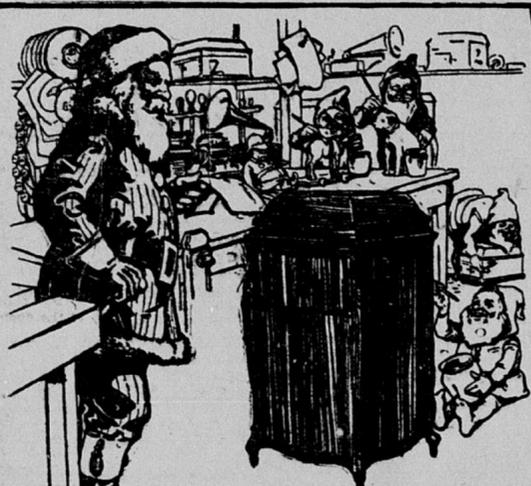


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CHRISTMAS STAR WILL NOT SHINE
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Charity organizations were swamped with appeals from the needy.

The weather man said that the storm, general throughout the central western states, would continue until morning.

No Santa Claus There.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Christmas offers little but sorrow to the three little children of Mrs. Elizabeth Usedale for their mother is today near death at the City hospital from drinking carbolic acid when arrested for shop lifting.

The father had been out of work for several weeks.

Wanted to be Warm.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23.—"Please, I am cold—Dear Santa Claus won't you bring us some coal to keep warm." This was only one of the many touching appeals for aid received by the "Santa Claus" club today. A ton of coal is on its way to the little girl's home today.

Santa as a Stork.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—Santa Claus was fore-handed here at the home of Mrs. January Hart this year, bringing a pair of twins on December 22, who today are well and husky. Santa was late last year, not arriving with twins until January 19. They lived only a few days. Four babies in one year is a record in this city.

LONG HOLIDAY FOR MEXICANS
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Huerta's decree, declaring a national holiday from yesterday to the end of the year, is expected to aid the banks of Mexico City. Officials of the Bank of London and Mexico and other banks in difficulties said today they had plenty of cash and could continue in business if given a few days for collections and time to issue new notes.

Battleships Arrive.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 23.—The American battleships Kansas and Connecticut arrived here early today and dropped anchor without the harbor. They passed Tampico on the way here and their officers reported that all appeared to be quiet. The Vera Cruz branch of the Bank of London and Mexico which closed with the parent institutions in Mexico, remained closed today.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if Pazo Ointment fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c—Adv.

Parcel Post Savings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Real cash, the hard earned sort, will get Mr. Common People, his wife and their children this year through the operations of one of Uncle Sam's departments. A brief comparison of what it cost to send gift packages by express or mail last year with the rates possible under the parcel post system this year shows how the government can aid when it is permitted to. In no instance are the express rates reduced less than one-half and in many cases, the amount of reduction is far more. And the money which last year went to the express companies, this year goes to the people themselves. Say for instance, that you live in Baltimore, and want to send four pounds of candy to some one in New York as a Christmas remembrance. Last year, it would have cost you, mailed, one cent an ounce. It would have cost you sixty-four cents to send four pounds by mail. By express it would have cost you for the same distance, forty cents—the expressage from Baltimore to New York for anything weighing less than five pounds. By expressing it, then, you would have saved twenty-four cents last year. You want to send a similar gift this year. The express rate is the same as before—forty cents for packages weighing up to five pounds. You turn to the postal rates. You find a difference in rate, and it is difference that is going to save you and every one else a lot of money this Christmas, for you don't have to pay a sixty-four cent rate, as last year when you mailed it, and you don't have to pay a forty cent rate, as you did when you expressed it last year. You pay just eight cents, just one-eighth of what it cost you before, to send the four pounds, five cents for the first pound and one cent a pound for every additional pound. What is more, this year you can send five pounds or fifty pounds, whereas last year you could not persuade any postmaster in the country to send a package if it weighed a fraction over four pounds.

To express a four pound box of candy from St. Paul to New York would cost seventy cents, more than to have mailed it last year. Now, by mailing the package, you save yourself just thirty-eight cents, a little more than half of the express rate. Next year, thanks to the sweeping reductions in parcel post rates, the same package will cost only thirty-three cents, a saving of forty-two cents over the express rate. The new parcel post rates will become effective New Year's day.

—Read The Daily Gate City, 10c per week.

SECRET WIFE OF DEAD MAN
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wife before God, nothing remains but the scorn of friends of the man I loved and honored."

Miss Brance is of medium height and of handsome figure. Her hair is slightly streaked with gray, but her face is still youthful. Her voice is low and musical, and she talks with every evidence of culture.

Telling more of her life today, Miss Brance said she was a student of Oswego normal school when her health began to fail and physicians advised her to obtain outdoor employment. She then began selling a publication gotten out by the Progressive Publishing company of New York. She was then 23 years old and on a trip to Monticello met Couch. "I came from Cooperstown, where I have a half brother named Charles," she said. "I will not tell his last name. My parents are dead and I am glad they are. I do not know how I drifted into my association with Mr. Couch but I was willing to sacrifice everything for him."

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate variable winds.

For Illinois: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday with probably snow flurries extreme east portion tonight. No important change in temperature.

For Iowa: Cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate variable winds.

For Missouri: Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Somewhat higher temperature Wednesday. Moderate variable winds.

Weather Conditions.

There has been rain in the lower Mississippi and Ohio valleys, and snow in the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, as the disturbance from the western gulf moved to the Ohio valley.

The northwestern disturbance has moved southeastward over the mountain region and the weather is unsettled and somewhat warmer throughout the west.

Rain has fallen on the Pacific slope and it is snowing at Salt Lake City this morning.

Conditions indicate mostly cloudy, unsettled weather for this section tonight and Wednesday, with little change in temperature.

Daily River Bulletin.

Station	Stage	Height	Change	W'thr
St. Paul	14	14	0	Clear
La Crosse	12	12	0	Partly
Dubuque	18	18	0	Clear
Davenport	15	15	0	Clear
Keokuk	14	14	0	Clear
St. Louis	30	30	0	Clear

Local Observations

Dec	Bar.	Ther.	Wind	W'thr
22 7 p. m.	30.05	32	NE	City
23 7 a. m.	29.92	29	N	Lt. Snow

Mean temperature, 32nd, 25.
Lowest temperature, 18.
Highest temperature, 32.
Lowest temperature last night, 28.
Snowfall, 5.6 in.

FRED Z. GOSSEWISCH, Observer.

AMUSEMENTS.

Big Feature at Colonial Tonight.

See the great show at the Colonial tonight. One of the sensations of the season will be shown, a two reel feature, "The Last Minute," a thrilling picture of adventure, showing how Arizona Bill saves a girl's inheritance. The daring leap from the moving train into the river is only one of the many thrilling scenes shown in this picture.

Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, "Protea" will be shown. Five reels of lightning changes and thrills, the most wonderful production yet. "Protea" portrays some wonderful characters. The real climax of the production is when the detectives, to keep Protea and "The Eel" from passing the frontier with the stolen document, decide to burn the bridge, the only avenue of escape to the frontier. With the detectives in a rowboat, watching the bridge burning and falling, and satisfied they have cut off the only way of escape, they are dumfounded when they see Protea coming down the road on her bicycle and, without the least warning, leap over the open precipice.

It is a great Christmas show. Prices for this wonderful five reel feature will be advanced to 10 and 15c; children, 10c; adults, 15c. Playing the large cities at 25c. Friday, December 26, Essany's extraordinary feature of gypsy life in two reels, "The Love Lute of Romya." A truly interesting and exciting drama with amusing and dramatic situations. A story of a man who saved a gypsy girl from death, her appreciation of his kind and noble act brings about a very happy ending. This is a feature everybody should see.—Advertisement.

Johnny Wise at the Hippodrome.

What particular features of musical comedy do you most like? Music, for one; and comedy, certainly. Pretty girls, dancing, just enough of a plot to hold your interest, and how many other things?

"Johnny Wise," the musical comedy now playing at the Hippodrome, has been adapted from that sensational comedy-farce, "My Wife's Family." The new show contains all the funny situations of the original play with the addition of some of the latest song hits and prettiest dances seen on the stage for years. There's no suggestion of slapstick burlesque in any of the three acts of "Johnny Wise." Several of the most popular songs in the show were composed by a member of the company. Most of the dances are distinctly new, the girls are all pretty, the music tuneful, and as for comedy there's a continuous run of ludicrous situations and side-splitting jokes that keep the audience in an uproar from start to finish. Sam Mylle, in the role of Johnny Wise, gives a new interpretation of the word comedian. All who think that they know what "comedian" means will have to revise their conception of the word after seeing Sam Mylle in this show. Certainly this show contains all the features, raised to the tenth degree, that any one cares for.

Musical Numbers.

Under direction of Mr. Richard Neuman.

Open—Summertime..... Chorus
Don't You Go..... Sallie and Willie
Too Much Mustard..... Sallie and Willie
Eddie Raye and Helen Brandon in their renowned interpretation of the tango.
Silent Rag..... Johnnie and Chorus
Senseless..... Johnnie Wise
Dinah..... Jack and Chorus
Funny Hats..... Sallie and Chorus
Specialty..... Sallie and Willie
Loving..... Jack and Chorus
Oyster Crackers..... Johnnie Wise
Finale..... Entire Company

CHEESE TRUST HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Two Chicago Meat Packers Alleged to be Attempting to Create Monopoly.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Charges that two big meat packing concerns in Chicago are rapidly gaining control of the cheese output of the entire middle west were received at the attorney general's office today and will be turned over to Assistant Attorney General Todd who has charge of all trust prosecutions.

Recent agitation regarding the high price of storage foods brought a number of complaints to the attorney general and in each case the complainant was asked to send detailed facts and the sources of information. Letters today indicated that Marshfield, Wis., is the headquarters of the alleged "cheese trust" and that from there it is reaching out and gaining control of creameries in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota.

He is Sane Again.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Geo. B. Mundy, attorney, recently acquitted on the grounds of insanity of the murder of his wife who was shot to death in a rooming house here, was given his liberty today after alienists testified he is now sane.

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LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS

United Press Association Telegraph Market Report Over Gate City Leased Wire.

Grain Review.
[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Wheat opened with easier feeling because of easier cables and declined 1/4 for each month in the forenoon. The demand was light.

Corn started 1/4 higher, traders holding that wet weather over most of the corn belt today would delay marketing. Toward noon there was some selling on the advance and a return of prices to only a fraction above those prevailing at last night's close.

Oats had a dull day. Prices advanced a shade early in the morning on strength in corn, but were at about last night's closing figures at noon.

Provisions held steady with steady hog prices at the yards.

Daily Range of Prices.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—

	Open	High	Low	Close
WHEAT—				
July	91	91	90	90 3/4
May	87	87 1/2	87	87 1/2
CORN—				
May	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/4
July	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/4	68 1/4
OATS—				
May	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/4	41 1/4
July	41 1/2	41 1/2	40 3/4	41
PORK—				
Jan.	20 1/2	20 5/8	20 1/2	20 1/2
May	20 1/2	20 9/16	20 1/8	20 1/8
LARD—				
Jan.	10 62	10 55	10 62	10 65
May	10 97	11 00	10 97	11 00
RIBS—				
Jan.	10 77	10 77	10 75	10 77
May	11 07	11 10	11 05	11 07

Chicago Cash Grain.
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 94 1/2@95 1/2; No. 3 red, 92 1/2@93 1/2; No. 2 hard, 88 1/2@89; No. 3 hard, 88@88 1/2; No. 3 spring, 89c.
Corn—No. 3 yellow, 69 1/2; No. 3, 64 1/2@66; No. 3 white, 65@66; No. 3 yellow, 64@66; No. 3, 64 1/2@66; No. 3, 64 1/2@66.
Oats—No. 3 white, 39 1/2@40 1/2; No. 4 white, 38 1/2@39 1/2; standard, 40 1/2@41c.
Peoria Grain.
PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 23.—Corn—Market 1/4 @ 1/2 lower, No. 2 white, 57c; No. 3 yellow, 62 1/2@63 1/2; No. 4 yellow, 57 1/2@58 1/2; No. 3 mixed, 62c; No. 4 mixed, 57 1/2@58 1/2.
Oats—Market, no sales.

Chicago Live Stock
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Hog receipts 25,000; market steady. Mixed and butchers, \$7.45@7.82; good heavy, \$7.55@7.85; rough heavy, \$7.45@7.55; light, \$7.35@7.70; pigs, \$6.25@7.65.
Cattle receipts 4,000; market steady, strong. Beeves, \$6.70@9.70; cows and heifers, \$3.35@8.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.00@7.50; Texans, \$6.70@7.75; calves, \$7.00@10.50.
Sheep receipts 15,000; market firm, 10@15c higher. Native, \$4.50@5.55; western, \$4.50@5.55; lambs, \$6.50@8.10; western, \$5.50@8.10.

St. Louis Live Stock.
EAST ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Cattle receipts 2,800; market steady. Texas steers 800; native beef steers, \$7.20@9.75; cows and heifers, \$4.25@8.54; stockers and feeders, \$5.00@7.50; calves, \$6.00@11.00; Texas steers, \$5.25@7.00; cows and heifers, \$4.00@6.00.
Hog receipts 9,500; market 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, \$7.05@7.95; good to heavy, \$7.80@7.90; rough, \$7.40@7.55; light, \$7.00@7.85; bulk, \$7.65@7.85; pigs, \$6.75@7.50.
Sheep receipts 3,500; market steady. Sheep and mutton, \$3.75@4.55; lambs, \$5.25@8.00.

Kansas City Live Stock.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—Cattle receipts 7,000; market steady, strong. Steers, \$8.40@9.30; cows and heifers, \$4.40@9.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.50@7.40; calves, \$6.50@11.00.
Hog receipts 14,000; market steady. Bulk, \$7.45@7.75; heavy, \$7.70@7.80; medium, \$7.60@7.75; light, \$7.40@7.70.
Sheep receipts 10,000; market them steady. Lambs, \$7.25@7.75; ewes, \$4.00@4.65; stockers, feeders, \$3.50@6.25.

Omaha Live Stock.
OMAHA, Dec. 2.—Cattle receipts 1,000; market steady, strong. Steers, \$7.90@8.50; cows and heifers, \$6.00@7.00; stockers and feeders, \$6.85@7.50; calves, \$6.00@10.00; bulls and stags, \$4.50@6.75.
Hog receipts 7,400; market 10c lower. Bulk, \$7.30@7.70.
Sheep receipts 4,400; market 15c higher. Yearlings, \$5.50@7.00; wethers, \$5.50@5.75; lambs, \$7.50@8.10; ewes, \$5.00@5.50.

Chicago Produce.
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Butter—Extras 36c; firsts, 27@28c; dairy extras, 29 1/2c; dairy firsts, 26 1/2@27 1/2c.
Eggs—Firsts, 30 1/2@31c; ordinary firsts, 28@30c.
Cheese—Twins, 15 1/2@15 1/2; Young Americas, 15 1/2@16c.
Potatoes—Michigan, 55@62c; Wisconsin, 55@63c; Minnesota, 55@63c.
Live poultry—Fowls, 13@13 1/2c; ducks, 13@14c; geese, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; spring chickens, 13@13 1/2c; turkeys, 16@18c.

New York Produce.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Flour market dull, unchanged.
Pork market steady. Mess, \$12.20@23.75.
Lard market quiet. Middle west spot, \$10.70@10.80.
Sugar, raw market dull. Centrifugal test, \$2.50@3.23; Muscovado 33 test, \$2.70@2.73.
Sugar, refined, market dull. Cut loaf, \$5.25; crushed, \$5.15; powdered, \$4.20@4.25; granulated, \$4.10@4.20.
Coffee Rio No. 7 on spot, 9 1/2c.
Tallow market quiet. City, 6 1/2c; country, 6@6 1/2c; specials, 7 1/2c.
Hay market quiet. Prime, \$1.02 1/2@1.03 1/2; No. 3, 70@85c; clover, 60@95c.
Dressed poultry market steady. Turkeys, 16@28c; chickens, 13@25c; fowls, 10@12c; ducks, 10@15c.
Live poultry market unsettled. Geese 14c; ducks, 16@18c; fowls, 12@17 1/2c; turkeys, 18c; roosters, 11c; chickens, 13 1/2@14c.
Cheese market firm. State milk common to special, 13@17c; skims, common to specials, 6@13c; full skims, 2@5c.

New York Money Market.
Money on call, 3 1/4 percent.
Six months, 4 1/2 @ 5 percent.
Mercantile paper, 6 percent.
Bar silver London, 26 1/4.
Bar silver New York, 57 1/2c.
Demand sterling, \$4.825@4.830.

St. Louis Hay.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Market steady, firm. Receipts at St. Louis, 23 cars; at East St. Louis, 12 cars. Choice timothy, \$21.00@21.50; No. 1 timothy, \$18.50@20.50; No. 2 timothy, \$15.50@17.50; No. 3 timothy, \$13.50@15.50.

Cotton Business.
[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Increased manufacture of cotton goods in the United States and a corresponding decrease in exports of raw cotton were shown in a census bulletin today. Of 16,225,734 bales in this country, August 31, last, 5,826,330 bales or about 36 percent were used in the local mills, 54 percent was exported and 10 percent is still held in warehouses, mostly Massachusetts.
The amount of cotton used in manufacturing exceeds that of last year 418,747 bales and is the largest in the history of the cotton industry. Exports fell off 1,880,792 bales from 1912, but exceed the figures of any previous year.

Quiet Cold Wedding.
[United Press Leased Wire Service.] FORT COLLINS, Colo., Dec. 23.—Clarence Netter and Dorothy Six were in such a hurry to wed that they called a minister outside of the home and stood in 10 below zero weather while he shiveringly united