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HELP MAKE TREE NATIONAL CUSTOM

Local Community Christmas Workers Receive Letter of Congratulation From Idealists in New York.

TO BE OF LIGHT ONLY

Nothing Material Should be Suspended From Branches—Original Planners Keep Identity Hidden.

The Visiting Nurse Association has been in communication with the group of "Idealists" who originated the first "Tree of Light" in New York. The following is an extract from a letter received last night. Those who are working for the tree in New York are anonymous and no one in that city outside the group and the press know the identity of the Idealists. The press helps to keep the secret. This is the letter: "Your letter has been forwarded to me and in replying I ask you to help keep the mystery surrounding our New York tree by not using our names.

"In reply to your inquiry, we have nothing on the tree but lights. It must give out its message through light and music, nothing material, then it will become a national custom from year to year. Light your tree on Christmas eve and as it comes into light have trumpeters give a call and have the chorus of voicing and all in the crowd must join. "We light or tree every night at sun down and keep it lighted until midnight.

"On New Year's eve we keep silence as the clock strikes 12 and then at the last stroke all sing 'My Country 'tis of Thee.' We are so glad you are to have a tree and that you are among the first to help make it a national custom. Our expenses are met by a few. I like your custom of letting the many rich and poor help and so stimulate the spirit of Christmas. Merry Christmas to you.

It is planned to keep the Keokuk tree lighted during the week from Christmas to New Year's.

CLOUDY SKIES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Weather Man Promises Rain and Snow and General Gloom for Holiday Time.

Christmas week weather will be unsettled over much of the United States, the Washington weather bureau experts say, and frequent rains are predicted for the Pacific coast. Temperatures will be near or below the general average generally, and the skies will be overcast almost entirely throughout the week.

"A disturbance now developing in the southwest," the weekly bulletin says, "will advance northeastward, attended by rains and snows, and cross the great central valleys about Tuesday and the eastern states Wednesday or Thursday.

"Another disturbance off the north Pacific coast will cause general rains and snows on the Pacific slope during the next several days. It will reach the middle west Thursday or Friday and the eastern states near the end of the week, and will be preceded by a general change to warmer weather and be followed by considerably colder weather.

Her First Train Ride. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] ZANESVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sarah Severs, aged 106, of Caldwell, received her most sensational Christmas present today—her first ride on a railroad train. She rode all the way from Caldwell here. Mrs. Severs was born in Pennsylvania and immigrated into Ohio eighty-five years ago, coming over land in a prairie schooner.

Suing for Four Millions. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 23.—Fresh from fourteen weeks siege in federal courts at Trenton, N. J., R. S. Waddell is home for Christmas. It took fourteen weeks to present his evidence against the Dupont de Nemours Powder company, which he is suing for four millions of dollars for damages for their warfare against the Buckeye Powder company, which he established in this city. He summoned the president, five vice presidents, the secretary and the general sales manager of the company to prove his contention. The defense will begin its inking some time in February.

Broke His Neck. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 23.—John Merriol, a farmer of Fossil, Ill., stood watching the operation of a motor-driven corn sheller when the belt slipped from the motor, flew around his head and broke his neck.

CITY NEWS.

Sigmund Bros. make a specialty of packing household furniture. Phone 383. —The Upper Room Mission No. 13 South Third street is planning to give a big Christmas dinner for the poor and homeless of the city. —Sigmund Bros. make a specialty of packing household furniture. Phone 383. —Since the list of contributions to the community tree fund was sent in to The Gate City, others have been received. One for \$5 was received from George Hassal.

Your Christmas would seem incomplete without some of our delicious candy. The Rose, 421 Main. —Ft. Madison Democrat. Yesterday being the date set by the district court for the hearing of the motion for a new trial in the case of the State versus Louis Hohl, Attorneys Hermlinghausen & Hermlinghausen, Stewart, Weber and McManus were present at the appointed hour. The sixth attorney, McCoid, was absent, and in explaining the cause of his absence as through illness the defense asked for a postponement of the argument. The point was yielded by the court and the motion set for hearing at 2:00 p. m. today.

Fort Madison Democrat: James Hirst, formerly of this city, the owner of the well known little pacer, Bob Heir, has added another horse to his stable. His latest acquisition is Almona E., a matinee bay filly, bought at Chicago. The horse is sired by a 2:21 trotter, with other ancestors having records as low as 2:09. She is now serving as a driving horse, but will be given a try out on the track in the spring.

Regular meeting Loyal Order of Moose, Keokuk lodge No. 704, tonight at 8 o'clock in Moose hall. Visiting brother: cordially invited A. L. Laubersheimer, dictator. Ed. S. Lofton, secretary.—Adv.

Glorious days these—and busy ones. All eyes are looking ahead to the holidays. The children are thinking, dreaming, talking of nothing else. Did you ever see such interesting advertisements as are in the newspapers these days? Really they are the cheeriest, happiest news in the whole publication. It makes you an optimist to read them—it gives you a new insight into the busy world. And never were advertisements of more practical use than in these days of preparation. You can save many weary steps if you make up your shopping list from the advertisements in today's Gate City before you start out. Make the advertisements serve you.

Parcel post business has developed to the stage where the railroads are being crowded for car space and equipment and the railroad mail service is sending out a general request that all advertising matter and other mail matter which can be held back for a few days shall be held back until the big rush is over, which will be immediately after Christmas. Circulars of all sorts, particularly, are contemplated in the request. It is understood, of course, that some calendars and similar matter must be mailed at once to be of value to the senders, but there are many tons of other mail matter, it is urged, that will not suffer by a little delay. Also, by waiting, the senders will get much better service than is possible at this time.

Regular meeting Morning Star lodge No. 5, Knights of Pythias tonight at 8:00 o'clock at Castle hall, Fifth and Blondeau. Visiting knights invited. John P. Hornish, C. C. Election officers.

From Burlington, Saturday, Secretary Schroer of the Mississippi River Hunters' Protective association received petitions containing 249 signatures, to be added to those filed with the secretary to be forwarded to Washington, says the Quincy Herald. With these additions there are 5,458 signatures to the petitions the secretary is sending to the department of agriculture protesting against the federal game law.

Riley Osburn has leased the Iowa Hotel Barber shop and will open for business tomorrow morning. He will appreciate having his old friends and customers call, also new ones.

Dressed geese at Renard's grocery, corner 10th and Main. Phone 252. —This office of Curtis M. Hart, clerk of the district court, was the scene of a wedding this afternoon when Charley Robison, aged 48 and Mrs. Belle Wear, aged 46, both of Douds, were united in marriage by John Leindecker, justice of the peace.

ATTENTION! Knights Templar Christmas Observance.

Christmas morning at 11 a. m., Damascus Commandery Knights Templar No. 5, will hold its regular Christmas observance at our assembly, Odd Fellows' hall. All members and sojourning Sir Knights are cordially invited to participate with us on this joyous occasion.

Courteously yours, H. C. BROWN, Eminent Commander.

Charge is Dismissed. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 23.—The charge of wife abandonment made four weeks ago in th county court against Rev. Francis G. Ankrom, pastor of the Second Congregational church, by Mrs. Ankrom was dismissed today at the request of the wife. At the time the warrant was issued for his arrest, Mrs. Ankrom complained the preacher left her and her children to live in one room of a half completed house while he lived elsewhere.

Society

Married in Butte, Mont. A wedding of interest to Keokuk people occurred Saturday at Butte, Mont., when Miss Mae Sundbye, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sundbye of 717 North Tenth street, became the bride of Mr. John Spicer Wilson. Mrs. Sundbye, the mother of the bride, was present at the ceremony. The bride is a popular Keokuk young woman. She has lived in this city all of her life and was educated in the Keokuk schools. She is a young woman of much charm and talent and will be missed from among her large circle of friends in this city, who will wish her much happiness. The groom is a graduate of the Agriculture and Mechanical college of North Carolina. He is a professor of electrical engineering in a Montana college at Deer Lodge, Mont. His home is in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will make their home for the present at Deer Lodge. The best wishes of the many friends in this city of the bride will follow the young couple in their new home.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Strickler will have as their guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hayes of Kahoka, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber, Miss Annabel Hayes and Raymond G. Hayes of Gorlin, Mo. Harry L. Strickler, superintendent of the Ford automobile Co., of Chicago, will spend Christmas in the city with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Strickler.

Ft. Madison Gem City, Dec. 22: Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Laubersheimer returned last night to Keokuk after taking part in the musical program of the dedication of the Santa Fe Ave. M. E. church.

James H. Tabbutt of Kahoka, prosecuting attorney of Clark county, was in the city today.

Mrs. W. Marchelke and son Charles arrived home last night from the west to spend the holidays in the city.

Mrs. J. Cannon left this afternoon for a visit to Nevada and other western points.

Russel H. Thomas of Quincy, Ill., secretary of the Quincy Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose is in the city to visit the Keokuk lodge.

Will P. Green leaves tonight for Chicago.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT

Long List of Appointments in the Consular Department, Made Today.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The president today nominated: To be interstate commerce commissioner—Judson C. Clements, of Georgia.

To be secretary of embassy—Fred Morris Dearing, of Missouri, at Madrid, Spain.

To be second secretaries of embassies—Thomas Hinckley, of the District of Columbia, at Vienna, Austria; Arthur Hugh Frazier, of Pennsylvania, at Paris, France; George T. Summerlin, of Louisiana, at Berlin, Germany; Henry Coleman May, of District of Columbia, at Tokyo, Japan; Arthur Mason Jones, of New York, at St. Petersburg, Russia.

To be secretaries of legations—Hugh S. Gibson of California, at Brussels, Belgium; Gustave Scholle of Minnesota, at Havana, Cuba; Francis Munroe Endicott of Massachusetts, at San Jose, Costa Rica; M. Marshall Langhorne of Virginia, to the Netherlands and Luxembourg; Sheldon Whitehouse of New York, at Managua, Nicaragua; Franklin Mott Gunther of Virginia, at Christiania, Norway; James G. Bailey of Kentucky, at Lisbon, Portugal; William Whiting Andrews of Ohio, at Berne, Switzerland; William Spencer of Pennsylvania, at Caracas, Venezuela.

To be second secretary of legation—Frederick A. Sterlin of Texas, at Peking, China.

To be secretary of legation and consul general—Henry F. Tennant, of New York at San Salvador.

To be United States attorney, northern district of West Virginia—Stuart W. Walker of West Virginia.

ADMINISTRATOR FILES ACTION FOR DAMAGES

Amount of \$2,999.99 is Claimed From Hydraulic Engineering Company for Accident.

A suit was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court today by John O'Mino, administrator of Yure Yelenich, against the Hydraulic Engineering company. Damages to the extent of \$2,999.99 are asked. In the petition O'Mino alleges that Yelenich was working for the engineering company in a pit into which sand was dumped, and his business was to assist the sand through a hole in the bottom of the pit. He claims that Yelenich through no fault of his own, was thrown into the hole and the sand pouring in on him, smothered him. He claims that the defendant was negligent in not guarding the opening in the pit.

The accident occurred in December, 1911, the petition alleges.

ONLY ONE PURPOSE IS IN VIEW

That is to Defeat Roger Sullivan in the Race for Nomination for Senator.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 23.—With the avowed intention and purpose of defeating Roger Sullivan in the race for nomination for United States senator in 1914, a score of downstate democrats today formed a temporary Wilson-Bryan democratic league of Illinois at a conference held here today. Plans were laid for a statewide meeting to be called in Springfield within the next thirty days, when the candidacies of several leaders of the democratic nomination will be inaugurated and Springfield was chosen as the headquarters for the league. City Attorney A. D. Stevens was chosen temporary secretary. The plan of the league is to place half a dozen candidates in the primary race, then, shortly before the primaries, to center all possible strength on a single candidate in an effort to defeat Sullivan.

Among those who attended the conference were Carl Vrooman, Bloomington, one of the announced candidates; State Senator W. Duff Percy, Mount Vernon, also a candidate; State Senator Kent F. Keller, who has a standing challenge with Sullivan to become a candidate in the event Sullivan announces himself; Wm. Dickman, Edwardsville; George E. Dickson, Will county democratic candidate for governor at the primaries last year; Rev. Hiram Vrooman, Chicago; Adlai E. Stevenson, former vice president, Bloomington, and others.

Vrooman and Senators Keller and Percy called upon Governor Dunne and acquainted him with the formation of the league but the governor was not asked to participate in its activities. He stated that he would take no part in the senatorial squabble at present.

"The league will represent the free and unattached democrats of the state," said State Senator Keller, one of the prime movers in the organization. "The Sullivan feeling represents a fraction of the party. We represent the party proper."

Representatives of the league will go over the state in the next few months interesting anti-Sullivan democratic in its formation and attempt to secure representatives from each county and district at the permanent organization to be held here probably early in February. Lieutenant Governor O'Hara and former State Representative Comerford, who opposed O'Hara in the race for lieutenant governor last year will be opponents in the senatorial race, it is declared. Both are expected to announce their candidacies within a short time.

HE IS LIABLE TO GET A JOB

Banker Who is Mentioned on New Board, Says Currency Bill is Great.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—"The new currency measure is bound to be a success because it was drawn fairly and in the open. Its passage should bring in a Christmas spirit of optimism to replace a feeling of depression that was based on nothing at all."

Edmund D. Hulbert, vice president of the Merchants Loan and Trust company, a leading Chicago banker, today summed up his views of the probable effect upon business of the enactment of the Owen-Glass bill into law.

"It will take at least three months to put the new system at work," said Hulbert, "but business will not wait the complete organization of the new federal reserve board and of the regional reserve banks. In my opinion there will be a response within the near future that will mean increased business activity."

"Much of the success of the new system will depend upon the character of men on the reserve board. But the country knows that the president will appoint only high class men."

"The ultimate effect of the new system will be good. The Owen-Glass bill, even its most bitter enemies admit, creates machinery to avert panics. Banks will not have to be quite so conservative; there will be a moderate expansion of credit and within a short time business houses whose stocks are now nearly depleted, will become active buyers."

Hulbert charges that much of the opposition to the new currency law that was partially responsible for business depression was insincere and fostered by New York financial powers that felt that their control of the money market was in danger. The objection that if bankers were not allowed to name the reserve board it would be dominated by a clique of politicians, was "pure political buncombe for campaign purposes," he said.

"Under the present financial system with a single man, the comptroller of currency, directing financial affairs, how much simpler it would be for politicians or the president to play politics."

Hulbert, it is reported in Chicago financial circles, is on a tentative slate of members of the new federal reserve board, prepared by President Wilson.

Banks Open Again.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—All of the banks of Mexico City, including the Bank of London and other institutions reported to be weak, opened for business as usual today.

Want Column

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Seven room house, 925 Concert. Inquire 917 Blondeau.

FOR RENT—Three upper furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 1115 Concert.

FOR RENT—One house, north side; two houses, south side. J. A. Roberts.

FOR RENT—Modern cottage, 516 Orleans avenue. Inquire A. J. Rudwick.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—White pups, 508 North Fifth. Basement rooms.

FOR SALE—A fine 550 acre farm in Clark county, Mo. It is unsurpassed in fertility of soil, in agriculture, production of fine stock, crops of all kinds. So much could be said of its beauty and worth that it would require considerable space. It will be offered at a bargain. Don't wait. Address John M. Dawson, 28 North Fourth street, Keokuk, Iowa, for particulars, or better still go and see him and get full particulars.

FOR SALE—American Adding Machine. Address "Machine" this office.

ness as usual today. The Bank of London and Mexico made only part payment to the hundreds of depositors who, under police protection, formed in long lines at the doors. The decree issued by General Huerta yesterday making a national holiday from December 22 to December 31, believed to be designed to aid the banks, gave them the privilege of remaining closed until after January 1, but none of them took advantage of the decree today.

Case to Jury Tonight.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLINTON, Ill., Dec. 23.—The case of Dr. H. E. Price, of Clinton, charged with the death of Margaret Trainer, of Ottawa, Ill., by a criminal operation, and Angel Gandia, University of Illinois classmate of the girl, charged with having been responsible for her condition and having furnished the money for the operation, will go to the jury late today. Prolonged arguments by the attorneys held it up. The feature of the arguments was a savage attack on Dean Arkle Clarke, of the University of Illinois, and Rev. McDaniel, of Urbana, who testified yesterday that Gandia could not have been guilty of such an indiscretion. Predictions are for an acquittal.

Congressman is Ill.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 23.—Word comes from Rapatee that Congressman S. A. Hoxworth of the fifteenth congressional district is in a precarious condition and a fatal outcome is feared. It is reported he has cancer of the stomach. He was taken ill about a month ago and has since been confined to his bed and the last few days his condition has been worse.

Lured by Doughnuts.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Six boys who escaped from the juvenile detention home while another distracted the attention of the matron, have returned. The matron's doughnuts were responsible, they said.

All Steel Equipment.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MONTGOMERY, Mo., Dec. 23.—All steel equipment is today credited with saving many lives when the Wash west bound Colorado limited was derailed by a broken rail late yesterday and four coaches turned over into a ditch, injuring nineteen passengers.

Daily Stock Letter.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—At home there was nothing in today's news to exert any influence on the stock exchange—unless it were the somewhat extraordinary alignment (in the front rank of people who are throwing up their hats over the banking bill's enactment) of the critics who were lately predicting financial ruin as a sequel to it. The intimation that the president in signing the bill this afternoon or evening will give out a reassuring statement of his general purposes towards business interest, is so closely in line with his letter at the end of last week to the attorney general that the stock market may have today regarded such an event as already "discounted." That, no doubt still remains to be seen.

London neither bought nor sold to any noteworthy extent today. Prices, however, opened a fraction higher and in the first few hours there were further advances. During this rise, activity continued; then in the early afternoon an irregular reaction followed in which the greater part (and in some stocks all) of the early day's trading lost, a normal movement, all circumstances considered.

Confessed to Robbery.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—The spirit of Christmas, W. Brennan explained, made him walk into the police station and confess to stealing \$3,000 three years ago.

MONEY for Christmas

If you do not have money enough to meet the extra demands of the Holiday Season we will supply all the funds you need on your HOUSEHOLD GOODS, PIANO, HORSES, VEHICLES, ETC. You can borrow when you need it. pay it back as you earn it in small weekly or monthly payments.

Do not deny yourself the pleasure of remembering those near and dear to you. Write or phone us No. 16, and our Agent will call on you, he is in Keokuk every Wednesday. We make no charge unless you borrow. We have no office in your city.

Burlington Loan Co.

224 Tama Building, Burlington, Iowa

AMUSEMENTS

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

TO-NIGHT QUALITY PICTURES "ALEXIA'S STRATEGY" Edison feature in two parts. "WHEN THE WELL WENT DRY" "THE MASKED MIXUP" Lubin Comedies.

TOMORROW

MATINEE, 2:30; EVENING, 7:15. 8:15, 9:15. PATHE'S WEEKLY "BEYOND ALL LAW" "THE SCAPEGRACE."

White House COFFEE

Order a pound of that White House delicious coffee for your Christmas dinner.

John DeJong

Phones 31 and 32. 1126 Main

Automobile Service to Keokuk.

Commencing Wednesday, December 10, I will make two regular trips each day except Sunday, between Nauvoo and the Keokuk depot, as follows: Leaving the garage at 6:30 a. m. sharp and returning immediately after the south-bound train arrives at the Keokuk depot. And leave Nauvoo again at 4 p. m., giving ample time to meet the Washab at Hamilton going east. Charge will be \$1.50 per person one way or \$2.50 round trip. A. R. McALLISTER

Pulled Boy's Ear.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 23.—Albert Osener, professor in the college of physicians and surgeons of the University of Illinois, located in Chicago, pulled the ear of a boisterous boy at a home where he was staying here and paid a fine of \$3 and costs for