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10	6:30 P. M.
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3	11:42 P. M.
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RED WILLOW.

Paul Smith returned to Flagler, Colorado, after a week's visit to the two families of homefolks.

The Christmas tree at the schoolhouse was a success. The little folks did their part well, and the neighbors enjoyed a social evening.

Mrs. J. E. Wilson returned to her home in Bethany on Tuesday evening, having spent so much of the winter with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith partook of a quiet family Christmas dinner at John Longnecker's.

Owens Longnecker and family took Christmas dinner at Mr. Calvin's, in Indianola.

Mrs. Waddell, who was ill from a fall, is much better.

BOX ELDER.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. King spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Modrell.

Miss Elsie Roberts is visiting relatives near Culbertson, this week.

A. W. Campbell is visiting his son J. L. Campbell at Osborn.

Everyone present enjoyed the program and treat at the Christmas entertainment and tree, last Friday night.

Robert Larrington and family, of Haigler, are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in this community.

Mrs. James Beebe and children, of Lodge Pole, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Younger.

Mrs. M. Loomis, of Pearl, Wyoming, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doyle.

Rev. Tyler and family and George Harrison and family ate turkey with Mr. and Mrs. George Younger, Christmas.

Frank Wilson and Guy Doyle drove through from Laird, Colorado, to spend the holidays with the home folks.

BARTLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf are in Texas visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Burton of Wauwata are spending the holidays in Bartley with friends and relatives.

Sam Peterson of Kenesaw visited here last week, selling a get-rich-quick device.

A. H. Barrows, who so mysteriously disappeared several months ago, from his family, returned this week, after a tour he reports in Scotland and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Hindman are over from the Beaver Valley. They ate their Christmas dinner with Mrs. Hindman's parents, A. Y. Axtell and family.

Skating on the ice has been a favorite pastime of the young people are enjoying it these months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ritchie and children were over-Christmas visitors at Faubury with Mr. Ritchie's sister.

Several parties were down from Indianola, Christmas day.

Mrs. H. L. Brown and the children visited at the Bernard Hiler home between trains, Christmas day.

Mrs. Beason and Fannie visited relatives in McCook, Christmas day.

Cliff Cox and wife were up from Mascot, over Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Stevens, of South Dakota, and her children, are here visiting her parents, the Fletchers.

A sister of Mrs. Koller is here visiting during the holidays.

Miss Ealow of Cambridge is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. J. Arbogast.

Frank Carnahan of Manila, Ia., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carnahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Minick spent Christmas in Indianola with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Duckworth.

Two ladies from Crete spent the holidays with their friends here, Mr. and Mrs. Malmesbury.

Misses Shirley, Durbin, and Hazel Cochran, went to Beaver City, Sunday evening, for a visit with the Ira Sheets family.

The Christmas exercises at the opera house and Christian church were well attended, Christmas eve. A fine treat of nuts and candy for all, and presents for most every one, were distributed from two trees at the opera house and a fireplace representation at the church.

Mrs. Oscar Lohr of Moorefield is here during the holidays visiting her parents and family, the Untiedts.

The first autos on the streets for two weeks made their appearance Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fidler are in Haigler, this week, visiting their daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Premer.

Miss Ruby Robison is clerking at Farmer's store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hodgkin and the boys ate dinner with Grandpa and Grandma Hodgkin, Christmas.

Parties registered Sunday night at the Citizen's hotel as Charles Francis and wife of Denver, Colorado. They came in late, and their true characters were not discovered until Monday morning, when some of the boys got next and had Mr. and Mrs. Francis pulled by Constable Higgins, taken before E. J. DeArmond and fined \$15.00 and costs, it being found they were not married. Surely the way of the transgressor is hard.

Clearing Ladies' Coats.

Beginning on Monday, January 3rd, we make the following reductions on ladies' long coats. We have assorted the stock into five lots as follows: All \$6 and \$6.50 coats in one lot at \$3.50; all \$7.50, \$8 and \$8.75 in one lot at \$4.50; all \$10.00 coats at \$5.50; all \$12.50 coats at \$6.50; all \$13.50 and \$15 coats in one lot at \$7.50. This should cause any to buy whose coats would need replacing next fall. The above sacrificing figures will quickly sell every remaining garment. You are invited to participate. Mark the date. The Thompson D. G. Co. Utmost value.

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UNITED STATES MONEY

There Are Ten Kinds on Uncle Sam's Official List.

ALL ARE NOT LEGAL TENDER

Some of the Most Imposing of the Paper Currency May Be Lawfully Refused When Offered in Payment of an Obligation of Any Kind.

Officially there are just ten kinds of money in circulation in the United States. Could you name them all off hand? Do you know which of those besides gold coin are legal tender and in what amount? It may be that "all money looks alike to you," but there's a difference, and below is the list:

Gold coins, standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver, gold certificates, silver certificates, treasury notes (1890), United States notes (greenbacks), national bank notes, nickel coins and bronze coins.

Looking upon this formidable classification of United States money as made by the treasury department, it becomes more formidable when it is considered from the highly technical point of view as a legal tender. Some of the most imposing of the paper currency is not a legal tender at all, while, as to the minor coins, they are legal tender in such small amounts as to startle the average layman. It may be well to recall to this layman that the term "legal tender" owes its significance to the fact that in payment of debt or obligation of any kind it can be forced upon the creditor "in full of all demands."

Gold certificates, silver certificates and national bank notes, of which such enormous numbers circulate everywhere, are not legal tender. If you have plenty of money and if you have forced Jones to sue you in order to get judgment, Jones can turn down every one of these bills tendered in payment and force you to dig up something better.

Should Jones do such a thing you might conceive the idea of fixing him by unloading a whole lot of silver coins upon him. But you want to know what you're doing there, too, for he'll take only \$10 worth of halves, quarters and dimes, while of nickels and copper cents only 25 cents value is legal tender.

But as to the standard silver dollar, there's no limit upon your shoveling them out to Jones. This old "dollar of our dads" still is the real thing in all business transactions unless some clause in a contract has provided otherwise. Jones may refuse the silver certificate, but when you dig up the metal dollar they go unquestioned at their face value. And 1,000 of them weigh 58.32 pounds.

Treasury notes of the act of 1890 are legal tender to their face value in payment of all debts, public and private, unless expressly stipulated in the contract.

Strictly speaking, the United States notes or greenbacks are legal tender, with the exception of duties on imports and interest on the public debt. Practically, however, since the resumption of specie payment in 1879, greenbacks have been received freely and without question by the government, though the law respecting them hasn't been changed.

While the gold and silver certificates are not legal tender as between individuals, both issues are receivable for all government dues of whatever kind, in this respect legally more acceptable than is the greenback.

National bank notes, while not legal tender and not receivable for duties on imports, still may be paid by the government for salaries and all debts of the government except interest dues and in redemption of national currency.

By especial enactment no foreign coin of any kind or denomination shall be a legal tender in the United States, so that if some time the street car conductor does balk at the chance Canadian dime fished from your pocket keep cool and dig for something that is United States. It's your move.—Chicago Tribune.

Fun For the Boy.

"So you tried to convince your son that he was not too old to be subjected to corporal discipline?"

"That's what I did," answered Farmer Cornssett. "I gave him a good old fashioned dressin' down in the woodshed jes' the same as if he had been ten years younger."

"What did he do?"

"He jes' laughed an' said it reminded him of the good times he had when he was bel' initiated in his college fraternity."—Washington Star.

Where Courtesy Prevails.

"The South Americans are very polite," said the man who travels.

"Naturally," answered Miss Cayenne. "In some of those republics it is not safe to slight the humblest citizen. There is no telling what moment he may become president."—Washington Star.

Marriage.

"Marriage may be compared to a tram car," said a confirmed bachelor.

"Why?" asked his fair partner.

"Because some people are just as anxious to get out of it as others are to enter!"—London Telegraph.

Foresight.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is foresight? Pa—Foresight, my son, is the faculty of being around when there is a melon to be cut.—Chicago News.

Circumstances are not in our power; virtues are.—Farrar.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

The Many and Varied Duties They Have to Perform.

As a conductor he will probably begin in the freight service. His duties will be a traveling office, and, more than that, it will carry all the gossip of the division up and down the line. It may be a homely little car, but it is just as sure to be a homelike place. From its elevated outlook he may command a good view of the train away ahead to the engine, and he will be supposed to know all the while when the brakemen are attending to their duties, that the train is in good order, particularly that there are no hot boxes smacking away and in imminent danger of setting fire to the train and the valuable contents. There is a deal of bookkeeping to be accomplished in that traveling office. The conductor will receive the waybills of the cars of his train and their contents, and he is held responsible for their safe deliveries to their destination or the junction points where they are to be delivered to other lines.

When he comes to the passenger service there will be still more bookkeeping to confront him, and he will have to be a man of good mental attainments to handle all the many, many varieties of local and through tickets, mileage books, passes and other forms of transportation contracts that come to him, to detect the good from the bad, to throw out the counterfeits that are constantly being offered to him. He will have to carry quite a money account for cash affairs, and he knows the mistakes will have to be paid for out of his own pocket.

All that is only a phase of his business. He is responsible for the care and safe conduct of his train, equally responsible in the last respect with the engineer. He also receives and signs for the train orders, and he is required to keep in mind every detail of the train's progress over the line. He will have his own assortment of questions to answer at every stage of the journey, and he will be expected to maintain the discipline of the railroad upon its trains. That may mean in the one instance the ejection of a passenger who refuses to pay his fare—and still he must not involve the road in any big damage suit—or in another the subjugation of some gang of drunken loafers. The real wonder of it is that so many conductors come as near as they do to the Chesterfieldian standards.—Edward Hungerford in Ouring Magazine.

Waiting For the Children.

An old woman hobbled up to the conductor of the train and said excitedly: "Vondt you to please hold on yet, Meester Gondkicker, vile my two grandkinder comes by the drain? I runs off midout dem undt dey is going so vast dey can, yes."

The conductor looked impatiently at his watch, then at the woman's pathetic face. Then he consented to wait a little, as the train was on time.

Five minutes later two blue eyed, chubby cheeked children came on the run, rushed up to their grandmother, kissed her, helped her on the train with her birchbark and basket and then hurried away.

What the conductor thought is none of a refined person's business.—Chicago News.

Selling Baked Potatoes.

The baked potato merchant is a comparatively modern institution in the London streets, the first potato can having made its appearance, according to Henry Mayhew, about the year 1846. Fifteen years later, when Mayhew published his "London Labor and the London Poor," he estimated that there were 200 hot potato vendors in London, each selling on an average 300 halfpenny potatoes a day. "In cold weather," adds Mayhew, "the potatoes frequently are bought to warm the hands. Indeed, an eminent divine classed them in a public speech among the best of modern improvements as forming an excellent medium for diffusing warmth into the system by being held in the gloved hand.—London Chronicle.

Giving Him Her Trade.

There was a new clerk at the corner drug store.

"Will you please let me have a stamp?" smiled the woman.

The clerk laid one on the counter and took the money.

"I wish," said she, "that you would weigh this letter. Maybe it takes more than 2 cents." He weighed it.

"Only 2 cents, madam," he said. Then, taking the stamp up from the counter where she had left it lying, he added politely, "Allow me to put it on for you," and he did.

"You are so nice," said she, "that I'm going to begin to buy my postcards here too."—New York Press.

The Flying Idea.

The first man who got the theory of the flying machine right was no less a person than the painter Leonardo da Vinci. He pictured it as heavier than air, provided with wings and uplifter. In spite of its weight, by the rapid revolutions of a propeller, Leonardo had an idea that the propeller might be turned by clockwork or by setting a number of laboring men to turn a handle, but in that respect he was mistaken.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Logical.

"A disease should be attacked at its source."

"Then if a man's disease is hereditary I suppose you'd doctor his father for it, eh?"—Exchange.

As the births of living creatures at first are ill shapen, so are all innovations, which are the births of time.—Bacon.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



C. L. DeGROFF & CO.

A FEW PERSONAL TOUCHES.

C. W. Dewey, local manager of the Omaha Alfalfa Milling Co., reports business lively, especially on the Beaver.

E. E. High was over from the Beaver country, Monday, on some business matters.

Warren Hansen was down from Denver during part of the Christmastide, visiting the parents.

President Barnett, of the Barnett Lumber Co., is out on his annual invoicing trip.

Ralph Bosworth of Druse was a guest of his sister, Mrs. R. J. Gunn, during a portion of the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Schobel and Marjorie were visitors in Minden, Sunday, of her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. L. M. Copeland.

Mrs. Lottie Clyde was called down to Lincoln, Wednesday of last week, to the funeral of her sister, who visited her in our city last summer. The sister left a husband and little daughter. Mrs. Clyde returned home, end of the week.

John Sanders of Stockville has been down to the city, part of the week, on business.

J. F. Messinger and C. G. Wilhelm were in town from the southwest part of the county, Monday. They report the roads as affording hard traveling.

C. C. Browne is down from Denver, to be with the homefolks until over New Year.

J. W. Spencer is now improving from an attack of pneumonia, which has been giving him a severe tussle for the past week or two.

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The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric acid solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady.

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