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HOME BREW!



There IS a Santa! Homer Gets Proof

Howdy, folks! 'Tis the night before the night before Christmas.

Dear Homer: I have just bought some mistletoe. To what account shall I credit it in my budget?—Elsie.

Dear Elsie: Overhead expense.—Homer.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "Kissmequick!"

Around Christmas time, the female of the species is more careless with the kale.

"And if you're not good and don't wash your neck and refuse to chop kindling for mother, Santa Claus won't bring you a single thing!"

Don't disappoint your parents, children. Tell 'em you believe in Santa Claus and give 'em a good time.

This is the season of "peace on earth and good will to men." The good will includes credit at the department store.

Of course you can't expect Doc Brown to send the Rev. Chauncey Hawkins a Christmas present, but he might send him a crocheted necktie. Nothing makes a man madder than to get a crocheted necktie for Christmas.

EDUCATIONAL NOTE
Richard Holbrook, wounded in a recent college escapade, has been suspended from the university.

Would you say he was suspended for being shot or suspended for being half-shot?

President Suzzallo announces that all students found spilled will be fired. That's queer. We thought that "Lux Sit," the university motto, meant "Let there be illumination!"

What are the colleges coming to? In the old days the lads studied chemistry at the Ratskeller and anatomy at the Lyric.

Every Saturday was an alcohol day.

It was a rare student that couldn't call a bartender "Eddie."

A FIGHTING NAME
Father says he graduated from the University of Hard Knocks. Which is a funny name for Billy the Mug's.

If the unknown friend who deposited a box containing four small kittens on our desk yesterday will call at the office he will learn something to his disadvantage.—Adv't.

What would YOU do if 36 little lives were suddenly entrusted to your care?

We can't bear to drown the little beggars. We think we'll give 'em a drink of moonshine and put 'em out of their misery.

COMMENT
Doc Brown announces that he will be a candidate for mayor at the next election.
Oh, we could just sit down and cry, we're so happy!

"The sweet voice of music will clean up our city jail," says Count George Hay du Barry. Whereupon he swings into the Anvil chorus.

Of course, you hate the thought of strife.
You never scold or bicker;
But if you find your little wife
Has took to drinking—lik-ker!

Portland boxer fights under the name of Broken Blossom. Some day he may have a nose resembling a crushed rose.

CANDIDATE FOR THE POISON IVY CLUB
Gink whose Christmas present to his Sweetie is a vanity box without a mirror.

Why doesn't somebody nominate Santa Claus to be All-American full-back?

Doc Brown, it would seem, is always ready for either a fight or a frolic, and he's not so darn innocent on the frolic—Koreland.

Luther Burbank declares honesty pays. That's funny. He made his reputation grafting.

Lieut. C. G. Carr proposes that the brains of automobile speeders be examined by specialists. Hat tip! That would be a good joke on the special lads. Automobile speeders haven't got any brains!

The height of cruelty is telling your little boy that he will get his tonsils pulled out for Christmas.

TRA-LA-LA!

There IS a Santa! Homer Gets Proof



MR. HOMER BREW?
The STAR,
Seattle, Wash.

Complement of
LW Brown

Here are the kittens that somebody sent to Homer Brew for a Christmas present. They've nearly turned The Star office upside down and milk is so high Homer is about to put them on a home brew diet.

—Photo by Price & Carter, Star Staff Photographers

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Idea Helpful for City and Country Folks
(EDITORIAL)

Good Wenatchee apples at \$1 a box. That is the bargain which employes of the Black Manufacturing Co. are enjoying.

The firm makes a practice, for the benefit of its workers, of keeping on hand at this season a stock of good apples for sale at cost. These are shipped here in 100-box lots in a "combination" car that comes once a week. Last year the company thus handled more than 1,200 boxes. Already this fall more than 500 boxes have been sold.

The Star passes the idea along to its readers, feeling that general adoption of the plan would bring many benefits.

It would give Seattle workers a chance to buy good fruit at rock-bottom prices.

It would help Yakima and Wenatchee valley farmers get rid of some of their surplus crop.

It would make for a more friendly co-operative feeling both between the employers and employes and between the city and the country. And that's what we all need.

H. Brew Is Given Box of Mystery
By Wanda von Kettler

THE plot has thickened.

Our office has become a pussy cat playfield—or, shall we say, a feline nursery?

It is all due to two things: The yuletide spirit of giving and the popularity of one Homer G. Brew.

Homer sat at his typewriter this morning pondering out the usual line of dignified comment on recent happenings. Likewise others struggled to appear necessary. Up the stairs something stumbled. It was Paddy, the office boy with freckles, delivering four frolicsome kittens enclosed in a good-sized box bearing the label, "Merry Christmas to Homer G. Brew, Seattle Star, compliments of Mayor Brown."

Now Homer G. Brew has reason, he declares, to believe that Mayor Brown did not send the kittens.

"As much as I have said in regard to the mayor and his 5-cent cartons," yelps Homer dramatically, "I know him not to bear malice sufficient to cause such a deed as this."

Homer's cats are beautiful. Three are yellow; one is black. Homer calls them his blondes and one bruder.

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Bogus Stock Agents Are Out for Giant Swindle
Victory Bond and Savings Stamps Payment Gives Crooks Chance to Work New Game

BY ROBERT TALLEY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Thousands of bogus stock companies are flooding the mails with "come-on letters," preparing for a clean-up on suckers this and next month when the treasury redeems Victory bonds and 1918 war savings stamps, the latter totaling \$45,000,000.

At the same time, treasury officials are warning those who invested their small earnings with the government during the war to beware the fake stock promoter now.

To head off wild-cat raids on small savings congress is being urged by Representative Edward Denison, of Illinois, to rush into law a "blue sky" bill which has already passed the house and which is now delayed in the senate.

Denison's bill would prevent promoters from selling their stocks by mail in states which have not adopted better security, the new treasury savings certificates.

It has been shown that unscrupulous stock vendors and others who handle schemes for getting rich quickly are making every possible effort to get the cash which the government will pay for war savings securities.

The new treasury savings certificates are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000, maturity value, and sold at \$20.50, \$82 and \$820, making the interest yield 4 per cent compounded semi-annually. They are exempt from state and local taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) and the normal federal income tax.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 22.—John Sheffmyer, policeman, took the witness stand in court here and gave testimony that resulted in conviction of his son, David, on a charge of stealing automobile tires.

BANK CLERKS GET BONUSES
Financial Institutions Play Santa Claus

Who said pity the poor bank clerk?
You may not envy him his job, but...

...all of Seattle's workers, those who are employed in the banks are being treated more liberally by their employers this Christmas than any other general class.

Practically every banking institution in the city is making—or already has made—its employees a substantial Christmas present, in the form of a cash bonus, in addition to giving special parties for them.

Some of the banks did not care to make the amount of their bonuses public, but virtually every one of them announced that the directors had taken some steps toward making it a really merry Christmas for their employees.

The Bank of California, the First National bank and the Union National bank gave their employes half a month's salary as a Christmas present, while the National Bank of Commerce is giving its employes a full month's salary, payable the first of the year, as a sort of combination New Year's and Christmas gift.

The Marine National bank gave employes a third of a month's salary. The Metropolitan National and the Seattle National gave their workers a month's salary if they had been employed five years or more, half a month's salary if they had been employed for a lesser period and smaller amounts in the cases of comparatively recent comers.

The American Savings Bank & Trust Co. also remembered its employes in a substantial way, but officials of the institution declined to reveal the exact amount of the gifts.

Other business houses are giving their employes Christmas presents, but none of them, as a class, have been as generous as the banks.

However, the banks report that there is a decided scarcity of gold coin as a result of the demands made on them by depositors who wish to give Christmas bonuses to their workers.

Department stores and other large employers declined to announce the size of their gifts, on the ground that they never make public their financial dealings with the workers.

U. S. Urges You to Exchange Securities
BY LEW WALLACE, JR.
Chief, Savings Division, United States Treasury

Altho the great war ended four years ago, war financing will continue for many years.

It has multiplied many times the investors in the country and, to a large extent, built up a thrift spirit throughout the nation.

On January 1, war savings certificates to the amount of \$525,000,000 fall due.

For the most part the war savings stamps are in the hands of people who never before were investors in securities. They were induced to buy by appeals on behalf of the government for money to carry on the war.

The war savings stamps were sold on a discount basis, the investor to

Your WANT ADS

will bring an active response of you place them in The Star's

"GREATER WANT AD COLUMNS"

BOY FATALLY INJURED BY AUTO STAGE!
Lad Is Crushed by Bus on Roadway; Driver Speeds On and Escapes

Joe Romano, 14, died Friday morning in Providence hospital, where it was reported from internal injuries received Thursday afternoon, when he was run down by an Alderwood Manor-Seattle auto stage as he alighted from the Manor school bus.

The boy, who was partially supporting himself by selling The Star in Alderwood Manor, was returning from school with 60 other pupils. As he stepped from the school bus the huge stage ran him down and left him lying unconscious in the road, while it continued on its way to Seattle, according to witnesses.

A brother of the dying boy ran after the stage and shrieked to the driver to stop and pick up Romano. The driver, however, increased the speed of the stage and disappeared.

Romano was rushed to Providence hospital, where it was found he had been injured internally, as well as frightfully crushed and bruised.

The stage driver has not yet been apprehended, but deputies of two counties expect his arrest some time Friday.

HAPPY NOW



Here is Robert Allen Swaney, who was held as a bandit suspect by the police until noon of the day he was to be married. Then the police found he wasn't a bandit at all. Swaney went home and completed preparations for his wedding. He was married that night and is on his honeymoon now.

BIG YEAR IS ASSURED, SAY ALL LEADERS
Revival of Lumber Industry Is Big Factor; All Lines Prosper

By Bob Bermann

Seattle is on the eve of one of the greatest eras of prosperity that it has ever experienced, and 1923 will certainly be the best business year that the city has had since the reconstruction period began.

This is the unanimous opinion of representative manufacturers and wholesale and retail merchants who were questioned by The Star Friday. Every one of them expressed the utmost satisfaction with the business of the year that is drawing to a close and declared that the new year was almost sure to be even better.

Most of them ascribed the improved conditions of 1922 and the rosy prospects for 1923 to the revival of the lumber business, which, they asserted, more than offset the difficulties encountered because of car shortage on the railroads and an unsatisfactory situation in the farm and fruit fields.

The fact that building permits issued during 1922 had fair to surpass in volume the record of any previous year—\$20,000,000—being the estimate—was pointed to as an indication of the general prosperity which Seattle is now feeling.

Here are the opinions of some of Seattle's leading business men:

R. G. SOUTHWORTH, BON MARCHÉ: "Business during 1922 has been very good—far better than last year. And the prospect is that 1923 will bring at least equally satisfactory results. The year of 1921 was one of depression, due to the nationwide readjustment, but a change came in April of this year, and since then business conditions with us have been steadily on the mend."

GERALD P. FRINK, WASHINGTON IRON WORKS: "The fact that we are building a new plant in Seattle—a plant that will cost about half a million dollars and cover 10 acres of ground—is a fair indication of the progress that we are making. Business has been very good this year—by far the best since the reconstruction period began—and we look for next year to be even better."

CHARLES H. FRYE & CO.: "The last year has been decidedly better than either 1921 or 1920—and the business outlook for 1923 is much brighter than it was last year. There are certain adjustments still to be made—the labor situation, for instance, and the car shortage. But when these are straightened out there'll be nothing to stop us and we'll go right ahead. The last year

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TEN HELD AS BANDIT GANG
Big Roundup of Suspects Is Made at Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Ten members of an alleged gang of bandits who terrorized the Middle West in a series of bank robberies and holdups which netted them more than \$500,000, were rounded up in a raid by police here today.

More than \$70,000 in liberty bonds and other securities were recovered. A quantity of nitroglycerine, fuses and revolvers were also taken from the saloon in which the men were captured.

Police declared the ring leaders of the band were Thomas Holden, John Barry and Harold Young. They were rushed to headquarters for questioning.

From one of the prisoners police removed \$55,000 in stocks, bonds and whisky warehouse receipts. A complete diagram of Joliet penitentiary was found on another.

Barry and Holden have frequently been arrested but never convicted.

The alleged gang leaders were seized in a raid on a South Side saloon.

Six thousand dollars' worth of liberty bonds were taken from the saloon safe by police.

Authorities today made a thorough search for other loot believed to have been hidden.

The gang is believed by officers to have directed robberies of banks, stores, office safes and distilleries.

"BANDIT" NOW IS BRIDEGROOM
Man Held by Police on His Wedding Day

On Wednesday, Robert Allen Swaney, 338 W. 49th st., was an eager lover, hurrying to claim his bride.

On Thursday, he was a suspected bandit, behind the bars.

And on Friday, his freedom restored, and absolved of all suspicion, he was a happy bridegroom on his honeymoon.

Swaney, with his brother George and A. W. Schroeder, had just taken leave of his prospective bride, Miss Elanore Metcalf, 18th ave. and E. Pine st., Wednesday night, when a police prowler caught them in an suspicious characters. A revolver—which he carried as a safeguard against bandits—was found in the near-bridegroom's pocket, and the three were held in the city jail all night.

On Thursday, however, they were able to establish their innocence, and the wedding took place in the evening, at the scheduled hour.

3 INJURED BY SHELL BURST
MARTINEZ, Cal., Dec. 22.—Three civilian employes at Benicia military arsenal were critically injured this morning when a shrapnel shell, which the men were moving, exploded, hurling the death pellets in all directions.

Clarence Thomas, one of the injured workmen, is not expected to live.

William Fox, foreman, suffered a cut in the abdomen and other injuries, which may also prove fatal. He was rushed to the Letterman General hospital in San Francisco.

Arthur Harris suffered a broken right leg and pieces of shrapnel pierced his body in several places.

Military authorities at the arsenal refused to give out any statement concerning the accident, pending a meeting of the board of inquiry, which will be held this afternoon.

JURY PROBES PRIZEFIGHTS
Boxing Commission Members Quizzed Friday

Charles P. Morarity, member of the Seattle Boxing commission, paced the corridors of the county-city building Friday morning while waiting to be called before the grand jury, whose probe into local vice conditions has been under way since December 12.

It is understood around the court-house that Elmo Jones, chairman of the boxing commission, and Dr. E. T. Hanley, the third member of that body, would be called before the investigators Friday afternoon.

Because there is a state law against boxing in Washington the boxing commission has no legal standing, it is said, but they were appointed to supervise bouts of four and six rounds which, regardless of the actual law on this subject, have been approved by most of the cities in the state. These bouts have been stopped in Seattle, and at present this city is the only one of its size in Washington that is without boxing entertainment.

Mrs. Alice S. Preston, 1818 13th ave., was an unwilling witness before the grand jury Friday morning. "I would not be here," said Mrs. Preston, "but when they told me to report they said if I failed to do so, that I would be sent to jail." Mrs. Preston has been called to throw some light on statements she is said to have made regarding vice conditions in Seattle, it is said.

TRY TO BLOCK LAFE HAMILTON
Women Bombard Board in Opposing Appointment

Fearing that Lafe Hamilton, former King county boss, is plotting to regain his lost political power and build up an organization that would rival his machine of a decade ago, hundreds of Seattle women are writing to the members of the new board of county commissioners, protesting against his proposed appointment as supervisor of roads for the South district.

According to a well-defined rumor, Hamilton hopes to use the road job for the purpose of welding together support enough to put him into office as a port commissioner at the next election.

The position of road supervisor, the women who are protesting point out, is not so important in itself—but it controls such a vast amount of patronage that, if put in the hands of a wily politician, it would mean tremendous potential power.

Altho the appointment is in the hands of Frank H. Paul, commissioner-elect from the South district, the women are writing to the other commissioners as well, urging them to use their influence to prevent the action.

It is estimated that at least 200 letters have been received by the three members of the board—Paul, William A. Gaines, commissioner-elect from the city district, and Tom Dobson, holdover commissioner from the North district.

STREET CAR HITS Moonshine Auto
After driving an automobile loaded with moonshine into a street car at Second ave. and Lenora st. shortly before noon Friday, two men, believed to be liquor runners, escaped from the police. The auto was partially wrecked and a broken jug of moonshine, contained in a suitcase, was seized by the police.

The two men who had charge of the auto stopped long enough to tell the conductor of the street car that they were not hurt and then ran from the scene. The license of the car was issued to T. J. Dowling, of Woodinville, Wash.

SIX BANDITS GET Christmas Money
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Six men, armed with riot guns, surrounded and held up a guarded truck of the Stix, Barber & Fuller Drygoods company today and escaped with \$5,000 in cash collected on Christmas C. O. D. Policeman James Hanson, guard on the truck, was disarmed by the bandits.

MAJESTIC RAMS VESSEL
SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 22.—The White Star liner Majestic, docking in a terrific gale today, crashed with the Cunard liner Berengaria. The Cunard's taff rail was splintered in the collision. The Majestic dragged her anchor.

BABY IS SUFFOCATED
Warmly tucked in his trundle bed Thursday night, by the loving hands of his mother, three-month-old Rex Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Wood, of Auburn, slept and dreamed of milk bottles and fat, stuffed pussy cats and Christmas trees.

Friday morning, Mrs. Wood went to the bed and lifted her son. Little Rex had died during the night from suffocation, due to too heavy coverings. The death was reported to Coroner W. H. Corson an hour later.

Flashes
LIVES IN LONG FALL

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—T. G. Collins, a window washer, fell from the third story of the Railway Exchange building today as he was washing windows of the Aetna fire insurance company's office. He landed on his feet and no bones were broken. He was conscious when assistance reached him, but suffered a severe shock and was sent to the Good Samaritan hospital.

DRINKS COST \$262.39
"Merry Christmas," smiled a well-dressed young fellow Thursday night, following his greeting to Peter Tofan, of the Panama hotel, with, "have a drink with me to celebrate."

Tofan readily agreed, he told police Friday, and after a few hot shots of tonzil tickler, he missed \$262.39, which had been stolen from his pocket. The stranger had disappeared.

TRAIN WORKER KILLED
BATAVIA, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Frank Kelly, brakeman, was killed and Fireman Casey Wood's leg was broken when a double-header freight train was derailed six miles east of here today.

APPROPRIATIONS UP
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The annual interior department appropriation bill was reported to the house today by the appropriations committee. The measure carries \$254,215,200, of which \$254,858,460 is recommended for the United States pension office. Of the latter sum, \$253,000,000 is for the payment of army and navy pensions.

GIRL'S HOSE STOLEN
Police were searching Friday for a gay Lothario, a taxi driver with a penchant for collecting silk stockings.

The taxi driver, after driving Lorraine Parker and Helen Williams, of the Hotel Butler, to a roadhouse, early Friday morning, brought them back to the hotel at 3:30 a. m. He charged them \$15.

Later the taxi man appeared on the girls' room and stole \$15 more, saying he had made a mistake. While Miss Williams was making change, the taxi driver, seeing the stockings beneath the bed, stuffed it in his pocket, according to police.

The stolen hose contained \$150 in money, according to Miss Williams. Neither the driver nor the hose had been located Friday.

MAY FREE PRISONERS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A Christmas appeal for release of political prisoners was made today by members of the joint amnesty committee, who were posted at the entrance of the White House with banners asking President Harding to "make freedom of speech your Christmas gift to the nation. Release of at least 28 of the prisoners convicted in the I. W. W. trials at Chicago in 1919 may be announced before Christmas."

FIND TWO SLAIN MEN
MEMPHIS, La., Dec. 22.—Bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, believed murdered by night riders, were found in Lake Lafourche near here today. Pieces of wire attached to the feet indicated they had been weighted down to the bottom of the lake for several months.

SHOWS POSTAL DEFICIT
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—An alleged suppressed balance sheet of the United States postoffice department showing a deficit of \$16,198,000 for the first quarter of 1922 was made public today by Gen. Charles G. Dawes. Dawes intimates that "other causes" should be the emphatic subject when the government ascribes a deficit to "fire, burglary and other causes."

JAPS HELPED BY MINISTERS
Seattle ministers have come to the aid of the Japs!

Thursday night the Seattle council of churches sent a telegram to Albert E. Fall, secretary of the interior, urging the secretary to exercise "all leniency possible" in enforcing his recent ruling that orders the Japs to leave the Yakima Indian reservation. The telegram was signed by Russell F. Thrapp, president of the council, and Herbert I. Chatterton, secretary.

Bitter protest against the action of the ministers has been voiced by members of the American Legion and by farmers, not only of the Yakima valley but elsewhere as well.