How many recall the country school house prayer meeting, after a long walk on muddy roads, on Sunday evenings, or the Sunday school in the old church, of millions that see this announcement. How many, as little children, sang the words "Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus, going on be-fore," and admiring the old lady in the camel's hair shawl, able to make her voice quiver, as she sang. Baring-Gould will meet in heaven many that will say, "I used to sing your hymn." Perhaps they sing it

It is too late to shop early, but at least, do your shopping now. It's inexpensive philanthropy to show consideration for employes and employers, by mere display of little energy. Get at it and get it done. You will be glad to have it

And remember the army of postoffice employes. Do not pile all the extra work on their shoulders at the last moment.

Mail your packages as soon as you can get them ready, beginning now. For your own sake and theirs, wrap bundles well, address them plainly.

There are two kinds of freedom, one based on poverty, one on wealth. The Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head, and He rules the world, morally, today.

His humble followers had nothing to lose, but their lives and liberty. They could do as they pleased.

The rector of Saint Mark in the Bowery, New York, is told by his earnest bishop, "You must not have young ladies with bare feet, and er-ankles, and-er-possibly even bare knees, dancing in your church. Your intentions are good, but the feet, ankles and knees won't do."

The rector, obedient, bows his head but his vestrymen say, "One minute, those young ladies dancing, to interpret the holy thoughts of our rector, may shock the bishop but they fill the church. Perhaps we'll go it alone, separate from the main church that seeks to boss us. We can do as we please for Saint Mark is a very rich church.

Epictetus could say, "Nobody can hurt me, for I have nothing that can be hurt, my only important possession being my mind." Vanderbilt could say, "Nobody can hurt me. I have money to hire lawyers that can put anybody

Meanwhile, Mr. Guthrie of Saint Mark, will start a Leonardo Da Vinci art school, for poor art students. That's an excellent idea, and no bishop will interfere unless they have lady models posing with bare feet, and possibly more. The church was never more powerful than when establishing the first great universities, all over Europe.

The great Leviathan goes into dry dock, and to be idle until next It does not pay to run in winter. If government boats were run for the people, rather than for money, the Leviathan would "pay" all year round. This winter it could take tens of thousands across the Mediterranean by the southern routes, the Azores, Gibraltar, Algiers, Corsica, Naples, Milan, Genoa, Greece, Constanti-nople, the Bosphorus, Egypt, Cairo, the Suez Canal. What would it be worth to this country if tens of thousands could make such a trip, at bare cost, or below cost, no Ritz Carlton restaurant, or other nonsense, just as simply, economically managed American ships, enabling average American citizens, public school graduates and their arents to see the world, and know more.

Such talk is called anarchistic communism, or at least rabid so-cialism in high financial circles. Nevertheless the day will come when "ships owned by the people" will mean ships used by the people. The rich man says, "Of course my children must see the world." The richest of all, Uncle Sam, will say one day, "Of course all my children must see the world if they want to."

## \$8,322,695,000 Value Is Placed on Farm Crops

Increase Over Last Year More Than \$8,000,000 - Corn Most Valuable, Cotton Is Second.

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Larger acre yield and better prices generally of of the country, combined with an h. crease of about 600,000 acres in the aggregate planted area, lifted the total value of this year's crops \$872, \$91,000 above last year.

Value of this year's crops is placed at \$8,322,695,000 by the Department of Agriculture in its final crop report of the year. The values were based on the farm price of the crops December 1.

Corn is the nation's most valuable erp, with a total value of \$2,222,013,-000. Cotton ranks second with an aggregate value of \$1,768,885,000, the value of the lint being \$1,563,347,000 and of cotton seed, \$205,538,000. Hay was the only other crop whose value exceeded a billion dollars, its total be ng \$1.390.967.000

Acre yields were larger this year than last for corn, winter wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets and peanuts. Smaller acre yields than last year were reported for spring wheat, rye, buckwheat flaxseed, rice, hay and cotton.

The acre yield of corn averaged or 148,000,000 bushels larger than last year. The area planted was 1,312,000 acres more than last year, and the value about \$311,000,000 more.

Winter wheat yields averaged seven-tenths of a bushel per acre publican program of legislation and more than last year and the total it adds to the difficulties the repubproduction was only about 14,000,000 licans will have next fall in electing hushels less than last year on an Coolidge over the democratic nomiarea 2,836,000 acres less than last nee, assuring that Coolidge is the year. The price was 9.7 cents less republican choice.

The area of cotton picked was about bales more and with the price per pound 7.2 cents more than last year, the total value of the lint is about \$400,000,000 above last year's crop.

Hay production is about 6,800,000 last year's on account of higher prices.

## Omaha Real Estate Dealer

Loses Suit for \$17,500 Devils Lake, N. D., Dc. 17.-Claude H. Reed of Omaha in his suit for may be, in the current phrase of \$17,500 against two North Dakota some of the republican leaders themmen for commission on the sale of

trict court here.

Judge Andrew Miller, presiding,
held that Reed's claim, in which John should be dismissed. It was filed against Alex Curry and A. H. Riggs of Cando, N. D., with the sale of olorado property as the basis for the

## Weather at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 17 .- The farmst weather in years at this season of the year has prevailed in this sec tion of the state the past few days. the temperature running between 5 and 60 degrees. No snow has fallen o far this winter, the coldest record ed being 15 degrees above zero.

Stills Removed to Omaha. Columbus, Neb., Dec. 17 .- United States federal agents have taken charge of the stills captured by state gents in this vicinity during the last 0 days and removed them to Omaha where they will be used as evidence in filing charges of filegal manufac ture against half a score of moor shiners. The only fines levied against he men here by the county court were on charges of illegal possession and sale leaving charges of manufacture unprosecuted.

### Youth Pays Penalty for Secret "Drag on Fag"

George H. Miller, 17, Technical high school, sophomore, will wear bandages during his Christmas vaca tion. He extinguished a fire yester-day in the attic of his home, 434 North Thirty-eighth avenue.

Miller admitted he started the fire by smoking a cigarette, and that he felt it was up to him to put it out. "I thought I had put out my cigarette stub, when I slipped it into my pocket hanging in the closet," he said. "The first thing I knew, the whole closet was on fire. I just grabbed the clothes and heaved 'em out window." His hands were badly

# Get a Radio Set for Christmas



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## The Umaha Bee: Tuesday, December 18, 1923-In Creighton College Play



Members of the Creighton University Dramatic club which will present "Turn to the Right," at Creighton auditorium Wednesday and Thursday nights.

This is the first of a series of three plays to be given by the organization. The next offering will be "The the middlewest and of other interior should be confined exclusively to Fear Is Felt by The beginnings of the club were made last with the formation of an amateur dramatic among students of

he university and young women of St. John parish. This year Creighton is sponsoring the work of the club. Charles Costello, director of the club and its real originator last year, is a professor in the expression de-

# W. J. Bryan Helps

hours compromised with the insur gents on terms which will give the than 15 years, and has never before latter a power far beyond their reone bushel per acre more than last lative numbers to take control away

Tough Sliding for Coolidge.

This has put the La Follette insurency on a stronger and more menac ing basis than it had up to Saturday. It is certain to modify the re-

That Coolidge should be the re-Yields of spring wheat were 2.7 publican choice is a probability that tic instinct, the tendency to visualize bushels less than last year, the area was much enhanced by the meeting his place in history. From a domiwas about 1,200,000 acres less and of the republican national committee nant wich to be president he may now the total production about 77,000,000 last week. It was clear that more readily pass to a dominant wish to than 40 of the 52 leaders who compose the committee were in favor of place in history now possible to him. ,400,000 acres more than last year. Coolidge, both because they person. That wish, under the limitation of out the yield per acre was 12.8 pounds ally preferred him and because he is his age and his present circumstances Total production is 219,183 the favorite of the states they rep- otherwise, would be served by leadresent.

If the nominating convention were tainly unsuccessful. in the near future, Coolidge would If La Follette should lead a third win over Johnson by three to one. party he would carry Wisconsin with This may not continue, for Johnson hardly the shadow of a doubt as

But if Coolidge is brought closer to the nomination by these present and recent events, the probability of electing him has tended in the contrary direction. It is now an immenent danger that the only kind of record the republican congress can make selves, "an awful mess." If this Colorado farm lands, failed to obtain happens, can Coolidge avoid sharing verdict in the United States dis- the public disapproval of it? It raises a difficult choice for Coolidge

To Fight Own Battles.

Shall he accept responsibility fo the congress in which his party has a nominal majority, and try to lead it? Or shall he stick to running his own office well and try to bring the pub ic to differentiate between him and congress? It is too early to guess what Coolidge's choice will be, but there is as yet no evidence of any Warmest in Years disposition on his part to make himself the leader of a congress that most certainly and obviously has no effective regular leadership within

> In another portentous way, this elevation of La Follette contains menace against the election of Coolidge next fall. It was stated here Saturday, in a way which almost carries personal authoritativeness

next June is a "progressive," La After nearly 40 turbulent years La eign countries and of seaboard manu-Follette will lead a third party, and Follette seems stronger in his home facturers at our own ports and at line which does not concur in a everybody knows the republican state today than ever before. Practi- foreign ports," he said. "It is the through rail and ocean rate as ap-

Follette's insurgency closely for more him. lette's always careful canniness in

to lead a third party is at last true. third ticket, La Follette is 68. He knows now that he can never get the republican nomination, that motive for avoiding definite apostasy is over.

## Sees Niche for Himself.

La Follette has strongly the dramaget for himself the most conspicuous ing a third party, even though cer

tons less than last year, but the value has barely begun the stern fight he against the divided opposition of the of the crop is about \$50,000,000 above is determined on.



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gredients. Get a Blue Ribbon Fruit Cake and put it away for Christmas.

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# Farm Bureau Head Speaks Here

Problem of Transportation Is benefit of the same rates from interior Theme of Address by O. E. Bradfute.

(Continued From Page One) ot hope to compete with prices here of ships to be engaged in foreign

as they are." The speaker concluded with a plea he highest plane of efficiency. He erating cost brought about by the aid there would be no need of a heavy initial investments, ship subsidy if America would patonize its own shipping.

Stewart Urges Co-Operation. parts of the country.

manifest that the agricultural productor are directly trading and who have ers and interior manufacturers of the steamship lines running parallel to country will be at a permanent disthose of the American lines. Howadvantage in competing with the sea- ever, the benefit of these inland exboard agricultural producers of for port rail rates shall not be granted to Republican Split everybody knows the republican state today than ever before. Fraction of the middle west that the proved by the joint board. The state is his vassal and there is almost rail and ocean transportation mediums "We believe that the same treation and ocean transportation mediums in La Follette's sense."

other western states. All these states of rail and ocean transportation, the entitled to the same protection as dren and 17 great-grandchildren. year and the price was almost 7 from the regular republican leaders abushel more, while the total production was 3,054,395,000 bushels. La Follette has gone on the war- would to that extent deprive the re- ships are required to establish joint house collectors will greatly facilipath 20 times but has never quite publicans of their chance for victory. through rail and ocean rates to for- tate the securing of accurate statistaken himself off the reservation. The democrats, on the other hand, eign ports from the interior of the tics as to the relative importance of This time, however, the writer be would probably not lose any state as United States subject to the approval inland cities in regard to export busi-This time, however, the writer be-lieves that the oft-repeated threat to lead a third party is at last true. third ticket.

the United States Shipping board.

Railroads Can Aid. "It is believed that the shipbuilding industry of the United States will be greatly stimulated if the railroads Would-Be Highwayman were to afford such industries the shipping points to shipbuilding plants at seaboard as applied on similar

shipments consigned to foreign countries for export, when the commodities are to go into the construction trade exclusively. This will greatly parlor of George Gray at Henderson, reduce the cost of shipbuilding in the December 8. He wore a mask, but a for general co-ordination of all trans- United States, thereby reducing the bystander recognized him and he fled portation facilities in order to attain expenses of the steamship lines in op- after firing a shot through the floor.

"The export and import rates pub lished by the railroads to and from the ports are established to stimulate and encourage the foreign trade of continued raids of state agents on the Malcolm M. Stewart, manager of the United States with individual illicit liquor manufacturers of this the foreign trade department, Cincountries. They are not established section of the Platte and Loup values. Christmas cheer in the shape of to subsidize the steamship lines of leys, Christmas cheer in the shape of vice chairman of the middlewest for- foreign registry. Therefore, it is be hootch has risen from \$2 a pint to \$6 eign trade committee stated in his lieved that in the interest of friend and \$7 and bootleggers who happened address that co-ordination of railroads ly relations with all nations with to have small quantities left are said and steamship lines is essential for the whom we directly trade, the applicato be getting the full price. development of the foreign trade of tion of these export and import rates American ships and ships of the re-"Without such coordination it is gistry of the country with whom we

The writer has watched La no effective organized opposition to must be drawn together and made to ment to all ships built in American function as one transportation system shippards will be nothing more than liam Yonke. 88, resident of Coifax a reasonable protection to the Ameri- county since 1873, is dead. He is surthan 15 years, and has never before to all ports of the world.

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Interstate Commerce commission and tional Foreign Trade council will address the conventie today as will Thomas L. Gaukol, St. Louis, representative of the Department of Com-

Given Three-Year Term York, Neb., Dec. 17.—Ben H. Regies of Henderson was sentenced by Judge Corcoran to serve three years in the state reformatory at Lincoln. Regier pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted holdup of the soft drink

## Price of Hootch Goes

Skyward in Columbus Columbus, Neb., Dec. 17.-With the

Farmers for Winter Wheat have planted winter wheat are exmuch of the wheat in the ground has failed to even germinate

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## Half-Hour Sales Half-Hour Sales

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# If I were you I'd Give Her the Gift That She'll Like Best

## To My College Chum

I'd send a nightie of crepe de chine with real filet. I might add a jaunty boudoir cap, that I cap just picture her wearing it cocked over one eye.

To Auntie

She'd wonder where I found such adorable pieces; she'd look for the name on the box, Thompson-Belden's, and then she'd know I'd lost none of the aptitude for shopping that I had in the old days.

My Aunt Mary would like this pouch

bag, topped with metal filagree

To An Acquaintance

frame. They're in velvet and satin, plain or

brocaded, and the linings are lovely. For her,

I think, I'll select one with a gunmetal filagree

top. I haven't seen them anywhere else. \$5.

whose friendship I value, yet to whom I did not wish

to send a gift, I'd remember with a hand-tinted card

of greeting-just a message of my thoughtfulness.

# To Mother

I'd give the very nicest robe that I could find, for she'd never buy it herself, but she'd wear it, and enjoy it, because she hadn't been so extravagant as to buy it. And the robe that I'd buy would be satin, quilted, and lined with lamb's wool to make it snugly and

s \$22.50.

warm as a comforter. One of orchid shade

To Daughter

I'd surprise her with a caracul jacquette, \$125, for if she's in high school, or college, or just out, I know she'd like it above all things. If she has one, I'd select some other article of apparel, for it's an age that likes to look well. Among my smaller gifts to her I'd include a feather fan, they're only \$1.50 to \$10.75.

## To A Baby

One of the cunning toys, all of which either walk or talk. Really, everything, even this soft little rabbit, makes a noise. 25c to 50c.

## To A Business Associate

Fluffy little net sleeves to wear under the loose sleeves of her woolen frock-just a bit of dressedupness for the evenings that she stays down to dinner. \$1.50 to \$4.75

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