

day among the Americans, as most of them prefer to hold their festivities tomorrow. Last evening three companies of United States troops guarded the city as a precaution against possible disturbances...

It was a Dry Day in Lexington. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 25.—This was the first day in the history of Lexington that thirty men could not get a drink. Every saloon in the city was closed by mutual agreement of the proprietors...

BAD MAN WITH HIS GUN. During a Carousal Two Men Are Killed and Several Others Are Wounded.

WALSENBURG, Colo., Dec. 25.—N. R. Trow, a local "bad man" shot and killed two men and slightly wounded another in a saloon at Carr, a small mining camp ten miles east of here...

HYMENEAL. Hurehull-Woolfenden. TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Frank A. Hurehull and Lulu Woolfenden, both prominent young people of Trenton, Neb., were married today at the residence of the bride's parents.

To Appoint Three Brigadier Generals. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—During the coming year President McKinley will have an opportunity to make three brigadier generals by reason of retirements under the law, in addition to the appointments he will have at his disposal under the Hull bill...

FORTH GUESTS OF DEAN FAIR. One Drank Fifteen Cups of Coffee and All Sang Doxology When the Feast Was Over.

"I've knocked about the country close on to thirty years, been up against all kinds of luck, good and bad, and this is the best feed and the best coffee I ever tasted."

This was the remark made by one of Dean Fair's penniless guests last evening at a dinner given at the homes of the tenth time, and it well expressed the feelings of forty other homeless and friendless men and women who were grouped about dinner tables in the comfortable guild rooms of the Trinity church parish house.

It was a curious gathering, this company of shabby people, having in common a single impulse, the desire to be warm and well fed. The men were of all ages and nationalities, and the women, too. Not one of them possessed an overcoat or a cloak.

After the dinner the guests all arose at the request of Dean Fair and sang the Doxology. Then they shook hands with the dean, thanked him for his hospitality, turned up their coat collars and went out again into the cold.

Chicago Tribune. "You don't go on the warpath as yet-and-arrows," remarked the students of ethnology.

Broken Box Is to Have a Telephone System. The Lynch town council has voted to erect a telephone exchange.

Wayne people have put over \$50,000 into improvements during 1909.

A Rock county man claims to have hauled five tons of baled hay at one load.

STATISTICIAN IS AT FAULT

Figures of Crookes on Wheat Yield Are Said to Be Inaccurate. FALSE BULL REPORTS HAVE FATAL REACTION

Reports Regarding Great Wheat Famine Said Not to Be Supported by More Conservative Estimates.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—J. R. Dodge, for many years statistician for the Department of Agriculture at Washington, has written to the Country Gentleman an exhaustive answer to the address of Sir William Crookes, the English scientist, who has been in the city for some time, in which the latter predicted a great wheat famine. He takes Sir William to task for presenting inaccurate figures, and says:

Sir William Crookes declares that there is already a deficit of wheat area of 51,000 square miles, or approximately 20,000,000 acres. This is rather unreasonable, in view of the fact that this area with the present rate of yield would produce nearly 200,000,000 bushels, while the European deficiency, which is the principal one in the world, is by the Beerholm record only 310,000,000 bushels on an average in the last eight years.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS

Expected Crowd Does Not Materialize at the Local Hotels Despite Unusual Preparations.

As a rule the big hotels of the city look forward to Christmas as one of the biggest of the big days of the year. On that occasion the chefs have their brains to concoct new dishes to please the palates of the epicures and the managers and proprietors look forward and imagine that they see hundreds shoving their feet under the mahogany. This year the chefs and the managers and the proprietors did their work well, but the guests did not materialize.

Of course all of the leading hotels of the city did a fair business, but there was no rush and the registers did not contain page after page of the names of arrivals. In fact it was one of the dull days of the year, falling far below the average. The cause of this condition was figured out by one hotel man, who said: "This year Christmas comes on Sunday and on Sunday people are not in the habit of dining. Again, the last year has been a prosperous one and the men on the road have sold great quantities of goods. They have done so well that their employers have allowed them a holiday and, instead of hurrying home, they are enjoying their holiday, leaving us without the usual trade that makes Christmas one of our big days."

The menu cards at the hotels, as a rule, were elaborate affairs. In about every instance they were made up of printed booklets, the front cover being illuminated. The prevailing style was to have the picture of an enormous turkey gobble upon this page. On the front of the cover of some of the cards the artist gave the bird a conchout position, but in other instances he allowed his idea to run to the rampant, making the poor turkey appear as threatening as you would expect to see a prize fighter.

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TEST OF LAW'S STRENGTH

Interstate Commerce Commission Act to Be Given a Fair Trial.

Receivers Decide to Withdraw from All Traffic Agreements and Demand Protection from Rulings of Competition.

An official of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has sent to the following members of a letter written by Receivers Cowen and Murray of that system to the Interstate Commerce commission regarding the best solution of the present demoralization in freight and passenger rates. In a personal letter the receivers say: "While the receiver is self-explanatory there may be an impression that it was written simply in order to make a 'grand-stand play.' This is not the case, as I am in a position to know that the receivers are absolutely sincere. For some time past, as you know, rates have been getting lower and the receivers believe that something should be done to stop it. It seems impossible for the railroads to get together and agree. As economy in railroad operation has almost reached the point where it is impossible to lessen the cost of transportation without cutting wages, the receivers believe that radical steps should be taken in this matter."

The letter follows: BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Hon. Martin A. Knapp, Chairman Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir:—Within the brief month of the receiver and east of the Mississippi the railroad carriers are transporting the larger part of the interstate traffic at rates less than those shown in the published tariffs. Under your commission, which are by statute the only lawful rates.

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ENTERTAINMENTS LAST NIGHT

Church Services Out of the Ordinary that Give Pleasure to Many, Old and Young.

The evening services at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church last night consisted of a stereotyped lecture by the pastor, Rev. S. Wright Butler, on the "History of God's Chosen People." After the singing service, Mrs. H. E. Edwards sang a charmingly "Story of the Christ Child," by Sheppard.

Dr. Butler said his lecture would be a brief illustrated resume of the Sunday school lessons of the last three months, a history of the people of Israel. His illustrations consisted of excellent views showing the magnificence of Solomon's court. He told how the great ruler had taxed his people heavily for his sustenance until there were murmurs from every quarter of his kingdom. Abah succeeded him and a severe illness translated the visit of Job to a plea with him for relief from the taxes followed. The rebellion of Jeroboam which succeeded was the first declaration of the kingdom.

Views illustrating the important scenes in Elijah and Elisha's lives were given, the translation of Elisha being one of the best. A brief history of Job was related by the speaker came to the prophet Jonah and his connection with the history of his people. Mr. Butler said when God wants a man to go in one direction and the man rebels, it is futile to expect as it did in Jonah's case, Jonah was let loose from the stereotyped case by the hydrogen fumes and the speaker was compelled to complete his lecture without the illustrations.

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AMUSEMENTS

On account of Christmas falling on Sunday this year the two men in almost every instance the Indians stowed away the allotted quantity, but none of them called for more. When the mince pie came the red men made havoc, but they all got what they wanted, as Jailer Shand allowed each man a quarter of a big pie. After dinner cigars were passed and later on the prisoners were treated to apples, a barrel of fruit having been rolled in and distributed. When the men and women went to bed last night they voted Christmas a great success and most of them admitted that it had been the most enjoyable one that they had experienced in years.

The prisoners of the city jail were given a good dinner in order that they might not forget entirely that it was Christmas. They ate turkey and cranberry sauce, potatoes and all information call at Port Arthur Route office, 1415 Farnam (Taxton Hotel Bldg.) or write Harry E. Moore, C. P. & T. A. Omaha.

Disagreement in "Hudson" Case. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—After twenty-two hours' deliberation, the jury in the Fayne Strahan-Moore robbery trial failed to render a verdict and reported the fact of their disagreement to Recorder Joffe at 10:15 o'clock this morning and were discharged. The jury was locked up at 2 o'clock this morning. It was rumored that the jury stood in a row for seven or eight days and it was also rumored, though it cannot be authoritatively stated, that the jury consisted of the judge, seven for conviction and five for acquittal.

Free Supper at Trenton. TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Episcopal church had a Christmas Eve supper at the court room and candy, nuts, etc., for the children. The Congregational church had an old-fashioned Christmas treat, with an excellent entertainment by the lot of folks.

Dr. Lyon's Tooth Powder. PERFECT TOOTH POWDER. IN ELEGANT TOILET LUXURY. Used by people of refinement for over a quarter of a century.

Creighton Opera House. Omaha's Society Vaudeville Theater. EXTRA MATINEE TODAY. Any Seat 25c. Children 10c.

WIRTH'S MUSIC HALL. Cor. 10th and Harney Sts. Attractions for week commencing MONDAY, DEC. 19, 1909.

THE MILLARD. 13th and Douglas Sts., Omaha. AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLAN. CENTRALLY LOCATED.

THE NEW MERCER. 12th and Howard Sts., Omaha. European Plan. \$1.00 American Plan. \$2.00

LEA & PERRINS. The Original & Genuine Worcestershire SAUCE.

LEGAL NOTICE. RECEIVER'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. I shall offer for sale a miscellaneous list of tax certificates and receipts, assets of the German Savings bank of Omaha, to the highest bidder for cash.

What Do the Children Drink? Don't give the tea, or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. It contains all the properties of coffee, but without the coffee grounds. It is a most healthful and pleasant beverage. It is a most healthful and pleasant beverage. It is a most healthful and pleasant beverage.

Overcoat Thief Arrested. William Kelly, a hackman, was arrested last evening and charged with the theft of an overcoat from William Nash, who lives at 276 1/2 North Sixteenth street. Nash was playing a game of pool in a billiard hall at 305 North Sixteenth street, having his overcoat on a peg nearby. While he was engaged in the game Kelly stole the coat and went out. He found a hiding place for it and was arrested on suspicion a few minutes later at 11th and Grand streets, near a four or two afterwards.

Couldn't Keep Out of Jail. Fred Struppich, Martin and Hugh Morrison were released by Judge Gordon Saturday to enjoy their Christmas at home, but they are said to have returned to the jail on their first day, as they were brought in again yesterday for hanging around the streets. The three are charged with inciting a riot and were held in the jail until a good time the other day on the money found in a pocketbook which one had picked up.

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