

BESSE AUDITORIUM

TONIGHT

George Barr McCutcheon's Well Known Story in Pictures

"SHERRY"

When George Barr McCutcheon writes a story he is nothing if not generous with the material he puts in them. The author's name is synonymous with romance.

Some of the most popular romantic novels have come from his pen. His "Graustark," "Beverly of Graustark," "Brewster's Millions" and "Nedara" have probably enjoyed more readers than any other modern novels.

In writing "Sherry," Mr. McCutcheon has used full measures of romance, mystery, melodrama, adventure and humor.

Extra Special-Christmas
Matinee and Night

Tom Mix Charlie Chaplin
Fatty Arbuckle

A Million Dollars worth of Stars all on the Same Day

The Besse Auditorium
Extends Its Many Patrons
Yuletide Greeting

AS TOLD TO US
Ent and drink at Powell & Pope's Cafe.
Two fresh cows, for sale.—D. C. Bell.
Mrs. Frank Peterson spent Friday in Hastings.
Mrs. J. W. Hauck spent Thursday in Hastings.
Mrs. J. W. Hauck spent Saturday in Kansas City.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Douglas spent Friday in Hastings.
A. A. Krantz was a passenger to Superior Monday morning.
Mrs. Hassinger and son, Roy, spent Saturday in Hastings.
Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Camp spent Sunday with friends at Supertot.
The Red Cloud schools closed last Friday for a two weeks vacation.
Dr. R. S. Mitchell returned home from Chicago the last of the week.
Mrs. May Summers and Mrs. Fred McPheeters spent Saturday in Hastings.
Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Britton spent Sunday with his parents at Guide Rock.
Verne Butler is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Butler.
Miss Laura Hoffman went to Louisville, Saturday morning for a few days visit.
Miss Ethel Fisher went to Wymore Sunday morning to spend a few days with relatives.
John McGuire of Bird City, Kansas, arrived in the city Friday morning to spend a few days with friends.

Good meals—good service—moderate prices—Powell & Pope's cafe
Mrs. Phares dry goods store will be open evenings until Christmas.
Miss Thelma McBride went to Armour Friday morning for a few days visit with friends.
Mrs. C. F. McNeil of Akron, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. L. Thomas and family.
Rev. J. M. Bates went to Bloomington Saturday evening where he held services Sunday.
Chas. Lindley left Tuesday morning for Denver and McCook where he will spend a few days.
Ed Gilbert found a pair of Tur gloves last week and the owner can have the same by seeing him.
Attorney Bernard McNeny returned home Sunday morning from Denver where he had been on business.
Mrs. Geo. Van Camp of Lincoln arrived in the city Thursday evening to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Robt. Damerell.
Cash Scrivner returned home Monday from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he had been visiting his brother, Will, for several weeks.
Miss Mae Gavin of Mitchell, South Dakota, spent the first of the week in the city with her sister, Mrs. M. K. Quigley and family.
Mrs. P. A. Jernberg returned home Sunday morning from Yuma, Colorado, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Essig.
Roundhouse Foreman Hauck and A. Jernberg foreman of the Burlington bridge gang have laid off several men in their departments lately.
Warren Nelson left Thursday for Rochester, Minnesota, where he will receive medical attention for his hand at the Mayo Bros. hospital.
Miss Elizabeth Pyle of St. Joe arrived in the city Saturday evening to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hatfield and other relatives.
Chas. Clark came down from McCook Sunday morning to relieve Ed Sutton as switchman in the local yards, Sutton being on the sick list.

The FOLKS AT HOME EXPECT YOU TO TELL 'EM ALL ABOUT IT!
"OMAHA'S FUN CENTRE," THE **Gaiety** VISIT IT!
Exhilarating Burlesque; Vaudeville
Stage Always Filled with Pretty Girls, Funny Shows, Gargantuan Ensembles, Brilliant Scenic Environment!
LADIES' DINE MATINEE EVERY WEEKDAY
Everybody Goes! Ask Anybody
ALWAYS THE GREATEST AND BEST SHOW WEST OF CHICAGO

Bruce Frame is on the sick list
Jas. Peterson spent Tuesday in Hastings.
C. T. Dickenson spent Wednesday in Hastings.
Dr. and Mrs. Nail were down from Riverton Tuesday.
Dr. Nellie Maurer spent Wednesday in Hastings.
The County Commissioners will meet next Tuesday.
Frank Ellinger was in Kansas City the first of the week.
Attorney A. M. Walters of Blue Hill was in the city Tuesday.
Tad Newhouse spent Wednesday in Guide Rock with his brother, Paul and family.
Forrest Mountford is home from Omaha to spend the holidays with his parents.
Mrs. E. M. Gard went to Superior Wednesday morning where she will visit relatives.
I. W. Edson returned to Juniata Tuesday after a short visit with his son, Will, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton went to Omaha Tuesday morning to spend a few days with relatives.
Mrs. Gus Wiggins was called to Nelson Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her brother.
Miss Kathryn Burke left Saturday for Walnut, Iowa, where she will spend the holidays with her parents.
Lloyd Barker, a salesman for a wholesale house in St. Joe, is spending the holidays in the city with his mother.
Mrs. John Arnell and baby left for Fremont Friday morning where she will spend the holidays with her mother.
Miss Mary Christian returned to Hastings Monday morning after spending Sunday here with her mother.
Albert J. Kincaid and Miss Bernice B. Cordle, both of Inavale, were united in marriage Sunday by Rev. Harper.
Mrs. B. W. Stewart and daughter went to Lincoln Wednesday morning where they will spend Christmas with her parents.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Britton of Douglas, Wyoming, arrived in the city Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents.
Mr. King, the civil engineer on the paving, went to Lincoln Tuesday, where he will spend the holidays with his family.
C. F. Evans left Tuesday evening for Long Beach, California, where he will join his wife and daughter and make their future home.
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Rickard returned to their home at Guide Rock Wednesday after spending a few days with her father, J. V. Roubal.
Chas. Kaley, who has been looking after his oil interests in Oklahoma, arrived in the city Tuesday to spend the holidays with friends here.
The Watts Construction Co. run out of material the first of the week and were forced to shut down their asphalt plant but as soon as it comes they will finish laying the asphalt.
Rev. J. M. Bates will hold Christmas service with a celebration of the Holy Communion next Sunday at Grace church at 11 o'clock. Mr. Bates does not feel able to hold an extra service on Christmas Day as he has always done in the past.

The following shipped stock from here Sunday: W. A. Romjue and son, two cars of cattle to Omaha and three cars of cattle to Kansas City; Geo. Coon one car of cattle to Kansas City; D. C. Bell two cars of hogs to Kansas City; A. B. Crabill one car of hogs and one car of cattle to Kansas City and Delaney Bros. two cars of hogs to Kansas City. The stock through here from points west was rather light as two trains, one of twenty cars and one of thirty three cars was all that came this way.

COMING HEREFORD EVENT

The L. M. Evans Hereford sale at Haigler, Nebr., Jan. 8th, 1921, will be the Hereford event of the season. Mr. Evans is selling 60 lots of good, big, matronly cows of the breeding type, of good blood lines—real quality kind. The cows are bred to his good herd bulls—Royal Domino, by Otto Fulscher's famous \$50,000. Prince Domino; Repeater 13th by J. D. Canary's \$8300.00. Repeater 63rd; and Woodrow 2d, a Beau Donald—Beau Mischief bred sire. You will never have a better opportunity to buy quality Herefords as this sale will afford. They will never be as cheap again as they are now. Send for catalog to J. M. Hollingsworth, Manager, Cambridge, Nebr., or L. M. Evans, Owner, Haigler, Nebr. The sale will be held in the fine new concrete pavilion in Haigler.

New Clock Dial.
A patent has been granted for a device featured by a sort of three-handled clock dial to indicate the day of the week, day of the month and hour when a man absent from his office will return.

DEFICIT IN STATE HAIL INSURANCE

According to a preliminary report of Secretary J. E. Hart of the department of trade and commerce the premiums collected this year under the state hail insurance law will fall \$144,504.27 short of being sufficient to pay losses incurred this year. Funds on hand prior to this year will enable the department to reduce the deficit for the past two years to \$63,754. His report, subject to possible material changes, is summarized:

Balance on hand Dec. 31	
and premiums in course of collection	\$104,949.12
Premiums reported for 1920	615,937.51
Total	\$720,886.63
1919 premiums and Co. Com. Uncol.	16,271.64
Office supplies and clerk hire	1,510.25
Adjuster's fees and expenses	6,117.69
Losses reported for 1920	760,441.78
Total expense including losses	784,641.36
Less Balance on hand and premiums collected for 1920	720,886.93

Biennium deficiency \$63,754.93
The report of Secretary Hart shows that the first zone of counties in the eastern part of the state has paid more in premiums than the losses in that zone amounted to during the past two years, and that the rates are adequate for the first and second zones, but in the third in the western part of the state the loss in the biennium was \$136,007 and the rates in the third zone should be increased 50 per cent. The report says:
In the first zone consisting of forty one eastern counties the counties showing the large losses were York, Boone, Antelope, Hamilton, Platte, Wayne and Fillmore, in the order named. Seventeen counties in this zone showed no losses. Of these seventeen counties the banner counties show premiums reported were Madison, Lancaster, Colfax, Jefferson and Johnson, in the order named. Total premiums reported in this zone were \$169,809.41 and total losses \$160,401.93.

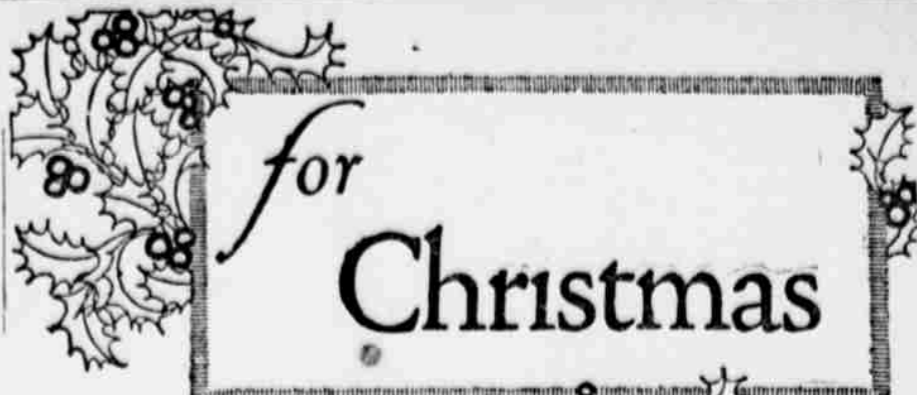
During the season of 1919, premiums in this zone were \$202,584.44 and the losses \$167,785.64. These figures would seem to indicate that present rates are adequate in average normal years.
Expense of adjusting is less in this zone on account of traveling facilities.
In zone two, consisting of twenty-seven central counties the large losses occurred in Custer, Dawson, Harlan, Phelps, Kearney and Buffalo counties, in the order named. Only two counties in this zone reported premiums and no losses, Holt and Blaine. Total premiums reported in this zone were \$188,893.16 and total losses \$146,481.89.

During the 1919 season this zone reported premiums of \$311,021.59 and losses of \$218,072.45, indicating that the present rates have paid all losses for the biennium and left a balance of \$35,360.41 for the expense of adjustments.
In the third zone consisting of twenty-five western counties, the large losses were in Cheyenne, Sheridan, Chase, Lincoln, Kimball, Keith, Perkins, Morrill and Banner counties. Counties showing little or no losses were Hooker, Cherry, Hayes and Garden. The total reported in this zone totaled \$353,556.42 and the premiums \$267,627.64. These figures indicate a total loss over premiums for the biennium of \$136,007.80 in addition to cost of adjusting losses and administration.

Rates in this zone should be very materially increased approximately 50 per cent.
Total losses 1920 \$760,441.78
Total premiums 615,937.51
Losses exceed premiums \$144,504.26
Total premiums 1919 \$782,714.47
Total losses 637,732.20
Premiums exceed losses \$ 94,982.27
For the biennium losses will exceed total premiums \$49,522.00.—State Journal.

THE THREE SWEETEST WORDS

There are three words, the sweetest words,
In all of human speech—
More sweet than are all songs of birds
Or pages poets preach.
This life may be a vale of tears,
A sad and dreary thing—
Three words, and all the roses bloom.
The sun begins to shine.
Three words will dissipate the gloom
And water turn to wine.
Three words will cheer the saddest days—
"I love you?" Wrong, by heck!
It is another, sweeter phrase,
"Enclosed find check."
—Anon.



TOYS! - TOYS!
FOR THE CHILDREN

HOOSIER CABINETS
FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

CEDAR CHESTS
FOR SISTER OR SWEETHEART

EASY CHAIRS
FOR DAD

SEWING CHAIRS

SEWING STANDS

SMOKERS

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Every advantage is in your favor if you do
Ask your neighbor who is one of our patrons
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CREAM! Here are some of the reasons why you should do so

It is a home institution financed and managed by a board of directors composed of your farmer neighbors. You are assured of only **HONEST TESTS and CORRECT TESTS.** Also you not only receive the **HIGHEST MARKET PRICE** for your cream but you also receive your pro rate dividends on the profits derived—if you are a member—and if you are not—don't delay—join at once.

The Farmers Union Co-operative Assn.

A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

We thank you for your liberal patronage in the past. We will appreciate a continuance of the same in the future.

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