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CELEBRATED TWELFTH NIGHT

BOOK AND THIMBLE CLUB LA-
DIES ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS
AND FRIENDS AT HALL

In accordance with the quaint old English custom of keeping twelfth night, or "Little Christmas," which is supposed to close the season of holiday festivities, a motley crew assembled at Library Hall on Tuesday evening to carry out many of the ancient ceremonies.

Soldiers brave and blushing maidens, Mother Goose characters and Dresden shepherdesses, Japanese and Indians, schoolboys in pinafores and stately dames in patch and powder, all were gathered by nine-thirty, at which time the grand march was formed. The music was furnished by a Hardanger maid at the piano. The cook and Priscilla led the march, the cook bearing aloft the cake which is one of the essential features of Twelfth Night revels, for in it are concealed a pea, a bean and a clove. The man who finds the bean is king of the revels, the pea designates his queen, while the clove points out the king's jester. These dignitaries being duly appointed by fate, they donned their royal apparel and were crowned with much state and ceremony, the queen by the court jester and the king by one of his blind-folded subjects after various attempts. Seated upon their thrones, the royal pair received the homage of their subjects and to the one who bestowed upon him the most flowery compliment the king awarded the position of Lord High Chamberlain.

For the rest of the evening the king and queen mingled in gracious condescension with their subjects, whose duty it was never to turn their backs to either of the royal pair. For such discourtesy a forfeit must be paid. The Lord High Chamberlain and the jester collected the forfeits, and were kept more than busy.

Upon each guest's back there was pinned the name of a day, either a holiday or one of the days of the week, and as soon as he had guessed from the pantomime and gestures of his neighbors what day it was he was allowed to unmask. Then the leaves of the New Year, the ones we turned over when the year began, were distributed from the bough on which they grew, and on each leaf a New Year's resolution had to be inscribed in rhyme. The masculine resolutions were read aloud by the king and to the most successful rhymester he awarded the proud position of Poet Laureate.

The feminine resolutions were placed in a basket from which each man drew one, thus discovering his fair partner for the supper hour. The supper on Twelfth night must have upon its menu meat pie, cider and doughnuts. After justice had been done to these and other good things the feminine resolutions were read aloud, and it is to be hoped that these leaves will stay turned over.

A little tripping of the light fantastic followed the supper, "tripping" being especially descriptive of some of the guests. Then an impromptu game of base-ball was organized and Ty Cobb and Christy Mathewson performed marvels with a big new broom for a bat. Such home runs, such slides to base, have seldom been witnessed, even by the most enthusiastic fan.

It was well past Twelfth Night and on into the next day when the revels broke up and the guests were accorded gracious permission to depart. The Committee of the Book and Thimble Club who planned this jolly evening deserve high honors and a prominent place in the court records.

THREE MILLION LESS IN DUTIES

FALLING OFF IN RECEIPTS TO
GOVERNMENT AT NEW
YORK HOUSE

New York, Jan. 1.—The customs revenues and other receipts at the port of New York were \$3,267,806 less than this year than in 1912, is shown by a statement made public by Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port. The total for 1913 reaches \$209,694,182, as against \$212,961,988 last year. Of the total revenues for 1913, \$204,261,126 was derived from import duties.

Exports and imports handled through the port in 1913 are reported as follows:

Gold and silver imports, \$44,532,336, as against \$48,693,499 in 1912; domestic bullion exports, 1913, \$115,854,330; 1912, \$86,546,694; gold and silver of foreign origin, 1913, \$3,091,851; 1912, \$7,399,638.

Merchandise imports in 1913 had a total value of \$991,100,438 as against \$1,068,296,330 in 1912. Exports of domestic merchandise for the year amounted to \$899,070,148. The total value of this in 1912 was \$849,102,494. Merchandise of foreign origin handled by the port in transit is valued at \$18,096,822 as against \$17,200,612 in 1912.

Goods withdrawn from bonded store houses during the year are valued at \$121,180,713. Last year this item reached a total of \$92,247,864.

TRUAX FARMERS CLUB ORGANIZED

FARMERS CLUB ORGANIZED AT
MEETING AT BARNEY HOLE
FARM—47 MEMBERS

The farmers in the Truax neighborhood had an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening at the home of Barney Hole which resulted in the organization of a Farmers club with a membership of forty seven. The organization will be known as the Truax Farmers' Club. The officers elected follow:

President, Chas. C. Gimberling; Vice President, Magnus Bean; Secretary, Chas. J. Johnson; Treasurer, C. C. Hopkins. A committee consisting of Messrs Adams, Bingeman and Kenney was appointed to act as a sort of board of general managers.

Barney Hole was elected as a delegate to the convention to be held in Medicine, Wis., February 22nd.

Mr. Hall states that this club is the largest in the county at this time. The next meeting will be held in the school house one mile south of the Barney Hole farm on January 20th and Mr. Hall will meet with the club.

RAY FARMER IS DROWNED IN WELL

UNFORTUNATE MAN ALONE ON
FARM AT THE TIME—BODY
DISCOVERED BY BROTHER

Ray, N. D., Jan. 5.—The body of Peter Haugen, a young farmer living north of town, was found floating in the water at the bottom of the well on his place. This is the awful scene which confronted his brother when he went to the well about 9 o'clock to water his horses.

Mr. Haugen and his brother were on the farm as they were living together and the brother left the latter part of the afternoon to visit some neighbors and did not return until the next morning. Upon returning to the home and not finding his brother Peter, he thought that Peter had gone visiting and did not think much of the absence and started to do the work on the farm. Upon going to the well which was about 12 feet deep he saw the body floating on the water. The supposition is that Mr. Haugen was watering the horses the evening before and as there was no curbing in the well he probably slipped in and drowned. His watch had stopped at 9 o'clock which would probably be the time he drowned.

MAKE WINDOWS DUST PROOF

WOLFE BROTHERS HERE WITH
EXCELLENT STOPS FOR DOORS
AND WINDOWS

Ray A. Wolfe and brother are in the city this week and are fitting up several houses with a new patent window and door stop which they guarantee will make the doors and windows practically dust and wind proof. They do not use the old fashioned felt strip in this work but have a thin brass strip which is placed around the door or window at every spot exposed to the entrance of wind or dust and from inspection of work already put in it looks as if they have the proper idea. Making the windows proof against wind and dust would also do away with the need of storm windows which would mean a great saving in time and money.

WANTED

A sheet for the bed of the river.
A ring for the finger of corn.
A glove for the hand of fate.
A boot for the foot of a mountain.
A sleeve for the arm of the law.
A set of teeth for the mouth of a river.
A lock for the trunk of an elephant.
A feather for the wings of the wind.
Scales for the weight of years.
Buttons for a coat of paint.
A rung for the ladder of fame.
Reins for the bridal tour.
A medicine to keep the ink well.
To know what makes the weather vane and the roads cross.
A key for the lock of hair.—Merry Thought.

GOOD WEATHER WITH US YET

GREAT WEATHER OF DECEMBER
STILL WITH US—MONDAY
RECORD BREAKER

The excellent weather continues and with the exception of New Years day when it was stormy we haven't had a windy day so far in January. The thermometer keeps soaring all the time and Monday it was fifty above. This is within two degrees of the farthest fifth of January in the history of the local weather bureau. In the weather report for the past week it will be noted that the average temperature for the week ending last night was 27 degrees above or nineteen degrees above the normal.

STATE BANKS TO JOIN THE SYSTEM

MAKE APPLICATION FOR MEM-
BERSHIP UNDER FEDERAL
RESERVE CURRENCY PLAN

Washington, Jan. 1.—Seven hundred and sixty-seven banking institutions, scattered over forty-five states and having an aggregate capital exclusive of approximately \$300,000,000 have informed the federal authorities of their intention to enter the new currency system. This was announced graphed the department last night one week since the currency reform law was enacted. The department's statement said:

"Six hundred and ninety-five applications have been received from national banks with an aggregate capital of about \$250,000,000 so that up to this time national banks representing approximately one-fourth of the total national banking capital of the country have already signified their intention to enter the system."

"Forty-nine state banks and twenty-three trust companies have also notified the department of their intention to become members. Of the 635 national banks applying 53 are in the New England states; 112 in the eastern states, 191 in the southern states; 227 in the middle states, 69 in the western states and 43 in the Pacific states."

"Of the national banks, 69 have a capital of \$1,000,000 or more, 142 have a capital of from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000; 270 have a capital of from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and 214 have a capital of less than \$100,000."

"Two of the trust companies applying have a capital of \$5,000,000 or more and four trust companies have a capital of from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000."

P. W. Hall, secretary of the Iowa State Bankers' association, telegraphed the department last night that the general opinion in Iowa was favorable to membership in the federal reserve system and that the organization committee could rely on the cooperation of the banks of that state.

DECEMBER 1913 THE FINEST

DECEMBER CLEAR AND DRY—
WARMEST 50—ONLY BELOW
ZERO THREE TIMES

The month of December just past was about the finest ever seen in this section of the state and according to the government records as furnished by John Craig, weather bureau observer, it was the finest month, everything considered, in the history of the local bureau and its records go back thirty five years. There was almost a total lack of storms of any kind and almost a total lack of wind as the average hourly velocity was only 5.5 miles.

The highest temperature recorded was on the tenth when it was fifty above and the lowest was on the 24th and 25th when it was two degrees below zero. There were only three days during the entire month when the temperature went below the zero mark and then only two degrees. This is not the warmest December however in the history of our bureau as we have the mean for 1881 as 24 above, 1885 24 above, 1890 26 above, and 1912 24 above, while the mean for this month is 23 above. Considering the lack of wind and storms however, it ranks as the finest in the history of the weather bureau. The record for the month follows:

Dec.	Maximum.	Minimum.
1	35	10
2	26	15
3	28	16
4	40	17
5	44	19
6	30	10
7	38	5
8	40	21
9	44	19
10	50	18
11	47	18
12	46	24
13	43	17
14	34	10
15	45	23
16	42	18
17	42	12
18	35	6
19	17	2
20	28	0
21	22	10
22	30	2
23	18	-1
24	10	-2
25	23	-2
26	21	2
27	23	1
28	40	16
29	42	14
30	37	7
31	32	15

HAVE SNOWBALL DANCE

The local order of Elks hold one of their series of dances in the I. O. O. F. hall tomorrow night. This one is to be a snowball dance and members and their ladies are looking forward to a very pleasant evening.

DANCE POSTPONED

The fourth party advertised for Friday night by the men of the Episcopal church has been postponed until Friday evening, January 16th. The party will be held in the former Hamre building and everyone is assured of an excellent time if they attend.

SAVAGE BATTLE ON SATURDAY

HALF STARVED WOMEN AND
CHILDREN SPREAD ALONG
THE RIVER FRONT

Presidio, Jan. 3.—Savage fighting between the rebels and federals at Ojinaga continued throughout the night and is still in progress. The besieged federals, who were thrown into a panic at the first onslaught of the rebels, are resisting stubbornly all attempts by the attacking party to drive them from town.

The artillery fire of the rebels, which continued all night, became more furious this morning. Wounded soldiers who crossed the river, told the American Red Cross officials that the federal losses were heavy.

Rebel machine guns whipped back with severe losses a body of several hundred federals who attempted a sortie from the river bottoms a half mile out of Ojinaga. The rebels now number near 7,000.

Two thousand Mexican refugees, including half starved women and children and some federal deserters rushed across the river to American territory seeking protection from the battle of Ojinaga.

The refugees are scattered without shelter along the river bank for two miles while heavy artillery and machine guns firing continued less than a mile back from the American border.

The arrival of so many unfed and ragged people imposed an arduous task on the American border patrol and the few red cross officials here. As many as could be induced to attempt it set out to walk to Marfa, Texas, sixty-seven miles distant.

The little mission church and other structures at Presidio are crowded with wounded and dying. Instructions came from Washington to hold as prisoners all deserters who crossed the river. Heretofore the border patrol has disarmed and sent back all unwounded deserters.

HELD MEETING LAST MONDAY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AN-
NUAL MEETING HELD—MUCH
ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

Those who missed the reports at the annual meeting of the Congregational church Monday evening will not have the opportunity again but the next best thing the pastor thinks is to be able to read it in the Graphic and so the summary is given. Incidentally they missed a splendid lunch and a general good time which cannot be fully reported.

The reports all showed a steady progress of the work in each department; all bills paid to date and all payments due the contractor made promptly and a small balance on the right side of the ledger. The year has been an important one in the history of the church on account of the sale and removal of the old church and parsonage; the moving to temporary quarters; the purchase of two lots for tennis courts and the beginning of the new house of worship—now enclosed and securing of subscriptions locally and an appropriation from the National Church Society that will enable the contractors—to go ahead and finish the building so that it can be turned over in early Spring—probably about Easter time. It is certain that the church will be ready for use long before the time specified in the contract, Sept. 1st, 1914.

Treasurers Report

The report of the Treasurer—which was one of the best ever presented showed that for the current expense fund \$2140.58 had been received and \$1524.48 had been expended in meeting the bills of the year, and that \$8460.12 passed thru the building fund and that making a grand total handled by the treasurer during the year of \$10,608.32. The report was so good and in such splendid shape that the church reluctantly accepted Mr. Schollander's decision not to act another year. He felt that on account of living out, the work required more of his time than he felt able to give to it.

Benevolences

The report of the benevolent committee presented by Miss Baldwin showed \$223.58 had been raised and expended for Missionary work—keeping up in spite of the building enterprise the record of former years. Great credit is due Miss Baldwin for her work on this committee and to the members of the church for their hearty support of the work for others.

The Ladies Aid

The work of the Aid has been very successful. \$930.13 have been raised and expended for all purposes. The chief items of expense being, missions, the current expense fund of the church and the building fund. \$2.40 still remains in the treasury to begin the new year with. The first meeting of the year is being held at the home of the President Mrs. Brownson, this afternoon.

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COUNT CONTEST VOTE TUESDAYS

CONTEST MANAGER DECIDES TO
CHANGE DATE FROM WED-
NESDAY TO TUESDAY

Owing to the delay caused the paper in waiting until Wednesday afternoons to make the count in the votes in the piano contest it has been decided to change the day of counting from Wednesday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon. Contestants will note therefore that from now on the count will be made on Tuesdays.

Regarding the count this week the contest manager was unable to get the judges together and the vote will be given next week including both weeks. This will not make any difference to the contestants as there were no prizes offered.

KELLAR-MAGUIRE WEDDING

Mr. William Kellar and Miss Rose Maguire were united in marriage yesterday morning. The ceremony was performed in St. Joseph's church by Rev. Father O'Neil.

BURNED IN HOUSE FIRE

FORMER RESIDENT OF WIL-
LIAMS COUNTY MEETS DEATH
IN BURNING BUILDING

W. W. Keltner received word recently of the death of Mrs. T. A. Courtney, in a fire in the city of La Junta, Colorado. The fire occurred on the 17th of December in the house where she was rooming, and it was thought at the time that everyone was out and it was not until a couple of days afterward that Mrs. Courtney's remains were discovered. The deceased had been with friends in Denver but had gone south a couple of weeks before her death on account of the big snow storm there. She was troubled with rheumatism and went south to La Junta on that account.

Mrs. Courtney was an ordained Minister but at the time of her death was working for the Collier Publishing company establishing libraries. She formerly lived about ten miles west of Williston and also resided at Ray for some time.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

The annual meeting of the Commercial Club will be held Tuesday, January 13th at which time there will be an election of six new directors.

CONDEMNATION SUIT IS RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO SEEKS TO AC-
QUIRE CONTROL OF \$35,000,000
PROPERTY

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—In furtherance of her ambitious plans for a water supply, following the acquisition of the Hetch Hetchy water shed, San Francisco filed yesterday with the city attorney what is said to be the largest condemnation suit of its kind in the history of American litigation. The city seeks to acquire at a just price the property of the Spring Valley Water company, valued at between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000, and comprising 8,000 acres. One time in the preliminary negotiations, which failed, the city and the company were within \$50,000 of each other's figures, which hovered around \$37,000,000. Both were obstinate and no compromise could be arranged.

A BETTER WAY

Last week the fire team made a run out on west Broadway and unloaded a load of manure around one of the hydrants. And now one of the tax payers out there registers a kick, not against placing the manure around the hydrant to keep it from freezing but against the way it was left. He believes that it would be better to have some sort of a box around the hydrant to hold it than to have the manure scattered all over the sidewalk.

CLEAR ISSUE IS MADE ON GUARD

MUST CONFORM TO REQUIRE-
MENTS OF REGULAR ARMY
OR LOSE SUPPORT

Washington, Jan. 5.—A clear issue was made by the war department against the National Guard association upon the point of the organization of the militia forces of the country.

By direction of Secretary Garrison, General Wood, chief of staff of the army, issued a circular announcing a decision of the judge advocate, General Crowder, that the militia must conform in organization to the standards of the regular army, else they will be deprived of all federal financial support. Few of the state national guards will be able to meet the requirements.

MONEY TRUST IS DISSOLVED

MORGAN & CO., VOLUNTARILY
WITHDRAWN FROM SEVERAL
GREAT CORPORATIONS

New York, N. Y., Jan. 2.—J. P. Morgan & Co., announced today that it had severed connections with some of the greatest corporations in the country, with which it long has been connected. This step, the firm announced, was taken voluntarily in response to "an apparent change in public sentiment" on account of "some of the problems and criticisms having to do with so-called interlocking directorates."

Among the companies from which the Morgan firm retired is the New York Central and New Haven railroads.

J. P. Morgan made this statement:

"The necessity of attending many board meetings has been so serious a burden upon our time that we have long wished to withdraw from the directorates of many corporations. Most of these directorships we have accepted with reluctance, and only because we felt constrained to keep in touch with the properties which we had organized, or whose securities we had recommended to the public, both here and abroad."

"An apparent change in public sentiment in regard to the directorships seems now to warrant us in seeking to resign from some of these connections. Indeed, it may be, in view of the change in sentiment upon the subject, that we shall be in a better position to serve such properties and their security holders, if we are not directors. We have already resigned from the companies mentioned, and we expect from time to time to withdraw from the other boards upon which we feel there is no special obligation to remain."

The companies to which the Morgan company referred, from which the board members resigned, include the New York Central, the Hudson River railway, the West Shore railway, the Lake Shore, the Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central; the New York Chicago & St. Louis; the Big Four, the New Haven, the Central New England; the New York, West Chester & Boston; the Harlem River, the Port Chester, the Milbrook Co., the New Haven Navigation Co., the New England Steamship Co., the Rhode Island Co., the Rutland railway; the Hartford, Connecticut & Western; the New York, Ontario & Western railway; the Western Union Telegraph. Members of the firm retired from many companies including the United States Steel corporation, the American Telephone & Telegraph, the Westinghouse Electric, and various trust companies, copper companies, and national banks in New York.

By withdrawing from these corporations, J. P. Morgan & Co., have cut the strings that have held together in many countries the most important corporations in community interests, which have been assailed from within and without congress. The house of Morgan feels that it has kept within the law, in all the complex operations, no legal necessity or threatened complications with Washington authorities made it necessary to adopt the sweeping change policy.

Attorney General McReynolds, whose presence here the last few days was supposed to be in connection with negotiations for the dissolution of several large corporations, did not seem to be surprised at the news. He did not intimate that he had any advance information on the subject and refused to make a statement.

MEETS DEATH IN MISSOURI

MAN CROSSING RIVER NEAR
BUDFORD FALLS THROUGH
HOLE IN ICE AND DROWNS

A stranger crossing the Yellowstone and Missouri where they join near Willow Island Friday, walked into an air hole near the Island and was carried under the ice by the current. Called on the bank noticed him and some but the stranger was unable to answer except to endeavor to give his name which they thought was Carl Dean. The body has not been recovered, as it is under the ice and may never be found.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the members of the Williston Commercial Club at the I. O. O. F. building Monday, January 12, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the club.

W. C. Rawson, President.
C. Ellithorpe, Secretary.

THE MILITARY BALL

The Company E Military ball New Year's eve was a great success and everyone was well pleased with the new hall. The boys had the floor well cleaned and waxed and within a short time it resembled an old dancing floor.

It is well to change the sheep occasionally into different pastures.