

Alvo Department

John Skinner was in Omaha last Tuesday with a load of stock for Ray Parsell, taking them in the big truck.

Rev. R. H. Chenoweth and the family were guests at Omaha for Christmas, they enjoying the occasion very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dinges were enjoying Christmas at the home of Mrs. Dinges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bray, of Syracuse.

Harry Appleman was a visitor in Plattsmouth for a few days, where he was serving as a juror at the adjourned term of the district court.

Mrs. Mary Skinner, who has been feeling quite poorly of late, is now much the better and is able to get about and do her own house work.

Eddie Craig and wife, of Lincoln, were enjoying a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Friend on both Christmas and the Sunday following.

George Hoard and family, of Nehawka, were visiting in Alvo on last Tuesday, they coming to attend the funeral of the late Ora W. Cowles, which occurred on that date.

Oris Foreman and the family were spending Christmas at Valparaiso and enjoying the glad Yuletide with the relatives of Mrs. Foreman, having a most pleasant visit and a good time.

City Mayor Arthur Dinges was looking after some business matters in Lincoln on last Tuesday, and during the time he was away, Mrs. Dinges looked after business at the sawage.

Simon Rehmeier and the wife were spending Christmas at the home of Mr. Rehmeier's father, S. Rehmeier, at Weeping Water and also visiting with relatives there for over Sunday as well.

George Bobbitt, formerly making his home in and near Alvo, but now living in Alvo and vicinity with his many friends for a number of days during the past week.

L. D. Mullen, with the family, was attending the wedding of a brother, of Mrs. Mullen, which occurred at Greenwood early last week, account of which appears in our Greenwood department in this issue.

Elmer Bennett, while connecting the school children, found a truck tire on the rim, which he stood up against the fence near the C. E. Schilke corner for the loser, but he does not know who he is.

John W. Banning has been involving at the lumber yard and getting a check on just how the New Year is coming to the business and also getting the work out of the way when the business is not rushing.

The county commissioners sent a new road drag over to Alvo for the use of the maintenance of the roads here and now with the added equipment, Roy Coatsman is in better shape to care for the roads than formerly.

Mr. and Mrs. George Curvey entertained at their beautiful home in Alvo for a six o'clock dinner on last Monday evening, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Chenoweth and the children, where all enjoyed the occasion most pleasantly.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church maintained a box at the Coatsman hardware store in which they had deposited by any donor who was so inclined gifts for the poor, which was to be distributed on Christmas day.

Misses Alma Hardnock, Thelma Foreman and Della Neben, who are students at the State university, and Philip Coatsman, who is attending the Wesleyan university at University Place are home, and enjoying the vacation with the folks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Boyles and C. D. Genz and family were spending Christmas day at University Place and Lincoln, they being guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Styles of Lincoln and Mrs. Clara Prouty of University Place.

A. B. Stromer, the genial mail carrier and the family were enjoying the day Christmas with an excellent dinner and a very fine visit at the home of the parents of Mrs. Stromer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, of Wabash, they driving over for the occasion.

John W. Banning and wife were spending Christmas day at the home of the brother and sister of Mrs. Banning, Mr. Henry and Miss Mary O'Donnell, in Union, they driving over to the bustling city in southeastern Cass county for the occasion.

Burl Goodridge, of Elmwood, and W. Coatsman, of south of Alvo, who will engage in the hardware business in Elmwood after January first, were making some changes and repairs on the furnace at the Methodist church in Alvo on last Wednesday.

The Alvo schools closed with the exercises of last week and will not be in session until January 3rd, and during this time the students can have a fine time and get rested up for a continuation of their work when school again convenes the coming year.

R. M. Coatsman and the family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Coatsman, of Weeping Water, as were also W. Coatsman and family, of south of Alvo, the Yuletide being turned into a veritable family reunion, where all enjoyed the occasion most splendidly.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Chenoweth entertained at their home in Alvo on last Monday evening, the faculty of the Alvo schools, when a most pleasant evening was spent, spent. There were music, games and social conversation which looked to the best development of the social and educational side of the life of the community of Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Parsell, the genial carrier of the mails at Alvo, entertained at their home on Christmas and had as their guests for the occasion, Ray Parsell and family living south of Elmwood, Earl Dreamer and family and George Thompson, and were all surely enjoying a most pleasant Christmas.

The opera which has been under preparation for some time, was given at the High school building on last Friday evening and was attended by all who could in any way get there, the roads being very bad, but the entertainment proved well worth the trouble those present were put to in coming, and was the sure-enough hit of the season. The children and the instructors are to be commended on the excellent manner in which the play was conducted.

Cindy Takes a Chance
There will be a playlet given at the Methodist church on January 16th, which is known as "Cindy's Chance." This is to be a comedy, while entertainment and all should see it. Do not take a chance of missing this event.

Celebrates Passing of Birthdays
Mrs. Art Bird passed her birthday anniversary on last Sunday and the family gathered to celebrate the event in the proper manner, a most pleasant time being had, as it was in the nature of a family reunion, and was enjoyed by all. There were present for the occasion Walter Hardnock and family, Roscoe Bird and family, Ed Taylor and family and William Kitzell and family. On departing, all extended to Mrs. Bird the wish that she might enjoy many more such happy events.

Ora W. Cowles Answers Call
Ora W. Cowles was born in Michigan August 17, 1858, and at the age of twelve years moved with his parents to Arkansas, where he spent the greater portion of his life, and later in life moved to Missouri, where he resided for some time, coming to Nebraska four years ago to make his home in his declining years, making a portion of his residence in this state in Alvo. He was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Parmenter on April 4th, 1908, whom he leaves to mourn his departure, and who is making her home in Alvo at this time. He also leaves a son, Worden Cowles, by a former wife, and four grandchildren, who reside at Liberal, Mo. He was a member of the Methodist church during the early years of his life.

Mr. Cowles passed away on Decem-

FARM BUREAU NOTES

Copy for this Department furnished by County Agent

Organized Agriculture
Miss Gerald, Co. chairman of the home economics work, and Mrs. Mooney are planning on attending organized agriculture. They will have the privilege of hearing some most interesting and nation wide speakers such as Dr. Caroline Hedger, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Former Minister of Agriculture of Canada; A. J. Weaver of Falls City will talk on Missouri river navigation project, and many other prominent men and women are on the program. Those who will appear on the program from Cass county Jan 3 to 6 are: W. B. Banning, Union, E. M. Pollard, Nehawka; Mrs. Nelson Berger, Nehawka; Mrs. E. H. Wescott, Plattsmouth. Those who expect to attend one or two days should be there for the Fun. Wed. night which will be held in the new building. Plates will be set for about \$80. Everybody plan to attend.

Rodent and Insect Control.
Statistics taken from 1926 report: Gopher: 23 farmers have secured poison through the farm bureau office. This poison bait was placed on 33,600 acres of pasture and meadows. The results of this poison have been very satisfactory. Held 6 demonstration showing how to poison gophers and urged the farmers to co-operate in poisoning gophers.

Crop Insect Control: For four years we have carried on experiments with the United States Entomology department to find the fly free date. Five plots are sown each year, the first on September 15 and every seven days afterwards. Samples are taken from these plots in the fall to determine which ones are free from fly date.

This experiment has assisted us very much in getting our farmers to sow wheat late enough so there will be no damage done by the Hessian fly. Wheat sown this fall was sown earlier than usual because the late wheat this year did not yield as much as that sown earlier and there being no flies, the farmers did not wait like they have in other years.

Chinch Bugs
The wheat and corn crops of this county were damaged to the extent of several million dollars by the chinch bugs. A circular letter similar to the one sent out last year will be sent to every farmer in the county urging him to co-operate in the fall campaign of destroying chinch bugs.

543 farms and homes were visited. There were 2,155 office calls, 2,000 phone calls, 89 days spent in the office, 220 days in field, 3699 individual letters written, 493 method or result demonstration meetings held with a total attendance of 30,455. 73 other meetings were held with attendance of 33,551. There were 250 laborers placed, 2817 bulletins distributed from the office. There were 17 Junior clubs organized and 151 boys and girls enrolled; 126 finished.

Have you anything to buy or sell?
PUBLIC AUCTION
The undersigned will sell at Public Auction on the C. L. Jean farm, a half mile east of Mynard, on the K-T road, on—

Tuesday, Jan. 4th
commencing at 10:00 o'clock a. m. the following described property:
Eight Head Horses and Mules
One bay mare, eight years old, wt. 1,650; one grey horse, eight years old, wt. 1,300; one brown mare, eight years old, wt. 1,350; one sorrel mare, nine year old, wt. 1,500; a black team of horses, 10 and 11 years old, wt. 3,100; a team of mules, four and five years old, wt. 2,300.

Cattle and Hogs
Nine head of milk cows and heifers. Extra good milks. Some fresh, others fresh by sale date.
Fifty head of Spotted Poland China hogs and pigs. Sows with pigs by side. Several bred gilts. Some stock hogs.

Farm Machinery, Etc.
One Tri-Belle riding lister; one walking lister; two Badger cultivators; one John Deere riding cultivator; two walking cultivators; one P. & O. two-row machine, nearly new; one Case two-row machine; one hay rake; one two-row stalk cutter; one Peter Schuttler wagon; one hay rack on truck; two other wagons; one walking plow; one 30-foot corn elevator with power; one 2 1/2-h. p. gas engine; one Stoughten steel manure spreader; one Iowa cream separator; four sets of heavy work harness; one Old Trusby 220-egg incubator; one hay fork cable with carrier ropes and fork and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale
All sums of \$10.00 and under, cash. On sums over \$10.00 a credit of six months will be given, purchaser to give bankable note bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from date of sale. No property to be removed from the premises until settled for.

Fastest Boat
Berlin.—A speed of 64.78 miles an hour has been obtained with what is claimed to be the fastest motor boat in the world. In the trials, near Potsdam, the speed boat, which is called Nameless, surpassed all guarantees of the Potsdam builders. It is 38 feet long and driven by two 200-horsepower motors.

Nelson Jean, Owner.
Rex Young, Auctioneer.
Plattsmouth State Bank, Clerk.

PRINCESS MEETS ROMANCE IN U. S.

Ileana of Rumania Twice Met Her Prince Charming, West Point Adonis

New York.—Ileana, princess of Rumania, met a Prince Charming on the first days of her arrival on the shores of this democratic land.

It is a modern fairy tale with all its whimsical, romantic settings, only in this case the tale is true.

The story begins soon after the arrival of Ileana with her mother, Queen Marie of Rumania, and her brother, Prince Nikola. It will be remembered that one of the first of the series of social receptions was a dance at West Point. Here is where the first chapter begins and ends, to be followed by two more.

Two Cadet Escorts Selected.
Brig. Gen. M. B. Stewart, superintendent of West Point, looked about for proper escorts for the princess. He selected two cadets, both honor men in the class. One was Cadet Lieutenant William J. Glasgow of Washington, the other Cadet Captain Henry G. Douglas of Bel Air, Md. Glasgow is the manager of the army soccer team, while Douglas is the regimental supply officer.

Both are handsome, Glasgow is considered the Adonis of the academy. It was evident it did not take the princess long to make her choice. And the first one to notice it was Douglas. He danced with her once or twice tactfully, then retired gracefully to the background, leaving his classmate and friend a clear field.

After several dances with Cadet Glasgow, the princess herself suggested a retreat for fresh air and a view of the moon and the great palisades. The evening, as in all fairy tales, came to an end all too soon, but when the princess shook hands warmly in farewell it did not mean good-bye.

Through all the 100-mile procession, four Beana did not forget. Two days before sailing she sufficiently overcame her timidity to ask Paul D. Cravath, who represented the queen in some threatened lawsuit for alleged breach of contract, to arrange for young Glasgow to come to New York to take luncheon with her.

A Princess Thwarted—Almost.
Mr. Cravath at once got in touch with General Stewart. Probably for the first time Ileana's wish was thwarted.

The commandant said "No!" but, true to fairy-tale fashion, Ileana found a way. Could she come to West Point and have Mr. Glasgow take luncheon with her there? "Yes," said General Stewart, for even cadets favored by princesses must be allowed to eat some time.

And so the metaphorical "mountain" went to Mohammed. In ordinary prose, the meeting took place at the Thayer hotel, West Point. There were others present to satisfy convention, so young Douglas was invited also, but they merely lent a background to the winding up of a charming episode in the life of a beautiful princess.

Deaf Slander? Yes, Says Court, Recalling Omar
Paris.—Can the fast moving-talking fingers of a deaf mute commit slander? This is a problem the police court at Bordeaux has been called upon to decide. Paraphrasing Omar Khayyam, the court ruled that "the moving fingers talk, and having talked," made slanderous remarks.

Following a violent quarrel in a cafe one deaf mute filed a charge of slander against another. Defendant denied there was no case to answer, since the law required that the slanderous statements must be uttered and heard.

Complainant insisted that the required effect could be perfectly well achieved by gestures accompanied by more or less articulate cries. Before the court both parties, without speech, argued their points so well that the judge had no difficulty in finding that slander could exist in pantomime.

New Bugs Unloosed to Fight Corn Borer
Chatham, Ont.—Exotic roborator and Habrobracon brevicornis, two insects whose predatory habits are as formidable as their names, are being introduced by dominion entomologists to prey upon the European corn borer.

Resembling armored cockroaches and bearing deadly stingers, the foreign parasites are natural foes of the corn borer pest. They feed upon the larvae and adults of the borer, but so far as has been determined are harmless to crops.

Hordes of the insect warriors are being cultured and liberated at regular intervals.

The insects were imported from the corn-growing regions of Hungary, with the aid of the United States corn borer experiment station at Arlington, Mass.



Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE WRENS' HOME

"A number of boys living in a small town were very much interested in carpentry," said Daddy.

"They made boxes and chairs and tables, and all sorts of nice things."

"They had a nice tool shop in an unused barn belonging to the daddy of one of the little boys."

"In the late autumn one of the little boys, who was very fond of birds, and especially so of the house wren, suggested that they should build some little bird houses under the low roof of the barn."

"So all the little boys helped because they thought it was such a nice plan."

"What is a house wren?" inquired Nancy.

"A house wren," said Daddy, "shows his difference from other wrens by having black and gray lines on his brown back."

"His breast tail points upward and his breast is grayish white."

"He is very friendly and loves to keep the same home."

"Now, the boys had noticed that one family of wrens had built a nest on the side of this barn for two summers."

"They had flown away when the cold weather came each time."

"The boys built a fine little house with great care and watched to see if the wrens would go to it."

"And sure enough, they did!"

"Apparently they thought it was a beautiful house, although they, of course, wished to furnish it their own way."

"How did they furnish it?" asked Nancy.

"They filled it with twigs, and in the center of the house they put masses of dried grass and twigs."

"The boys were interested watching the wrens, and the wrens seemed perfectly happy."

"There were no sparrows near by."

"The wrens saw that the boys were friendly, and they found the wooden house kept out the cold air."

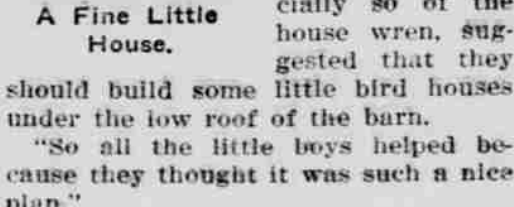
"Week after week passed, and still the wrens didn't show any desire to move to a warmer place."

"On the very coldest day they would come out, flit about, hop and bow, and be as energetic as possible."

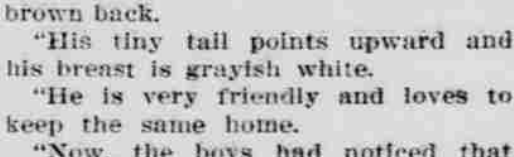
"Of course the boys never touched the house after they'd built it, for the wrens then would have left, and the wrens made their front door so small that a sparrow could not possibly have gone inside and bothered the little ones."

"You can imagine how delighted the boys were. And to keep the wrens from feeling homesick for a warmer home, each day they'd scatter crumbs around near the wrens' home, then watch the wrens hop down and take them up to the nest, and the wrens seem to be very happy when they saw the boys."

"They acted as if they knew and appreciated that the boys had built them such a fine home."



A Fine Little House.



They Filled It With Twigs.

RIDDLES
What is the best thing to do with stamps that won't stick? Give them a good licking.
Why is an orchestra like a train? Because it has a conductor.
What is the difference between an angler and a dunce? One baits his hooks and the other hates his books.
What table has no legs to stand on? The multiplication table.
What islands ought to be good singers? The Canaries.
Why is Massachusetts like a statue? Because it has a Marble-head.
When is a tourist in Ireland like a donkey? When he is going to Bray.
What islands are good to eat? The Sandwich islands.
How do sailors know Long Island? By the Sound.
Who are the fastest people on earth? The Rush-ers.
Way to Make a Crook
"The quickest way to make a crook of an honest boy is to overlook his misconduct," writes Hugh Fullerton in an article in Liberty."

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Heineman, Dentist, Hotel Main Bldg., Phone 527.
Dr. O. C. Hudson, Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon, Phones 31 - 477.

From Thursday's Daily—
Charles Atterberry and wife of Union were here yesterday for a few hours attending to some matters of business and visiting with their friends.

Mrs. Mary Roerbeck departed this morning for Omaha where she will spend the day there visiting with friends and looking after some matters of business.

John S. Vallery and son, Robert, were among those going to Omaha this morning where they will spend the day there visiting with Mrs. Vallery at the hospital.

Mrs. B. W. Livingston was a visitor in Omaha today for a few hours where she will spend a short time with her daughter, Mrs. John S. Vallery at the Immanuel hospital.

John E. Turner, county treasurer-elect, came over from Elmwood yesterday on the search for a home that the family can occupy when they come here to make their home.

Frank Hawksworth of Denver, arrived here this morning to look after some matters of business and also to spend Christmas with his mother Mrs. D. Hawksworth and his sister Mrs. E. W. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiles and daughter, Mary Catherine, Mrs. L. L. Wiles and Miss Margaret and Miss Eliza, both Spaulder, were in Omaha today for a few hours attending to some matters of business.

From Thursday's Daily—
Attorney J. C. Bryant of Ashland was here today for a few hours, attending to some matters at the court house.

John Junquist of Pacific Junction was here today for a few hours attending to some matters of business and visiting with friends.

Carl Schneider, who is engaged in the banking business at Minatare, Nebraska, came in this morning for a visit with the home folks over Sunday.

Miles Altman, who is employed in Chicago, came in this morning for a visit at the W. F. Moore home near Murray and also at Omaha with his parents.

P. A. Sanborn, one of the well known residents of Greenwood was in the city today to look after some matters connected with the Cline estate in the county court and also several other matters.

Ben Windham of Kansas City, arrived here last evening for a short visit with the relatives and friends and departed this morning for Lincoln where he will spend Christmas at the home of his brother, Wade Windham and family and with his sister, Miss Hermie.

Charge Airmen Led Auto Theft Ring; Six Held
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—An alleged automobile theft ring, several members of which used airplanes to carry out their work, was broken up here today by State Sheriff Condit who announced the arrest of six men and the recovery of more than 15 automobiles.

Hart Bowman, aviation pilot, formerly employed by the Swallow Aircraft company of Wichita, Kans., and Clarence Hyson, who worked for him, are under arrest. Bowman, Worth Lee and Frank Schaefer are being brought here from Wichita, while Hyson and Dan Reeder, former motorcycle racer, were arrested here. Reeder is out on bond.

Recover the Cars.
Eleven automobiles have been recovered at Wichita, while five were recovered here, another in Brookline, Mass., and still another at New York City.

Re-theft of the stolen cars, after they were insured, was one of the tactics used by the gang, Sheriff Condit said. The cars, stolen by some of the ring members, would be insured by Reeder, and would again be stolen after the insurance would be collected. The undoing of the gang came with the theft of a machine from C. A. McJann of Lincoln, last May 7. The car was stolen, sold to a second-hand dealer who in turn sold it to McJann. It was later stolen by the same gang unintentionally, Sheriff Condit believes. It was through the sale and re-sale of this car that the arrests were made. Reeder and Hyson were the first to be taken and when confronted with evidence collected, they confessed, implicating the others who were already being sought by officers, Mr. Condit said.

Owned His Plane.
Bowman, it was explained, owned his own plane and would fly between various cities, taking exhibition flying and taking up passengers for a consideration. "During the night" he worked at his real game," said Condit.

The state sheriff's office has been working on the case since July 25, Condit said, when both Hyson and Reeder were questioned closely by officers but did not divulge any information at that time. Later the activities of the gang were investigated more thoroughly, the pair were questioned again with the result of the disclosures.

Loan Frauds Curb Sought in Missouri
Kansas City, Mo.—Unscrupulous money lenders and salary buyers who exact exorbitant interest from persons of limited means will be curbed by a bill introduced in the Missouri legislature beginning in January.

The proposal is being sponsored by civic, commercial and other organizations in Kansas City and St. Louis, including chambers of commerce and Better Business bureaus. Information gathered by a special committee representing these and other agencies here has shown that such money lenders are charging interest rates ranging from 250 to more than 500 per cent.

Wage workers and other who borrowed small sums from the concerns, in many cases giving their salary as security, have been forced to pay interest amounting to several times the principal sum, and the original loan still remained due. Similar information was gathered in St. Louis.

The legislation proposed in Missouri is known as the uniform small loan law, developed and sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation and now effective in some form in 23 states. An investigation by the special committee here showed the law, with limited exceptions, was operating in an entirely satisfactory manner in the other states. The law is simple, its main provisions being these:

The maker of small loans, not exceeding \$300, is allowed to charge interest in excess of the legal rate, because of the risk, nature of security and expense of the small loan. The interest rate on such loans shall not exceed 3 1/2 per cent a month. This although higher than the legal rate usually allowed, is but a mere fraction of the amount charged by the existing loan concerns, it is explained.

Agencies desiring to do business under the small loan law must secure a license and furnish bond to the state. The business of such licensees would be subject to examination by the State Banking department. Penalties for violation would be severe, and attempts of unlicensed concerns to do business would meet severe punishment.

Dawes-Johnson Debate Hotter
Washington, Dec. 23.—A keen battle of wits that promises to continue indefinitely, between Vice President Dawes and Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, has developed.

Dawes is making a series of attacks on the direct primary system. Each has been answered by Johnson. Dawes is making his charges increasingly bitter against the primary. Johnson's defense is growing correspondingly warm.

Dawes Can't Reply.
Unfortunately the two cannot debate on the senate floor, as the vice president has not the privilege of speaking there. Dawes' speeches are made at public and private gatherings. Johnson's replies are delivered in the senate, and Dawes has to listen to them in silence.

Dawes charges that the direct primary system is responsible for enormous and improper use of money by candidates.

Johnson replies that while evils sometimes creep into the direct primary, these evils were multiplied a hundredfold under the old convention system.

Bosses Always With Us.
"Bosses exist, and I presume, always will," says Johnson. "They may not control all primaries; and it is always possible for them to control a convention."

"The man who will spend too much money under a direct primary will spend an equal sum, if it is necessary in a convention."

NOTED SCULPTOR ASKS FARM AID
Washington, Dec. 24.—"The people of the east, rolling in wealth, seem not to have a care for the farmers of the west and south, thousands of whom are in abject poverty," said Gutzen Bonstun, sculptor, following a conference with President Coolidge Thursday.

Borglum, who donated the La-Follete-Wheeler button to the independent presidential campaign two years ago, continued:

"We have a good president, but congress is rocked with uncertainty and is without leadership on the farm problem."

"We have helped the railroads, the banking interest and the manufacturers of the east. Why not the farmers? I think the final solution will be an international economic conference in which the farming markets of the world will be allocated to different countries in order that there will be no future overproduction of a single crop."

Pure bred light Brahma cockerels
\$3.00, 6 for \$25.00. Mrs. A. C. Parsley, Union, Nebr., Phone 1203.

Edgar Newton will spend Christmas at Union with friends and enjoying a pleasant stay for a few days.

Oil Your Harness
Now, before the rush of Spring work overtakes you, and while you have time, let us oil your harness. Remember our stock of Hardware is replete with excellent goods in all lines. Call our truck for stock hauling.

Coatsman Hardware Co.
Alvo, Nebraska.

The Season's Greetings
We wish to extend to our many customers the season's greetings and to express our appreciation for the fine business you have given us during the year of 1926.

Trusting You May Enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity in 1927

J. W. Banning
Alvo, Nebraska