

If anyone thinks that there are no democrats, let him refer to the election in Morrill county last week.

**Who Can It Mean?**

Omaha Bee.  
"Does the Ananias club expire by limitation at midnight on December 31?" asks the Chicago Tribune. No. The date is noon, March 4.

**AMERICAN CONSUL KILLED**

**Arthur F. Cheney and Wife Buried Under Ruins of Consulate.**

A dispatch received at the state department at Washington yesterday from American Consul Gale at Malta confirms the reported death of United States Consul Cheney and his wife at Messina. The body, the dispatches say, has not been recovered.

The commander of the Russian battleship Majharoff, which has arrived in Naples with refugees from Messina, brings word that Arthur S. Cheney, the American consul at Messina, and his wife died under the debris of the consulate. The estimated loss of life now is 150,000.

**The Band Dance Tonight**

Preparations for the grand dance to be given at the opera house tonight by the Commercial Club Band are complete and there is no doubt the attendance will be large. The band members have spared no pains in their efforts to give a concert and dance that will be entertaining and pleasant.

Before the dance begins the concert will take place when the following instrumental program will be rendered:  
March—The New Tipperary.....Fulton  
Overture—Sweet Brier.....Lauendeau  
Concert Waltz—Wedding of the Winds.....  
.....John T. Hall  
Medley—Gems of Stephen Foster.....  
.....Theo. H. Tobano  
A Tone Poem—Apple Blossoms.....  
.....A. Roberts  
Potpourri—Santiago Flynn.....Theo. Morse  
Intermezzo—Senora.....Leo Friedman  
"America"

**Public Installation of Officers.**

The Woodmen of the World will hold a public installation of officers on Wednesday evening, January 13, at which time the Rev. G. H. Schleh, Ph. D., D. D., of Omaha will deliver a lecture. Dr. Schleh is the sovereign lecturer of the Woodmen of the World, and as an orator and speaker has no superior in the northwest. He has been in Alliance on other occasions and needs no introduction.

At the regular meeting of Maple camp No. 165 held Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, the following officers were elected for the year 1909:

- T. R. Kennedy, P. C. C.
- E. P. Woods, C. C.
- Joe S. Saxton, Adv. Lieut.
- S. H. Desch, banker.
- T. J. Threlkeld, clerk.
- L. L. Adams, watchman.
- Jacob Jesse, sentry.
- L. W. Bowman and H. A. Copsey, physicians.
- G. H. Stanton, manager for three years.
- M. E. Grebe, manager for two years.

The Woodmen of the World stands today at the head of fraternal insurance organizations. Her installation service is beautiful and impressive. Sov. Orville Owen was unanimously chosen installing officer which insures that the beautiful installation service will be emphasized in the highest degree. The entire evening will be a continuous literary treat, interspersed with sweetest music. The professional people of Alliance cordially invited, as well as all others.

**NOTICE**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Long Lake Telephone company will be held at Alliance, Neb., Saturday, Jan. 2, 1909. Said meeting will be held at Burton's law office at 1:30 p. m. M. A. BROWN, President.

For Sale—Two milk cows, coming fresh.—C. E. Rosenberger, Hemingford, Nebr.

**Dies Christmas Morning in Down Town Stairway**

While the world was singing its praises to the new born King of Bethlehem and strains of Christmas anthems burst forth in praise of the Messiah, there was another side to life in this city which was sad and touching. Fred Pride, a colored man in the employ of Contractor Sang Reck, for a year or more, was discovered in the early morning in the stairway leading to the Elks lodge room cold in death. The last seen of Pride was during the night when he and several associates were enjoying the event of Christmas by imbibing of liquor. It is thought that Pride got more than his share and with the cold that prevailed brought on his death. He and his companions were roving about town and it was in front of the Elks hall that he was last seen alive. Here the party of colored men were singing and laughing most heartily. Then Pride went to the Elks stairway to lie down on his couch of death. A colored companion named Jackson was horrified when he discovered the body and running across the street almost white with terror announced to the passers that "Dat coon am surely dead."

The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of the Gadsby store and an inquest held. A thorough dissection of the body gave no evidence of foul play and a jury composed of Ira Reed, W. O. Barnes, Jos. Smith, Sang Reck, C. W. Brennan and Wm. James, returned a verdict of death by exposure.

Deceased owned two horses and possessed some money. He was about thirty-five years of age and a jolly, good-hearted soul. It is said that his mother lives in Brownsville, Texas.

The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon from Holy Rosary church and the remains were buried in the Catholic cemetery.

**Death of Mrs. J. G. Stewart.**

Conductor E. W. Stewart returned last Tuesday from the sad mission of being present at the death of his beloved mother, Mrs. J. G. Stewart, at Valsuca, Iowa, last Saturday. Mr. Stewart had been called to the old home on several other occasions when serious illness threatened the life of his mother but she rallied and appeared to improve until this last attack terminated fatally. The death of Mrs. Stewart weighs heavily on the devoted son who was dearly attached to his mother and in his hour of grief will have the deep sympathy of his friends in this community where she visited on several occasions and was known to many of our citizens. Deceased was 58 years of age.

**Restaurant Under Former Management**

Commencing December 29, Mr. Philip Nohe will again assume the proprietorship of his old restaurant, which has, for the past two months, been in charge of Graybill & Coplin. We extend a hearty invitation to those who were numbered among our patrons before and will welcome all others who desire a good clean place to eat as well as good treatment. P. NOHE.

**Alliance Dentist Arrested on Serious Charge**

Special to the Lincoln Journal:—BRIDGEPORT, Neb., Dec. 29—Dr. Koons, a prominent dentist of Alliance, who makes regular visits to several towns in this part of the state, was arrested here Tuesday night on a warrant charging him with criminally assaulting a young woman for whom he was doing dental work. The offense is alleged to have been committed in a rooming house where the dentist has his office. The charges are sensational. Excitement is high. The young woman is under the care of a physician.

**To the Public.**

We wish to cordially thank our friends and customers for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed during the past year. My business has more than doubled itself over last year and I hope I have succeeded in pleasing you with my business policy of the best goods at the lowest prices. The coming year, which is opening with so many signs of prosperity, I shall try to serve you better than ever with goods at money-saving prices. Now, I want to welcome you often at my store this year. Compare my goods and prices before sending away. I will meet any competition. Again thanking you heartily for your good will and wishing you a most prosperous and happy New Year, I remain yours,  
THE BEE HIVE STORE.



**Four Celebrations of New Year's Day**

**N**EW YEAR is celebrated in this country at least on four different dates in addition to the regular national New Year's celebration on January 1. The first of these foreign celebrations will be that of the Greeks and Russians and a few other nationalities which adhere to old style dates. They will have New Year on January 14, 13 days later than the New Year of the new style. Next in order comes the Chinese New Year, on February 13, and, but a day later, February 14, comes the Mohammedan first day of the year. The Jewish New Year falls nearly nine months later, about the middle of September, on the first day of the month of "Tishri."

The celebrations vary both in accordance with the religions of the various peoples and their climatic, racial and national characteristics. With the Greeks, Russians, Servians, Bulgarians and Macedonians, all of whom adhere to the Greek Catholic church, New Year's is one of the most pleasant if not the pleasantest festival of the year. With the Jews, on the contrary, the New Year, Rosh Hashana, as it is called, is far from being a pleasant affair. It is a day of retribution, of judgment. It is preceded by weeks of prayer, fasting and penitence, and is followed by ten days known as the days of repentance, which wind up with Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, a most greswome and weird day, dreaded by every orthodox Jew.

**Greeks Celebrate Two Days.**

The most interesting and joyous celebration of the New Year is that of the Greeks. The Greek New Year lasts two days. In these two days the Greek nature with its unbounded joy of life comes into its own. The heart of every Greek thrills on that day with unbounded joy. Passionately he awaits the evening, when in his little Greece, in a genuine Greek restaurant, with male cooks and attendants, he can get his genuine Greek food, Hellenic dishes, and wash them away with Greek wine which was purposely imported into this country for the holidays.

"Christmas is a great holiday with us," said a prominent Greek, "but it is after all a solemn day. It is a religious holiday. No gifts are exchanged on Christmas and the three days which the holiday last are given over to religious meditation. How different it is with the New Year! Next to our national holiday on March 25, which commemorates the date of our independence, just as July 4 commemorates the birth of the American nation, New Year's days, for we have two of them, are our greatest holidays. In Greece New Year is essentially a family holiday. There we have a children's afternoon which is devoted entirely to the young ones, who are given the utmost opportunities to enjoy themselves. In this country, however, it is slightly different. Out of the 13,000 Greeks living in Chicago only 200 have their families here. There are only between sixty and eighty children, and as we are only just planning to build a school of our

own, we have not yet the means nor the call for a children's afternoon on New Year's day."

Still, many of the Greek families will observe this ancient custom in this country. They will have their children's afternoon. They will have their delicious New Year's pudding known as "king's pudding." In fact, in many cases the pudding will be even more delicious than it would have been in old Athens. For one of the ancient customs among the Greeks is to hide some gold coin in one portion of the pudding and he who gets the share of the pudding with the gold coin in it becomes the favorite as well as the leader of the two days' joy and sport. In this country, where gold is more plentiful than in Greece and where it is more easily earned by the Greek father, the pudding promises to contain more gold and be much more delightful to the finder of the same.

Perhaps the most unique Greek dish on New Year's eve is the roast lamb, set up in Greek style, of which each son of Hellas must partake. The roasting of the lamb is attended with a great deal of pomp. The entire carcass of a lamb is set up on a pole and this is held over a fire until it is duly roasted. Then it is sliced and apportioned among the various persons present at the feast and the roast is eaten along with the other strictly Greek dishes and washed down with Greek wine.

**Russians Like Our Food.**

Russians in this country celebrate but one day, and they, too, attempt to produce a home atmosphere. However, home food is not thought of. The bread, the meat, and the wine of the United States are considered as good as and even far better than the products of their own land.

The Macedonians, Servians and Bulgarians celebrate the New Year, perhaps less elaborately, also on the same day as their Greek and Russian co-religionists.

The Turks celebrate their first of the year with the modesty characteristic of people who have not yet any hold on a place.

The Chinese will have their customary celebration of the Chinese New Year on February 13 with feasting and enjoyments with which the holiday is observed in the Celestial empire.

In striking opposition to the spirit of joy and happiness which pervades the New Year of the Greeks and Christendom generally is the New Year of the Jews. With the Jews, who also observe the New Year for two days, the days are not days of feasting and enjoyment but days of judgment. According to the belief of every orthodox Jew, every member of the Jewish race is tried on the New Year. The books kept in heaven are opened on that day, the record of each man for the year just ending is looked through, and taken under advisement for ten days. On the tenth day, the day of atonement, the fate of each man for the coming year is drawn up, whether he should live or die, prosper or be poor. On the day of atonement the fate is sealed and nothing can change it any more.

**QUEER DEFINITIONS.**

- An Early Eighteenth Century Interpreter of Hard Words.
- Bailey's Universal Etymological Dictionary, with the subtitle, "An Interpreter of Hard Words," was first published in London in 1721. Most of its definitions are eccentric, and some of them incredibly so. Here are specimens plucked at random:
- Man—A creature endowed with reason.
- Thunder—A noise known by persons not deaf.
- Lightning—A meteor.
- A Rainbow—A meteor of divers colors.
- Weapon Salve—A sort of ointment which is said to cure a wound by being applied to the sword or other weapon that made the wound.
- Balloon—A football; also a great ball with which noblemen and princes used to play.
- Cow—A beast well known.
- Milk—A food well known.
- Peacock—A fine bird.
- Elephant—The biggest, strongest and most intelligent of all four footed beasts.
- Medlar—A fruit which is grateful to the stomach, but is not ripe till it be rotten.
- Snow—A meteor well known in northern and southern climates, especially beyond the tropics.
- Mouth—Part of the body of a living creature.
- Eye—An instrument of death.

**HELPED THE BOYS.**

**A Letter That Aroused King Christian of Denmark.**

King Christian of Denmark once found in his morning mail a letter which moved him more than did most matters of state. The letter was in a boyish scrawl and read as follows:

Dear King—We are four boys at Flakkebjerg school, and the master whips us daily with a piece of steel rope he found in the harbor. If he doesn't stop there will be a fire.

The name of the teacher being given, the king ordered him to report at once to the minister of justice, while he took the next train for Flakkebjerg and examined the class in the teacher's absence. The children, unawed by the presence of the cruel teacher, told their grievance to the kindly old king, who promised immediate relief, closed the school for the day and ordered that the boys be treated to chocolate and cakes at his expense "to remember him by."

But he did more than that. On returning to Copenhagen he dismissed the cruel teacher without pension, at the same time giving a general warning to all teachers to be chary of corporal punishment. "If boys cannot be trained without cruel beatings," this wise king said, "then there must be something the matter with those who train them. The coming generation must not be made ruffians by ruffianly teachers."

**Isle of Wight.**

The Isle of Wight inhabitants are not alone in speaking of "going to England" when they leave their own fragment of the kingdom. A patriotic Cornishman also "goes to England" when he crosses the Tamar. Similarly inhabitants of the Balkan peninsula talk of "going to Europe" when they leave their own corner of the continent—in curious contrast with the people of our own island. We regard ourselves as both of and in "Europe," and accordingly it is only "the continent" that we visit. The record in the splendid isolation line is probably held by that minister of the Cumbræes, in the Clyde, who prayed for a blessing upon "the inhabitants of Great and Little Cumbræ and the adjacent islands of Great Britain and Ireland."—London Graphic.

**The Tower of Famine.**

The Torre della Fame, or Tower of Famine, was noted for its greswome history. It once stood in Pisa, Italy, but there are now no traces of it. Count Ugolino della Gherardscha, whom Dante immortalized, was the head of the Guelphs, and because of his tyranny and accredited attempts to place his country in bondage he was antagonized and finally conquered by the chief of the Ghibellines, who imprisoned him, with his two sons and two grandsons, in this tower, the slow method of starvation being employed as the manner of their death. The door of the tower was locked and the keys thrown into the Arno.

**The Holy City.**

Medina, the holy city, triumphed long ago over all the rivals in various parts of the world which bore the same name, which means simply "city." Notable among them were the old capital of Malta and Medina Sidonia in Spain. The Arabian city was originally known as Yathrib, but owes its later name, El-Medina (the city) or Medinat Rasul Allah (the city of the apostle of God), to the Koran. To a good Mohammedan there is only one city "with a big C."

**Inside and Outside.**

The following report was sent by a subordinate-inspector to his chief in the telephone service. It concerned a faulty house connection:  
"Found wire with no outside outside. Put inside wire outside and outside inside.—Need more outside for inside."

**Learning.**

Wear your learning like a watch, in a private pocket, and do not pull it out and display it merely to show that you have one. If you are asked what o'clock it is, tell it, but do not proclaim it hourly or unasked, like the watchman.

The wrongdoer is never without a pretext.—Italian Proverb.

**NEW HAITIAN PRESIDENT.**

General Antoine Simon and His Turbulent Island Republic.

The coup by which General Antoine Simon, with 8,000 troops at his back, gained the presidency of Haiti was not the work of a moment or a day. When the two chambers of the Haitian congress met in joint assembly and elected him the successor of Nord Alexis without one dissenting voice it was the culmination of a scheme which originated several years previously. It is now 105 years since Haiti threw off the rule of France, and it has had many rulers in that time. Generally the man who could rally the most soldiers to his support has won the presidency. It was in 1802 that Nord Alexis won it in that way. But he had not been living



PRESIDENT ANTOINE SIMON OF HAITI.

six months in the executive palace at Port au Prince before General Simon had plans under way. It is said, to become his successor. Rather more cautious than some of the other Haitians of ambition, General Simon kept his ambitions under cover until he could be assured of sufficient dissatisfaction and restlessness on the part of the army to enable him to strike.

And that is the way things have always gone in the island between Porto Rico and Cuba. The usual period which a schemer for the presidency can count upon is eighteen months. A peaceable rule of greater length is not to be dreamed of. There are ministers of state and ministers of war—especially the latter—to say nothing of exiled presidents and ministers of war, who must be given consideration. Of the score of presidents, so called, which Haiti has had, sixteen have been deposed by violence.

**MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN.**

**Handsome Woman Who is One of the Leaders of the Suffragettes.**

At a recent meeting in New York in the interest of woman suffrage and under the auspices of the Collegiate Woman Suffrage League of New York State a message was read from the noted English advocate of woman's rights, Mrs. Philip Snowden, accepting an invitation to become honorary vice



MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

president of the league. Mrs. Snowden has been conspicuous in the recent doings of the suffragettes in England and is not only a woman of brains, but also one of beauty. Mrs. Snowden was Miss Ethel Annakin, daughter of Richard Annakin of Harrogate, and she married Philip Snowden, M. P., in 1905. Mr. Snowden is one of the leaders of the Socialist party in the house of commons and is author, journalist and lecturer.

**Out With "Uncle Joe."**

Several members of the present house of representatives are not on speaking terms with Uncle Joe Cannon. Among them is Victor Murdock of Kansas, who has been telling in a current magazine for several months the hardships and difficulties against which a member must contend who is not on friendly relations with the czar who wields the gavel. Representative Burton is another man who has not truckled to Uncle Joe. It is doubtful if Burton's insubordination has cost him anything, however, because he commands so much influence in the house on his own account.

**Family Discipline.**

"So you are going to send your youngest boy to college?"  
"Yes," answered Farmer Cortnosel. "He's too big for me to handle in the wood shed, and I guess I'll have to have him bated."—Washington Star.