

AN XMAS PROGRAM AT CAMP FUNSTON

Commanding General at Big Cantonment Appoints Official Committee to Take Charge of Celebration.

The commanding general at Camp Funston has personally appointed an official committee to take charge of all Christmas arrangements for that camp. The business of this committee is not only to arrange for a program of amusements, but also to receive and answer all letters written by persons desiring to know the names of soldiers to whom they could send Christmas boxes; to attend to the distribution of Christmas boxes, and to make all the necessary arrangements for the "sports" program. This committee is composed of representatives of every organization in the camp, including the Red Cross, camp activities and the Young Men's Christian association. No camp entertainment could be complete without the representation named. The committee is directed by a field officer of the division staff.

Many of the boys at Camp Funston will be spending their first Christmas away from home, and it is the desire of the commanding general that the program of amusements be so complete and of such an enjoyable nature that these men will continue in such a state of cheerfulness that the blues of "home-sickness" will have a poor chance.

Box for Each Soldier.

It is hoped that there will be a Christmas box for each soldier at the camp, about 35,000, which in turn means a good deal of complication, as the facilities for receiving mail and express at Camp Funston are very limited, and for this reason the Christmas committee hopes that this point will be realized by the kind-spirited persons who desire to cheer on the soldiers, and that they will in the cities endeavor to form some committee which will receive Christmas boxes for the camp and send them out in large packages—several boxes at a time. It is believed that the local Young Men's Christian association, Red Cross or camp activities associations would be glad to assist in this matter, and it is suggested persons sending boxes enclose their cards or notes to the unknown soldier who may receive it, that he may know whom he may thank for adding a great deal of happiness and good cheer to his Christmas day.

It is manifest that if the packages were sent one at a time to the individual men the mail and express to Camp Funston would be seriously handicapped, and in order that the manner of distributing the gifts be understood it will be done as follows:

About 2:30 o'clock Christmas afternoon the gifts will have been loaded into army escort wagons, forming a wagon train, which will go out over the hills guarded by soldiers and cowboys, and as it approaches Camp Funston it will be attacked by Indians and bandits—it will be rescued by the soldiers and brought into Camp Funston on the artillery parade ground. There the wagons will be drawn up in a circle around a huge bonfire, and each organization will go to its own wagon, break out the load, and distribute its gifts.

This will provide plenty of outlet for the joyous spirit of the men of the camp, who not many years ago as small boys played at the game of "wild west" show, and this wagon train attack and defense approaches that of a historic pageant for this part of the country. The staves from which the men of Camp Funston come have all played their part in the days of the old "cattle trails" and the "immigrant trails."

In the night it is planned to have a fireworks display.

The complete program, if it can be carried out in the matter of fireworks, will be as follows:

8:30 A. M.—Back race.
 9:15 A. M.—Crab race.
 9:00 A. M.—Centipede race.
 9:15 A. M.—Tug of war.
 9:30 A. M.—Jousting contest.
 9:45 A. M.—Push ball game.
 10:30 to 10:30 A. M.—Turkey shoot.

10:30 A. M.—Broncho busting contest.
 11:30 A. M.—Hoping and tying contest.
 2:30 P. M.—Attack and defense of Christmas wagon train and distribution of gifts.
 7:00 P. M.—Fireworks from the rim rock and hill tops above Camp Funston.

G. F. Bidwell, Former Omahan, Sees First Snow in 9 Years

George F. Bidwell, formerly general manager of the Northwestern lines west of the Missouri river, with offices in Omaha, is in the city for a few days.

"This is the first snow I have seen in nine years," he said. "I moved to Los Angeles then, and every former trip I took back to Omaha was made in the summer time. Los Angeles is paradise. I can pick roses off my own bushes every day in the year. Los Angeles now has a population of 550,000. It is chiefly made up of retired people or persons in poor health. It is not a good place for people to go to earn a living. Omaha has made an astonishing growth. When I lived here there was practically no business west of Seventeenth street, south of Howard or north of Douglas street. Now it is going ahead with bounds never before equalled."

Mr. Bidwell called at the United States weather bureau. He has a miniature weather bureau at his home in Los Angeles, where he takes observations and keeps records.

Woman Smokes Up, Just Like a Man

"There is no privilege (puff) a woman should not have (puff, puff) that a man has."

With this declaration of independence a huntress whose dog's collar bore the name of Anna Backson nonchalantly flicked the ashes from a long black cigar and resumed her after-dinner smoke at St. Cloud, Minn.

"Why shouldn't I smoke cigars?" militantly inquired "Diana," on further interrogation. "Isn't it just as good as to be puffing at cigars as some women do, and also some men?"

Miss Backson—unless the dog's engraved collar belied her name—provided a movie-like spectacle for the natives as she stood garbed in hunting attire, a gun in the crook of her arm, her faithful hound at her feet and her mouth calmly shifting the cigar from corner to corner as she satisfied the curious that she was "every inch a man."—St. Paul Dispatch.

H. J. Sigmon Found Guilty Of Perjury by Federal Jury

Henry J. Sigmon of Lawton, Okl., was found guilty by a jury in federal court Friday afternoon. The jury was out seven hours. He was tried for perjury alleged to have been committed when he was a witness in the suit of John A. Moore of Omaha against the Union Pacific, which resulted in a verdict of \$68,500 for Moore.

Moore contended that an accident on a Union Pacific train had injured him so as to make him subject to epileptic fits. Sigmon and others testified that they had seen Moore have "fits" prior to the accident.

A large number of witnesses were brought here from Oklahoma for the trial of Sigmon.

Important Meeting of Improvement Clubs Tonight

The Federation of South Side Improvement clubs will meet at the South Side city hall at 8 o'clock Friday night. The committees on street

NEB. CYCLE CO. NOW IS MICKEL BROS. CO.

Concern Which Started With a Small Bicycle Business is Vast Establishment Today.

George Mickel started a small bicycle business nearly 25 years ago at the northeast corner of Fifteenth and Harney streets. He maintained a shop in the north room of what is now the main floor of the extensive establishment of Mickel Bros. company, occupying four floors and basement.

The incorporation has just been changed from the name of "Nebraska Cycle company" to "Mickel Bros. company," with the personnel of the company remaining the same, being the five Mickel brothers, whose names are: George E., T. E., Will E., Arthur L. and Clyde U.

The business started by George Mickel was incorporated in 1895 for \$10,000; today the authorized capital is \$400,000.

The company carries extensive lines of victrolas, sewing machines and piano. It controls a victrola jobbing house in Des Moines, the only Iowa jobbing house of the Victor company. There are 45 employees at the Omaha establishment. The business extends from the Mississippi river to Montana.

Six Mickel sons are growing up to help in the business when they shall have reached maturity.

Real Estate Salesmen Put Over Deal in Record Time

George F. Jones, salesman for A. P. Tukey & Son, real estate dealers, and Ed M. Slater of Payne & Slater are challenging the real estate circles of Omaha to put over a quicker deal than they did Thursday. F. T. Burdick, an Iowa man, walked into the office of A. P. Tukey & Son and announced that he had a house at 2214 Ames avenue which he would like to turn into money.

"I want to sell it and sell it quickly," said Burdick.

"I'm your man," said Jones. He stepped across the street, put Ed Slater in the machine, whirled him out to Ames avenue, showed him the house and sold it to him.

In less than an hour Jones came back into the office, handed the Iowa man his money and sent him out to catch a train for Iowa.

plant extension and municipal coal bill will report at this meeting. All club members and South Side residents are invited to attend the meeting.

Silver Has Many Relatives Who Live Around Halifax

James L. Silver, elevator conductor in the Union Pacific headquarters, has a special interest in the Halifax disaster, in which it is reported that 2,000 persons were killed by the destruction of a munitions ship. Mr. Silver was born in Halifax and with his parents left there when he was 6 years of age.

Mr. Silver has never been in Halifax since leaving there when a child, but in and around the city he has a score or more of relatives and his presumption is that a number of them have been killed by the explosion.

Merry Monarch, Prize Steer, Sells for \$2.10 Per Pound

The record high price for beef is \$2.10 a pound. This price was paid in Chicago when through its Chicago connections the Clay-Robinson company sold Merry Monarch, grand champion Shorthorn steers, for \$3,465. The animal weighed 1,650 pounds and

was fed by the Purdue university agricultural and live stock department. The buyer was the American Shorthorn association. This organization at once put the animal up for sale and it was purchased by the Armour Packing company, at auction, for \$2,100 a pound. The sale was made with the understanding that the proceeds be donated to the Red Cross.

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Federal Jurors Dismissed Till After the Holidays

Judge Munger in federal court dismissed the jurors after the trial of Henry J. Sigmon. The men are excused subject to call, as it is possible there will be trials in federal court in January. Judge Woodrough will go to Tulsa, Okla., Saturday, where he will preside in the trial of indicted Industrial Workers of the World.



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