CITY NEWS

F. A. Austin Falls Dead—Frank A. Austin, formerly a clerk in a local jewelry store, dropped dead yesterday in Sioux City, where he has been employed. Austin's father resides at Cannon Falls, Minn.

Permit for New Foundry—Permits for its new brick foundry and the cupola were taken out yesterday by the Diamond Iron Works. The former building will cost $6,000 and the latter $1,000. The site is at 1717 First street N.

Wagon Load of Groceries Stolen—Some unknown man stole a wagon load of groceries from A. Wood, who keeps a store at 1810 Riverside avenue, last evening. The goods were in a delivery wagon, and the thieves drove the horse away, unloaded the groceries and turned the horse loose. The groceries were valued at $75.

Big Haul By Thieves—Thieves entered the boardinghouse of Mrs. Mary Lewis, 66 Eleventh street S. last night, and stole $21 in cash and about $350 worth of jewelry. The thieves gained an entrance to the building through the front door by the use of a skelton key. The matter was reported to police headquarters, but no clue to the guilty parties has been found.

NECROLOGICAL

FRED GORDON—Funeral Friday, Dec. 26, at 3 p. m., from residence, 2200 Hennepin avenue.

MARY S. HASTINGS, aged 52, wife of Thomas Hastings, 409 Sixth street SE, died yesterday. Funeral notice later.

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Yours truly,
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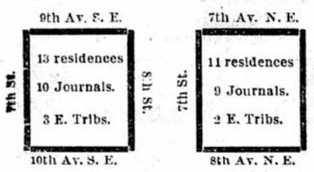

WEATHER DELAYS TRAINS

Those from the East Three to Four Hours Late—Some Overlands Abandoned.

None of the trains running into Minneapolis were able to make schedule time this morning. Morning trains from the east, due from 8 o'clock to 9, came in at noon. Western overlands were abandoned in some cases and others came in to "rag time," which is railroad slang for any time which they could make. By noon almost everything had arrived. Both the Milwaukee and the North-Western are having difficulty on the west ends on account of the high winds which fill the cuts as fast as they are cleared. The roads expect to make time to-night.

On top of the difficulty from snow, came the severe temperature this morning, which made it difficult to carry steam. A train once behind, is not allowed to make up time in such weather, even if it is possible.

Cars off the track in the St. Paul yards added to the already serious troubles, affecting chiefly the Milwaukee trains.

GIFTS FOR THEIR CLERKS

$5 and $10 Gold Pieces Distributed Among Employes.

Mysterious little envelops distributed among the employes of William Donaldson & Co. last evening were found to be invitations to a function on the third floor at 10 o'clock after the last customer had gone and the last counter had been covered with dustcloths.

When the 800 employes had gathered Mr. Santa Claus came forth from the chimney flue and distributed $6,000 in gold to the happy members of this immense force. This was the method the directorate of the Glass Block took of extending the greetings of the season to the big family of clerks.

All those who had been with the company over two years, except managers and buyers, were given ten dollars in gold. Those who had been employed less than two years were given five-dollar gold pieces, except Christmas help and cash girls. The latter received double pay for the week and all the Christmas help received a full week's pay for the three days for which they were engaged.

WOULDN'T THAT CORK YOU!

Hundreds of Bottles of Christmas Champagne Broken in Transit.

An untoward incident of the holiday season, which was as tantalizing to the intended recipients as it was annoying to the giver, W. R. Callaway, general passenger agent of the Soo line, was the total destruction of several hundred bottles of champagne intended by Mr. Callaway for his choice friends. The tags containing the addresses were fortunately attached to the corks, which floated through safely, thus indicating to the recipients what Mr. Callaway intended to do for them.

At first there was a dim, hazy suspicion abroad that this was one of Mr. Callaway's extra dry jokes, but any one who knows Mr. Callaway well could not entertain the suspicion for a moment. The outcome of the affair is that each one who received a cork went out and bought a bottle himself, so as not to let the sensitive Mr. Callaway suspect for a minute that the wine was not received. For they know that Mr. Callaway would got out at once and buy the several gross of champagne all over again, and that would be a needless expense, which might more easily be divided up among his friends, as has been done.

BULLET THROUGH HIS LEG

Patrolman Keliher the Victim of an Accidental Shooting.

Dennis Keliher, a patrolman attached to the East Side police station, on special detail at the postoffice during the holiday rush, was accidentally shot this morning in the basement of the federal building. The bullet, a 38-caliber, passed through the calf of his left leg and lodged in the ceiling. He was taken to the office of Dr. E. J. Clark and later removed to his home at 306 University avenue NE.

Keliher had taken the revolver from his pocket and laid it on the window sill. In some way the skirt of his overcoat brushed the weapon to the floor. It struck fairly upon the hammer and was discharged.

The Frances Neal W. C. T. U. will give a reception to-merrow evening at the home of Dr. Cooke, 41 Seventh street N, for Mrs. Scoville and the "Y's."

FIRES OF A HOLIDAY

The Neihardt Breakfast Food Mill Is Burned Entailing a Loss of $10,000.

Hole Burned in the Roof of Strong & Northway's Boiler Room—Other Fires.

The breakfast food mill of S. G. Neidhardt, at Delaware street and the Milwaukee tracks, was burned this morning, entailing a loss to building, machinery and contents of about $10,000. Two freight cars standing on the sidetrack near the mill were also destroyed, adding nearly another thousand to the loss. The mill was well insured.

When the fire was discovered early this morning the building was already a mass of flames. An alarm was immediately turned in and when Engine company No. 19 arrived, a second alarm was sent in. It was seen that the entire mill would be lost and the department devoted its energies in saving the surrounding property.

The mill was a two-story frame building about 40x70 feet and the heavy timbers afforded fine food for the flames. The building was valued at $5,000 while the machinery and contents were worth $5,000.

Early this morning a fire was discovered in the roof of the boiler room at the machine shop of Strong & Northway, 251-253 Third avenue S. An alarm was turned in and the flames were soon under control. The fire was reported out but later broke out again, only to be soon extinguished. The damage to the building and boiler is estimated at $800, fully covered by insurance.

The fire will in no way interfere with the firm's business. Power is obtained from other sources and work will go on with characteristic promptness.

Several other Christmas alarms kept the firemen busy. A still alarm called an engine company to the St. Charles church, Thirteenth avenue S and Fourth street, where there was a slight blaze in the parish residence. A fire in the roof of a residence at 621 Sixth avenue N damaged the building $50. A fire in the Christmas tree at the Swedish hospital gave the department a few minutes' work; another in a small grocery store at 325 Fourteenth avenue SE damaged the building slightly.

NEW STORE AS SANTA

Hundreds of Children Are Given a Right Merry Christmas at the Armory.

Clothing, Candy and Toys Distributed in the Name of a Progressive Firm.

Mamie, who wore a red toque and a freckle, got a bureau with four drawers and with a looking glass "that bends up." Mamie added that "she's been dyin' for a bureau." To which "Gert" replied that she had obtained an ideal cat, the same being a fuzzy puss with long whiskers and a crooked tail. See me hug her!" Gert folded the animal's forehead against its own ribs and pussy said "me-you!" with an air of satisfaction. She was made that way. The young ladies' escort, meanwhile, had a new skate on one of his feet and was about to skim across the Armory floor, at Eighth street S and Nicollet avenue, this morning when Gert protested—"Stop that, Jamie, you'll take the sharp all off!"

Mamie, Gert and Jamie had got the very things they wanted. Three thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven other small folks or more had been equally gratified by the generosity of the New Store, when that flourishing concern had completed, this morning, its fifth annual distribution of presents to Minneapolis children.

At least 4,000 boys and girls from the age of 3 to 15 years paid smiles, laughs, howls, screams and screeches at the armory building, for $3,500 worth of Christmas delectation. Clothing was given away to the value of $1,500, candy and toys to the value of $2,000. The clothing included 500 dozen hosiery for boys and girls, 1,000 suits of boys' clothing, underwear that was small and smaller, innumerable hats and caps and gloves and mits, with many a shirtwaist of Solomonic hue. Pianos and automobiles, blue-eyed dolls and blue-haired elephants, were heaped behind the caissons and the cannon of Battery G, N. G. S. M. The Gatling gun was half hidden beneath doll houses and Noah's arks. Maids with tangled curls blue tin horns upon an ammunition wagon. It was War and Peace illustrated to delight a Quaker or a Tolstoi.

Each of the children received a bag of candy, an article of clothing, and a toy that the child had selected. The distribution was made by more than 100 volunteers, who aided members of the New Store firm, and who included Rev. Peter A. Cool of the Fowler M. E. church and Mr. and Mrs. Al Hazer, Captain Rowley of B company, First regiment, Captain Langdon of I company, Sergeant Nelson of Battery B, Privates of those organizations, and Sergeant Harper, the armory custodian.

FOR LITTLE PARIAHS

Minneapolis Theosophical S.S. Gives for Benefit of Poor in India.

A group of Minneapolis children will share their Christmas with the pariahs of far-away India. The young people are the members of the Theosophical Sunday school in South Minneapolis, which is conducted under the auspices of the Yggdrasil branch of the society. It is about four years since the Sunday school was organized, and Miss May Culver has been superintendent from the beginning.

Early in the fall Colonel Olcott, who is in charge of the theosophical educational work in India, issued a pamphlet in which he told of the destitute condition of the pariahs in India, who have sunk into a condition little better than animals. They receive no recognition from other castes, and, though they were starving, the natives will not help them. Colonel Olcott has opened a school for these degraded children and once a month he gives each one a cup of rice, to insure an occasional meal. Many times the children come to school faint from want of food, but they are anxious to improve themselves, and their efforts to learn are aided in every way by Colonel Olcott and his corps of teachers.

Miss Culver told the children of her Sunday school of the pitiable condition of the pariahs and suggested that they take the money which would be spent on a Christmas Sunday school celebration and send it to Colonel Olcott in Adyar to be used for the pariah children. The Minneapolis boys and girls were enthusiastic over the plan, and they have saved their pennies until Miss Culver has about $3, a sum which might not go far in Minneapolis, but which has much purchasing power in India.

The little Minneapolis theosophists are not to lose anything by their unselfishness, for people to whom Miss Culver told the story of their savings have planned a little party for them Saturday evening, when there will be games and a supper, and the seven boys and girls will enjoy the affair.

REVIEWED THE YEAR

Annual Address of Richard Glynn the Chairman of the Pillsbury-Washburn Shareholders.

Manager Henry Little Congratulated for the Excellent Showing Despite Trying Conditions.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company, Ltd., in London on Dec. 3, very encouraging reports were made by the officers. An increase of $50,000 in the profits was noted and satisfaction was expressed over the fact that it was not necessary to resort to the reserve fund in order to pay dividends on the preference shares. Chairman Richard H. Glynn in the course of his remarks said that on account of the high premium on good milling wheat owing to an over-estimate of the crop and keen competition, the milling business in Minneapolis had a difficult year. He said:

"We made more flour than last year and have kept up our property to the highest state of efficiency out of revenue at considerable cost, and we have made £10,000 more than last year. I think it must have taxed all the energy of our able manager, Henry Little, to make so good a showing as he has.

"I now come to the water power, which, as you know, supplies not only the mills in Minneapolis, but also the very large system of tramways in that city. This has yielded a good revenue under the able management of Mr. de la Barre."

Reference was made to the brief strike of the mill employes, but the arrangement made by Mr. Little seems to have been satisfactory although admittedly increasing the expenses of operation.

Mr. Glynn alluded to the prospects of the coming year as very favorable. The export trade was being pushed and new territory was being opened, especially in South Africa. As an illustration of the tremendous business done by the company he pointed to the fact that the sales for three weeks in September were 800,000 barrels.

Mr. Glynn expressed great regret over the announced retirement of Sir William Forwood from the board as his high position and great business capacity were most valuable to the company.

The shareholders at the conclusion of Chairman Glynn's address, a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution requesting Mr. Forwood to resume his place on the board.

LOOKING OVER THE MILLS

Charles T. Fox, an English Director of Pillsbury-Washburn Company.

Charles T. Fox, one of the English members of the board of directors of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills company (Ltd.), is the guest of Manager Henry L. Little. Mr. Fox said yesterday:

"Special efforts are being made at this time to secure business in South Africa, the Mediterranean sea and Baltic districts. South Africa is a great field, although not so much of our flour is being consumed there now as during the war. But this field is a large one, and the possibilities can be only partly appreciated at this time.

"No flour goes as far north as the P-W. It is taken by trains as far as the railroads run in Finland, and from terminals is carried farther by sleds. Our sales have been constantly increasing in all the Scandinavian countries.

"We have hopes of soon being able to make satisfactory arrangements with Turkey for selling our flour in that empire."

Mr. Fox says that President Roosevelt is greatly admired by the average Londoner.

CHRISTMAS OF THE KNIGHTS

Darius Commandery, No. 7, Appropriately Observes the Day.

Seventy Knights-Templars of Darius Commandery, No. 7, gathered this morning at their asylum, 20-22 University avenue SE, for their annual Christmas observance. Byron H. Timberlake, the commander, presided, opening the meeting by proposing the universal Knights-Templar toast for the day:

"To our most eminent grand master, Henry Bates Stoddard; may our order under his sway become the noblest champion of the Christian virtues."

To which the response was:

"Sir Knights: May each so live and act that we may exemplify the teachings of the blessed Immanuel."

Other toasts followed, among them being toasts to the grand commandery, to the grand commander, Most Eminent Sir Knight Roland H. Hartley, to Zion Commandery, responded to by Sir Knight David E. Wells in the absence of Eminent Sir Knight R. T. MacAdam; to the Mounted Commandery, responded to by Sir Knight L. H. Wells; to absent members, to the sick and afflicted knights and to the grand lodge, responded to by Sir Knight E. M. Van Cleve; to the grand chapter, responded to by Sir Knight George Voorhees; to the grand council, responded to by Sir Knight A. W. Counsell. A special toast was also proposed for Eminent Sir Knight Frank L. Stetson of Nome, Alaska.

DAY WITH THE CHURCHES

Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches Hold Services.

Despite the intense cold, services at the Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches of the city were well attended this morning. Churches of these denominations as a rule observed early mass preceding the regular service, and the early cars carried throngs of worshipers churchwards.

Mass was said at St. Ansgarius at half past 5 and at Gethsemane at 6:30. St. Marks' and St. Paul's churches celebrated the holy communion at 7 o'clock; and Holy Trinity a half hour later. At all of these churches Christmas services, with special music, were held at 10:30, the usual hour.

At Augustana church a special musical service was held at 5 o'clock; and matin services were held at 6 in the Salem Lutheran church and at 11 in St. John's.

In the Catholic churches solemn high mass was said at St. Charles' and St. Stephen's and the Church of the Ascension at 5 o'clock. These churches also held musical services at 10:30. St. Anthony of Padua had only the one service at 10:30. A 10:30 service at the Church of the Immaculate Conception was followed by a special children's service at 5 p. m., at which music was furnished by a children's choir of 100 voices.

PROFIT IN GRAIN INSPECTION

Surplus of Over $114,000 Accumulates—Fees Will Be Reduced.

A reduction is to be made soon in grain inspection fees of at least 20 per cent or 5 cents a car. The average will be about $15,000 a year. The grain inspection department has a $114,000 surplus. As the fees can be used only for the maintenance of the inspection department, and the excess of income over expenses goes into a surplus fund to the credit of the department, the reduction of fees is thought to be advisable.

On Dec. 1, 1901, the surplus amounted to $87,783.10, and on Dec. 1 of this year it was $114,352.16, a net gain of $32,669.06 in just one year.

TWICE VALUE OF CAR

A Freight Car Worth $415 Earns $780 by One Trip From the Coast.

The $780 Represented the Charges on a Load of Dried Fruit.

Strolling through commission row any observing person may see framed on the wall of one of the offices an expense bill for $780. Several remarkable things about this voucher caused the owner to post it conspicuously, as something worthier such a place than confinement in a regular file.

The $780 represents freight charges on a car of dried fruit shipped in bags from the state of Washington. The weight was 65,000 pounds and the rate $1.20, in bags.

In the first place, this freight bill paid the original cost of the car from the builder twice over. Cars of this series cost about $415, so that with one trip from the coast the car paid for itself with a good surplus beside. Allowing time out for occasional delays along the line, or at terminals, what the car would produce for the road during its lifetime, even at a lower rate of freight, is so great that the figures are problematical.

Another fact of note is this, that the road did not have to divide freight with connecting lines. The car came all the way on the Great Northern.

Another firm in the city received ten car loads of similar, or fifth class freight from a point in Indiana, of course a shorter haul, at $62. By comparison, one car was hauled 2,000 miles at $780, while the other cars were hauled 700 miles at $62.

Freight comparisons are interesting, as certain firms have received car loads of freight clear from Rotterdam, with the advantage of ocean and rail, however, at a less cost than that of this car from the coast. Another firm obtained from Seville, in Spain, 30,000 pounds of freight which were brought to Minneapolis at 52 cents, or $156. Nuts have been imported from the continental groves at $26 for the car load, or $216.

The advantage to holders of stock in transcontinental lines will be seen at a glance.

BOOST IN WAGES

Milwaukee Road Will Add 10 Per Cent to Engineers' Pay

Wages.

The Christmas gift of the Milwaukee road to its engineers and firemen was an advance of 10 per cent in wages, as arranged with the committee of thirty-five from the two brotherhoods. The agreement will be signed Friday and will go into effect Jan. 1, 1903, after which engineers will receive from $3.80 to $4.40 for 100 miles and firemen $2.35 to $2.85. The old scale was from $3.70 to $4, and from $2.20 to $2.60. The schedule is slightly below that of the new North-Western agreement, but the increases are larger. Four thousand seven hundred men are affected.

Track Completed.

New Hampton, Iowa, Dec. 25.—The new Great Western track shortening the route from Oelwein is completed. The crew of twenty-two Italians which has been working on the job has been shipped to Chicago to spend the winter.

Changes on the Milwaukee.

W. S. Bratt, former division freight and passenger agent of the Milwaukee at Mason City, Iowa, is promoted to commercial agent at Detroit. O. F. Walter, whom he succeeds, receives the appointment as division freight and passenger agent at Aberdeen, S. D. His territory will comprise the James River division and the Hastings & Dakota divisions west of Ortonville, Minn.

J. A. McDonald, the retiring superintendent at Aberdeen, is transferred to Mason City, Iowa, to succeed Mr. Bratt. He will have charge of the Iowa & Dakota division, except the line south of Marion Junction to Running Water, S. D., and the Iowa & Minnesota division south of and including Austin, Minn.

At Des Moines W. R. Davenport will succed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. B. Caswell as division freight and passenger agent in charge of the Des Moines division. Beginning Jan. 1 that portion of the Iowa & Dakota division south of Marion Junction will be in charge of J. G. Love, division freight and passenger agent at Sioux City, Iowa.

James J. Hill Gets Home.

James J. Hill has arrived. His special train, or special snowbank, as it appeared to be, pulled into Minneapolis at 10:20 last night and half an hour later Mr. Hill was on his way up the streets of St. Paul to his Summit avenue residence, where several eastern friends and relatives were awaiting his arrival. Mr. Hill left Havre, Mont., Tuesday evening; snow had fallen deep, and to get the president through for Christmas dinner the biggest plows were sent rotating the snow out of the way.

RAILROAD NOTES.

The usual notices are being sent out by the railroads that annual passes for the current year will expire at midnight Dec. 31.

Trunk lines have announced an agreement to discontinue the issuance of tickets west of Buffalo to Baltimore and Washington through Philadelphia and Harrisburg.

The largest refund ever made by the Western Passenger Association on mileage was made yesterday when the holder of a credential certificate showed that he had traveled 37,591 miles in the year.

The directors of the St. Joseph & Grand Island road yesterday announced that the dividend on first preferred stock would be passed because of the expenditure of $400,000 in rebuilding the bridges at St. Joseph and of $300,000 for additional equipment.

The Baltimore & Ohio announces that it will build a new road some 200 miles long that will shorten the distance between Baltimore & Pittsburg by at least fifty miles, and in connection with cut-offs to be built west of Pittsburg will bring Chicago eighty miles nearer Baltimore.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE PLANS

The Dates and Places of Meeting Have Been Fixed.

The places of meeting and the dates of the Minnesota Farmers' Institute have been selected. The one-day meetings of the southern district, under the management of A. W. Trow, will be held as follows:

Kenyon, Goodhue county, Tuesday, Jan. 6; West Concord, Dodge county, Wednesday, Jan. 7; Dodge Center, Dodge county, Thursday, Jan. 8; Zumbrota, Goodhue county, Friday, Jan. 9; Elsin, Wabasha county, Saturday, Jan. 10; Le Roy, Mower county, Tuesday, Jan. 13; Stewartsville, Olmstead county, Wednesday, Jan. 14; Lanesboro, Fillmore county, Thursday, Jan. 15; Rushford, Fillmore county, Friday, Jan. 16; Medford, Steele county, Tuesday, Jan. 20; Blooming Prairie, Steele county, Wednesday, Jan. 21; Janesville, Waseca county, Thursday, Jan. 22; Amboy, Blue Earth county, Friday, Jan. 23; Shakopee, Scott county, Saturday, Jan. 24; Annandale, Wright county, Tuesday, Jan. 27; New Paynesville, Stearns county, Thursday, Jan. 29; Glenwood, Pipestone county, Saturday, Jan. 31.

Following are the one-day meetings of the northern district, under T. B. Terry:

Mara, Kanebec county, Friday, Jan. 2; Elk River, Sherburne county, Saturday, Jan. 3; Gibbon, Sibley county, Tuesday, Jan. 6; Franklin, Renville county, Wednesday, Jan. 7; Belview, Redwood county, Thursday, Jan. 8; Madison, Lac qui Parle county, Saturday, Jan. 10; Boyd, Lac qui Parle county, Monday, Jan. 12; Hanley Falls, Yellow Medicine county, Wednesday, Jan. 14; Gaylord, Sibley county, Friday, Jan. 16; Young America, Carver county, Saturday, Jan. 17.

The two-day meetings, in charge of T. B. Terry, beginning Jan. 20, are scheduled as follows:

Caledonia, Houston county, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 20-21; Spring Valley, Fillmore county, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24; Albert Lea, Freeborn county, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 27-28; Blue Earth City, Faribault county, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31.

ONE SANTA MISSING

In Years Gone a Familiar Figure in a Big Store Down Town.

Absent in Furs and Beard He Was Present in Spirit—The Change Explained.

Santa Claus has come to be regarded as an essential and permanent stage property in the annual Christmas pageants of the department stores. In entire disregard of this nearly universal impression, one large store set precedent aside this year and tabooed the Christmas saint, in bodily form at least. In the reason for this departure lurks a fine bit of thoughtfulness and sentiment. This is the way the man tells about his change of plan:

"Until this year you know we always had a Santa Claus posing in the windows, but I made up my mind last year to cut him out in the future. I will tell you why. The children who come with the greatest zest to see the Christmas displays are those who are not going to get much else as a reminder of Christmas, but, of course, the poor little youngsters don't know that they will have to live on expectations and enjoy their Christmas largely through their imaginations.

"Now, if those children came into the store under normal conditions, they have already learned enough worldly wisdom to know that there is not much there that is possible to them except the necessities. They are thankful to get those and the disappointment over not being able to have the many fine things is a healthy one that leaves no heartburning. The presence of Santa Claus, however, injects a wholly new factor into the situation. The child accepts Sana Claus and the most extravagant notions of his power with implicit faith and never troubles his head to try to find out how Santa Claus accomplishes his marvelous feats of generosity.

"If children never saw Santa Claus with their own eyes and poured out to him their hearts' desires, there would always be a loophole of escape in the inevitable disappointments, but when a boy has himself confided to Santa Claus' care a list of his commissions, both for himself and for those dear to him, failure to receive the things desired or their equivalent, makes one of two conclusions inevitable, either Santa Claus is a disagreeable, crabbed old bogle man or he is a very ordinary sort of fellow that can't do at all what the grown people think he can. However that dilemma is at last cleared up, there is a seed of bitterness implanted for the child has had his first impressive lesson in distrust.

Letters to Santa.

"The way I had this thing brought home to me was through the letters we received every Christmas addressed to Santa Claus. They almost invariably began by saying that the writer had seen Santa Claus at the store or had heard that he was there. This was followed up by confident requests for gifts, a large proportion of which were pathetic in their revelations of the pinch of poverty.

"Well, as we were responsible for raising such confident hopes, our policy has always been to fulfill them so far as possible, especially in providing for the necessities of the poor. We took the letters and either employed some one to investigate the cases or called in the aid of the charitable organizations. All of the requests for fuel, clothing and food that were deserving of attention we made provision for and did not altogether overlook the children's side of it, for our donations at the holidays included trimmings for the Christmas dinner, candies, fruits, etc., and toys.

Children Are Cared For.

"No, we haven't been forgotten this year on Christmas letters to Santa Claus, although he has not been present in the flesh in our establishment. We no longer feel under obligations to carry out the unsubstantial promises made in the name of the saint, but we are willing and glad to do our share towards making the needy and especially the children happy on Christmas, se we are treating our letters this year just as formerly.

"But even in prosperity, Christmas is to me a very blue time, for I can't seem to shake off the vivid impression of the burdens, troubles and sorrows of the world, and if I had my choice I should be inclined to take myself off for six weeks annually at holiday time."

TAB ON THE AUTO MAN

Legislation as to Speed Useless Unless You Can Prove Rate.

"It will be of little use to pass a law regulating the speed of automobiles," said Representative-elect Lawrence H. Johnson yesterday, "unless there is also a way provided to show how fast the machines are going. There is a device now on the market which would fill the bill, and there may be others. It is a speed indicator, consisting of a large dial, which can be fastened on the outside of the machine. The figures are very large, and the pointer can be seen plainly, so that the pedestrian can tell as an auto whizzes by just how fast it is going. If it goes too fast to see the indicator, then it is going faster than the law allows. Of course a law requiring the use of such a device would be a good thing for the manufacturer, but if it benefits the general public no one cares who may be helped incidentally. The legislature should do something to protect the farmers and those who live in small villages from the reckless driving indulged in by a few auto owners. If this is not done the farmers are going to protect themselves, so they tell me."

THE PROFITABLE BOSSY

Minnesota's Cows Give an Average of 166 Pounds of Butter This Year.

The Minnesota cows of which there are now 400,000, paid for themselves in the year now closing. According to calculations of the state dairy and food department they have produced, on an average, 166 pounds of butter—more than the equivalent of their own value. The production of this amiable animal has notably increased since 1900, when the average butter record was only 130 pounds per annum. Thus the North Star moo—cows are now laying nearly 30 per cent more butter than they boasted of two years ago.

NORTH DAKOTA

BISMARCK, N. D.—The provisional program for the Bismarck press meeting is outlined by President De la Bere as follows: The members will reach the capital at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 10, and be entertained by the local Typographical Union at a ball in the evening. On Wednesday morning there will be a business meeting, with five-minute talks on needed legislation, and in the evening the association will be entertained at a banquet. There will be another business meeting on Thursday morning, and at noon the excursion will start for the coast.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Frank J. Duffy has been arrested on a charge of perjury. The offense is alleged to have been committed in testimony in a civil suit between Duffy and Jacob Bobmeier, which has been before the court several years. Mr. Duffy was at one time owner of the East Grand Forks Courier.

LINCOLN, NEB.—Adelbert Lemon, 10 years old, son of Rev. H. A. Lemon, state evangelist for the Christian church, shot himself and died last night. He said the act was premeditated.

Three Birds With One Stone

In December, 177,, a certain young man made an investment by which he hoped to attain three things:

First, he wished to place a pressure upon himself so that he would save a certain sum every year. He realized the weakness of human nature and the need of protecting himself against himself.

Second, he wished an absolutely safe and remunerative investment for the amount which he saved.

Third, he wished to protect his family in event of his death.

All three objects he secured by taking a $10,000 twenty-four-year endowment policy in the STATE MUTUAL LIFE of WORCESTER, MASS. How wise his decision proved is shown by the record of the policy, which matured in 1901.

Gross cost, 24 premiums of $387 each....	$9,288.00
Less 24 annual dividends amounting to..	2,328.50
Net cost	$6,959.50
He received in December, 1901.....	10,000.00
Profit	$3,040.50

Such a result requires no comment. The three objects were secured in the best possible way. The man contracted to save nearly $300 a year. That amount was invested at as good a rate of interest as he would have received in a savings bank. And during the entire twenty-four years his family received insurance protection of $10,000.

If you would like to see a STATE MUTUAL policy and learn what this splendid old company can do for you, send your age and address to any of the undersigned. Don't put it off till to-morrow, for to-morrow never comes.

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TURKEY FOR HUNDREDS

Great, Big Christmas Spread Served By Salvationists—The Volunteers' Tree.

Five hundred persons were the guests of the Salvation Army at dinner to-day at the Life Saving Station, 224 Washington avenue S. No more elaborate menu has ever been offered at a free Christmas dinner in Minneapolis. The restaurants and wholesale houses had contributed liberally and the result was an array of good things well calculated to tickle the palate of an epicure. Long tables were spread with the whitest linen, dishes and specially provided cutlery in three long rows, and as the guests filed in they were directed to seats until 400 were seated at one time. They came in families from over-grown boys and girls to babes in arms. There were few cases of poor appetites, and the fact that many had lived on short rations, enabled them to do full justice to the fare.

Scores of turkeys and the "trimmings" disappeared, and as rapidly as the edibles melted away fresh supplies, daintily served were brought on steaming hot by the jolly lads and lassies of the army, who hugely enjoyed the fun.

All the dishes not prepared in the restaurants, were cooked on gasolene ranges in the rear by the women of the Army.

Before dinner was served Major Stillwell asked a blessing on the gathering and spoke briefly of the true meaning of Christmas, which had done so much to promote "peace on earth and good will toward men."

The Salvation Army band furnished the music.

The Salvation Army illuminated its big Christmas tree at the First avenue barracks last evening, and hundreds shared in the good things plucked from the heavily laden branches. There was no end to the gifts and sweets which a generous public had provided, and some had much ado to carry away the edibles and presents showered upon them.

The Volunteers' Tree.

The Volunters of America also provided a Christmas tree for the poor at Century hall. About 500 were present. Bags of candy and plenty of toys were distributed among the children. Mayor-elect Haynes was master of ceremonies. The Journal Newsboys' band was present. The program was as follows:

Invocation, Ernest Fagenstrom; recitation, Willie Ward; solo, Gracie Walker; recitation, Fannie Luce; recitation, Vernie Brown; recitation, Edmund Flint; duet, Mrs. George Relitz and son; recitation, Earl Andrick; recitation, Ernest Fagenstrom; distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Samuel Hoge of Red Lake, Brule county, has been adjudged a voluntary bankrupt by Judge Carland. Hoge schedules his liabilities at $14,025 and his assets at $240. The case has been referred to S. A. Ramsey, referee in bankruptcy, of Woonsocket for adjudication.—Bishop Hare has returned to his home in this city. He is mending rapidly and expects within a few days to recover fully from his accident.—Commissioner Ware of the pension bureau has officially informed H. B. Swearingen, special pension examiner for South Dakota, that the entire state of North Dakota and nine counties in the northwest corner of Minnesota have been added to his territory.

SOUTH DAKOTA

THE WONDERFUL HOMESTAKE

No Interruption in Its Unique Record as a Producer of Gold.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D.—The Homestake mine at Lead continues its wonderful record as a producer. It is estimated it has produced between $70,000,000 and $80,000,000 worth of ore. The present company and those absorbed by it have paid in dividends about $17,000,000. It is further estimated that the mine has 100 miles of underground workings, although the deepest shaft is only 1,100 feet. On account of the size of the ore bodies it takes time to work out the ground, hence the apparent slowness in gaining depth.

The Homestake does not have to bother with two or three-foot or even ten-foot ore bodies, but measures them by the hundred feet. In a recent geological bulletin dealing with this mine it is stated that "the ore lies in lenticular bodies of great extent, the workable portions in some places exceeding 400 feet. In one place it is said to reach 525 feet."

The Homestake compnay commenced operations over a quarter of a century ago and after comparatively small expense it was able to commence the distribution of dividends. These dividends it has paid without interruption ever since. They represent profits earned by operations on a gigantic scale along scientific lines.

The plant is one of the distinguishing features. It has required a monster outlay to equip it with the necessary machinery to earn these profits, and every year the company adds to its appliances at great cost. It has also been continually adding to its acreage besides acquiring water rights costing millions, to say nothing of its constantly growing mill capacity.

The famous Ellison host of the Homestake is the largest and costliest of any gold mining plant in America. A compressor is being installed with a capacity of 2,000 drills. The company owns a water right which was installed at a cost of $1,500,000. It owns sixty miles of railroads used for hauling ore and supplies. The Reidler pump installed last year at the 1,100-foot level gives the property duplicate pumping facilities.

During the last fiscal year 110 stamps were added to the company's milling facilities, giving it a capacity of 900 stamps. A second large cyanide plant has recently been started at the north end of the property to work on tailings from three mills containing 360 stamps. The company is contemplating an addition to its milling capacity by the construction of a 400-stamp mill with cyanide facilities for re-treatment of tailings.

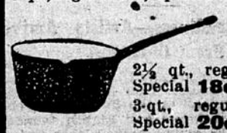
And such is the story of the Homestake, and has been for years. Additional territory, additional veins, new ore reserves and machinery, more mills and tonnage, a greater saving and a greater annual profit.

CANTON, S. D.—The W. R. C. has begun a campaign against poor spelling. It is proposed to hold regular monthly "spelling bees." The movement is the outgrowth of an old fashioned spelling bee held by the W. R. C., which resuled in an entertaining and instructive affair, and also revealed the fact that the real good spellers in the community are not as numerous as they used to be in proportion to population. At this contest the ladies awarded a fine quilt to the best speller. U. C. Nash, editor of the Sioux Valley News, took the prize, which he immediately donated to the ladies of the corps.

Before Inventory Sale. During this sale we will offer a fine line of Kitchen Furnishings at about.... **20% Discount** to make room for new goods. These goods are all perfect in every respect. We do not carry seconds. Below are a few of our many bargains:

Tea Pots
1½ qt., reg. 45c. Special **36c.**
2-qt., regular 50c. Special **40c.**
3-qt., regular 55c. Special **44c.**

Covered Pails.
1½-qt., regular 20c, special **16c**
3-qt., regular 30c, special **24c**
4-qt., regular 35c, special **28c**
6-qt., regular 40c, special **32c**
8-qt., regular 60c, special **48c**



Sauce Pans
2½ qt., regular 22c. Special **18c.**
3-qt., regular 25c. Special **20c.**
4-qt., regular 28c. Special **23c.**
5-qt., regular 30c. Special **24c.**
6-qt., regular 35c. Special **28c.**

Granite Dippers
Reg. 15c. Sp'l **12c**
Reg. 20c. Sp'l **16c**

Coffee Pots.
1½-qt., regular 45c, special.....**36c**
2-qt., regular 50c, special.....**40c**
3-qt., regular 55c, special.....**44c**

Tea Kettles.
No. 8, regular 80c, special.....**64c**
No. 9, regular $1.00, special....**80c**

Wash Basins.
11-inch, regular 20c, special....**16c**
12-inch, regular 25c, special....**20c**
13-inch, regular 30c, special....**24c**

Preserving Kettles
3-qt., regular 28c. Special **22c.**
4-qt., regular 30c. Special **24c.**

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