

GREENWOOD

E. L. McDonald and wife were spending Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clymer, where all enjoyed a very fine goose to eat.

On last Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Hall were over to Lincoln where they were guests at a very pleasant social dance held in the city. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vinson drove to Lincoln on Monday night where they met Mrs. Vinson's mother, Mrs. Dixon of Atwood, Kansas, who came to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cope went to Lincoln to spend Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Anderson and Mrs. Earl Hurlbut and Merna will also be there.

J. E. Stradley received his present from Santa Claus. The package was a Tweety Caterpillar truck for maintaining the Cass county roads around Greenwood. Hurray for Santa.

Miss Marion Ratsook, who is teaching at Red Cloud arrived home on last Saturday to spend the holidays with her father, M. Ratsook and aunt Miss Ratsook.

Herman Birdsall who is employed with the Burlington was a visitor in Greenwood for the holidays, spending the time with the A. R. Birdsall family and other friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wright of Lincoln, Mr. Chas. Wright of Creal Springs, Ill., and Mr. John Sidleford of Kansas City, Kansas were guests of Mrs. A. R. Spiers on last Thursday.

Omar Kenniser of Galina, Mont., writes to his friend, W. C. Boucher telling of the conditions in the west where it is much colder than here, and also says that the price of wheat there is 35 cents a bushel.

Mrs. Wm. Hartsok returned home on last Monday from the Lord Lister hospital where she had been suffering with an infected hand and had to have the hand operated upon. She is getting along nicely at this writing.

Professor John Weatherlogg who is superintendent of the school at Bloomfield accompanied by his family are spending the Christmas season at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Birdsall, Mrs. Weatherlogg being their daughter.

Donald Sheffer and friend Leigh Womble and cousin David Reed, all of Omaha arrived on last Wednesday evening to spend the Christmas and the week end at the L. V. Sheffer home. They will all return to Omaha on next Sunday evening.

Robert Stokes with his truck was hauling wheat for Ezra Neben, and was in the day before Christmas with one hundred and thirty bushels and why not with the excellent road which the western portion of the county are now enjoying.

Charles Martin who is in for anything which will help the community was the Santa Claus at the school south of Greenwood, they holding an appropriate program made the place a very pleasant community center.

Walter Lenz and wife with their two children of Chicago are visiting with relatives in Cass county, they visiting with his folks on O street and with her parents, Henry Ekerman and wife of east of Greenwood. They are prospering in the west.

Mr. H. D. Hughes and family, Mrs. Clayton attended the Christmas party given by the Masonic lodges at Temple in Lincoln on Tuesday evening. They report a wonderful time and a good program appropriate for the season and a Santa Claus with treats for all.

Mrs. Ersey McNurlin came down from Omaha last Friday and helped with the care of her mother for a few days, returning home on Sunday evening accompanied by her daughters, Delphia and Pattie, who had been here visiting for about ten days with Mrs. Carl Weideman.

Clarence Devore for many years a resident of this vicinity, but who for the past nearly fifteen years has been away, and who is now making his home at Colorado Springs, where he is engaged in the oil business is spending the holidays in Greenwood and meeting many of his friends here.

The members of the American Legion who have the good of the whole community always at heart, touched the vital spot of joy when they provided a treat for the kiddies at the dedication of the Christmas tree, on the arrival of Santa, and sure their action was met with a hearty response from the kiddies.

Miss Holden left Friday evening to spend her vacation with her parents at Grand Island, Miss Jackson went to her home at Narka, Kan., for the holidays. Miss LeValky went to her home at Dayton, Ia. Miss Maxon went to Kansas City, Kansas to spend her vacation with an aunt. Mr. Cole went to Weeping Water to spend his vacation with his parents. Miss Larsen went to Lincoln on Friday evening to spend her vacation.

Emmitt A. Landon and the wife, Wayne Landon and family, Miss Catherine Coleman, postmistress, Aaron Wright and family were all over to Ashland on last Thursday, Christmas, where they enjoyed a family reunion and a general good time enjoyed. These holidays afford a very fine opportunity for families and friends to get together.

Mrs. Wayne Swartz of Hemingsford was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Rex Peters for a number of days during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Swartz were over to Murdock where all gathered at a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gagemier, the two little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swartz also being there. Wayne could not get away to come.

Give O. K. to Judge. On last Tuesday County Attorney W. G. Kieck and the county judge drove over from Plattsmouth to visit with Judge W. E. Newkirk, and he was pleased to have them as his guests. They were visitors at his office and inspected his books and manner of conducting the business of the office of justice of the peace, and the judge was very much pleased with the nice compliment which they gave him on the manner in which he was conducting the office.

To Increase Their Membership

The American Legion which has been holding up the standard of the service men and with only a portion of the service men as members, have instituted a contest for new members and have two teams out for the purpose of securing all who served in the world war as members of the post. The two teams are headed by John Downing and George Buckness, and both teams are going after the proposition in earnest. The contest will close on January third, and this will be followed by a banquet which will probably be about the middle of January. State Commander Marcus Poteet will be on the losing side, for so it has been arranged, for while the losing side loses he will try and assist to even things up.

Greenwood Transfer Line

We do a general business—make trips regularly to Omaha on Monday and Thursday, also to Lincoln Tuesday and Friday. Pick up loads on those trips. Fall loads at any time. FRED HOFFMAN.

Roads Are Good.

The roads throughout the county are in excellent condition, and little if any complaint can be made for one can go anyplace and find the roads dry and smooth and in fine condition for the auto, or the wagon. This makes excellent weather and roads for all who desire to market their grain. One thing is lacking, that is the desirable price. Jacob Witt is making a drag which he is to use for the special purpose of shoving the snow from the roads. He will be ready for the snow when it comes.

Family Enjoy Christmastide.

The family of W. C. Boucher gathered at his home where Mrs. Boucher had prepared a sumptuous dinner and there enjoyed the day with each other, and in visiting with each other. Besides the matter of the Christmas season, was the passing on December 23rd of the wedding anniversary of Mr. W. C. Boucher and Miss Elizabeth Warren at New London, Iowa. Mr. Boucher had come to America from England and settled in the vicinity of Greenwood, where he has made his home for the past 47 years. After having lived here for three or four years he shipped back to New London, Iowa, where he was on December 23rd, 1887 united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Warren, they returning to make their home here and have lived here ever since, and have enjoyed the life here in the splendid climate and excellent citizens.

Surprise their Friend.

Three years more than a half century, on December 23rd Emmitt A. Landon was born and has been one of the hustlers which has made a name for himself in the state. At the time slipped by, he has passed the 53rd milestone and his friends organizing, went to his home on last Tuesday evening and Emmitt did not get to bed until the wee small hours. During the time they were there, his merryment every minute with good things to eat and games. Departing after the day was entirely gone, they extended the wish that they might assist in the celebration of the birthday fifty years hence.

Spend Christmas in Iowa.

Garfield Dunning of Pueblo, a brother of Mrs. O. F. Peters, arrived in Greenwood on last Monday for a visit with his sister and family, and has been enjoying his stay here since. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Peters, and Norman, who is attending the state university, who is here for a two week's visit, and Mr. Garfield Dunning departed early last Wednesday in their auto for Guthrie Center, Iowa, where they were to spend Christmas day with relatives, and following they went to Penora, Iowa, where they also visited for a time before they returned. They all enjoyed the day splendidly while they were away.

The Day Before Christmas.

On this particular day, the home of Fred Holke was made happy by the arrival of a baby girl, and with the little one finding an excellent home and the parents both happy over the coming. Of course the happiness did not stop there for Grandfather Martin Mahar was happy too, and all could tell it by the genial expression on his face for one could not chase the smiles away.

Pool Hall Changes Hands.

John Mick of Eagle has purchased and taken possession of the pool hall which has been conducted by Mr. Charles Bailey for the past year.

Will Make Home in Lincoln.

John S. Livingston and wife who have lived midway between Greenwood and Ashland for the past ten years on last Wednesday moved to Lincoln where they will make their home in the future. The Livingstons who have been the best of neighbors will be missed by their friends where they have lived. All are wishing them success and many friends in their new home.

GREEN SEES 'GOOD NEWS' IN EMPLOYMENT CRISIS

Washington, Dec. 25.—Unemployment increased by 300,000 persons during December and is now more than at any time during the depression. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared. He contended, however, the proportionate increase in unemployment from November to December is not as great as it is at this season and he interpreted this fact as an indication that "the rising trend of unemployment is slackening."

ESMER G. THACKERY IN TOPEKA HOSPITAL

We are sorry to report that Elmer G. Thackery is in the Security Benefit Association hospital at Topeka, where he was taken about ten days ago by his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Revelliac, who have house-keeping rooms at the James Dixon home in the east part of town.

Mrs. Thackery has also been under treatment at this institution and had returned home a few days before her husband was taken ill. They seem to be having more than their share of misfortune, but are glad to be able to receive the good care and treatment at this hospital and we trust Mr. Thackery's illness will be of short duration.—Louisville Courier.

Mrs. Thomas Murphy to Receive Estate

The \$10,000 War Risk Insurance Money of Soldier is Awarded Fester Mother

Falls City.—A foster mother's nine year battle for the estate of a soldier who died in service in France was rewarded with success this week when County Judge Virgil Falloon closed the estate of Claude Wells, the soldier.

The litigation had been carried on in four Nebraska courts and one in Kansas. Testimony of a lost will, that has never made its appearance in any of the courts, was responsible for the foster mother, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, of Falls City, winning the entire \$10,000 of government war risk insurance money left by Wells.

Wells, who had enlisted in Company E, 109th engineers, was killed Mar. 12, 1919, and the government began making payments to his foster mother. Approximately \$4,000 had been paid when relatives by marriage of Wells petitioned for a share in the estate. Even the state of Nebraska filed a claim under the statute which holds that the estate of a person who died without legal heirs escheats to the state.

After all claimants and even the state of Nebraska were refused a part of the estate, the information was uncovered that Wells had made a will.

Chaplain Gene Cobby of the 109th engineers and Harry C. McSiman of Falls City testified they not only had witnessed drafting of the will but had also signed it. With evidence to support this testimony, County Judge Falloon ruled that Mrs. Murphy was the sole heir. When the instrument, which was never found, was in effect admitted for probate, claimants appealed to the district court.

District Judge J. E. Rippe affirmed the lower tribunal and he in turn was upheld by the state supreme court. In the meantime, some claimants had taken their case for probate in Hiawatha, Kas., on the ground that Wells was a resident of that state but this move was unsuccessful. The government stopped payments to Mrs. Murphy when the suit was filed in the district court.

This prompted action on the part of the soldier's foster mother. She petitioned the federal court in Lincoln to force the government to pay her the remainder of the insurance money. The federal court decision in her favor paved the way for the county jurist to wind up the long disputed case.

WOULD COLONIZE IN MEXICO

Mexico City.—Preferring voluntary exile to remaining in soviet Russia, a group of Russians are seeking permission from the Mexican government to colonize great arid, semi-desert tracts in northern Mexico, which they say remind them in climate and topography of their homeland in Asiatic Turkistan. V. Terstenko, vice president of the "American Slavic Colonization Trust, Inc." has arrived in Mexico seeking authorization of the Mexican government for entry of members of the group by represents, which he describes as unsympathetic with the "social, economic and communistic experiment of the Russian government."

Terstenko said north Mexico offers conditions very similar to their former homeland in south Russia, and that, furthermore, Mexico has shown by her acts a lack of sympathy with communism.

"The conquest of desert and arid places of north Mexico offers a great problem to the Mexican people," Terstenko said. "Our colonists will bring with them experience of many centuries in the fight against lack of rainfall, experience that enabled our people to convert the Asiatic Turkistan deserts and the savage steppes of southeast Russia into flourishing fields. Groups of colonists such as our Cossacks are among the best in the world because of our experience, ability of supporting ourselves and love of work."

JEW'S PLANNING CAMPAIGN

New York.—Invitations are on their way to leading Jews thruout the United States to attend a conference here Jan. 25 to organize a campaign to raise funds for reconstruction work in Palestine. The Jewish agency for Palestine announced Thursday. Heralded as the most important meeting of its kind ever to be held in the United States, the conference expects to answer the Passfield White paper which aroused a storm of protest when it announced a new British policy in Palestine.

Among signers of the invitation are Felix M. Warburg, Judge Julian W. Mack, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Solomon Lowenstein.

Norris Declares is Not Candidate for Presidency

Says It is Futile Now to Attempt Formation of Third Party; Advocates Reform.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Senator Norris (Neb.) today eliminated himself as a possible third party candidate for president in 1932.

At the same time, he served notice he would begin in the next congress a fight for abolition of the electoral college provision of the constitution "so it would be possible for a man to run independent of any party in the United States."

Commenting on the letter of Dr. John Dewey, head of the league for independent political action, suggesting that Norris leave republican ranks and lead a third party movement, the Nebraskan told newspapermen it would be futile to attempt to organize another political faction with any hope of success so long as the electoral college exists.

"I doubt if we could start out now and get much of a nucleus behind a third party movement," he said, adding under the present two-party system national conventions "pay little heed to the rank and file."

Sees Possible Defection. After saying he would introduce an amendment to the constitution to abolish the electoral college, Senator Norris said:

"I am not a candidate for president. I'll not be a candidate for president. I'll probably be dead before this reform can be brought about."

When asked what the republican independents of the west might do to "influence" the 1932 election, Norris said if the democrats nominate a real "progressive," many of his group would support him. Norris, who bolted his party two years ago to vote for Alfred E. Smith, the democratic nominee, did not commit himself on that point, but indicated strongly he would do likewise.

Talks of Special Interests. Discussing at length what he termed the "impracticability" of organizing a third party as long as the electoral college system continues, Norris said the "special interests" seek to control both republican and democratic parties. He also mentioned "power interests" in this connection.

Norris said he regarded Dewey as "one of the leading thinkers of the country."

"There is no doubt," he added, "his letter was written in the very best of faith and without any selfish motive. Nevertheless, I feel that in a practical sense, at least, the suggestions which he has made cannot be followed by the progressives in and out of the senate who think and believe as I do."

He continued, "I can say the republican party does not now belong to Mr. Hoover or Mr. Lucas. It did not belong to Mr. Harding, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Daugherty or Mr. Fall. For a time it is true, these men were in control."

"A new party would be subject to the same criticism that I think can rightly be made against our present political parties. For the purpose of illustrating the point, and without reflecting on anybody, take present condition. People run to Mr. Hoover to find out where the republican party stands on any issue that may arise. They may never have thought of the issue when he was elected."—World-Herald.

Hyde Announces No Drouth Loans to Purchase Food

Will Be Limited to Seed, Feed for Animals and Similar Purposes Office at Grand Forks.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Hyde said today congress would be asked to appropriate the full 45 million dollars authorized for drouth relief.

At the same time he made it clear that no food loans would be made from the fund.

The loans, he said, will be made for seed, feed and for production purposes such as fertilizers, and for gasoline and oil for tractors.

Hyde said applications for aid from the fund would be taken up in "the priority of their urgency."

No Allocation by States.

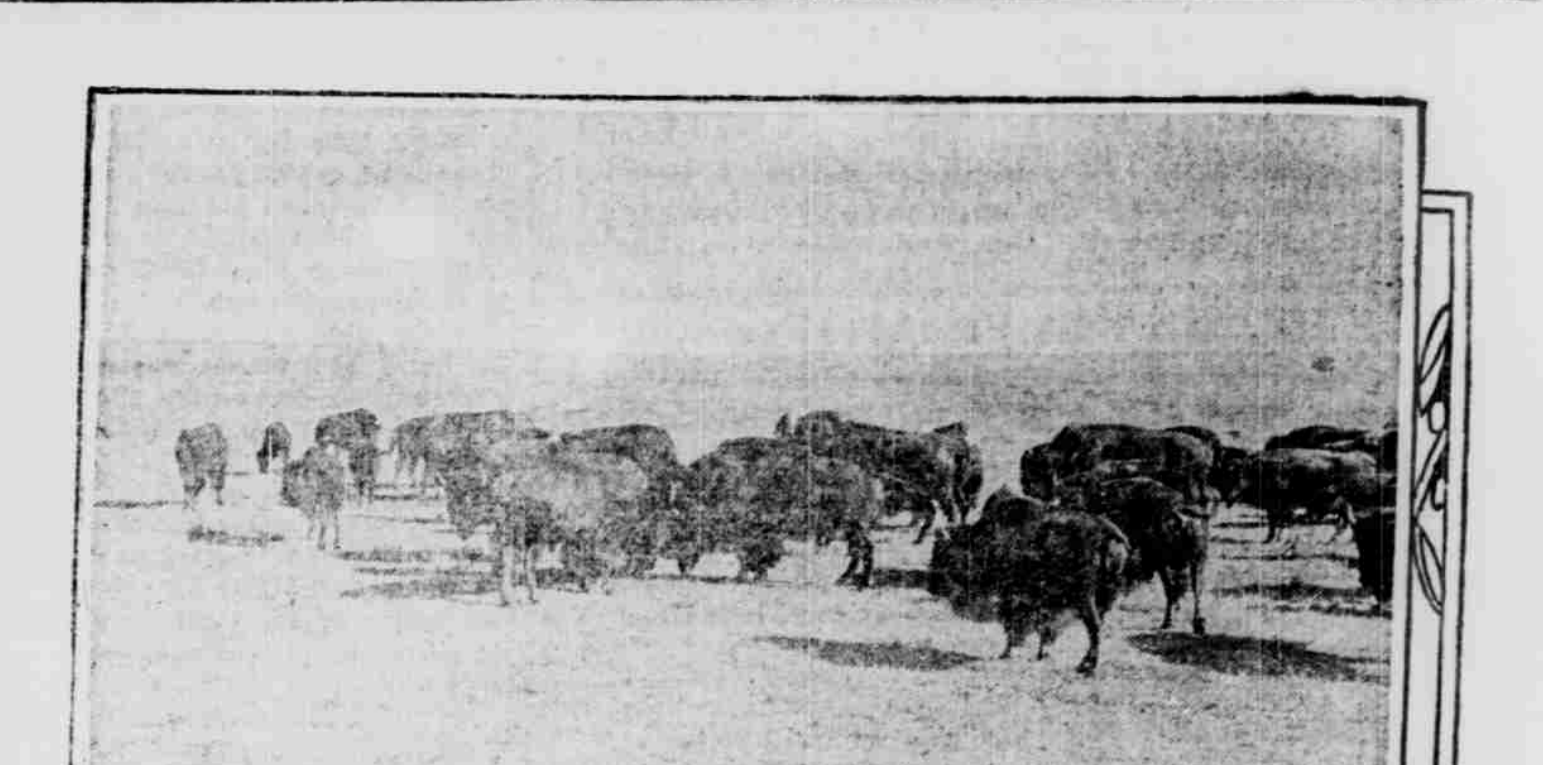
He added that the six million dollars included for forest highways and forest roads and trails would be used also according to the urgency of the project, but that no definite allocation would be made of the relief funds by states.

Meantime, Dr. C. W. Warburton, secretary of the national drouth relief committee, said inquiry was being made in a number of cities of the drouth area, with a view to the possible establishment of a regional office to aid in administration of the fund.

Office at Grand Forks.

Inquiry has been made, he said, in both Memphis and St. Louis by representatives of the federal seed loan bureau, which will administer the fund. At the same time representatives of the federal real estate board are looking over properties in other places.

The seed loan bureau now has a regional office at Grand Forks, N. D., which will be used for making loans under the emergency act. There has been no definite decision regarding the establishment of additional regional offices, but Warburton said it was quite likely two or more might be opened.—World-Herald.



Upper picture: Buffalo herd at Nebraska Game Preserve. Lower picture (Courtesy of Nebraska State Historical Society): An Indian buffalo hunt depicted by George Catlin, early artist.

THUNDERING BISON HERDS NOW PITFUL BANDS IN NEBRASKA

When W. T. Collins of Beaver City announced recently that he would offer twelve head of buffalo at auction, thoughts of a great many Nebraskans who read the announcement went back to the days when the American bison roamed the Nebraska plains and afforded the Indians meat, clothing, shelter and articles of personal adornment.

Historians estimate that at one time ten millions buffalo fed on the Nebraska plains. They moved in herds ranging in size from a few hundred to thousands. The Indians literally lived on the buffalo. The burlap's flesh furnished him meat; his hide robes, wearing apparel and teepee walls; his horns, hoofs and bones personal jewelry. Every fall there was a great hunt when the Indians took their winter supply of meat and hides. It was for the possession and propagation of these herds and the subsistence they afforded the Indians made such stubborn and fierce resistance to the encroachments of the whites. They foresaw the departure of their hunting grounds, with the

rich valleys converted into farms, and visioned their own ultimate extinction as a race. So they contended every foot of the way the whites took and answered every demand for more territory with fearful reprisals.

In a most interesting and important series of letters George Catlin, an eminent artist and writer who visited the middle west in 1832-39 and made a study of Indian tribes, writes of the buffalo: "The buffalo or more correctly speaking bison is a noble animal that roams over the vast prairies from the borders of Mexico on the south to the Hudson Bay on the north. Their flesh, which is easily procured, furnishes the savages of these vast regions the means of wholesome and good subsistence, and they live almost exclusively upon it, converting the skin, horns, hoofs and bones to the construction of dress, shields, bows, etc. The buffalo bull is one of the most formidable and frightful looking animals in the world, when excited to resistance; his long shaggy mane hangs over his forehead over his neck and shoulders and often extends quite down to the ground. The cow is less in stature, and less ferocious; though not much less wild and frightful in her appearance."

The early settlers also depended on the buffalo for meat. His skin was a welcome contribution to the white's bed and wagon. As the settlers increased and the commercial and sporting spirit developed the buffalo herds underwent a frightful slaughter. Buffalo hunts became sporting chases instead of meat-gathering expeditions. When Edward, Prince of Wales, visited this country in an early day, a buffalo hunt was staged for his pleasure with Buffalo Bill Cody in command. Thousands of buffalo were slaughtered for sport in such hunts and their carcasses left on the plains to feed wolves and vultures. The millions became thousands, the thousands hundreds, until at last the great thundering herds became isolated bands protected by fences.

A few small herds are privately owned in Nebraska. W. T. Collins started with a herd of twelve at Beaver City and is selling a superfluous increase. There is a small herd at the national game reserve near Valentine. The bison, as the Indian, has disappeared from the haunts in which he lived with such undisputed sway through the long years before civilization came to Nebraska with powder and shot.

Founder of Ogallala Dies in Los Angeles

Edwin M. Searle, Sr. Was Pioneer in Western Nebraska—Was Born in Rushford, N. Y.

Edwin M. Searle, sr., 81, western Nebraska pioneer and founder of the town of Ogallala, died Monday at his home in Los Angeles, according to an Associated Press dispatch. Edwin M. Searle, jr., 4821 Chicago street, Omaha, is a son. Other survivors are the widow, and a son, A. L. Searle of Ogallala. Burial will be at Ogallala.

Mr. Searle, as special land agent for the Union Pacific railroad, sold during several years beginning in 1884 more than 1,250,000 acres of land to settlers in western Nebraska.

Born in Rushford, N. Y., Mr. Searle served in the civil war as a drummer boy with the union forces. He came to Nebraska in 1865 as telegraph operator for the Union Pacific at Paxton, Neb., then known as "Old Alkali" station. Later he laid out the town of Okallala, and lived there, serving that district as representative in the state legislature.

In the '90's he left the employ of the railroad and entered into the general real estate business in Ogallala until 1918, when he retired and moved to Los Angeles.

HAD A BANK ACCOUNT PUNISHED FOR BEGGING

New York.—Rich man, poor man, beggarman—Joe Daniels has been sent to jail for six months. Joe said he begged \$53 on Christmas day. Arrested he had a bank book showing deposits of \$245 during December.

"It was getting wintry," Joe explained, "and the family always winters in California."

"And you, sir," said the court, "will winter in the workhouse."