

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press
For Xmas—Everything electrical
Burgess-Granden Co.

Persons witnessing auto accident, corner of George and Leavenworth, 5:30 Wednesday evening, December 19, please call Harvey 6222 or Mrs. Harry Steele, Harvey 6079.

Nickerson Gets Gold Watch
United States Marshal Flynn presented a handsome gold watch to Chief Deputy Nickerson as a Christmas present. He also gave gifts to his other deputies.

Endorses Chamberlain Bill—The Commercial club has endorsed the Chamberlain compulsory military training bill in congress, and has sent its endorsement forward to the proper authorities in Washington.

Given Widow's Pension—Mrs. Mary McNeil, widow of Captain John McNeil, who was killed in the service, were honored when the city council granted the former a widow's pension on account of the death of Captain John McNeil of the South Side fire department.

State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney streets, pays 4 per cent on time deposits. Three per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

Coal Mines Busy—Union Pacific announces that the Rock Springs coal mines are being worked to capacity and that the present output is in excess of 100 carloads daily. The average daily output during November was 90 carloads. But little of the Rock Springs coal is getting as far east as Nebraska. Most of it is consumed in Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Wyoming.

The Fireplace Goods at Sunderland's.

Franklin Mann Presented With \$100 Loving Cup

Franklin Mann found a \$200 loving cup in his stocking this morning. The employees of Omaha of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company made him a present of it. At first the employees had planned to celebrate the 1917 success of the agency by giving Mr. Mann a big dinner. Because the members of the force living out in the state would not have been able to attend such a dinner, this idea was given up. The money raised for the dinner was then spent for a loving cup.

Mr. Fricke, leading agent of the Omaha agency of the company, has already written more than \$750,000 worth of insurance this year, which is one of the best records ever made by one agent in the life insurance game in Nebraska.

Salvation Army Gives Xmas Dinners to Poor

Three hundred needy fathers and mothers lined up in front of the Salvation Army building, Seventeenth and Davenport streets, at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon to get their sacks filled with edibles for a big Christ-mas dinner.

Three hundred baskets laden with 15 different kinds of edibles were given to the poor people. Each basket contained potatoes, apples, a chicken, canned vegetables, flour, salt, sugar, buttermilk, milk, coffee, bread and breakfast foods, oats, corn flakes and wheat. Each basket contained half a bushel of food and was planned to furnish a fine dinner for a good sized family.

Rob Xmas Feeds of 5,000 Quarts of Kentucky Whisky

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Five thousand quarts of Kentucky whisky, said to have been destined for Christmas consumption in "bone dry" territory, much of it in Alabama and Tennessee, is in possession of the federal authorities in Louisville, according to announcement today. The seizures have resulted from examination within the last few days of suspicious packages carried by travelers and of parcels at freight depots in an effort to discover violations of the Reed law.

The liquor is valued at approximately \$50,000.

Veteran Paxton Clerk Goes To New Work in Iowa Town

Frank L. Ruble, clerk at the Paxton hotel for the last 17 years, goes to Shenandoah, Ia., Wednesday, where he will be in charge of the Doty hotel, in which he is interested. When a man younger, Mr. Ruble began his hotel career as check boy at the Paxton check stand. His sincerity and pleasing way won him many promotions. He has had experience in practically every part of hotel work. "Hank" Moore, a hotel man of wide experience, will succeed Mr. Ruble at the desk at the Paxton hotel.

Xmas Does Not Interfere With "Y. W." War Campaign

Festivities attending Christmas time will not be allowed to interfere with the activity of the Young Women's Christian association war work campaign. With \$30,000 already subscribed, the committee is out in solid ranks again hustling for the other \$5,000. The goal set is \$35,000, and the committee hopes to have this by Friday. Friday noon all the committee members, including the men's teams and the women's teams, will meet at the Commercial club rooms to go over the final returns, tabulate the figures, and "go over the top."

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BLACKSTONE IS TRANSFERRED TO BIG HOTEL CO.

North American Company Now Owns Big Family Hostelry; no Change in Management.

Announcement was made from the offices of the North American Hotel company that the Blackstone hotel, Thirty-sixth and Farnam streets, has become the property of the North American Hotel company. It was formerly the property of the Blackstone Holding company, a Nebraska corporation.

John E. Letton, president and general manager of the North American Hotel company, in making this announcement stated that this transfer of ownership has been under contemplation for some time, the Blackstone having been under the management of the North American Hotel company for several months past.

Personnel Remains Same.

"The change of ownership," states Mr. Letton, "will in no way effect the present personnel of the Blackstone management, which is at present under Mr. Rothery's personal supervision," and he stated further that the loan of operating the Blackstone as a temporary basis will be continued just as before the change of ownership.

The acquisition by the North American Hotel company of the Blackstone hotel, which was completed a little over a year ago, is a distinct step forward in the remarkable growth and progress which has been made by that company during the last few years.

Hotel buildings of the North American Hotel company in operation, under construction, and upon which architects are making plans, will when completed involve an investment of more than \$3,000,000.

Buildings Under Way.

Among the buildings under way for the North American Hotel company at the present time are a 10-story building at Grand Island, Neb.; a six-story hotel at Kearney, Neb.; an eight-story hotel at Norfolk, Neb.; and a hotel at Ogallala, Neb.; a three-story hotel at Hampton, Ia.; a 10-story hotel at Sioux City, Ia.; and five-story hotel at Ottawa, Kan. Sites have been selected for a 10-story hotel at Topeka, Kan., and a seven-story hotel at Eldorado, Ia.

The buildings at Kearney, Grand Island, Scottsbluff and Ogallala, in Nebraska, at Hampton, at Ottawa and in Kansas, are sufficiently far along so that plans are being made to have these buildings open and in operation early during the summer of 1918. The building at Norfolk, excavation for which has recently begun, and the hotel at Sioux City, upon which excavation contract has been let, will, according to present plans, be completed later in the same year, and at Eldorado and Topeka, Kan., it is planned to start construction early next spring.

Grizzly in Public Market Window Drives Dog to Spasms

"Fritz," an alley dog of the downtown district, and a real dead grizzly bear in front of the Public Market held a first class show last Saturday evening and entertained a great number of the Omaha people.

The dead bear was in display in front of the market and was so posed as to make him appear alive to a canine. And so Fritz fell for the pose. Immediately on seeing the motionless animal he began to bark in aggressive tones. The longer he barked the madder he became.

A drop of blood fell from the mouth of the bear, and then the vigilant dog reached his climax of fury. By this time such a crowd had gathered that even the street cars could no longer pass.

Child Three Years Old Left At Home of Mrs. Anderson

Mystery surrounds the finding of a three-year-old baby boy by Mrs. Hattie Anderson on the front porch of her home, 2106 California street, Sunday afternoon. According to neighbors, the child was left by a woman apparently about 28 years old, who, after depositing the child on the porch, walked hurriedly away.

Mrs. Anderson said that she knows to whom the child belongs, and that the mother's first name is Florence. The child was turned over to Probation Officer Miller, who will investigate.

Twenty Men Are Arrested Out Of Soft Drink Establishment

Pete Zoroya, proprietor of a soft drink place at 5224 South Twenty-eighth street, and 19 inmates were arrested Sunday afternoon, he being charged with keeping and they with being inmates of a disorderly house.

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U. P. TO GIVE JOBS TO HOMESTEADERS

General Manager Jeffers Says Road Will Provide Transportation for Workers.

"The Union Pacific railroad can be of great assistance at this time to the homesteaders along its lines, especially in the dry farming districts," This is the announcement of W. M. Jeffers, vice president and general manager.

The Union Pacific railroad will give the way of the transgressor is hard," according to six members of Gertrude Hoffmann's theatrical troupe who are playing at a local theater this week.

A little "tip" of beer or wine is relished with great appreciation—and even is necessary, sometimes—according to the six who were arrested yesterday and charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor.

The happy band of players were met at the Union station by Sergeant Murphy's troupe en masse upon their arrival on the Missouri Pacific train No. 105 from Kansas City.

All their personal baggage was searched and search and beer was discovered in suitcases belonging to Max Hoffman, orchestra director in Gertrude Hoffmann's Revue; John O'Neill, musician; H. J. Nelson, and D. J. Holtsclaw, electricians, and Charles O'Hara, stage carpenter.

Skeek Gallagher, an actor, who arrived here with the theatrical troupe to pass a few days with his sister who lives here, was also arrested.

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All were released on bonds.

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Re-Enlists in Navy After Completing Four Years

"None of the army life for mine," says Horace W. Cannon. "I've just finished a four-year stretch in the navy and I guess I'm good for another four years."

The first of this month Cannon was honorably discharged after serving four years as a fireman on the battleship North Carolina, but before the ink was dry on his discharge he re-enlisted, and his salary now is \$74 per month and "found." He was granted shore leave for 28 days and went to Norfolk, Neb., to visit his folks. On his way back to Boston his brother, Carl, 19 years old, insisted on accompanying him as far as Omaha to enlist. Both of them stopped off here today while Carl went through the paces. Horace will continue on to Boston to join his ship.

Four other young men enlisted Monday. They are: Joseph Worth Emery, S. D.; Charles Bornschtein, Sioux City, Ia.; Alfred Jackson Worthington, Minn., and Bernard Rothenberger, Beatrice. All the new sailors were permitted to return to their homes with the exception of Rothenberger, who shipped in the electrical radio branch and was sent to Chicago.

Rope Wild Steers in Funston Celebration

Camp Funston, Kan., Dec. 24.—Roping of wild steers, riding events and other sports are scheduled for Camp Funston's Christmas celebration tomorrow.

Thousands of pounds of turkey, many barrels of apples and other delicacies will feature the dinner and the afternoon will be given over to distribution of gifts from home.

Anglo-Americans Meet To Standardize Screw Threads

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Redfield announced today that he had accepted an invitation from the British ministry of munitions to appoint delegates to an Anglo-American conference on standardization of screw threads to be held in London early next year.

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