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Vuletide Musings

The joyous time is drawing nigh, the time of turkey, pudding, pie; nor do we dream of after this, of apples, and pills, and Christmas bills.

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when she stops hanging up her stockings.

A pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stockings for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe.

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

Ask a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward.

To sing a rhyme of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for this world.

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on to some one else next year.

Remember that it is better to give than to receive—the things you don't want.

Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by the price mark on a Christmas present.

I have often wondered wherein consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated.

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is also well to remember that sympathy doesn't fill an empty stomach.

RULES FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

Give willingly.
Put tactfully.
Think into your giving.
Don't consider return gifts.
Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself.

The unexpected gift insures a special appreciation.
To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste.

Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving.
Never give more than you can afford.
Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost.

A Question in Finance.

"Are you good at arithmetic, my dear?" asked Mr. Perkase of his wife.
"I was accounted the very best arithmetician at school," replied Mrs. Perkase, with a touch of pride in her voice.

"I have a problem for you."
"State it."
"How can I buy \$50 worth of Christmas presents with \$10 in cash and no credit?"

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SISTERS' ACADEMY

Weekly Report of Payments Toward The Erection of the School Building.

HOW THE FINANCES STAND TODAY

Previously acknowledged	\$14,713.00
W. O. Brown	25.00
Thos. M. Lawler	15.00
Richard Irons	15.00
F. J. Burke	10.00
Cash	2.00
Frank O'Connor	15.00
O. E. Phillips	5.00
Geo. Mollring	25.00
A. J. Dwyer	5.00
A. Wilson	5.00
Total	\$14,845.00

LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. Eikner was down from Hemingford Tuesday.

Frank Connor left Tuesday for a month's visit at Leeton, Mo.

Mrs. J. M. McLean departed Monday for a visit at Fullerton, Neb.

Joseph Manion and John O'Mara were in from the northeast country last Monday.

Christmas flowers at the Gadsby Store Christmas day.

Mrs. Wm. Eubanks and baby, of Bridgeport, were Alliance visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Brakeman H. J. Patterson has laid off for the holidays and departed for Kansas City to visit.

Isaac Rockey, a prominent citizen of Dorsey precinct, had business in the metropolis Saturday.

Mrs. Fletcher has assumed the position as book keeper at the office of Drs. Bellwood & Slagle.

John Liedtka, east-end flagman, is enjoying Christmas with relatives at Meadow Grove, this state.

Firemen Sam and Tom Burchell are in Spalding enjoying the happy Christmas time with the folks at home.

There were eighty-eight lynchings in the United States during the year 1908, eighty-four of whom were negroes.

Wm. Butler and John Butler, ranchmen of Liberty precinct, were in the city Wednesday Christmas shopping.

Miss Thresa O'Brien left Tuesday for Chadron to spend Christmas and New Year with relatives and friends.

Miss Merl Davis returned Tuesday from a visit of three months with relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Chas. Bauer, Jr., left Wednesday for Hill City, S. D., and may decide to remain in the Black Hills all winter.

County Commissioner Jensen and Chris Hansen of Nonpareil precinct transacted business at the county capital Tuesday.

Our Hemingford correspondence arrived too late for this issue. Marsland was also late this week and is only published in part.

Thos. Dillon, residing north of the city, left last Friday for a month's visit with the family of John Mahoney at Fullerton, this state.

C. H. Vinsel returned Saturday from a business trip to Ft. Collins and Denver. He is still of the opinion that Alliance is a mighty good town.

John Adams returned last Sunday from his trip to Iowa and is again manipulating the leaden messengers of thought in the Herald office.

L. Sampy, B. U. Shepard, H. S. Kern and Chas. Weise were passengers from Hemingford on No. 44, Tuesday, spending a day here on business.

Bunker Hill left yesterday for Ogden, Utah, where he expects to spend the winter in railroad or office work, having been offered such positions.

J. W. Guthrie has laid active business aside to visit with his mother and other relatives at Carroll over Christmas. He expects to return the first of the week.

Miss Alice Gorgan, who formerly resided in this city, arrived from Denver this week to look after land interests pertaining to the estate of Wm. Trainor, deceased.

Beal Brothers shipped a car load of poultry from the Platte valley last week to Los Angeles, Calif. T. J. Beal arrived there with the shipment yesterday.

Tom Morris and John Wiker were Crawford visitors on Tuesday, being en route to their home at Alliance, from Edgemont and Sheridan.—Crawford Tribune.

Cheever Bowman and wife arrived yesterday from Monarch, Wyo., spending a day here with his brother, Dr. Bowman and family, before going to Stanton, Neb., to spend Christmas with his parents.

B. G. Heldman, who has held a chair in Mounts & Vinsel's barber shop for several months, has gone to Colorado where he expects to engage in business for himself.

Miss Mae O'Donnell arrived from St. Joseph, Mo., last Sunday morning, and is enjoying the pleasure that comes to those gathering at the family fire-side this holy season.

The Lincoln Land company has agreed to give a block of land and \$10,000 in cash toward building the court house in Morrill county if the same is located at Bridgeport.

At the corn exposition in Omaha Scott's Bluff county took several among the premiums so far reported, says the Gering Courier. On shirt waist, wash

goods, girl's work, Tressie Wells of that city took second premium, \$20; Josephine Robinson, Minatare, third, \$12.50, and Roxa Howard, Scottsbluff, fourth, \$10. On home made or woven rugs, Mrs. John Wood, Minatare, took second premium, \$30.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Frush departed Saturday for a holiday visit with relatives at Omaha and Des Moines. Mr. Frush represents the Armour packing company in this territory.

E. A. Hall left Saturday for Greeley, Colo., and with his son Alvin, who lives there with his grand parents, he will go to Ellsworth, Kans., to spend Christmas with his mother.

Miss Laura Miller, compositor at THE HERALD office, in company with her brother, Clarence, a fireman on the Burlington, departed Sunday for Albion, Neb., to spend Christmas with their mother.

Mrs. Carey departed Sunday for her home in Canada after a visit of several weeks with her daughters, Miss Madeline, of the county treasurer's office, and Miss Lettie, assistant cashier of the Hemingford bank.

Mesdames G. F. Betts and H. C. Haken have returned from Greenwood where they were recently called on account of the serious illness of their sister. They left her improving but she has not yet recovered.

John A. Wilson disposed of his lease to a section of school land in Box Butte precinct, Monday, to John O'Mara. Mr. Wilson expects to take a trip to Texas in the near future for the benefit of his health.

Jos. Reardon is among the Alliance pilgrims at home this week, enjoying the Christmas time with relatives and friends. Joe is still with the Union Pacific Co., with headquarters at Omaha. He is just as young and handsome as he used to was.

We have been requested to publish the words of the specially selected song sung by Messrs. Hamilton, Landrigan, Burchell and Weber, but must decline for fear of breaking the press. There would be no telling what would be the outcome if we attempted to put the same in print.

Attorney John H. Steuterville, of Bridgeport, was an Alliance visitor Saturday. Mr. Steuterville is a candidate for county judge of the new county of Morrill and the fact that he is the only candidate for the office is evidence that he stands well in the estimation of the people, regardless of politics.

F. A. Pierson left Tuesday for Chicago on business connected with the Western Specialty company. He will go by way of Council Bluffs, of course, as he is interested in the International Harvester company.

W. H. Keister, a well known and substantial farmer living north of Alliance was here Monday, leaving on the afternoon train for the eastern part of the state where he will spend a few weeks. He will spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. E. A. Wright, at Seward, and as two brothers who live in Iowa also expect to be there Mr. Keister looks forward to a happy reunion with his sister and brothers whom he has not seen for over twenty years.

The committee in charge of securing reading matter for the proposed Carnegie library report that they have received a number of promises of contributions during the past week. Some of these have come from out-of-town people. The Herald is pleased to see the spirit manifested by our citizens and trust that it will continue. A list of contributors will be published each week hereafter and in this way we can all see the progress being made toward securing a public library for Alliance next year.

Father McNamara Honored

At the regular weekly meeting of Alliance council Knights of Columbus Tuesday evening Father McNamara was presented with a handsome silver tea set by the members of the council. Dr. Copey acted as spokesman and in a well worded speech presented the gift to the popular clergyman with the hearty good wishes of the council accompanying the present. Father McNamara was taken by surprise and for once at least words failed to express his appreciation of the kindness. Not so much for the gift itself but the appreciation shown him, and the fact that this was testimony that his work in Alliance was bearing fruit.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PERSONAL TAX?

Remember It Draws Ten Per Cent Interest

Taxes are due Nov. 1. Personal taxes delinquent Dec. 1. Land tax delinquent May 1. Interest to percent from date of delinquency. Real estate advertised for sale the first Monday in October and sold for taxes the first Monday in November. In all communications relative to taxes, please give description of property.

FRED MOLLING, Co. Treasurer.

CHARGED WITH BOOTLEGGING

Aged Man in Trouble and Younger One will Have to Forego Pleasure of Getting the Booze he Wanted for Christmas.

Wm. Kittleman, an old gentleman who conducts a small grocery and fruit store next door to Matthies tailor shop on Box Butte avenue was arrested yesterday by City Marshal Laing on the charge of selling liquor. Seven quart bottles were found in the place and are now in custody of the marshal. Kittleman had a hearing before Judge Bullock Wednesday afternoon and pleaded not guilty. Joe Price was called and testified that Kittleman sold him whiskey by the drink and also by the bottle, having purchased a quart from him for \$1.50 on Tuesday of this week. Kittleman swore that he did not, that Price paid him \$1.55 for syrup. Joe's dignity was aroused when C. C. Barker, counsel for the defense, asked him if he didn't steal the bottle. Joe was instantly on his feet, ready to mix with the attorney before his honor could restore quiet. Kittleman testified that the whiskey was ordered for himself, his son Oswald and one other person, having it shipped in one box from Kansas City to lessen the express charges. Oswald testified that he wanted his for Christmas but from indications he will have to break into the vault in the city hall, if he gets it. Kittleman was bound over to the district court, his bonds being fixed at \$250. The defendant is eighty years of age.

Ranch House Burns to the Ground

The dwelling on the ranch of Thos. Lawler, about five miles northeast of the city, valued at \$1600, was burned to the ground last Monday evening about five o'clock. The origin of the fire is thought to have been a defective flue. The house was occupied by the children of Mr. Lawler, and the sons were busy at the barn, a short distance from the house when the fire was discovered. Every effort to save the building and contents was unavailing. Insurance amounting to \$800 was carried on the residence by the Nelson Fletcher Co.

Gorgeous Window Decorations

The display of holiday goods by Alliance merchants is unusually attractive this season. Every business window is artistically decorated and in fact we think we can be excused when we consider them equal to the display made in the larger cities where window decorators, who make such work an exclusive business, are employed. Our merchants are up-to-date in this respect and the holiday stocks are in keeping with the magnificent displays made. We are proud of our merchants.

Criley-Morris.

The friends of Mr. Daniel Criley and Miss Alice Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, were advised of their marriage at Billings, Mont., Monday, Dec. 14. The young couple may return to this city in a short time to reside.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

REPORTED BY A. F. BALDRIDGE, Bonded Abstractor

George W. Duncan to Mary J. Watteyne, a tract of land in se 25, 25-48, described by metes and bounds, \$650.

William H. McCoy to F. J. Betzold, se 25, 24-49, \$1 and val.

William L. Coles to Franklin Banchor, lots 1 and 2 and e nw 31, 27-30, \$1 and val. cons.

Eugene C. Kendrick and Humphrey P. Kendrick to Charles A. Minick, w ne nw, sw and se 2, 28-51, \$3,000.

Thomas M. Trainor to F. B. O'Connor, lot 4, block 10, original town of Alliance, \$1,000.

Mary A. Trainor et al to F. B. O'Connor, lot 4, block 10, original town of Alliance, \$1,000.

Equitable Land Co. to S. B. Post, nw 10, 28-48 and nw 8, 28-47, \$1 and val.

Lincoln Land Co. to James B. Leith, a tract of land in block P, Sheridan addition to Alliance, described by metes and bounds, \$175.00.

Lillian G. Bonslough to Joseph E. Carey, ssw 6, 24-48 and s e 1, 24-49, \$1 and other val. con.

Karl Wildermuth to John C. McCorkle, nw 1/4 of 15, 25-49, \$1 and val.

Charles A. Merchant to Mary E. Hughes, lot 16, Duncan's N. S. R. T. \$400.

Story of an Army Christmas

By Col. J. A. WATROUS, U.S.A.



HAT was my most memorable Christmas?

"The one which always comes back to me when thinking over Christmas festivities—comes rushing in at the head of the line—is that of 1862, but in telling of it it will be necessary to bring in the army, and I suppose you do not want anything that reminds of war in a Christmas talk."

From a number of voices, childish and others, came: "Yes, yes; that is just what we want, a story about Christmas in the army."

"The motion prevails, and you shall have what you vote for—a story of an army Christmas," said the veteran of three wars—the civil, Spanish-American and the Philippine Insurrection. "There were many troops in and about Manila in December, 1899. My temporary home was with an American family that had rented the large, beautiful mansion on San Sebastian street occupied by a Spanish admiral before Commodore Dewey sailed up Manila bay and said: 'You may fire, Gridley, when ready.'"

"This patriotic man and his wife, a former Wisconsin teacher, planned a Christmas dinner and party. They invited a dozen or more officers and their ladies. The dinner did not differ materially from most Christmas dinners, yet it reminded the diners of holiday events in far off America, and the conversation soon turned in that direction.

"One little army lady began to tell about a home Christmas, its tree and the good cheer, when she was a small girl. 'No other Christmas had seemed quite so heavenly. I can see how lovely that tree looked; I can hear daddy's voice as he called off the presents; can see mamma's smile as we children danced and chattered; I can see the happy gathering about the table Christmas-laden; I can hear daddy's request for a blessing—and, well it was all so sweet and beautiful. Before another Christmas came I hadn't any daddy.'"

"The little lady's handkerchief was not the only one that brushed away a tear.

"Captain, this dinner reminds me of one our fathers have told us about."

"The captain was the son of a Wisconsin soldier of the civil war, and the speaker a lieutenant, the son of another civil war veteran.

"Tell us about it," said the wife of another captain.

"Yes, we want that story," said an old major of regulars, who had come down from the civil war.

"It was after the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., in 1862. Four tentmates, one of whom was my father, and another the father of the lieutenant here, were remembered by their sweethearts. The four sweethearts got up the nicest kind of a Christmas dinner—did all of the cooking themselves—and sent it to their soldier boys. Accompanying it was a good, fat letter from each of the girls to her particular soldier boy. They told us of the table they set in their small tent, of the coffee they made, the comments as they ate the good things, of the four sweet girls, and how it was all enjoyed. Before the war was over all of the boys won commissions and were wounded, two of them twice, yet all returned home and married the four girls. One of those girls was the best woman ever born, and the lieutenant here will say the same about another of the four."

"And I will hear the same testimony as to another of those blessed sweethearts of 1862," said the wife of the other captain. "She was my mother."

"It is my turn to speak," said the old major. "I was one of the four to enjoy that Christmas dinner back of Stafford Heights, in 1862. The mother of my barns was second to none of the four sweethearts."

"Then the four—the captain, the lieutenant, the other captain's wife, and the old major—left the table, formed fours, shook hands, laughed, congratulated, and had such a reunion as seldom occurs.

"Well, well, well, what a little bit of a world it is, anyway," said the astonished hostess."

Under the Mistletoe.
Young Jones was coming down the stairs a night not long ago.
And saw a figure in the hall
Beneath the mistletoe.

He chuckled softly to himself.
And said, "Now, here's a lark!
Who'er it is, I'll creep behind
And kiss her in the dark!"

He did—but on her face the light
Fell suddenly a-slant;
He looked, and to his horror saw
It was his maiden aunt!

Making It Easy.
Daughter—Ma, I think you'd better let pa smoke in the house.
Mother—I should like to know why?
Daughter—Every Christmas we have trouble trying to find a present for him—Everything is so expensive, you know; but we can always get very pretty ash-trays at 25 cents!

Be Merry.
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Estray Notice

TAKEN UP—October 21, 1908, by the undersigned on his premises, section 31, twp 25, range 48, Box Butte county Nebraska. One red and white heifer, two years old and one red and white steer, two years old both branded.

J. E. WILSON,
1p Dec. 17-5-w* Alliance, Neb.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the District Court of Box Butte county, Nebraska.

Cornelius B. Speaks, Plaintiff
vs.
Albert Miller and Ed. Perry Miller, partners doing business under the name and style of Albert Miller & Co., Defendants.

Albert Miller and Ed. Perry Miller, partners doing business under the name and style of Albert Miller & Company, defendants, will take notice that on the 15th day of December, 1908, Cornelius B. Speaks, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to recover judgment against the defendants in the sum of \$204.30, with interest thereon from October 16, 1908, due plaintiff from defendants for potatoes sold and delivered defendants by plaintiff at defendants' special instance and request. And that an order of attachment was issued in said case and property of the defendants, to-wit: About 180 bushels of potatoes in bins 2, 3, 4 and 5, owned by the defendants, known as the A. M. Miller estate in the town of Hemingford, Box Butte county, Nebraska, were attached under said order of attachment.

You and each of you are requested to answer said petition on or before the 1st day of February, 1909.

CORNELIUS B. SPEAKS, Plaintiff.
By Wright & Wright and W. Mitchell, his attorneys.