

**SEASON'S GREETINGS** We take this occasion to express our appreciation of the pleasant relationship we have enjoyed with you during the past and to extend to you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Throughout 1929 and every succeeding year it will be our purpose to merit a continuation of your friendship and the confidence with which you have favored us and which we treasure among our most valued assets. Cordially yours **LORENZ BROS.**

**We Never Overlook Christmas!**

but to those of us who are happy and who care for the sons until we have grown from childhood to maturity, but to those of us who are rappy and who care for the better joys of the passing days Christmas comes each year with a pack full of glad new pleasures. May this good season find you enjoying the best times of your life.

**Miles M. Allen**  
South Sixth Street

**HERE'S TO YOU**

- For your good health
- For abundant wealth
- For love and friends
- For plenty to eat
- And that's happiness

**New Way Castle**  
Phone 15-6th and Vine Sts.

**Joined by Every Employee**

We send you Sincere, Hearty Greetings and Good Wishes for Christmas and the Year 1929.

Inspired by the spirit of good-will and friendliness of the Christmas season, we greet you and give you our thanks for 1928 patronage. We will appreciate your 1929 business.

**Economy Cleaners & Dyers**  
Telephone No. 4 126 So. 6th Street  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

**Our Most Priceless Asset  
Our Friends!**

Some folks say business is one thing and friendship is another. But without friends we would have no joy in doing business.

We claim the friendship of our patrons. We would not have it otherwise. So, as one friend to another, we send you cordial Christmas Greetings and the wish that 1929 will bring you the things you have long wished for.

**A. G. Bach**

Main Street Store South Park Store  
Plattsmouth, Nebr.

**CELEBRATION IN NEVADA**

Las Vegas, Nev. Dec. 21.—Shot-guns and frying pans were pressed into service as noise makers here today by a joy mad populace that turned out to celebrate the signing of the Boulder dam bill by President Coolidge.

Mayor Heese of this little railroad city said that the signing of the bill was a Christmas gift of millions, and an increase in population of not less than 10,000 persons during the next three years. As materials for

the construction must pass thru Las Vegas, business men believe that a vast expansion may be expected.

Every man, woman and child joined in a parade led by the mayor and the municipal band, drowning out the music with shouting and noise from impromptu instruments.

**Finest hand tooled Leather Hand Bags, Beaded Bags, etc. at Bates Book and Gift Shop at most reasonable prices.**



Search as one may for other words, it is pretty hard to beat that old, familiar greeting, "Merry Christmas."

Enjoyment and happiness are two of the greatest privileges that are granted us. We hope that when you awake on Christmas morning, you will have the pleasure of enjoying with your family, or other true friends, one of the happiest days of your life.

The success of **The Ladies Toggery** is due to good folks like you, and words are small things with which to express our sincerity in thanking you for your part. Each of us realizes what real friends mean and in a friendly sort of way, we want to say that we appreciate your helpful patronage.

The Shop of Personal Service

**Ladies Toggery**

"The Shop of Personal Service"  
Telephone 61 Plattsmouth, Nebr.  
Plattsmouth, Nebr.

**Christmas Brings Happiness to the Whole Wide World**

and it is our wish that to you may come a double portion of joy during this great and good season

Often we wish that we could gather all our friends together and talk to them out of our very heart of the appreciation we feel for their loyalty to us since we have been in business. But since we cannot do this, we take pleasure in sending this message of thanks and good wishes in the sincere hope that it will reach each of you.

Good Lumber — Hot Coal

**John L. Tidball, Jr.**

Telephone 40

**May the Season Bring You**

- NEW HOPE
- GLADNESS
- CONTENTMENT
- PEACE
- HEALTH
- PROSPERITY
- AMBITION
- FRIENDS
- GOOD CHEER
- SMILES
- LOVE

And may you have the capacity to enjoy each of these and many other blessings!

**Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co.**  
"A Nebraska Company Serving Its People"

**Stocks Jump on Report of Rail Merger**

Reports Persist That Missouri Pacific Is Negotiating for Chicago Great Western.

Reports have reached Omaha of an impending merger between the Missouri Pacific and the Chicago Great Western railroads, giving the Missouri Pacific an entrance into Minneapolis and Chicago.

The reports are inspired by recent heavy trading in Great Western stock, by the fact that the Missouri Pacific recently surveyed the Great Western's books and by an admission from a Missouri Pacific official that his road had been approached recently as a possible purchaser of the Great Western, which has been for sale for two years.

**Stocks Rise Suddenly.**

Whether the stock purchases were by agents for the Missouri Pacific or by professional traders who guessed there was a deal on, has not been ascertained. The stock has been stagnant for a long time, the common being quoted at 13 to 15, and preferred, on which there have been no dividends since 1919, never going over 30. Wednesday common touched 22, and preferred, 48.

The Great Western, known as the Maple Leaf route, has four terminals for its 1,495 miles of track. These are Omaha, Minneapolis, Chicago and Kansas City, which enters from Leavenworth over Missouri Pacific rails. Lines extend from each terminal to northern Iowa and southern Minnesota.

**Meeting in January.**

Thus trains from Chicago run on the same line to Oelwein, Ia., whether their destination be Minneapolis, Omaha or Kansas City, and trains from Omaha run to Clarion, Ia., going either to Minneapolis or Chicago. The Kansas City-Oelwein line, which goes through Des Moines, could take Missouri Pacific traffic either to Minneapolis or Chicago.

The Chicago Great Western's annual meeting will be held next month in New York. The deal may be disclosed at that time.

Missouri Pacific lines now extend from Omaha on the north, St. Louis on the east, and Pueblo on the west, criss-crossing most of the territory from these cities to the Gulf of Mexico from New Orleans to Mexico.

**Smithsonian Institution Has a Busy Year**

Nearly 1,000,000 Specimens Contributed for Study From All Over World

Washington—Nearly 1,000,000 specimens were contributed during the last fiscal year to the natural science collections administered by the Smithsonian Institution for study and diffusion of knowledge concerning them.

At the annual meeting of the board of regents, Charles G. Abbot, secretary, reported that there had come from Alaska, the Dominican Republic, the American southwest and elsewhere objects made by prehistoric man; from the Philippines the C. F. Baker collection of East Indian insects, one of the finest in existence; from Honduras, Formosa and Sumatra have come plant specimens; from Siam and China valuable natural history collections; from Mexico and elsewhere, rare and important minerals.

What visitors to the capital see in the National Museum where the collections are housed is but a fraction of the Smithsonian's wealth. Dr. Abbot points out: "The study collections include millions of specimens never put on exhibition but which provide the basic materials for studying the fauna, flora, geology, paleontology and ethnology of this country and other areas of the earth."

During the year the Smithsonian and its branches sent out 39 expeditions relating to the natural history sciences, working in fields as far apart as Alaska, Mexico, South America, South Africa, China and the East Indies. Special attention was paid to the West Indian archipelago. Expeditions were largely financed by friends of the Smithsonian.

The mass of data on solar radiation is growing, and in time may make it possible to forecast weather for long periods ahead, it is hoped.

President Coolidge was among the 87 donors who presented 138 specimens to the National Zoological Park during the year. The outstanding gift of the year to the National Gallery of Art was the Thomas Morn painting of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, presented by George Dupont Pratt. Dr. Abbot reports.

**Cigars, Cigarettes, Lighters, Pipes and Tobacco—all make fine gifts for men folks who use them. No apologies needed, either, when you buy them here, for we keep them in perfect shape with our automatic electric humidifier. Drop in and have a look at these and many other gift suggestions at the Bates Book and Gift Shop.**

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To wish you all the Joy  
And Happiness of Christmas tide  
And a Happy New Year

**Popular Variety Store**

**The Greatest Desire of the Human Heart IS TO BE APPRECIATED**

Without appreciation, love and good will this old world wouldn't be worth living in. If we had all the money in the world, without the confidence and esteem of our friends, life would be miserable.

To YOU, who have shown us so many kindnesses through the years, we express our warmest thanks and sincere appreciation.

May we always be mutually helpful to each other

**Ghrist Furniture Store**

Telephone No. 645 South 6th Street  
Plattsmouth, Nebr.

**MAY YOUR HAPPINESS BE UNMARRIED---**

It is our wish that nothing will happen to disturb your happiness during this glad Christmas season and that you will take with you into the New Year a liberal portion of the joys of this season.

Permit us to express to each of you our sincere thanks for your patronage of the past. We sincerely trust that you will feel we have merited a continuation of your favors.

**Swanny's Cafe**

Sixth and Main Streets—Basement

**HELLO THERE, SANTA CLAUS!**

This echo continues to be heard, for Santa was indeed in Plattsmouth again this year to greet his little friends and see if they have been good during the past year, so that he will know whether they are deserving of the presents they have asked for.

We are always happy during this part of the year, for it seems our opportunity of serving the people, young and old, is ever at its best.

Year by year passes, yet we always have the same good friends, with those others who have been added during the passing of the days. We thank our many friends for their business, and wish for them the happiest of all Christmas.

**L. B. EGENBERGER**  
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