

### Widow in Hovel Must Wait Turn for Free Shoes

Four Children, Whom She Struggles to Support, Will Be Supplied When Funds Come in.

Christmas past. Have you "forgotten" anybody? Maybe you forgot the widow who lives in a hovel near the river and struggles to gather enough wood to keep her four children warm and who worries because there isn't a whole shoe among them.

They're on the Free Shoe fund list and will be supplied with shoes when their turn comes and that depends on the amount of money received from the generous readers of The Omaha Bee who support the fund.

**Deaf Pupils Give.**

Many other such cases. Every one thoroughly deserving. Every one carefully investigated without expense to the fund.

Today's contributions come from two church societies, pupils in a school for the deaf, a whist club, realty company and members of a high school class, besides numerous individuals.

Acknowledged	\$1,450.62
H. J. H.	1.00
H. L. E.	1.00
Holy Cross Guild, Papillion, Neb.	5.00
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B. J. B.	25

**Need Is Great.**

Great need for shoes on numerous cold little feet with no other established means of getting them than the Free Shoe fund.

Checks, cash or money orders should be mailed or brought to The Omaha Bee office to be converted quickly into shoes for these waifs.

Thankful acknowledgment will be made through this column.

### AVALANCHE OF LATE MAIL HERE

An avalanche of belated mail swept into the Omaha postoffice Christmas day. So great was the number of letters and packages that it will be at least two days before distribution can be completed.

The chief reason for the big mail, Postmaster Black says, is due to late mailing by patrons and the tardiness of all trains.

Every one of the extra 150 men employed for the Christmas rush will be retained until every piece of mail is distributed, said Black, who wishes Omahans to exercise a little patience if their mail is late.

### Burchard Cattle Bring Top Price on Kansas City Market

Pawnee City, Dec. 26.—C. M. Clark of Burchard, west of this place, drew the top price on the Kansas City market on his shipment of beef cattle. He was paid \$14.25 a hundred weight. Nine heifers of the lot sold for \$10, also the top in their class.

Mr. Clark holds the high record of \$22.25 on the open market, which he drew on a shipment in war time.

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### Motorist "Takes Chance," Defies Robber on Lighted Street, Wins

Bandit Steps Into Car of H. A. Cameron and Orders "Hands Up;" Leaps From Machine After Alarm Is Given; Stops Pursuit With Threats of Gunfire.

"Put up your hands or you're a goner!"

Beads of chilly perspiration trickled from the forehead of H. A. Cameron, treasurer of the Marmon-Hayward Automobile company, as he heard the command and felt the pressure of a revolver against his side.

Cameron had just entered his sedan in front of the Marmon company, 2416 Farnam street. As he had started to back the car out from the curb a young, hardfaced man had leaped open the car door and jumped in beside him.

**Takes a Chance.**

The youthful bandit spoke in a low, tense voice. Cameron hesitated, weighing the chances. The street was brightly lighted, and many pedestrians were passing. Within a few feet was a brightly-lighted dancing academy. He could hear the music. He saw the faces of the passersby, yet here he sat, in his own car, facing what seemed to be either robbery or death.

Somehow the situation seemed a little absurd. He decided to take a chance.

"I can't take my hands off the wheel," he told the bandit. "I have to steer it."

**"Drive West!"**

Cameron spoke in a loud voice, hoping to attract someone.

"None of that loud talk," warned the bandit, punctuating his remark with the muzzle of the revolver.

"But I can't drive west, I'll hit that car next to us," argued Cameron, still in as loud a voice as he dared. He then deliberately killed

his motor, and added, "See, it won't go."

"Start that motor and back up," ordered the bandit, fiercely, but still in a low voice.

**Crowd Gathers.**

Cameron started the motor again, glanced desperately about, seeing at least a score of pedestrians passing. Then he took another chance. He threw the car into low gear, releasing his clutch with a jerk, and steered directly into the nearby automobile, hitting it with a great crash.

Cameron then opened the door of the car. A crowd was gathering. "Don't get out or I'll shoot you," growled the bandit.

**Makes Escape.**

"Well, I'm going to get out, anyway," replied Cameron, stepping to the running board. He then ran quickly behind the car and shouted for help. Among the score of men who rushed to the scene was Ed Stennett, Marmon salesman. Stennett and others caught sight of the bandit, fleeing north on Twenty-fifth avenue, and gave chase. Stennett gained on him quite rapidly, but at Douglas street the bandit turned around, pulled his revolver and threatened to shoot. Being unarmed, Stennett and other pursuers paused and the bandit escaped.

At the time of the holdup, Cameron was wearing a diamond ring and a diamond pin of considerable value. Despite his failure to obey the bandit did not become profane, Mr. Cameron said.

State bread should be used for poultry stuffing, so it will not be soggy and heavy.

### Outlook Brightest in 28 Years, Says Secretary Mellon

Nation's Business in Better Shape Than at Any Time Since 1896, Treasury Head Declares.

Washington, Dec. 26.—No year since that following the election of 1896 has given such promise of commercial progress and national prosperity as does 1925, in the opinion of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

"The situation in America looks more favorable for sound and orderly economic development than at any time since the war," the secretary declared today.

However, in order that the United States may enter the new year with a view to obtaining the maximum of prosperity and progress and that fu-

ture years may guarantee to the people of the republic prosperous and healthy conditions certain fundamental requirements must be met, according to Mellon's view.

Among the paramount of these are:

1. Sound economic administration of the national and state governments.
2. Tax reform with assessments so levied that the source from which the returns are derived will remain unharmed.
3. Application of conservative, sane principles to the carrying on of commercial and industrial institutions.

Secretary Mellon believes that the American people are pledged to the application of these principles, according to the spirit reflected from the last national election when the voters "repudiated various theories inconsistent with economic laws and expressed themselves in favor of a conservative and orderly program of handling our governmental affairs."

"It is only through hard work, economy and sound policies that we have a right to expect true progress," Mellon asserted.

During the last four years the administration has been occupied with

the problem of reconstruction, and this has succeeded, in Mellon's opinion. It was pointed out that in 1921 when the adjustment of government finance to peace time basis started, there existed a staggering public debt of \$24,000,000,000.

Expenditures are reduced from about \$6,500,000,000 during the fiscal year of 1921 to \$3,500,000,000 in 1924 through the establishment of the budget.

"In 1920 federal taxes collected amounted to but \$54 per capita; next year they should be but \$27, a cut of exactly one-half," Mellon said.

"At the same time the public debt has been reduced \$2,800,000,000 since March 1, 1921, and provision made in each year's budget for debt retirements of about \$500,000,000 chargeable against ordinary receipts."

"The secretary feels that the condition brought about by the partial collapse of the economic structure of the United States shortly after the war—language business, closed factories, unemployment, banks paralyzed with frozen loans—has passed.

"It has taken time for this situation completely to remedy itself, but the adjustment has now been made and both banking and business con-

ditions are in a thoroughly sound position," he declared.

Prices were described as comparatively stable, production increasing, employment better, while bank deposits have increased \$600,000,000 to \$800,000,000 since 1921. Bank reserves are said to be unusually high and frozen loans liquidated.

"The country's banking and credit structure was never in a stronger position and more able to support continued business and industrial expansion," Mellon declared.

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**West Point Man Takes Life.**

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

West Point, Dec. 26.—John G. Duffin, 55, a Cuming county pioneer, committed suicide Thursday night by hanging with a rope. No reason is known for his act. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

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