Holiday Greeting

May the spirit of happiness enter every heart this Christmas Day and may the New Year bring to all health and contentment

This Store Will Remain Closed All Day Monday

THE BENSON & THORNE CO.

1518-1520 FARNAM STREET.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR POOR

Four Thousand Dollars Raised in Des Moines for Charity.

NEWSPAPERS CARRY ON CAMPAIGN

Distribution in Charge of Local Organizations and Big Dinners Are to Be Served to the Poor.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Over $4,000 worth of Christmas good cheer was distributed this evening, or will in the morning, to the poor people of Des Moines, mainly the result of efforts on the part of local newspapers to raise funds for that purpose. In most of the cases the distribution has been turned over to the local organizations from some of the churches. Extensive distribution of dinners was made.

Those investigating the needs of the poor report that their condition is somewhat better than usual, largely because of the light winter thus far.

To Start Suit Against Railroads.

The State Railroad commission today ordered the attorney general to commence suits against all Iowa railroads to compel compliance with an order of the board of several months ago, reducing the freight rate on furnaces and furnace materials. It is stated that none of the roads have complied with the order.

Cummins Expects Some Action.

Senator Cummins, who returned from Washington today, takes a hopeful view of the situation in congress and indicates that he is immensely pleased with the evident tendency of the times for a tarriff commission. "I am expecting that a bill for a tariff commission will be reported to the senate from the finance committee soon after the holidays," he said. "The sentiment for a commission has grown so strong that it can no longer be resisted. The house will get a bill of that kind. We are certain to secure something of this kind during the session. My resolution to provide that when a report from the commission is received it can be acted on intelligently, has caused some discussion and there will be more upon it before I let it go to a committee. It will be followed by the resolution for a rule for a committee report on every bill within sixty days. Neither one will be adopted. There is no tariff question before the congress now, only a discussion with a view to how best to carry out the promises of the republican party and the administration as to these various details.

"The Lorimer report is likely to cause some discussion and it is an important matter. The situation in general in congress has not greatly changed."

Conference on Public Health.

A conference of leading physicians of the city, together with the secretary of the State Board of Health, Dr. Lumsden of Washington, and Prof. Henry Albert of the state bacteriological laboratory, was held here this evening to consider the problem of heading off the typhoid fever epidemic. Nothing new was developed and the local health authorities have taken all the precautions regarded as proper.

Bank Increases Capital.

The secretary of state received notice of an increase in the capital of the Mahaska County State bank at Oskaloosa to $200,000. He also received the articles for the Newman Creamery company, Guernsey, capital, $8,000; and for the Banner Dairy Lunch Co., Minneapolis, capital, $50,000, to do business in Iowa.

Regulation of the Telephones.

As the result of a movement started largely by the farmers and shippers, who are banded together in the Corn Belt Meat Producers association, legislation for the regulation of telephones in Iowa is in prospect. President Sykes of that association strongly urges the same.

"There is urgent necessity for the passage of some laws relative to the regulation and control of telephones companies," Mr. Sykes said: "At the present time the state has practically no supervision of its telephone companies and they are handling us as they please. Competition is almost eliminated."

Report on State Expenses.

State expenses for Iowa for the last two years, up to June 30 last, amounted to $1,258,869.54 for salaries and per diem alone, according to the report of Secretary A. H. Davison of the state executive council, published today. The total expenses were $2,435,727.73. The fees collected amounted to $2,248,108.17. Traveling expenses for the state amounted to $122,268.79.

Trade School Abandoned.

Horace F. Clark today abandoned his plans for a trade school in Des Moines and left for his home in Dover, Del. Failure to get the desired financial help and proper co-operation caused Clark to give up his project.

Members of the board think the schools here are doing as good industrial work as they can with the equipment now furnished. This equipment is to be increased when funds are available. The board members did not care to assist in the establishment of a private school to duplicate on work taught in the public schools.

Terms of Office Commence.

George Cosson, special counsel in the office of the attorney general, in a decision rendered today for the benefit of all elective offices, explained the effect of the new law as to time of the official changes and said:

"The second secular day in January, 1911, falls on Tuesday, January 3, at which time all elective officers chosen at the general election for a full term should commence their terms of office, except when otherwise provided by the constitution or by statute."

To Enforce Furnace Act.

The Iowa Railroad commission today instructed Attorney General Byers to commence action against every railroad in Iowa before the Interstate Commerce commission to compel the companies to obey a recent reduction in rates on furnaces as ordered by the Iowa commission.

Wendling Denied New Trial.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—Joseph Wendling, convicted December 3 of the murder of 8-year-old Alma Kellner, and given life imprisonment by a jury, was denied a new trial by Judge James P. Gregory in criminal court today. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

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Christmas Greeting.....

That this Christmas day may bring you a full measure of happiness and enjoyment is our sincere wish.

Nebraska Clothing Co.

"The House of High Merit"

1911

Our store will be closed all day Monday.

Caterer to Serve Hot Meals to One Thousand

E. W. Pryor, steward of the Omaha Commercial club, has decided to add to his laurels by serving the dinner to be given the traveling men of Omaha by the club on Friday evening, December 30, at the Auditorium. That this will be something of a chore, the successful execution of which will put a big feather in Mr. Pryor's cap, everybody agrees. He was the only man in Omaha who expressed a willingness to tackle the job of serving several hot courses to a hungry bunch of 1,500 men in such a place.

That Pryor will carry the thing off in a satisfactory manner is assured, when one has examined his plans. He has, apparently, left nothing to chance. On the stage of the Auditorium a model kitchen is being installed and on a scale never before attempted, perhaps, under like circumstances; at least, not in Omaha. He has made his own plans, which are comprehensive and on an elaborate scale. They provide for several lines of tables, seventy to ninety feet in length, running north and south across the stage. Between the tables are batteries of stoves, and along the sides are aisles for the waiters to enter and leave by. Of these waiters there will be 100, fifty serving from each side of the stage and each man taking care of fifteen guests.

As the waiters arrive on the stage, north or south, they will find only one way to get to the serving tables, so that confusion will be avoided. The women who are to do the serving have stations assigned them, and each one will place on the trays just the proper number of portions of fish, meat or whatever course happens to be due at the time.

"The hot dishes will be hot," says Mr. Pryor; "steaming hot, in fact, and when they are placed on the table they will still be hot, as also will the sauces to be served with the fish and meat courses. The coffee will likewise be all right, and I fully expect to realize the most sanguine expectations of the club officials by making this banquet a record breaker."

A. W. PRYOR.

The Commercial club steward does not say this in a boastful manner, but as something right in the line of duty, and he gives one the impression of meaning just what he says.

Steward Pryor came to Omaha almost a quarter of a century ago, "just as a little waiter," he says, quietly. He was born in Virginia, but was raised in Washington, one of the favorite stamping grounds of the American gourmet for generations. He began with the Omaha club when it was located at Fifteenth and Farnam. When the break came in that organization years ago, Mr. Pryor went with the Union club, as the seceding organization was known, taking the place of head waiter. Later he became steward, and when the two groups again came together he was continued in the position of steward at Twelfth and Farnam. On the opening of the Omaha club at Twentieth and Douglas he moved with the club and for eighteen years in all held a place as a trusted man with that club.

Six years ago the Commercial club secured Mr. Pryor to take the position of steward, and he has justified the selection by making good at all times, often under most trying circumstances. But he admits himself that never before has he had his work cut out as in the case of the traveling men's dinner. This task means serving a proper meal, in formal and up-to-date style, to a regiment and a half of men, in a building where all the fittings must be provided for the occasion. There will be six courses, exclusive of the coffee and cigars.

FORGED COTTON BILLS CASE

New York Court Holds that Banks Endorsing Drafts Must Pay.

SEVERAL MILLIONS INVOLVED

If Decision is Upheld Foreign Merchants Will Collect Immense Sums from Banks in the United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A decision of potential, far-reaching effect in the cotton bills of lading cases, rendered here by Supreme Court Justice Newburger, is being actively and animatedly discussed today among the large interests involved, including cotton exporting firms, bankers and representatives of big foreign mercantile houses. The case is the first one growing out of the cotton bills of lading frauds to be decided, and while its import was apparently not realized by others than the parties immediately involved, when the case was first decided on Wednesday last, the mercantile world today seems to have awakened to the possibilities involved in it.

The judgment found by the court was one for $39,000 against the Hanover National bank in favor of the cotton exchange firm of Springs & Co. The rise of the litigation was in the big cotton bills of lading forgeries perpetrated last spring in the name of two Alabama firms, Knight, Yancey & Co. of Decatur, Ala., and Steele, Miller & Co. of Corinth, Miss. Drafts through New York banks were negotiated with attached bills of lading, purporting to show that large amounts of cotton had been delivered to railroads in Alabama for shipment to foreign purchasers.

It subsequently was discovered the bills of lading were forged. It was claimed in the Springs case, just decided, that the endorsement by the First National bank of Decatur, Ala., which first discounted the draft, vested title in the Hanover National bank of this city, and that when the Hanover National bank collected the money it was considered to have warranted the genuineness of the bill of lading attached to the draft. Justice Newburger held that Springs & Co. made payment to the Hanover National bank through their mistaken belief that the bill of lading was genuine and hence that even though the bank was an innocent party, Springs & Co. were entitled to recover from the bank when it was found the bill of lading was forged.

Justice Newburger, in holding with the view thus outlined, directed judgment, but deferred the filing of an opinion for two weeks.

Notice of appeal, it is stated, will be filed at once. Should the higher courts affirm the judgment, it is declared that suits involving several millions of dollars will be instituted by foreign merchants, who suffered severe losses from the frauds against the several big banks here which handled the cotton bills and drafts.

No Word is Received from Aviator Grace

Search for Aeroplanist Who Disappeared in Fog Over the North Sea Continues.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The search for Cecil S. Grace, the amateur aviator, who lost his way in a fog while attempting to return over the English channel to Dover Thursday, was continued today without success.

The only development this afternoon was an unconfirmed rumor current at Amsterdam that an aeroplane had been picked up in the North sea.

A fleet of torpedo boats sent out from Sheerness to scour the waters of the vicinity had not returned up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Grace had flown from Dover to Calais and was heading back for the English shore when, apparently he lost his bearings and instead of continuing toward Dover, steered to the northeast and over the North sea. Efforts to find him on land or water have continued ceaseless since Thursday evening.

CALAIS, France, Dec. 24.—It was rumored here tonight that the crew of a fishing boat had seen Cecil Grace, the aviator, fall into the North Sea, but telegrams of inquiry dispatched to the mayors in the towns and villages of the coasts of Belgium and Holland were all answered to the effect that there was no news of the airman.

SIX PERSONS ASPHYXIATED

Four Men and Two Women Are Found Dead in House at Kenton, O.

KENTON, O., Dec. 24.—Two women and four men were found dead today in two rooms in a building at the rear of the opera house. The dead are:

CLARK LATHAM, aged 34.
MRS. CLARK LATHAM, aged 31.
PEARL KENNEDY, aged 24.
WILLIAM KENNEDY, aged 53.
HARRY NEWCOMB, aged 26.
MISS ELIZABETH BAILEY, aged 28.

It is supposed the fumes from a gas stove killed all six persons.

Chinese Government and Assembly Defy Each Other Directly

Throne Takes Summary Action in Connection with Agitation—Memorial Attacks Ching.

PEKING, China, Dec. 24.—The government and the national assembly issued counter defiances today.

In a lengthy edict the throne ordered home the provincial leaders now in Peking agitating the immediate convocation of a general parliament, and instructed the viceroys to employ gendarmes to prevent further assembling in the provinces and to treat the agitators as revolutionaries, punishing them in severest manner.

The assembly countered by a memorial to the throne, which recites in scathing terms the career of Prince Ching, whose office is that of adviser to the naval department, but who is of such influence in the government that he has borne a great share of the attack of the progressives and of his associates in the grand council, by whom it is asserted the country has been steadily impaired.

Arguing that a constitutional regime has been begun already and that, therefore, the government is no longer vested in its entirety in the person of Prince Chun, the regent, the memorial states that the throne does not have the right assumed in the edict of December 18, in which the memorial for the creation of a constitutional government are contained.

The memorial calls for the immediate establishment of a ministry responsible to the people. It is reported that the government is moving the modern troops with the purpose of suppressing any outbreak.

Six Men Killed in Head-On Collision Near Nevada, Ohio

Fast Westbound Train on Pennsylvania Main Line is Struck by Eastbound Express.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 24.—In a head-on collision at Nevada, O., early today, between westbound passenger train No. 15 and eastbound express train No. 4 on the Pennsylvania railroad, six persons were killed and half a dozen others were injured, none, it is believed, fatally. The dead:

CHRISTIAN C. CRAIG, engineer eastbound train, Fort Wayne.
CLARENCE C. MILLER, engineer on eastbound train, Fort Wayne.
DEWITT C. BEEBE, baggageman, Fort Wayne.
GEORGE H. HORTON, baggageman, Fort Wayne.
WILLIAM A. DOYLER, passenger, Chicago.
—— FRIEDSTEIN, passenger, Chicago.

The wreck, it is reported, was caused by the engineer of the eastbound train disregarding the block signals. It is said they had run three blocks when the crash came.

Miller was a student engineer about to be promoted from freight to passenger service and was making a trip with Engineer Craig. The injured were brought to Fort Wayne.

Two Burglars Taken by Unarmed Victim

Frank H. Bick of New York Pursues Men Who Robbed His House and Captures Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Although they fought desperately with both teeth and hands, two burglars were captured today by their victims, who, unarmed and undressed, had chased them for nearly a mile.

Frank H. Vick heard a noise in his dining room just before daylight. As he stole downstairs the robbers rushed out to the street. He followed, clad only in pyjamas. He overtook one and closed with him. The burglar fastened his teeth in Mr. Vick's neck and tore the flesh terribly, but was unable to get away.

The other burglar returned to aid his companion and also bit Vick frightfully. Help came then and the burglars were overpowered.

Union Pacific Cuts the Price of Coal

Output of Rock Springs Mines Reduced Thirty-Five Cents a Ton by President Lovett.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—President Lovett of the Union Pacific Railroad company sent a message from New York last night to Rock Springs, ordering the price of coal at the mine reduced 30 cents a ton. The order came as a Christmas present to all the coal consumers on the line of the Union Pacific railroad in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska and is the result of a vigorous protest against the recent increase.

Steals Ties to Get Annual Jail Dinner

Hungry Man Invites Himself to the Christmas Feast at Police Station by Attempt at Robbery.

No prospects of a Christmas dinner in sight, O. C. Huff entered a Farnam street haberdashery and helped himself to a handful of ties in plain view of the clerks that he might be sent to jail in time for the Christmas feast.

The experiment brought the desired results, and more. Huff was battered, beaten, assaulted, beflogged and trampled upon by seven clerks. When the police arrived the seven were using Huff for a divan. He feels better now.

REBELLION WILL BE CRUSHED

Correspondent Who Spent Two Weeks with Navarro Reviews Outlook.

INSURGENTS LOSE OPPORTUNITY

Uprising Might Have Spread Throughout Nation Had Decisive Victory Been Won at Cerro Prieto.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 24.—(Via El Paso, Dec. 24.)—A special representative of the Associated Press, who has been with the insurrectos for two weeks, returned today by mule team. His judgment of the situation in this state may be summarized in the statement that General Navarro has been fought back from the offensive to the defensive, but that the reinforcements now at hand will crush the rebellion within a month or two.

In this connection it was stated today that federal troops are now stationed as follows:

Six hundred under General Navarro at Pedernales and vicinity (west of Malpaso); 700 at San Antonio made up of 340, who were uninjured in the Malpaso ambuscade and 340 reinforcements and 1,300, who arrived here last night and today.

The latter include a battery of artillery made up of two light mortars for firing over hills, two Hotchkiss guns and two rapid fireres.

Twenty-two passenger coaches are now on the tracks of the Mexico & Northwestern railroad to forward the reinforcements. Today was spent in loading food on the cars and in making other preparations for the campaign. These troops will go first to San Antonio, making a new force of 2,000 led by the best officers in Mexico. It is their program to take Malpaso the present rebel stronghold. This once taken a junction will be formed with Navarro under the troops which have come overland from Sonora.

Insurgents Lose Opportunity.

All this will entail serious fighting, but there is no foreigner here now viewing affairs impartially who pretends a belief that the federals will not triumph eventually. The insurrectos lost one chance of creating a nation-wide revolt when they failed to crush Navarro at Cerro Prieto. At that time they did not have their forces concentrated and Navarro held his own. While he is under orders not to take the offensive he is in a defensive position, which the insurrectos cannot attack without disaster. His job is to sit tight and allow the reinforcements, now numbering treble his own force, to continue the campaign. Navarro's original force was, it has now been shown, scarcely more than a police force, which was considered sufficient. Diaz is now sending an army. The Associated Press correspondent brings word that in the fighting around Pedernales and the west entrance to Malpaso the insurrectos were much inferior in numbers, but at Malpaso they were superior in position.

Navarro Executes Prisoners.

Arrivals from the front today brought confirmation to the statement that Navarro executed a number of civilians at Cerro Prieto. The number is given now as thirty-two, twenty-two in the village proper and ten at a hamlet nearby. Last Saturday the revolutionists executed ten prisoners as a retaliatory measure. These were loyalists taken at Guerrero three or four weeks ago. They were given trial of a rough sort and convicted of treachery while being allowed the consideration of neutrals. When the revolutionists became doubly certain of the executions at Cerro Prieto they shot their own captives. The execution occurred at a hamlet between La Junta and Guerrero.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Superintendent George T. Rutledge and a force of men left on a special train this morning for the south to make repairs on the El Paso & Northwestern railroad line, where insurrectos had burned and dynamited three bridges after capturing a train and going south with it. How many more bridges were burned is not known. The telegraphic communication has been restored only to Guzman and three bridges were destroyed that far south.

The Weather.

FOR NEBRASKA—Unsettled.
FOR IOWA—Snow.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	6
6 a. m.	8
7 a. m.	8
8 a. m.	9
9 a. m.	10
10 a. m.	12
11 a. m.	14
12 m.	17
1 p. m.	21
2 p. m.	21
3 p. m.	22
4 p. m.	25
5 p. m.	26
6 p. m.	26
7 p. m.	26

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 24.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years:

	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.
Highest today	26	28	47	45
Lowest today	6	18	31	26
Mean temperature	16	23	39	35
Precipitation	.00	.57	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and compared with the last two years:

Normal temperature	24
Deficiency for the day	8
Total excess since March 1	737
Normal precipitation	.08 inch
Deficiency for the day	.08 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	14.27 inches
Deficiency since March 1	14.78 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1909	4.83 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1908	4.39 inches

A breath from the woods

Just the fragrance of an honest wish that all of us may enjoy a

Merry Christmas

Miller, Stewart & Beaton Co.

LAUNDERERS' GREETING

We wish all our patrons a

Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

In commemoration of Christmas, the following laundries will be closed all day Monday

Chicago Laundry
Garrett Laundry
Kimball Laundry
Midland Laundry
Model Laundry
National Laundry
Nonpariel Laundry
Puritan Laundry
Truax Laundry

REGULAR CALLS FOR THAT DAY WILL BE MADE TUESDAY

Kindly help us observe the day and be patient in case of delay.