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Indianola and Holbrook will be come postal savings postoffices on January 1st.

Red Willow county's levy for 1911 state taxes is \$20,455.23 or \$3,709.33 larger than it was in 1910.

One cannot watch a week's proceedings in congress without having the impression coming over him that there are more small smooth bore politicians and high-brow grafters in the bunch than are necessary to good, honest, business results.

The first man to announce himself a candidate for the fusion nomination for secretary of state appeared Monday in person of Dr. A. T. Gatewood of Culbertson. He has written for blanks to be used in getting his name on the ballot. He was defeated by George C. Junkin for the same office three years ago.—World-Herald.

The operations of the so-called railroad promoter in this city, last week, constituted one of the most amusing chapters in local human cupidity in late years. My brethren, when will you cease gulping down sinker, bate, hook, line and all of such raw swindles? It is doubtless business to be Johnny on the spot, but it is worth while to be able to distinguish between business and graft. Real business men do business somewhat on their own means and resources. Grafters and swindlers and windbags do business on the cupidity and covetousness of others—and they never fail to gather in a harvest of some dimensions here.

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A Song for Christmas

HANT me a rhyme of Christmas—
Sing me a jovial song—
And though it is filled with laughter,
Let it be pure and strong
Sing of the hearts brimmed over
With the story of the day—
Of the echo of childish voices
That will not die away—
Of the blare of the tasseled bugle,
And the timeless clatter and beat
Of the drum that throbs to muster
Squadrons of scampering feet.
But O, let your voice fall fainter,
Till, blent with a minor tone,
You temper your song with the beauty
Of the pity Christ hath shown,
And sing one verse for the voiceless;
And yet, ere the song be done,
A verse for the ears that hear not,
And a verse for the sightless one.
For though it be time for singing
A merry Christmas glee,
Let a low, sweet voice of pathos
Run through the melody.
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

A Merry Christmas to all Tribune Readers

Norris Somewhat At Sea.
"I am somewhat in doubt just as to what will be taken up," said Congressman Norris. "I do not know what the program of the majority is to be. I know they propose a revision of the tariff. I presume as soon as the ways and means committee is able to report a bill we will have different schedules of the tariff up for consideration. As soon as the ways and means committee get through with some of the tariff measures I intend to get a hearing on a bill I will soon introduce on the valorization of coffee. The object of the bill will be to pro-

vent by proper tariff restriction the government of Brazil, in connection with the American and European financiers from controlling the market price of coffee in America. I intend also to crowd my resolution to prevent the holding of secret caucuses in the house chamber, and I feel encouraged that it will be passed by the house before final adjournment.—Lincoln Journal.

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The wind blew there and the wind blew here,
And brought from Somewhere the small New Year.
It tapped for him at each door and pane
And never once was a knock in vain!
All good folks waited the coming child,
Their doors they opened and on him smiled.
Inside he stopped, with a happy face,
And softly slipped in the Old Year's place.
Said he: "I bring you a Box of Days,
Tied round with tissue of rainbow rays;
I give it joyfully, for I know,
Though all days may not with gladness glow,
Each gift holds some precious bit of cheer
To win your thanks," said the sweet Child Year!



Happy New Year
of Many Nations

NEW YEAR'S day has for generations been the occasion of revels. It has come down to us from the old German custom of dividing the year at the close of those months when it was no longer possible to keep cattle out doors.

This was made quite a fete and in the sixth century was merged into the feast of St. Martin, November 11, on which day the opening of the New Year was celebrated.

While in Germany Martinmas and the New Year were identical, with the introduction of the Roman calendar the celebration was gradually transferred to the first of January, and with it went many of the jolly Martinmas customs.

Traces of these old New Year observances and superstitions can still be traced in the way the season is kept in different lands.

Our decorations of greens, for instance, are a relic of the old Roman superstition of presenting branches of trees for good luck in the coming year.

The giving of presents has also come to us from the Romans. They outdid even the generous Americans, for they used to ask for gifts, if not received, until one of the emperors forbade his subjects demanding gifts save on the New Year.

One of the favorite New Year's gifts after pins were invented in England, in the sixteenth century, were the rough hand-made pieces of metal that took the place of bone and wood skewers. Later pin money was substituted.

A gift that must never be omitted was an orange stuck with cloves to grace the wassail bowl. Apples, nuts and fat fowl were popular offerings of the season.

Gloves and glove money is a very old New Year custom which is still kept up in the increasing use of gloves as holiday gifts.

Even more curious are the old New Year customs. Many of these are still observed by old-fashioned people who cling to the old traditions.

The old-fashioned Englishman will formally open the outer door of his house on New Year's eve just at the approach of midnight. This is to let out the old year and usher in the new.

The Scotch make much of New Year. It is generally ushered in with a "hot pint," brewed at home and drunk by the family standing around the bowl just as midnight strikes.

After hearty greetings to the New Year, the "hot pint," with bread, cheese and cakes, is taken to the houses of the neighbors. The first to enter another's home on the first of January bestows good luck on the family for the year.

In many of the Scottish regiments even yet the ushering in of New Year is most picturesque. At five minutes before twelve the soldiers, headed by the oldest man in the regiment dressed as Father Time, march out of barracks headed by the band playing "Auld Lang Syne."

Just at the stroke of twelve there comes a knock at the gate.

"Who goes there?" calls the sentry.

"The New Year," is the answer.

"Advance, New Year," is called back.

The gates are thrown open and the smallest drummer lad in the regiment, dressed in Highland costume, is carried in on the shoulders of the men, and marched around the barracks to the pipers' tunes. The rest of the night is spent in carousing.

Original Suffragette.

Mrs. Johanne Meyer, the first Danish woman to speak from a platform in behalf of woman suffrage, attended the Universal Race congress recently held in London as the delegate to the Peace Society of Copenhagen. As soon as the congress closed Mrs. Meyer began an inquiry in behalf of the Danish government to ascertain the effect that social and political work in England has had on women. In 1870 Mrs. Meyer founded the first organization for the betterment of women in Denmark. She is now the editor of a paper she founded in 1888.

CHRISTMAS FOR MEN

- Suits
- Overcoats
- Bath Robes
- Smoking Jackets
- Silk Hose
- Knit Ties
- Dress Gloves
- Mufflers
- Jewelry Sets
- Collar Bags
- Handkerchiefs
- Sweaters
- Pajamas
- Silk Suspenders
- Belts
- Trunks
- Shoes
- Hats
- Shirts
- Suit Cases

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—The surveyors were out in the yard yesterday doing some figuring on providing means for using an engine in elevating the ice into the new ice house.

—Bruce Berry is in charge of the train master's clerical work during the absence of Clarence Stokes with his wife at her old home, Albion, Nebraska.

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When things go wrong about the house—
The bread forgets to rise,
And little Minnie tears her dress,
And all the babies cry,—
Oh, don't sit down and mope and sigh,
And fret and worry so,
But dress the kidlets and yourself,
And see The Electric Picture Show.

When all the World looks blue to you,
And you begin to fag,—
Your head to ache, your heart to break,
And appetite to flag,—
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