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HOLIDAY MAIL RUSH DESCENDS ON POSTAL MEN

Additional Clerks and Carriers Pressed Into Service—Predict Record for Week.

Moline underwent its first Christmas postal rush today, necessitating the temporary employment of additional clerks and carriers to prevent congestion at the post office, according to Postmaster C. V. Gould, who announced that incoming and outgoing holiday mails had reached their annual strides.

Extra men hired.

"We took on several extra men this morning and there will be need for others later in the week," the postmaster explained. "Today we have three new clerks sorting mail inside. Extra delivery trucks and drivers have also been pressed into temporary service."

Postmaster Gould averred that no serious congestion of mail is anticipated.

No Serious Delay.

"Much of the additional work imposed by the Christmas season is accomplished adequately by the regular inside and outside staff," he explained. "We have learned that it is far better policy to let the clerks and carriers put in all possible overtime work, because they are more familiar with the handling of excess mail in emergencies."

The volume of holiday mail did not begin to show evidences of the coming season until late last week, postal authorities reported. It was predicted that the mails of late in the week will exceed any previous season.

TRIFLING BLAZES KEEP FIREMEN ON JUMP IN MOLINE

A call was received at the central fire station at 5:25 Saturday afternoon from the building at 525 Fifteenth street, owned by the Van Wenterghem estate. A blaze on the roof of the building was quickly extinguished by the use of three tubes of chemicals.

A similar call was received Sunday morning at 10:40 from the residence of J. F. Green, 2124 Sixth avenue, and at 3:03 p. m. the fire department was again called out to extinguish a roof blaze at the home of H. R. Cox, 1843 Fifteenth street place.

The fourth call within the last 48 hours came at 8:13 this morning when a truck from station No. 1 carried the firemen and chemicals necessary to nip another budding shingle fire at the residence of Oscar Hammerquist, 412 Eighth street.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

MARRIED ON 13TH, 13 DAYS' WEDLOCK WINS WIFE DECREE

Thirteen hateful days of wedlock, according to her bill for divorce, convinced Mrs. Muriel Holub that her marriage to William Holub had been a mistake. Muriel and William were married Nov. 13, last, and 13 days later Muriel concluded that Nov. 13 had been her unlucky (wedding) day. Cruelly furnished grounds for the divorce, which was granted Mrs. Holub by Judge G. O. Dietz in Moline city court on Saturday afternoon.

Two other decrees were signed at the same time. Jesse Pretts was freed from his former wife, Ethel. Divorced was charged. A similar charge broke the bonds of George and Hattie Carstens in favor of the former.

8% Blackhawk Hotel Co. AND Miller Hotel Co. 8%

Miller Hotel Co.

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Total Issue \$1,200,000. Valuation of Security \$3,803,030

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Maturities: Serial—1 to 10 years. Denominations \$100, \$500, \$1,000.

The bonds are secured by a direct closed First Mortgage on the Blackhawk Hotel (the land owned in fee and building) and by a Collateral Trust Indenture made by the Miller Hotel Company covering their leasehold interests together with the furniture, fixtures and personal property in the Blackhawk Hotel and the New Davenport Hotel of Davenport, and the Fort Des Moines and Savery Hotels of Des Moines.

In addition the bonds are unconditionally guaranteed as to prompt payment of principal and interest by Dick R. Lane, H. C. Kahl, Thomas J. Walsh, William F. Miller and J. Reed Lane, officers of the Blackhawk Hotel and the Miller Hotel Company; the combined wealth of the guarantors being many times the total amount of this bond issue.

Net earnings of the combined hotel properties upon the completion of the remaining four stories of the Blackhawk Hotel estimated to be at least \$468,000 per annum after deducting Federal Income Taxes and other charges. This is nearly five times the greatest annual interest charges on the bonds.

The proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to pay off the existing encumbrance on the Blackhawk Hotel and to pay for the cost of constructing, equipping, and furnishing the remaining four stories of the Blackhawk Hotel.

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TRAVERS PRESS DOWN TREND OF STOCK MARKET

SELLING SIDE OF WHEAT MART CAUSES LOSSES

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Traders pressed the selling side of the wheat market today owing to a bank failure in London. The fact that the British made no wheat purchases over the week-end counted also as a bearish factor. On the other hand, bulls put emphasis on reports that rural holders southwest continued to minimize sales. Opening quotations which varied from 1c decline to 1/4c advance, with March \$1.83 to \$1.84, and May \$1.58 to \$1.59, were followed by a material setback all around.

Subsequently, a liberal reduction in the visible supply total helped to bring about a rally, 1/4c to 1/2c net higher with March 1.64 1/4 to 1.64 1/2, and May, 1.61 to 1.61 1/4.

Offerings were small, and there was persistent buying, especially on the part of a large elevator interest. The close was firm, 3/4c to 1 1/4c net higher with March 73 1/2 to 74c, and May, 1.61 to 1.61 1/4.

Seaboard demand made the corn market relatively firm. After opening at 7c off to 1/4c advance, including May at 72 1/2c to 73c, the market firmed all around, and then reacted somewhat.

Oats reflected the strength of corn, starting unchanged to 1/4c higher, May 49c to 49 1/2c, and continuing close to the initial range. Weakness in the hog market tended to weigh down provisions.

Chicago Futures

March	1.63	1.64	1.60	1.64
May	1.58	1.62	1.55	1.61
July	72 3/4	74 1/4	72 1/2	73 3/4
Sept.	73	75 1/2	73	74 1/4
Nov.	49	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
Jan.	48	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 3/4
Mar.	22.00	22.60	22.00	22.60
May	12.75	12.95	12.75	12.92
July	13.00	13.17	13.00	13.27
Sept.	11.00	11.12	10.95	11.12
Nov.	11.70	11.80	11.65	11.80

Chicago Produce

DECEMBER 20, 1920.

Butter	42
Standards	44
First	38 @ 43
Second	33 @ 36
Ordinaries	36 @ 60
First	64 @ 65
Cheese	19 1/4
Live Poultry	21 @ 22 1/2
Ducks	25
Geese	26
Springs	24
Turkeys	40
Roosters	18
Receipts 51 cars.	
Wisconsin, Minnesota	1.35@1.45

Weather Forecast

ILLINOIS: Snow in north and rain or snow in south portion tonight and probably Tuesday; warmer tonight.

MISSOURI: Rain or snow in north and rain in south portion tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight.

WISCONSIN: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with light snow; somewhat warmer in east portion tonight.

IOWA: Snow tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer in extreme east portion tonight; cooler in west portion Tuesday.

INDIANA: Snow in north and central and snow or rain in south portions late tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature.

Chicago Cash Grain

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Wheat: No. 2 red, 2.90; No. 3 red, 2.90; No. 2 hard, 1.75 @ 1.76 1/2.

Corn: No. 3 mixed, 68 @ 68 1/4; No. 2 yellow, 70 @ 70 1/2; No. 5 yellow, 70 @ 70 1/2; No. 7 yellow, 72 @ 72 1/2; No. 4 yellow, 70 @ 71 1/2; No. 5 yellow, 68 1/2 @ 69 1/2; No. 2 white, 71 1/2 @ 72 1/2; No. 4 white, 67 1/2 @ 68 1/2; No. 5 white, 64 1/2.

Oats: No. 2 white, 48 1/2 @ 49 1/2; No. 3 white, 47 1/2 @ 48 1/2; No. 4 white, 47 @ 47 1/2.

Rye: No. 2, 1.55.

Barley: 72 @ 72 1/2.

Timothy seed: 5.50 @ 6.50.

Clover seed: 15.00 @ 20.00.

Pork: Nominal.

Lard: 11.87.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Cattle, receipts 18,000; very little doing early; some shee-Stock to outsiders; strong to 25c higher; packers bidding steady; bulls weak, other classes mostly steady; bidding around 8.50 on good vealers, about 50c lower; best steers in liberal proportion.

Hogs, receipts 50,000; market mostly 10c lower than Saturday's average; top 9.35; one load; practical top 9.30; bulk 9.00 @ 9.15; pigs steady to 10c lower; bulk 90 to 130 pound pigs 9.25 @ 9.40.

Sheep, receipts 24,000; fat classes steady; lamb top 10.15; good ewes 4.00; prime yearlings 8.00; no feeder lambs sold early; looks steady.

Chicago Potatoes

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Potatoes dull; receipts 51 cars; Northern Whites sacked 1.35 @ 1.45 per hundred weight; bulk 1.45 @ 1.55 per hundred weight; Minnesota and North Dakota Red River Ohio sacked 1.50 per hundred weight.

Kansas City Livestock

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Cattle, receipts 11,000; fairly active; very uneven; most killing cattle and calves around steady; medium priced selling best; bulk fat steers 7.25 @ 8.25; bulk cows 4.00 @ 5.50; good and choice veals 8.75 @ 9.50; stockers and feeders strong.

Hogs, receipts 8,500; closing active, 10c to 15c higher; bulk of sales 8.60 @ 8.85; shippers top 8.95; good and choice pigs 8.50 @ 8.75.

Sheep, receipts 8,500; fat lambs around with Thursday's average; Colorado mostly fed lambs 10.00; sheep mostly 25c lower; bulk ewes 3.50 @ 3.75.

Kansas City Cash Grain

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Cash wheat: unchanged; No. 1 hard, 1.77 @ 1.75; No. 2, 1.67 @ 1.74; No. 1 red, 1.95 @ 1.96; No. 2, 1.93 @ 1.94.

Corn: 1c to 3c lower; No. 2 mixed 66 @ 64; No. 2 white, 66c; No. 3, 66c; No. 3 yellow, 67c; No. 3, 65c.

Oats: unchanged; No. 2 white, 49c; No. 2 mixed, 45 @ 46c.

Rye: 1.49.

Kafr and milo maize, 1.10 @ 1.30.

Hay: unchanged.

Receipts: wheat 462 cars.

"RED" RETURNS TO THE KEOKUK JAIL ON WORD OF HONOR

"Red" George Hill, who was arrested at Keokuk on a charge of child abandonment and brought to Aledo in connection with the murder of Robert Swearingen, was released last Saturday by Sheriff Fleming, following the confession of Thomas E. Prussell. Hill was sent back to Keokuk, unaccompanied, but on his word of honor. Sheriff Fleming received a letter from him this morning, stating that he had arrived at the county jail in Keokuk. He inquired if any work could be found in Aledo and stated that he would like to come here and bring his wife. Hill claimed that he was in Aledo on the night of the murder, but that he had no connection with either the poker players or the hold-up men. He is by trade a molder and when is able to find work earns from \$7 to \$15 a day.

SICK REMEMBERED.

Sick members of the Presbyterian church of Aledo were visited yesterday by members from the G. T. C. club, who presented them with potted plants as gifts from the society. This is a yearly custom of the society and many who would otherwise be forgotten are remembered by the girls.

BREEDERS MEET.

The Mercer county Durock Breeders' association met at the Merchants hotel in Aledo at 10:30 this morning for the annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Dinner was served at the hotel at noon. President I. S. Gilmore is presiding at the meeting.

TODAY IN ALEDO AND MERCER COUNTY

ETHEL JONES IS COUNTY WINNER IN SPELL TESTS

Ethel Jones, a student of the Glancey rural school in Eliza township, was a winner in the county spelling contest which was held in the college auditorium last Saturday morning.

Ethel, who is a neighbor of Charles Woodward, the boy who won both the county and state spelling contest last year, spelled 350 words correctly. Alice Martin, a student of the Union School in Eliza, and Marie Zwicker of Preemption, the winners of the second and third places, both went down on the same word. They were unable to spell "toxin," meaning an alarm bell.

County Superintendent of Schools Justin Washburn of Rock, Island county pronounced the words to the youthful spellers. First 100 words were given and those who missed one or more were eliminated from the race. Ten 25 words were pronounced and finally 10.

Every township in the county was represented in the contest. The work started at 10:30 in the morning and lasted until 4 o'clock in the afternoon with one and a half hours off for noon.

A gold medal was given Ethel as first prize. The medal for second place, which was awarded Alice Martin, was silver, and the third place medal won by Marie Zwicker was bronze. Besides these medals each contestant received a pin. Those who had won first place in the township contest received a blue and white pin, those who received second place were awarded a maroon and white pin and the pins given to the winners of third place were brown and white.

Charles Woodward, the state winner, last year spelled 450 words correctly. He failed on the word "sauerkraut." He competed against 37 spellers from the 102 counties in Illinois.

Miss Olive Hays, teacher of the Glancey school, which has succeeded both the county winners, cannot be given too much credit for her interest in the work. Superintendent of Schools G. E. Platt also deserves a great deal of credit for his untiring efforts in making the county contests a success.

As the county has provided no funds for the contests the schools have each donated a sum to be used for that purpose. This fund will meet the expenses to Springfield on Dec. 29, 1920, when she will compete in the state contest.

A number of teachers and parents were on hand Saturday to witness the spelling contest.

Those who represented the township at the contest were: North Henderson—Ruby Swanson, Vinnie Carlson, Evelyn Carlson.

Mercer—Richard Grove—Clarence Funk, Elmer Carlson, Elmer Wilson.

Ohio Grove—Edward Sharer, Alice Cabeen, Donna Olin.

Abingdon—Lyle Armstrong, Verne Allsup, Kenneth Greer.

Keithsburg—Mona Tanner, Carmen Keim, Elizabeth Seiver.

Rivoli—Theodore Nelson, Bernice Flack, Paul Peterson.

Greene—Helen Terry, Hazel Robbins, Mable Lilliman.

Mercer—Anna Ruse, Romona Wells, Mildred Drake.

Millersburg—Phyllis Fullerton, Beatrice Retherford, Carl Field.

New Boston—Ben Carroll, Irma Reiffert, Clair Field.

Perryton—Fern Lemon, Ruth Bongyne, Verda Gorman.

Eliza—Ethel Jones, Alice Martin, Verne Holmes.

Preemption—Marie Zwicker.

Duncan—Leona Bivens, Leota Lena, Clarence Thomas.

Stuez—General Stephenson, Bernice Lafferty, Grace Spilley.

Aledo Personal

Mrs. Charles Retherford of Joy returned to her home Saturday evening after visiting for a few days at the Arthur Nesbitt home in Aledo.

Miss Pearl Murray of Joy was an Aledo visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perry of Aledo visited with friends in New Boston over the week end.

Mrs. Hattie Brown of Keithsburg, who has been caring for William Leagain during his recent illness, returned home Saturday evening. Mr. Leagain is reported much better.

Mrs. Charles Johnson and daughter Eva of Joy were visitors in Aledo Saturday.

Mrs. Gid Jackson of New Boston was in Aledo Saturday night where she met her daughter, Miss Bessie, who returned home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Jackson is a student in the Ward Belmont college at Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Esther Hudson of Joy visited with friends in Aledo Saturday.

Miss Edna Braucht, who is a student in the state normal college at Macomb, arrived in Aledo last Saturday night. Miss Braucht will spend the holidays with relatives in Aledo.

Miss Mable Gilmore, who is teaching near Sioux City, Iowa, returned to Aledo last Saturday evening.

CHILDREN WILL GIVE UP TREAT TO HELP OTHERS

Methodists Asked to Make This a White Christmas—Program to Be Given Friday Night.

Children in the Methodist Sunday school voted yesterday to give up their usual Christmas treat, which was to have been distributed at the program Friday night, and donate the money to the starving children of central Europe and Asia near east.

In placing the proposition before the children, Dr. Samuel Van Pelt, pastor of the church, told the Sunday school classes of the conditions of the children and how much good a small amount of money could do in caring for them. For this week a child can be provided with stockings, boots and coat, and a good meal a day for the remainder of the winter. The children voted at once to forego the usual treat and send the money to the boys and girls who had so little.

A general call is being made by the Methodist churches throughout the United States to make this Christmas a white Christmas. The collection next Sunday will be used in answering the appeal for funds to help care for the children in central Europe and the near east.

County Treasurer C. A. Freese has been appointed by the county supervisors to take charge of the contributions donated by the citizens of Mercer county to the relief fund. It is hoped that a large sum will be sent from Mercer county to help the suffering in Europe throughout the winter.

ANOTHER VICTORY TO SEASON RECORD

Aledo high school walked away with both games in the double header played last Saturday night with the New Windsor high school team at New Windsor. The first team of Aledo defeated the first team of New Windsor by a score of 68 to 14. In the curtain raising game, played between the second teams of the Aledo and New Windsor high school, the New Windsor team was defeated 13 to 11.

Both the New Windsor teams put up a good fight and proved themselves to be game losers as well as clean players. This victory makes Aledo winner of every game played so far this season. The Seaton high school having been beaten in a game with the Aledo basket tossers by a score of 84 to 1 and the Wood-hull team by a score of 48 to 14. A game has been scheduled with Brown's Business College for early in January.

NOBLE FINED.

George Noble, the 17 year old Joy youth, charged with assault battery by Floyd Crappell of Joy, whose son, Earl Crappell, was severely beaten in an attack last June, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs by Judge W. T. Noble was one of the five boys tried earlier in the week for conspiracy and who were found "not guilty" by the jury. Both cases were the result of a fight last June at an entertainment at the Perryburg church.

STORES TO CLOSE.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 20, 1920, the stores of Aledo will be open evenings, for five evenings up to and including Friday night, the night before Christmas. All the stores, including groceries and meat markets will be closed all day Christmas day, Saturday, Dec. 25th.

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Powdered Sugar, per lb.	15c
Eggs (not delivered) per dozen	59c
Good Luck Oleo, 3 lbs.	\$1.00
Best Creamery Butter, per lb.	52c
Crisco, per lb.	25c
Lard (pure leaf) per lb.	19 1/2c
Shortening (comp. lard), lb.	15c
49 lb. sack Ceresota Flour	\$2.59
49 lb. sack Jersey Cream Flour	\$2.49
49 lb. Pillsbury Best, Gold Medal or Goldrim Flour	\$2.69
1 lb. can Calumet Baking Powder	29c
Walnuts (1920 crop, No. 1 soft shell) per lb.	35c
Mixed Nuts, per lb.	29c
Chocolate Drops, per lb.	29c
Fresh Prunes, per can	14c
Blue Ribbon Peaches, per pk.	24c
Dried Apricots, per lb.	39c
Dromiary Dates, per pk.	22 1/2c
Del Monte Seedless Raisins, per pk.	29c
Bulk Seedless Raisins, per lb.	33c
2 pkgs. Mince Meat	25c
2 pkgs. Jello or Jiffy Jell	25c
Orange Peel, 1/2 lb.	23c
2 cans Pumpkin	25c
No. 3 cans Pineapple	\$1.00
3 large cans Apricots	\$1.00
3 large cans Peaches	\$1.00
3 large cans Green Gage Plums	\$1.00
3 cans Peas, Corn or Tomatoes, standard brands	35c

CHRISTMAS COFFEE SPECIALS

Yuban Coffee	43c
Golden Rod Coffee	41c
3 lbs. best Peaberry Coffee	\$1.00
Gun Powder or Japan Tea, per lb.	59c
Bulk Cocoa (good grade) per lb.	29c
1/2 lb. can Hershey's Cocoa	25c
Rice, per lb.	10c
4 lbs. Navy Beans	25c
Large pkg. Roxane Cake Flour	45c
3 bars Palmolive or Creme Oil Soap	25c
3 cans Kitchen Kleenzer	25c
10 bars Kirk's Flake Soap	69c
12 bars Lenox Soap	50c

Potatoes, per peck 35c, per bushel \$1.35
5 lbs. Sweet Potatoes (Virginias) 25c
3 nice Grape Fruit 25c
Cabbage, per lb. 3c

We also have a full line of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—Celery, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Parsnips, Carrots, Rutabagas and Turnips—at reasonable prices.