

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—New Beacon Press For Xmas—Everything electrical Burgess Grand Co. Persons witnessing auto accident. 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.

POSTAL CLERKS FALL AS RUSH OF MAIL INCREASES

Hard Work and Long Hours Cares for Outbound Mail, But Incoming is Problem Still Unsolved.

Congestion at the Omaha postoffice is greater this year than ever before. Hundreds upon hundreds of mail sacks filled to overflowing were piled up almost ceiling high last night, and the overworked employees said they had by hard work and long hours managed to get the outbound mail in some semblance of shape.

Force Long Short Handed. For three months the force in the postoffice has been shorthanded. The employees have been compelled to work 12, 15 and even 16 hours day in and day out. Some of the employees have been unable to stand a strain. It is estimated that fully 75 clerks have resigned within the last three months—many of them enlisting in the army and navy. As a result the force has been short.

A halfhearted attempt has been made to replace those who resigned with high school students, but these boys can do only what they are told to do, and about all the good they render is to cancel stamps and work under the direction of older men. If they are told to put a certain piece of mail in a certain sack they can do it, but if they were turned loose to make up the outbound mail for the different trains they would be grappling with a herculean task, and out-of-town patrons would wait a long time for their mail.

Adverse Comment. There is much adverse comment heard among the clerks who are compelled to labor long hours behind closed doors marked "private," and little does the outsider know how long and hard the clerks have worked in that he might get his mail on the regular deliveries.

The working of long hours by civil service employees is expressly forbidden by law, but there are more ways than one of killing a feline other than choking it to death on 50-cent butter.

When the postoffice is crowded with mail and the force is compelled to work long hours the "emergency plan" is rung in, and the protests of the weary employees have no effect on department heads. Men who have labored hard and faithfully for many years to learn the shortcuts how to expedite the movements of mail have thrown up their hands in disgust and asked to be separated from the payroll.

"Man Failure" Cause of Wreck Which Killed Forty

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 25.—"Man failure" caused the disaster which cost more than two score lives when two Louisville and Nashville passenger trains came together in a rear-end collision last Thursday night at Shepersville, according to a statement issued tonight by B. M. Starks, general manager of the Louisville and Nashville.

In his statement which summarizes the findings of a board of inquiry made up of railroad officials, he says "the first negligence" was the failure of the flagmen and conductor of the train ahead "to protect the rear of the train while it was standing on the main line near Shepersville."

Police Make Big Find In Strause Murder Case

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 25.—County and city authorities indicated tonight that they had obtained evidence which they termed important in connection with the slaying yesterday of Berne M. Strause, cashier of the State Trust and Savings Bank, by E. A. Strause, its president.

None of the police officials would comment on the discoveries they said they had made. It was learned from the authorities, however, that the revolver which was used by Strause was his own property and not the one which belonged to the bank as had been supposed at first.

South Dakota Cavalrymen To Machine Gun Battalion

Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Today the Second squadron of the old First South Dakota cavalry was "dug out" of the Minnesota infantry regiments and other units where the Dakotans had been distributed in the breaking up of the cavalry regiments, commanded by Colonel C. H. Englesby, and all four troops put into the 127th Machine Gun battalion.

This is one result of the appeal to the War department by Governor Peter Norbeck and other officials of South Dakota, who were anxious that the state should not lose close touch with its men in army service here.

American "Jackies" in Naples Attract Admiring Crowds

Rome, Dec. 25.—Several hundred American naval officers and men are on a visit to Naples on a Christmas leave. They have attracted great attention from the Italian crowds of whom follow them about the streets.

American Seamen Lost Overboard From Transport

Washington, Dec. 25.—Leo B. Murray, a seaman, of Oroville, Cal., and George O. K. Vidahi, a seaman of Arlington, N. J., were lost overboard from a transport on December 17

OLD FATHER SLACKER



SPEAKERS TO TELL OF WAR CONDITIONS

Nebraskans to Learn First Hand of Food Conditions in Europe From Food Administration Investigators.

Nebraska will have an opportunity, first hand, to learn of food conditions in the warring countries, and to hear the stories of food, and its applications in all phases, by eye witnesses. The federal food administration has sent six men of national reputation to Europe to observe conditions there. Immediately upon their return they will speak in the great food producing centers of the United States.

Nebraska, through the activity of Gurdon W. Wattle, federal food administrator, will be one of the first states to have the opportunity of these personal messages from these men.

Six speakers, four men and two women, will speak in cities in Nebraska, the cities being selected according to geographical location so that all Nebraskans as far as possible with the least effort and inconvenience will be permitted to hear these messages direct from the warring countries.

The visit of the distinguished speakers will not be announced until later, pending their return from across the water. However, they will visit Nebraska as soon as possible after their return.

Their itineraries in Nebraska will be under the direction of Mr. Wattle. Local arrangements in the different communities for the addresses will be made through the county food administrators of the state. The speakers will return to this

NEW TREATMENT YEAR'S GIFT FREE



Reader, are you growing deaf? If you are, here is the gladdest message of 1918 for you. A Deafness Specialist has arisen who has perfected a scientific constitutional method of treatment which CAN CURE scores and hundreds of people of Deafness.

From all over the country people are asking for consultation and advice. Every mail brings grateful testimony from cured patients. Listen to this from our capital city: "IF I CAN ONLY SOUND THE NOTES OF MY PERFECT CURE IN DEAF EARS UNTIL I HEAR THE ECHO OF RESPONSE."

Go down South to Georgia and hear this: "I CAN HEAR NOW JUST LIKE I USED TO IN MY YOUTH. I CAN HEAR MY CLOCK TICK ANYWHERE IN MY ROOM."

Go across the continent to the Pacific Ocean, and listen to the grateful testimony from the state of Washington: "I CAN HEAR ALL RIGHT. I CAN TAKE ORDERS OVER THE TELEPHONE OR I CAN GO TO CHURCH AND HEAR THE SERMON."

It may seem to you too good to be true. You may have become so discouraged by repeated failures that you felt that you must suffer the terrible lonely misery of Deafness. But remember this is the age of seeming miracles. We talk across space without wires, we fly like birds, we do things in every line, which five, ten, fifteen, twenty years ago we would have said were "impossible!"

country about the middle of January. At present they are in France, collecting data. Those visiting the European countries are:

Daniel A. Reed, Dr. Julius Lincoln, Edward F. Trefz, John B. Lord, Everett Colby, and Roscoe Mitchell, all of national prominence in various lines of activity.

Others who are included in the list and from whom some will be chosen to visit Nebraska in addition to those in the warring countries are: Hugh Gibson, secretary American legation at Brussels; Major W. L. Brown, publicist from Kansas; Dr. Paul M. Pearson, editor "The Speaker"; Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary agriculture; James T. Dubois, recently United States minister to Columbia; Miss Kate Barnard, juvenile court, Denver; Mrs. Raymond Robbins, president National Women's Trade Union league;

Mrs. Cordelia Powell Odenheimer, president general Daughters of Confederacy; Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, well known international orator; Mrs. Frances Gordon Smith, daughter late General John B. Gordon, and Joseph C. Crew, diplomatist.

Bride Comes From East to Marry Lieut. at Fort Omaha. Lieutenant A. I. Burgess of Fort Omaha and Miss Marguerite Baker of Boston were married last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Adams, 3310 D venport street, by Rev. Anderson of Calvary Baptist church.

The groom was a young business man of Boston before he entered military service. His bride came from the east for the wedding. You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

Brandeis Employee Wire Loyalty to Sergeant Brandeis

Employees of the Brandeis Stores yesterday sent to Sergeant E. John Brandeis at Camp Funston the following telegraphic Christmas greetings: "At this season of the year when all hearts are filled with that most glorious spirit of giving, you have been in the minds and hearts of every employe, and after many individual suggestions and discussing a suitable gift collectively, we were unable to decide on anything good enough until it was suggested and most heartily approved by all to send a gift that is priceless; one that we are sure will please you above all else, namely, the positive assurance of our loyalty to you and your interests and that our prayers will be continued for your safety, and speedy return to our midst, bringing with you distinction and honor for your services to our flag and for a continued prosperity here at home. Twelve hundred employees wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Julia Fowler, With U. S. War Department, Home For Xmas

Julia M. Fowler, formerly employed in the business office of The Omaha Bee, is at home for an 11-day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fowler and her grandfather, W. H. Stevens. Miss Fowler is employed in the general signal office of the War department at Washington, and recently received an offer to go to France in government service there. She declined the offer, however, and will remain in Washington for the present.

Dawson Well Represented.

The village of Dawson has reported that every family is represented in the Red Cross. Ninety-five per cent of the families in the place were registered 100 per cent.

You can secure a maid, stenographer or bookkeeper by using a Bee Want Ad.

Advertisement for Gulf Coast, "The Riviera of America". It lists locations like Pass Christian, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Gulfport, Mississippi City, Bay St. Louis, Pascagoula, Pensacola, New Orleans, and Mobile. It describes the mild climate, good hotels, and modern steel trains from Chicago and St. Louis via Louisville & Nashville R.R. It also mentions attractive tours to Central America, Cuba, or Florida via the Gulf Coast.

Advertisement for Hotel Martinique, located at Broadway, 32d St., New York. It features a circular logo with "THE HEART OF THINGS" and "400 Baths 600 Rooms". The ad lists amenities like 157 pleasant rooms with private bath for \$2.50 per day, and 257 excellent rooms with private bath, facing street, southern exposure, for \$3.00 per day. It also mentions attractive rooms from \$1.50 and that restaurant prices are most moderate.

Large advertisement for L. V. Nicholas Oil Co. The headline reads "Omaha Has a Wonderful Fire Department". The text describes a fire at Nicholas Oil Co. where three of their large trucks were destroyed, but thanks to the fire department, the rest were saved. It emphasizes that their equipment is modern and their service is prompt. The ad includes the slogan "Business is Good Thank You" and the company name "L. V. NICHOLAS OIL CO." with the name of the president, L. V. Nicholas.

SOUTH SIDE SOUTH SIDE SWELLS RED CROSS COFFERS

Total Subscribed in Magic City May Reach \$9,500; Packers Are Big Contributors.

The South Side Red Cross fund may reach \$9,500, according to Mrs. W. B. Tagg, chairman. There was \$9,154 on hand early Monday afternoon and more coming in so fast that Mrs. Tagg could scarcely hand out cards fast enough.

The Omaha Live Stock Exchange gave \$1,673. Approximate returns from the big packing houses are: Cudahy's, \$2,200; Armour's, \$1,800; Swift's, \$1,500; Morris's, \$700; miscellaneous memberships, nearly \$1,000.

Many South Side High School Boys in Service

The former students of the South Side High school now in actual war service of the United States are:

- Isadore Mushkin, U. S. S. Lenape; George J. Bevington, U. S. S. McDougal; Robert Holgerson, machine aviation corps, Fort Logan, Colo.; Shirley Menette was at Camp Sheridan but has been ordered elsewhere; present address unknown; Louis Hines, address unknown; Ferdinand Menette, captain, engineering corps, Albermarle bldg., New York City; Lester Robinson, twentieth aero squad, signal corps, concentration camp, Garden City, L. I.; Clare Young, commissioned second lieutenant at Fort Snelling, present address unknown; John Harding, commissioned first lieutenant at Fort Snelling, present address unknown; Dana Van Dusen, commissioned first lieutenant at Fort Snelling, present address unknown; Dr. Ralph Curti, first lieutenant, medical corps, Fort Travis, San Antonio, Tex.

Mrs. Rosewicki Appointed Polish Red Cross Head

Gould Dietz, chairman of the Omaha Red Cross, has appointed Mrs. R. A. Rosewicki, 4319 South Twenty-fourth street, chairman of the Polish Red Cross Auxiliary, and has authorized her to take Red Cross memberships. Within the last two days Mrs. Rosewicki has obtained 75 members. She is also active in a knitting club of Polish women which meets at her home twice each week and which has already given many garments to the Polish soldiers.

South Omaha Brevities

Yuletide greetings from Besse. Today we serve you Miss Ethel Barrymore in "Life's Whirlpool"—Besse. Joe Klingowia, thirty-second and G streets, was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Fitzgerald in South Side police court Monday morning for illegal possession of liquor. Tom Berger, 4513 South Thirty-third street, was arrested Monday afternoon on complaint of his landlady, Mrs. Nettie Shirley, charged with detaining an innkeeper. Mrs. Shirley alleges that Berger owes her \$35.50 for board.

Franklin Mann Presented With \$200 Loving Cup

Franklin Mann found a \$200 loving cup in his stocking this morning. The employes of Omaha agency of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company made him a present of it. At first the employes 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 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 life insurance this year, which is one of the best records ever made by one agent in the life insurance game in Nebraska.

Tobacco Goes Up in Smoke.

Reidsville, N. C., Dec. 25.—The old North State Tobacco company's tobacco and cigar factory here was destroyed today by fire. The plant had shut down for the holidays. The origin of the fire is unknown. The smoking and storage plants, nearby, were saved.

Pneumonia Attacks Chinese.

Peking, Dec. 25.—There has been a serious outbreak of pneumonia along the Shansi-Mongolia border. More than 100 deaths have already been reported.

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