she made a stew and she made a roast and a barbacue.

Among the entrees will be an abundance of persimmons, and withal the affair will be a typical old-time southern dinner. Colonel Smith will be toastmaster and responses will be given by other members of the Bob Ridley club.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE STATION

## Even Stern Justice Belents for Minor Offenders.

"Santa Claus, Welcome," blazed from the big arch at the city hall; hurrying but good-natured crowds thronged Sixteenth, Farnam, Douglas and other streets; in thousands of homes children tried in vain to go to sleep that they might awake early and find it Christmas; everywhere the holiday spirit was in the Christmas eve.

And yet not all the world. There was one place where these who visited for a afternoon and evening. louger or shorter time found little to remind them, unless by contrast, of what Christmas eve should mean. At Eleventh as turkeys, geese, fish and vegetables of and Dodge streets in an old building once various kinds. Liquid refreshments will, used as a school house, but now the Cen- of course, form no small part of the feast tral police station, the derelicts, the finisam and jetsum of the city, gathered FIRST BAPTIST HAS BIG TIME by the law, spend the time as best they may, thinking, perhaps, of other and happier days when this season meant something more than an iron cell and a police court,

wanted at Fifteenth and Dodge. "Christmas eve," he repeated, as Patrol Conducforlorn individual brought in by two detectives -and booked as a "suspicious character," "Christmas eve," said two women of the street, brought to the station by a big binecost." "This is not the first time I have been here," said one of them, "but I do hate to be 'pinched' on the night before Christmas; perhaps we can get someone to ball us out.

Then the telephone bell rings. This is way the telephone at the station has. It rings throughout the twenty-four hours on calls of many and varied sorts This time it is a woman who calls. "Is this the police station? Well, I want you to find my husband right away and send him home. He has no business out this late and it's Christmas besides."

More calls for the wagon and more men are brought in to be locked upon charges of widely varying natures. "Drunk," "drunk and asleep on the street," "suspicious character." "drunk and working a drunk," 'begging on the street." "drunk and disturbing the peace by fighting," are some of the charges most often seen on the big book where the record of those unfortunates is kept

Throughout the evening visitors of many sorts drop in, some to inquire about prissome to chat with friends on the oners, force, business men, saloon heepers, actors, newspaper men, all sorts and conditions drop in to "pass the time o' day" and wish the station officers "Merry Christmas.

In comes an officer with a "drunk." He is half sobered as he realizes where he is and he begs to be allowed to go home, for he has a wife and children. "Keep him un til he is sober enough to go home and let

him go," mays the captain, "it's Christmas eve, you know." Then the midnight whistle blows. "Christ-

man," says some one. The two women waiting in the captain's office for a friend to get them out, begin to cry softly.

Will you girls behave if I let you go? asks Captain Dunn. They are only too glad promise, as they dry their tears. "All right, Tet "em out," he orders, "it's

Christmas eve, you know." MAIL ON CHRISTMAS

Cannot harm healthy human bodies. We cannot have healthy Chief of Staff Calls Present Methods bedies unless we have pure blood, - the kind of blood that Nood's Inadequate Even for Peace. Sarsaparilla makes. This great medicine has an un-counled, unapproached record for puri-fying and enriching the blood. DETACHED SERVICE BAD POLICY It cures scrofula, eccema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism, anemia, nervous-ness, that tired feeling, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, general debility, and builds up the whole system. Get it today in the areal likely form as in Cavalry and Field Artillery Should Be Reorganized-Engineer Corps Insufficient-Physical Tests Get it today in the usual liquid form or in scolated tablet form called Barataba.

**Disease Germs** 

gent need of the army of the United States at present is an adequate remedy for the on Christmas and partake once more of the evils resulting from detached service of aif and the people were gay, for it was delectable dish. The banquet will be given officers, says Major General J. Franklin in the saloon at Twenty-first and Cuming streets, and will continue throughout the

As on the former occasion, other edibles will be provided as well as the goat, such

Church Will Have Special Exercises first cause for the large number of deser-This Evening.

Unusual preparations have been made for dwells at length upon the bad effect of the Christmas concert to be given at First young and inexperienced commanders upon "Christmas ave," said "Patsy" Havey, Baptist church, Park avenue and Harney whom responsibility fails in the absence of the desk sergeant, as the telephone in- street this evening. The program will be- officers to perform duty, in large part diformed him that the patrol wagon was gin at 7:15 and the entertainment will con- rected by congress and necessitated by the sist chiefly of chorus numbers and re- good of the military service. He says the citations. A trained chorus of seventy-five only way this evil can be remedied is by tor Falley came back with a "plain voices, supported by an orchestra of legislation. drunk" "Christmas eve," murmured a twenty pleces, pipe organ and plano, under General Bell says that it is "a discourag-

Good Thing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- The most ur-

Infantry Arm Weak.

furnish most of the music. The little children will amuse and entertain with their songs and pieces. For the the country, even when reinforced by the ton. He said: delight of the children there will be a National Guard of the various states, to Christmas tree and Santa Claus will arrive form an army after deducting the necesbefore the concert is over. No admission sary force to provide a small garrison at

fantry supports for our seacoast fortifica-The program: The infantry arm is referred to as too "Prince Recitation weak numerically for the services required (a) "The First Christmas". Byron Wilcox (b) "Christmas Everywhere". Mildred Rhoades

(d) "A Special Errand...Ruth Sunderland "Mensage of the Bells".......The Chorus Recitation-Selection from Ben Hur.... "The Holy Night"......Mr. W. Y. Nixon and Chorus Beditations Mr. W. Y. Nixon and Chorus

BRIEF RESPITE FOR GRAFTERS gatton.

Probable No New Steps Will Be Taken at Pittaburg Till After

Will Be Taken to Secure

Public Funds.

Holidays.

Director Land and Police Magistrate Brady, a large number of arrests are contem-tion has come to stay as a part of the a free discussion of it, and an expression plated, but when they will be made is American military system. Increased pay of opinion that it does not seek to prevent

General Bell says that the efficiency of

Physical Test Approved.

Bell, chief of staff, in his annual report made public today. He also says that the time has arrived when the United States can no longer afford to maintain an "inadequate army for peace needs, nor an army with an antiquated organization." According to General Bell, the number of officers on detached service is 621. The result is characterized as very disastrous and among other things is given as the tions among enlisted men. General Bell be obliterated." the direction of R. E. Sunderland, will ing fact that in case of a sudden outbreak and Labor congress, says Canadian labor of hostilities with a first-class nation is thoroughly disappointed at the outcome there are not sufficient regular troops in of the Bucks conspiracy case in Washing

"American capital has decreed that Gom pers and his associates shall suffer the ignominy of imprisonment. The conviction will be charged and all will be welcome. our permanent posts and the necessary in- of Gompers will create more friends for organized labor than anything else could possibly have done. Americans in the bulk

will not stand for persecution." In order to forestall prosecutions for boycotting in Canada, Verville says he will work in the next parliament for the ap-

"The Holy Night Mr. W. Y. Nixon and Chorus cavalry arm organized as the American field against the officers of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt proceed-in the contempt proceed-in the commissioned and enlisted personnel for the Federation offi-cers today declared that the decision would be subjected to review by a higher tribunal and that he believed "that speaking and the construction of the Subjected to review by a higher tribunal and that he believed "that speaking and the construction of the Subjected to review by a higher tribunal and that he believed "that speaking and withing which Justice Wright holds con-stitutes contempt of court, cannot be pre-vented either by statute or judicial decree." "The Constitution of every state," said to continue its experiments in aorial navi- lish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that right, and

that no law should be passed to restrain. or abridge the liberty of speech or of the General Bell says that the efficiency of the cavairy and infantry in small arms "Analyzing the scope of the court's in-

shooting is probably greater at the present junction against the publishing of the name date than at any time in history. The of the Buck Stove and Rango company in PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.-It is said today president's physical tests for officers is the "we don't patronize" or "unfair" lists that additional arrests in connection with praised as having produced an increased of the American Federationist, Mr. Parker the graft scandal will probably not be interest in physical culture and the general says that "if the order can be so construed as to prevent respectivel editorial comment





Christmas Season Has Been Heavy, but Force Will Serve Patrons.

arrests may be made today. The general delivery at the Omaha post Mayor Guthrie today declared that the officers. office will be open Christmas until 10:30 fact that several members of the finance s. m. and will then close for the day. The registry and stamp departments will continue open for the same hours. The money order office will not be open at all during the day.

DAY

Two carrier deliveries will be made in the business districts in the morning and one in the residence districts. The usual tled up on account of the arrest of the daily collections of mail will be made

seven councilmen, some of whom are im-The Christmas season at the postoffice portant members of the finance committee. has been the heaviest in its history, and None of the accused councilmen has anthe work has been discharged with the nounced whether he intends to exercise his utmost promptness. functions as a member of the council while

The entire cherical force has shown a the charges are pending. commendible willingness to work over hours and there has been no congestion Omaha office during the Christmas rush. A number of additional cierks were trict and the owners of houses are to be temporarily employed to help out in the prosecuted for renting their houses to be work this year, in excess of the extra number employed for the Christmas period used for improper purposes, last year.

CLASS OF PAPER ACCEPTABLE Assistant Postmaster Woodard said Thursday morning: "It might be of interest to Omaha people to know that there Secretary Cortelyou Announces What was no Omaha mall on the car of second

class Christmas mall destroyed by fire on the Union Pacific west of Cheyenne a few days ago. This will dispel any apprehension that remembrances from Pacific

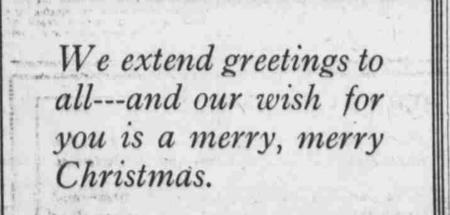
coast friends to Omaha friends were los in the burning of the Portland mail car." Chlef Clerk Keller of the railway mail service said in reference to this same "The destroyed car was from matter: Portland. The destroyed mall was second class mail in sacks. There was no first ing made. They are as follows: class mail destroyed in the burning of this car."

SURE DO LIKE GOAT JIMS

Dahlmanites Will Eat Another Animal on Christmas Day.

The Jimocrats will gat goat again on Christmas day.

The goat banquet served by Charley Sha-Jersey, at 90 per cent of their value. For bata, assistant street commissioner, on the initial or first deposit, United States Thanksgiving day, but whetted the appebonds are required. No additional detites of the Jims, and they have been asked posits are, however, now in contemplato gather around the feasting board again tion.





by the league. However, it is possible the vacancies in the enlisted force and of ob- it as attempts to do so is vold. taining a better list of noncommissioned

The old days of forming an army, with committee of councils are involved in the more or less efficiency, out of raw rethe next fiscal year, February 1, 1909. This rifle in his hands is denounced as danger-

statement was forthcoming in reply to a ous to the nation and one that cannot be rumor that the funds of the city would be too strongly opposed.

> LABOR FIGHT (Continued from First Page.)

have made real sacrifices for human up-It is reported this afternoon that the lift is the declaration of John B. Lennon, voters' league is also engaged in making a treasurer of the American Federation of thorough investigation of the tenderioin dis-Labor.

> Sympathy from Farmers. "Two hundred union farmers of Texas

sympathize with the three labor leaders." declares D. J. Neill, president of the Farmers' Co-Operative union of Texas, in a message from Fort Worth. After wishing Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison "A Merry Christmas" and a

"Happy New Year," Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois State Federation WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Although no of Labor, declares them to be the "latest additional deposits of public funds in navictims of judicial oppression."

tional banks are contemplated, Secretary "What can Fort Worth do to aid you? Cortelyou today, in compliance with the asked C. F. Woodman, an organizer of law of March 4, 1907, announced the the American Federation of Labor at Fort classes of securities that would be ac-Worth, on behalf of the trades assembly cepted in the event of such deposits beof that city.

Declaring that Gompers, Mitchell and United States, Philippine, Porto Rico Morrison received "a most glorious Christand District of Columbia bonds at par. mas present," Maurice Mikel of New York Bonds of Hawall territory at 90 per cent City declares that those who know Mr. day, were forced to retreat after an exand at the option of the secretary of Gompers know that he is the champion of the treasury; Philippine railway bonds labor.

and those of states, municipalities and "Victory of greed is only temporary. Jushigh-grade railroads, such as are legal ice will prevall," is the way John F. Mcinvestments for savings banks in New Namee, editor of the Locomotive Firemen York, Massachusetts, Connecticut or New and Enginemen's Magazine, telegraphed. J. A. Franklin, president; William G. Glitherpe, international secretary-treasurer,

and A. Hinzman of the International Broth erhood of Bollermakers at Kansas City sent a message declaring that Judge Wright's decision is "unjust."

"The evidence proves that you obeyed Judge Gould's order," says the message, 'that human judges retain and reflect the nvironment in which they live. This judgment throttles free speech and free press, and tramples on the principles of the

American freeman." "In benalf of the entire membership of the Switchmen's union," F. T. Hawley, president, "extends sympathy and sup-

port." LABOR LEADERS TALK OF CASE

Some of Prominent Officials Censure the Court.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24 .- Grand Master-Heot W. S. Carter of the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, when asked what he thought of the decision of Justice Wright of the district court of Washington in reference to labor, said: "The animus of the court is probably re-

flected in the intemperance of its lan g Jage. Robert McKee, secretary-treasurer of the Union of Stationary Engineers, speaks

sharply and to the point. "I think the decision is a travesty on justice," he said. "While at the present time there is much controversy and unrest, still I think that the decision of this court will do much to awaken and arouse the best thought of the American people to the end that the permicious system in some of

known only to the officials of the Voters' for the army has had the effect, General such discussion in such event, it offends league and the private detectives employed Bell reports, of reducing the number of against the constitution, then so much

"It has been urged that even if the court'in violation of the constitution does make an order prohibiting a man from making a speech on a certain subject or bribery scandal should in no way delay cruits is passed, he says. The idea that all prohibiting a newspaper from publishing onsideration and passage of the appro- that is required to make a soldier out of a an editorial on the same subject the party priations ordinance before the beginning of man is to put him in uniform and place a enjoined must, nevertheless, obey the decree; if he do not the court may punish him, although it has no power to make

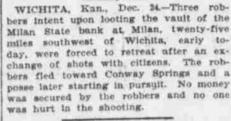
the order. But certainly that which the constitution prohibits, the court may not da, any more than the legislature. The unconstitutional statute need not be obeyed; and so the courts have held time and again. It would seem to follow that a decree of a court offending against the constitution need not be obeyed, because it is wholly and completely void. It seems to me that the judicial depeartment of the government will not be guilty of

the absurdity of holding that an unconstitutional enactment by the law-making departments of the government may be defied by the humblest citizen with impunity because absolutely vold, but that, on the other hand, a decree of the judicial

department equally offending against the constitution has such force and vitality as to support imprisonment of him who standing on his constitutional rights, dares to violate it."

TOWN FIGHTS OFF ROBBERS Three Men Make Vain Effort to Crack

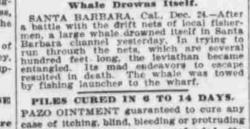
Safe in State Bank of Milan, Kan.



Suit to Make 'Frisco Pay.

Suit to Make Frisco Pay. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.-Attorney Gen-eral Jackson filed an ouster suit in the supreme court today against the St. Louis & San Francisco Raliroad company com-plaining that they had renewed their char-ter on three different occasions at the secretary of state's office and refused to pay the \$100,000 charter fees due. The peli-tion asked that the road he made to pay these fees or be restrained from doing business in Kansas.

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