and John Filla, 21, both of Omaha, pleaded guilty to burglary charges before District Judge Lincoln Frost here early tonight, and each was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary.

Sentence of the two came within 14 hours after their capture in the act of robbing the Sumner drug store here. Police tonight sought a third man, who escaped when officers arrived at the drug store.

The officers said the three had carried a number of watches and other small articles to the front of the store, but had not received any loot from the building. Police said neither of the men was armed.

Both Served Time. Under questioning, Decker admitted, police said, that at the age of 16, he had been sentenced to the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney, where he served 19 months. He later was sentenced to three years in the reformatory in connection with a series of robberies in Omaha, police said.

He told officers that he and two companions had committed at least eight holdups in Omaha. Decker is married and formerly was employed as a taxi driver in Omaha.

Filla told police, they said, that he served 21 months of a three-year sentence to the reformatory for breaking and entering in Douglas county. He was sentenced in 1927 and was released in April. He became acquainted with Decker while the two were in the reformatory.

Worked for County. He is single and formerly worked for the Douglas county highway department.

Omaha police and detectives have had an order out for several weeks to pick up Decker and Filla for questioning in regard to numerous burglaries of oil stations, groceries, etc. The two were nearly caught near Elmwood park a few days ago but they abandoned their car and escaped. Police said, Decker has served several jail sentences here.—World-Herald.

CAR REQUIREMENTS HEAVY

Buffalo.—Increases in estimated car requirements for grain, flour, fresh fruits and vegetables, almost sufficient to offset anticipated decreases in other industries were outlined in reports to the great lakes regional advisory board here Thursday. The board is composed of representatives of shippers and transportation companies. Programs Thursday consisted largely of a review of business and forecasts for the first quarter of 1931. Edward S. Briggs, general manager of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' association, predicted an 18.7 percent increase in shipments of fresh fruits and a 16 percent in-

Alvo News

Elmer Rosenow was a visitor in Lincoln last Thursday, where he went for goods for the F. E. Dickerson store.

George Braun and wife of South Bend were visiting for the day on last Wednesday at the home of her parents, Wm. Yeager and wife of Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Scott were over to Lincoln last Monday, they driving over in their car to do some Christmas shopping, and also to visit with friends for a while.

William H. Warner, the thrasher man, who has been building a shed to house his machinery, has completed the work and is feeling pretty well satisfied on that account.

Workmen from Louisville were in the interest of the Nebraska Power company and were installing lights on the municipal Christmas tree on Wednesday last week.

Mrs. L. M. Scott has been assisting with the work at the postoffice during the holiday rush, and as there are many presents to be sent and received there was much for both to do.

Mrs. Esther Clarke and daughter of Waverly were visiting for a few days last week in Alvo, being guests at the home of her father, C. F. Rosenow, from Thursday until Sunday.

John W. Banning and the good wife were visiting in Lincoln on last Wednesday, where Mr. Banning was also looking after some business matters while Mrs. Banning was doing some shopping.

Floyd Hite of Louisville and with the Nebraska Power company, setting a meter and installing some lights was also a visitor with his friend F. E. Dickerson, and making some repairs on a radio.

Simon C. Boyles and wife were visiting in Lincoln on last Wednesday, they driving over to the big town in their auto, where Mr. Boyles was looking after some business mat-

ters and both were visiting with friends. Many of the friends of Jud Weaver of South Bend are pleased that he is to be placed in charge of the South Bend fisheries and feel that he is just the right man for the position, for he is well qualified to take entire charge of the plant. John B. Skinner and the good wife had as their guests for dinner on last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rosenow and where all enjoyed the occasion as well as all going to Lincoln in the afternoon where they attended a very worth while picture show. Earl Hermann was over to South Bend on last Wednesday to bring back a tractor and grader which had been used in the paving of the roadway between South Bend and Ashland for gravel. The spreading of the gravel on this piece of roadway is to be commenced at once. There will be a program rendered at the foot of the Christmas tree which was erected at the intersection of the streets, and which the Nebraska Power company lights and which presents a most beautiful scene, and especially when the children were gathered around the tree.

Spending Holidays in West

Mrs. H. Kirkpatrick departed one day last week for the Pacific coast where she will visit with her two sons, Claude and Walter Barritt, who make their home at Los Angeles, Mrs. Kirkpatrick will be away until after the first of the year. It will be remembered that the boys were here with their families less than a year ago.

Held Their Christmas Party

The Parent-Teacher association of the Alvo school held their annual Christmas party at the auditorium of the school building on last Wednesday when they had a most entertaining program.

Will Give Program

The Bible school will give a program on the coming Wednesday evening when the children of the school will furnish the program which will be on the line of Christmas.

Christmas Greetings

We wish to thank our many customers for the splendid business they have given us for the past year. Hoping the new year will bring larger crops, better prices to you and more business for us.

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Alvo, Nebraska

increase in vegetables for the first three months of the coming year. A 4.3 percent increase in shipments of grain, flour and other mill products was forecast by William E. Malony of the Buffalo corn exchange, presenting the report of the grain and grain products committee of the advisory board.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

BIG SAVINGS AT Peoples Market

<p>Fancy Ripe Bananas 23c Dozen</p> <p>Med. Size Cranberries 17c Quart</p> <p>Grape Fruit, each 5c</p> <p>Mixed Candy, per lb. 10c</p> <p>Fancy Eng. Walnuts Large Size—Soft Shell 27c Pound</p> <p>Good Cooking Potatoes 79c Bushel</p> <p>Price, per Sack, \$1.29</p>	<p>Fresh Salted Crackers 2-Pound Caddy for 24c</p> <p>HOMA MALT—3 Cans \$1.25</p> <p>Block Salt for Stock 35c</p> <p>Block MATCHES—12 5c Boxes 25c</p> <p>American Cheese 21c Pound</p> <p>Pure Cider Vinegar 23c Gallon</p>
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Snowbound on Christmas Eve

By Gayle Egan Cherryman

GUSS were snowbound here for the rest of the day," announced the crusty old man as he walked down the aisle of the day coach. "Conductor? Yes, they're sending the snowplow out from Jackson, but it'll be hours getting out, in this terrible blizzard."

A chorus of groans went up from the weary passengers, and some of the children began to cry. "What a Christmas!" some one exclaimed. "I'll be morning before we get to Grand Rapids!"

At this one of the dozen college boys at the end of the car raised his head. "Who says it'll be morning? We've got to get there to join the Glee club for a show at eight o'clock. Gee, it's five o'clock now! Hey, there, Bozo!"

Looking at his companion, "Look here: we've got a killing on hand."

"What's that, Glim? What do we hit? No kidding, eh?" Then whispering: "Lots of hits along who'll be hungry pretty soon. Let's throw a



She Changed Completely From a Little Dumb Woman.

party. Get out your uke. I'll be an honoree."

Five minutes later Glim was standing at the end of the long aisle announcing oratorically:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: The famous Bozo and Glim Amusement company will now begin its show, opening with an orchestra number entitled 'Santa Claus on the Way.'"

With that the boys played on their ukuleles the old "Jingle Bell" song, with a "Tootletoot" obbligato, and in lieu of bells, an occasional spoken "Jingle-jingle" which greatly amused the children. Then Glim said:

"Our next number will be by the great impersonator, Bozo Rosenow, who will give you a series of costume character sketches, unsurpassed on the American stage."

Bozo, who really had some talent, proceeded with several dialect anecdotes, with his home-learned Irishman, Glim's overcoat stuffed inside his own for the fat Dutchman, etc., each attempt at costume surpassing the last in such absurd inadequacy, that even the grown-ups laughed hilariously. Then Glim sang a popular song, with ukulele accompaniment, quite acceptably, and did one or two simple sleight-of-hand tricks. While Bozo was racking his brain for more stories, a note was sent up from the teacherish looking little woman three seats down. It read:

"I am a professional story-teller. If you wish I will give a fairy tale or two." This was manna from heaven to the young impressionist, and when Miss Hall began with "The Ugly Duckling" she changed completely from a dumb little woman to a lively young person with magic in her voice. For