

Personal Briefs

—George J. Myers of Neoga, Illinois, is in the city for a few days on business.

—O. I. Kleaveland of Jewell was a Webster City visitor yesterday.

—Edward Ackley of Blairsburg was in town yesterday.

—Wm. Casey of Joplin, Mo., is a holiday guest at the D. M. Kelly home.

—S. A. Christenson and family will spend Christmas with relatives in Jewell tomorrow.

—Mrs. Samuel Sands of Waterloo is visiting over Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Berggren.

—Miss Georgia Zeitler left this noon for Earlville to spend Christmas at the home of her sister.

—Allen Miller of Kansas City is visiting during the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miller, near this city.

—C. D. Hellen of Des Moines is a holiday visitor in the city.

—P. J. Cunningham Jr. of Clinton arrived in the city this morning for a Christmas visit.

—Miss Mary Fairchild of Minneapolis is visiting during the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. C. Fairchild.

—Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Stafford and family will spend Christmas with relatives in Ames.

—Miss Beryl Pooley, who is teaching primary work in Loomis, South Dakota, is visiting relatives in this city during the holiday vacation.

—Miss Bernice Pooley is spending a two weeks vacation from her school duties near Williams with relatives in this city.

—Miss Jennie Gremmel of Waterloo is expected home this evening for a brief Xmas visit.

—Miss Grace Lee went to Ames this afternoon for a holiday visit.

—Misses May and Sarah Wickware of Des Moines arrived in the city last evening for a holiday visit with relatives.

—Noah Faib leaves this evening for his home in West Bend to spend Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pearson and Miss Miars of Centerville are spending Xmas at the C. W. Black home in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lommel of Waterloo arrived in the city today to spend Xmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. C. B. Stoddard.

—Walter Buel of Audubon arrived in the city today for a Christmas visit at the home of his parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jackson and children went to Woolstock today to spend Christmas.

—Miss Laura Owen, of the Omaha high school faculty, arrived in the city last evening and will spend the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Owen.

—Prof. Monroe Potter, of the Oklahoma State Agricultural college of Oklahoma City, arrived in town today and will spend Christmas with his parents.

—Ralph Fullerton of Gooding, Idaho, arrived here last evening and will join his wife and children in a Christmas visit with relatives.

—Miss Ethel Myers went to Stratford today to spend Xmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoyt of Plover, this state, are expected in the city tomorrow to spend the holidays with Mr. Hoyt's mother, Mrs. James Hoyt, and other relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. McComb and son Roy, of Waterloo, are expected in the city today for a holiday visit at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Kate McComb.

—Miss Maggie Rowland went to Eagle Grove today to visit over Christmas.

—Mrs. Wm. House is a Ft. Dodge visitor today.

—Miss Jennie Klipple, stenographer for the Tuscola Supply Company, went to Leha today to spend Christmas at the home of her parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McCartney and daughter Gladys went to Duncombe today to spend Christmas with relatives.

—Mrs. J. P. Talcott of Williams is visiting relatives in the city today.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Silvers and little daughter, Neota, of Iowa Falls, are visiting relatives in the city over Christmas.

—Byron Potter, who is attending school at Madison, Wis., arrived in the city this morning for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Potter.

—Mrs. Anna Woodbury, a former music teacher in the local schools, now holding a like position in the schools at Newton, Iowa, is in town on a holiday visit with her sister, Mrs. F. Elias Smith and husband.

—Paul Potter of Chicago arrived in this city this morning to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Potter.

—A. S. Holmes and son, Hoyt, of

Perry, will arrive here this evening for a Christmas visit with relatives.

(From Monday's Daily).

—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crawford and son Robert, of Fort Dodge, spent Sunday in the city with Mrs. C's sister, Mrs. Frances Kimball. They came over in their automobile. Mrs. Kimball and her aunt, Mrs. Bromley, will accompany them home to spend Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Shipley and daughter, Beulah, and Mrs. L. D. Maxon and J. H. Hutchison of Iowa Falls drove to this city yesterday in the Shipley car and spent the day with relatives and friends.

—Miss Bess Counts, assistant secretary of the Bankers' Association, arrived in the city last evening from Enid, Oklahoma, to spend a two weeks vacation at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Eyer.

—Mrs. Frank Sparks of Ames spent Sunday at the C. E. Buell home in this city. Misses Arline and Hazel Sparks were also here Saturday on their way to Buffalo Center to spend Xmas.

—Mrs. Jessie Austin-Boys spent Sunday at the A. H. Austin home.

—Theodore Tuttle has arrived home from California for a holiday visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Zelman of Jewell spent Saturday with relatives in this city.

—J. M. Holaday is a visitor in Stratford today.

—Harold Closs of Central college, Pella, and Miss Eva Closs of Des Moines college are home for the holiday vacation.

—Miss Clara Lane, instructor of English and history in the high school of Shell Rock, is home for a two weeks vacation.

—Misses Elizabeth and Laura White arrived home this morning from Bloomington and Chicago for a holiday visit.

—Miss Edith Marvel left Saturday for her home in Illinois to visit during the holidays.

—Miss Agnes Moore left this morning for Sac City to spend the holidays.

—Mrs. J. W. Dill and father, Barton Like, left today for Omaha to spend Christmas.

—Mrs. D. A. Wille of Rockford, Ill., arrived in the city today to visit at the Weldon Helmick home.

—Beaulie Heibert was a business visitor in Fort Dodge yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Schuneman visited relatives in Fort Dodge yesterday.

—Arthur Swanson, who is attending school at Ames, is home for a holiday visit.

—Miss Flora Bergersen left Saturday for her home in Decorah to spend the holiday vacation.

—Misses Wynnie Zitterell and Ruth Tatham of the Woolstock schools are home for a two weeks vacation.

—Miss Margaret Chamberlin arrived home Saturday evening from Chicago for the holidays.

—Miss Mary Horn of Fort Dodge is home for a holiday visit.

—Nels Jensen of Grant, Michigan, arrived in the city Saturday for a Christmas visit at the Nels Torp and Hans Tolstrup homes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mason and son, Lewis, of Lawrence, Kansas, are in the city for a Christmas visit with Mr. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Mason.

—E. P. Prince and Ralph Groves expect to leave tomorrow for Indianapolis where they will attend a national convention of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, which is to be in session in that city December 26, 27 and 28.

—Mrs. Mino Hemmen of Kamrar went to Grundy Center today for a holiday visit.

—Mrs. Sarah Paine is an Eagle Grove visitor today.

—S. K. Carey is a business visitor in Renwick today.

—Cady Anderson and Ross Mescher, who are attending the Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines, are home for the Christmas vacation.

—Misses Ruth and Opal Christenson and Masters Lyle and Howard Christenson are spending the day in Woolstock.

—Mrs. C. D. Hellen of Des Moines is expected in the city this evening to visit at the David Eyer home.

—Miss Mae Barracks returned to Corwith today following a visit with Lillian Olson of this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Maygard and children of Williams were in the city today between trains on their way to Kamrar to spend Christmas with relatives.

—Mrs. M. Yoder went to Freeport, Ill., today to visit relatives over the holidays.

—Alonzo Hathway is a business visitor in Waterloo today in the interests of Iowa State College.

—O. O. Schroeder of Blairsburg visited with relatives here over Sunday.

—Miss Nona Maggoey of Chicago

WIN BATTLE AND CAPTURE TOWN

General Blanco is Taken Prisoner in Attack on Casas Grandes.

WERE TRAPPED IN A CANON

Orozco, Revolutionist, Now Controls Railway and Extensive Territory.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—Casas Grandes, the most important town in the ranching and lumbering district southwest of Juarez, has been taken by rebels personally commanded by Gen. Pascual Orozco, Jr. It was reported yesterday from rebel official sources. Also, it was said that the federal column of 800 men marching against the rebels at Ascencion was defeated with its commander, Gen. Jose Blanco among the prisoners taken.

Confirming this report S. B. Ambrose, an American hotel man of Columbus, N. M., arrived here yesterday. He was in Ascencion at the time of its capture last Wednesday and talked with General Salazar, whose forces took the town. While there a messenger arrived directly from General Orozco with a letter from the rebel leader saying that he had taken Casas Grandes and defeated Blanco. Blanco's force was entrapped, the official rebel report says in a canon north of Casas Grandes. Aside from capturing many rifles and much ammunition, the rebels secured two cannon.

Details of the battle are lacking, but Casas Grandes was taken easily, Orozco wrote, as the federals left only 200 men to protect the town.

By taking Casas Grandes, the scene of a hard struggle in the Madero revolution in which the rebels were repulsed, the Orozco revolutionists control the Mexico Northwestern railway which runs between Juarez on the border and Chihuahua, the state capital, and territory covered by the American railway, which includes the Pearson syndicate's lumbering towns of Pearson and Madera and the San Pedro mining district. The railways are not operating west from Chihuahua city or below Juarez and no confirmation of the town's fall could be secured. The attack was made on old Casas Grandes, the largest town in the district. The railway offices and American homes are at the new town some miles away, and it is believed that no foreigners were injured in the attack.

After taking Ascencion last week, fourteen federal prisoners, including a captain, were executed in the public plaza, refugees reported yesterday. Maj. L. C. Quinteros, the Ascencion federal commander, who escaped, has arrived at the New Mexico border with one soldier as a companion. He is held by United States troops below Hachita.

Six hundred federal regular cavalry late yesterday departed from Juarez by train to proceed over the Northwestern railway, which is being repaired, to Guzman and thence overland to Ascencion. A battalion of infantry also has orders to march into the Casas Grandes district from the Central railway. This comprises all the mobile federal forces operating north of the state capital.

is spending the Christmas holidays as a guest at the home of her brother, W. L. Maggoey of this city.

—Miss Caroline Schroeder, who is teaching school in Ames, is visiting in the city with relatives for a few days, before going to her home in Blairsburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cris Birkner of Iowa Falls are spending a few days visiting at the L. J. Nott home in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lavender, of St. Joseph, Mo., are expected in town today for a few weeks visit at the home of their son, I. S. Lavender, and family.

CRISIS REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS

Make Sweeping Territorial Demands as Condition of Ending War.

TURKS HOLD THEIR GROUND

Declare Terms Unacceptable and Call for Provisioning of Adrianople.

London, Dec. 24.—After several days of preliminary skirmishing, in accordance with the cherished traditions of oriental diplomacy, the Turkish delegates yesterday faced the real attack of the allies at the fifth meeting of the peace conference, which has as an object the settling of the war between the Balkan allies and Turkey.

The victorious allies laid their most important cards on the table. These were in the form of territorial conditions which they had agreed to impose on the Ottoman empire. The demands as set forth were:

First, the cessation by Turkey of all the territory west of a line starting from a point east of Rodosto on the Sea of Marmora, to a point in the Bay of Malatra, on the Black sea, and excluding the peninsula of Gallipoli, Albania's status to be decided by the powers.

Second, the cession of Aegean islands occupied by the Greek forces in the present war and by the Italians in the recent war.

Third, the cession to Greece of all Turkish rights in the island of Crete.

The allies did not reveal yesterday the financial proposals which they will make to Turkey, reserving them for a future meeting.

Before the allies presented their specifications yesterday the Turks announced that their government was prepared to proceed with the negotiations, leaving the question of revictualing Adrianople for discussion between Turkey and Bulgaria. They abandoned their previous request to provision Scutari and Janina.

The formal conference lasted only a quarter of an hour. The Turks listened to the proclamation of the fate of their European empire without formal comment and asked for an adjournment until Saturday to consider the allies' demands. In the informal conversation with the delegates, which consumed an hour, they asserted that it would be impossible for them to accept such terms but that statement is inevitable in meetings of this character and was expected yesterday.

The territorial profits of the war, which the allies will divide, are the same as those published in these dispatches Dec. 14, with the exception of the arrangement of the powers made for Albania. The allies will reorganize the autonomy of Albania under the suzerainty of the porte, but not its sovereignty. Albania will become what Crete was, and what Egypt is in its relation to Turkey. The sultan will be the nominal ruler, but without political, administrative or military power. He will have the right to raise his flag in Albania and appoint a resident governor, but only for the purpose of ratifying the decisions of the local government.

All the delegates attended yesterday's session in full force with their military and legal advisers and secretaries. Every one appreciated the

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fact that the meeting was to mark the passage of the deliberations from the preliminary stage to that of real negotiations on that it was destined to revise the map of eastern Europe.

WOMAN SANTA CLAUS SINGES WHISKERS

Gets Too Close to a Lighted Candle.

Nevada, Dec. 24.—One of the first pre-Christmas accidents resulting from the whiskers of the venerable Santa Claus coming in contact with the lighted candles on the Christmas tree is reported from Madrid. A local woman's club had prepared a Christmas tree as one of the diversions of their meeting. Mrs. F. H. Zook was acting as Santa Claus, and while distributing the presents became careless and the whiskers which she wore touching the flame of a candle, there was soon a dangerous flame playing about her face.

The fur overcoat which she wore also caught fire, and in the excitement some of the candles were overturned, and for a time the house was threatened. By the aid of the ladies, who displayed remarkable presence of mind for such an occasion, the flames were all extinguished with no great injury to Mrs. Zook, and but little damage to the house.

WATER GUSHES UP IN TUNNEL

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 24.—Hundreds of workmen, engaged in constructing the Montdor tunnel through the Jura mountains between Italy and France, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when the pickaxe of one of the workmen opened a powerful subterranean stream. The laborers fled before the great mass of water, which spurted up into the tunnel at the rate of 150 cubic feet a second, flooding it and the neighboring villages. The damage done is heavy, but there were no casualties.

F. A. Boyesen, Dentist, second st.

OFFICIAL CHICAGO MARKETS

	Open	High	Low	Close
WHEAT.				
Dec.	86 1/2	86 3/4	86 1/4	86 1/2
May	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2
CORN.				
Dec.	48	48	47 1/2	47 1/2
May	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2	48 1/2
OATS.				
Dec.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
May	33 1/2	33 1/2	33	33
Hogs estimated 14,000. Open 5 higher; shade higher.				
Top \$7.50.				
Hogs left over 3570.				
Cattle 3000. Close strong.				
Sheep 10,000. Close 10 higher.				
THE LOCAL MARKETS.				
Wheat	70			
Oats	27			
No. 3 shelled corn	34 1/2			
No. 4 shelled corn	32 1/2			
No grade shelled corn	30			
No. 3 ear corn	33 1/2			
No. 4 ear corn	31 1/2			
No grade ear corn	29 1/2			
Barley	51			
Butter	23 to 25			
Eggs	26			
Poultry	9 to 10 1/2			

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- Searchlight Matches, 35c per dozen boxes.
- Red Alaska Salmon, \$2.00 dozen.
- Fancy California Canned Goods, \$2.00 dozen.
- Calumet Baking Powder, five 1-lb. cans, 90c.
- 4-lb. package Laundry Starch, 25c

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

West Fremont.
Earl Pressler is visiting relatives in Oklahoma at present.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Goehring arrived home last Tuesday from Illinois where they have been visiting the past few weeks.
Henry Koestner is in Missouri visiting relatives this week.
Ed Koehler underwent a surgical operation at the hospital in Fort Dodge last Wednesday. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pressler spent Sunday at Lehigh with their uncle, John Porter, who is very sick at that place.
John Allen moved last week to the old Geo. Davidson farm.
Dec. 23.
Mary Garden said to Crana: "Your chocolates are really the finest I have ever tasted anywhere in the world." In pound boxes, at Sheldon's. 2342

Social Affairs

A SKATING PARTY.
The members of the Treble Clef club enjoyed a skating party and waffle and marshmallow roast on the Boone river near the tile factory pond last Saturday afternoon. Misses Ruth Stevenson and Zoe Pearson were the hostesses and all report a jolly good time.

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