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CHRISTMAS SEASON'S GREETINGS FOR OMAHA PEOPLE SATISFACTORY

Everybody Happy as Yuletide Season Approaches—Kiddies Promised Everything on Santa's Calendar for This Year and Big Business Happy Over Big Sales

Christmas is here again and to the thousands who read The Mediator every week this newspaper extends best wishes, as usual.

This year's Christmastide will be a rollicking affair. Most of the big stores have found it convenient to unload vast stocks they had accumulated and all of them appear to be satisfied with the progress of business this year. Such stores as Brandeis, Kilpatrick, and other large retail establishments report a record breaking business, which indicates that everybody has not gone broke, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Christmas season is always a real holiday affair for everybody. In fact it has come to be one of the big festival seasons for even the Jewish people although they do not celebrate the birth of the Saviour as a holiday. They all give Christmas presents and as a general proposition celebrate the day just like the Christians celebrate it.

This year the big stores have generally overdone themselves in preparing new things for the Christmas shopper. Toys for the kiddies that were never before heard of have decorated the big down town windows and there appears to be plenty of rejoicing at the coming festivities, which will be pulled off next Saturday.

One of the good things for this year is a general reduction in prices. This pertains not alone to eatables, but to

all the stuff the Christmas shopper has found it necessary to purchase. New lines of holiday offerings are being seen on every hand. They could not be purchased for the last three or four years because of the war. Some of our political friends are also celebrating because they landed their political gifts six weeks ahead of time.

It is also said that Omaha may enjoy a Christmas gift in the way of an exodus of many Greeks, who have just learned that King Constantine is to again be back on the job in his tiny kingdom, for which the greater part of our fair city will give thanks.

Railroads will also celebrate this year, because they are back in the hands of their owners. Unlike many other lines, railroads have been able to retain their high prices for everything they put on the market, which in itself is considered a big Christmas gift. Public service corporations will also feel pretty good for the same reason.

One lemon that Omaha will receive in its Christmas stocking is the gas plant, but what the people lose on this score a well known Omaha law firm will win, and that ought to help a little.

As a general proposition, the Yuletide season will be a satisfactory one for most of our people, and stockings are to be pretty well filled, even those of the poor victims.

Beginning a Perfect Day



The Christmas tree is rooted deep in love,
Its verdant branches tower far above;
Its fruits are emblems of a fairer clime,
Its odors whisper of a happier time.
'Tis planted in all lands to spread and grow,
And faith and hope among its treasures glow,
Till the green Life Tree in our midst shall stand,
And earth once more becomes an Eden Land.

—From Christmas Chimes.

CAPTAIN BALDWIN GETS READY FOR PUBLIC JOB

Captain John N. Baldwin, newly elected public defender, is getting ready for his new job. For an assistant Baldwin will have J. H. Walker, well known young attorney. Baldwin's office rent will cease with January 1. Aside from his work as public defender he will continue to practice law in a private capacity. This job of public defender is considered some real sinecure and those who know Baldwin are glad to see him occupy the place, so long as such a position must really exist.

BEN THOMAS CHANGES LOCATION OF OFFICE

Benjamin F. Thomas, former Omaha postmaster, but practicing law as of old, has moved to 315 Courtney building, where he may be found daily by his friends. Attorney Thomas was for a long time connected with the Woodmen of the World and a large trust company. He resumed his private law practice about a year ago. He was once city attorney and made good in that position twenty years ago, when as a young attorney he was getting a start in the world. Incidentally, Thomas says that story about the whale swallowing Jonah is all right.

MARGARET DAMM'S TRAGIC DEATH STARTLES OMAHA

The tragic death of Miss Margaret Damm, well known and talented young woman, last week, startled Omahans who had known her so long. With her sister, Miss Damm had entertained thousands of people as a singer and instrumentalist. Recently she had been afflicted with a nervous trouble which is thought to have

caused her to take her own life, which occurred at Craig, Neb., a week ago. She was visiting in Craig when the community was shocked of hearing of her having drowned herself in a small creek at that place.

A Cynicism.

The two keys to success are luck and pluck; luck in finding someone to luck.—Life.

Just Like a Man.

The average man thinks he sweeps them up when he scatters with a flirt of his handkerchief the cigar ashes he drops on the floor.—Buffalo Enquirer.

Story of the Thimble.

The modern thimble dates from 1684, when the goldsmith, Nicholas Benichoten of Amsterdam, sent one as a birthday present to a lady with the dedication, "To my frou van Renssealer, this little object which I have invented and executed as a protective covering for her industrious fingers."

"Scot Free."

To get off scot free is to escape without payment of tax. Scot was a tribute or tax levied upon all subjects according to their ability to pay; lot means the allotment or portion allotted to you, so that to pay scot and lot is to pay the ordinary taxes and also the personal tax allotted to you. If you succeed in evading the tax you get off scot free.

Fish Unable to Swim.

It is a fact that there are fish which cannot swim. A Brazilian fish, called the maltha, can only crawl, walk or hop. It has a long, upturned snout, and resembles to some extent a toad. The anterior fins of the maltha are quite small and are not suitable for use in the water. They are in reality thin jaws which are of no service for swimming.—Dearborn Independent.

PHYSICIAN IS FOUND GUILTY OF BAD MESS

Verdict of Jury Is Cause for Much Talk In Omaha

BUNGLESOME JOB RESULTS FATALY

Airing of Serious Crime in Court Adds Touch of Pathos and Gives Insight to What Is Going On In This Old World

The verdict of guilty in the case of Dr. Leslie Fields ended one of the most interesting criminal proceedings heard in the district court for a long time. Fields was charged with causing the death of a Nebraska girl, by means of an abortion. The law is plain enough in the case, but there is much behind the whole matter that did not come out in the trial and will never come out in any other manner.

As a general proposition, the medical profession throws cold water on the abortion business, but it would be hard to find a family of any consequence that has not at some time come in touch with this savage business. The principal trouble in the Fields case appears to be that the doctor did a bunglesome job of the whole thing and failed to call in an expert at a time when an expert was really needed.

Fields is young in the medical profession and from all appearances he undertook to accomplish some things that even old men in the business would have refused to attempt. The case will probably be appealed and the whole thing will again be threshed out. It will leave a bad taste in the mouths of a lot of people, however, whatever may be the final outcome of the matter.

From time immemorial abortion has been practiced and it doubtless will continue until the end of time. Human nature is human nature and it

can not be changed by all the prisons in the world. Conditions come up in the lives of people, especially young people, that have but one final result. For that reason, more cases like the one that has taken up so much space in Nebraska newspapers are bound to come to the surface, even though the medical profession purge itself of every member that is called upon from time to time to do the very thing that Dr. Leslie Fields was called upon to do.

It is also true that every man who ever practiced the medical profession has been called upon at some time in his experience to go through some of the things that Fields went through. Few of them have ever been caught at it. Despite the fact that Fields has been found guilty by a jury, the whole thing recalls a dirty mess that people do not like to talk about.

In Omaha the medical profession is as high as it is in any city in the country and the Dr. Fields case has put something of a blot on the whole business. But that will not prevent a continuance of the very things that caused Dr. Fields' downfall. Every day men and women will continue to lay down their money to secure what is known as an illegal operation. It is a bad business, to say the least.

Incidentally, it brings up some new angles to the social question that are

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DUNDEE WOMEN PREPARE TO SHOOT BURGLARS OR ANY OTHER VISITORS

Gun Club Formed to Cope With Burglars But Will Be Ready for All Other Emergencies—Searchers for "Hootch" Take Maier to Station

Dundee burglars have been a bunch the last few weeks, for all of which reason the women in that fashionable suburb have decided to start a gun club for shooting purposes. The club will be composed of some of Omaha's best and most prosperous women and, after they get to doing business, expect to make it pretty warm for any burglars who take the liberty of visiting homes out there uninvited.

Dundee has had many and varied experiences with burglars, hijackers and even the police. No less than a week ago officers visited out there, strictly on business. They called on a fellow named Maier and confiscated a select accumulation of booze and took Maier along with the "hootch." Of course, the woman's gun club will not attempt to stop the officers, but the many doings in that vicinity of late give rise to conjecture that this bunch of shooting women have something up their sleeves.

Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Howe and a lot of other ambitious gun toters are named as being among the crowd of the fair sex who will be members of the organization, which will do a little outdoor practicing from time to time, just to keep themselves ready for emergencies.

Women have found it necessary in recent months to prepare for self-protection and they are doing it with

a vim. Mrs. Hugh Murphy has thus far declined to join the happy throng of revolver toters but she admits nobody ever can tell what will happen. Mrs. Murphy believes in self protection for women and the babies and if she takes a hand in the organization she will give it plenty of life.

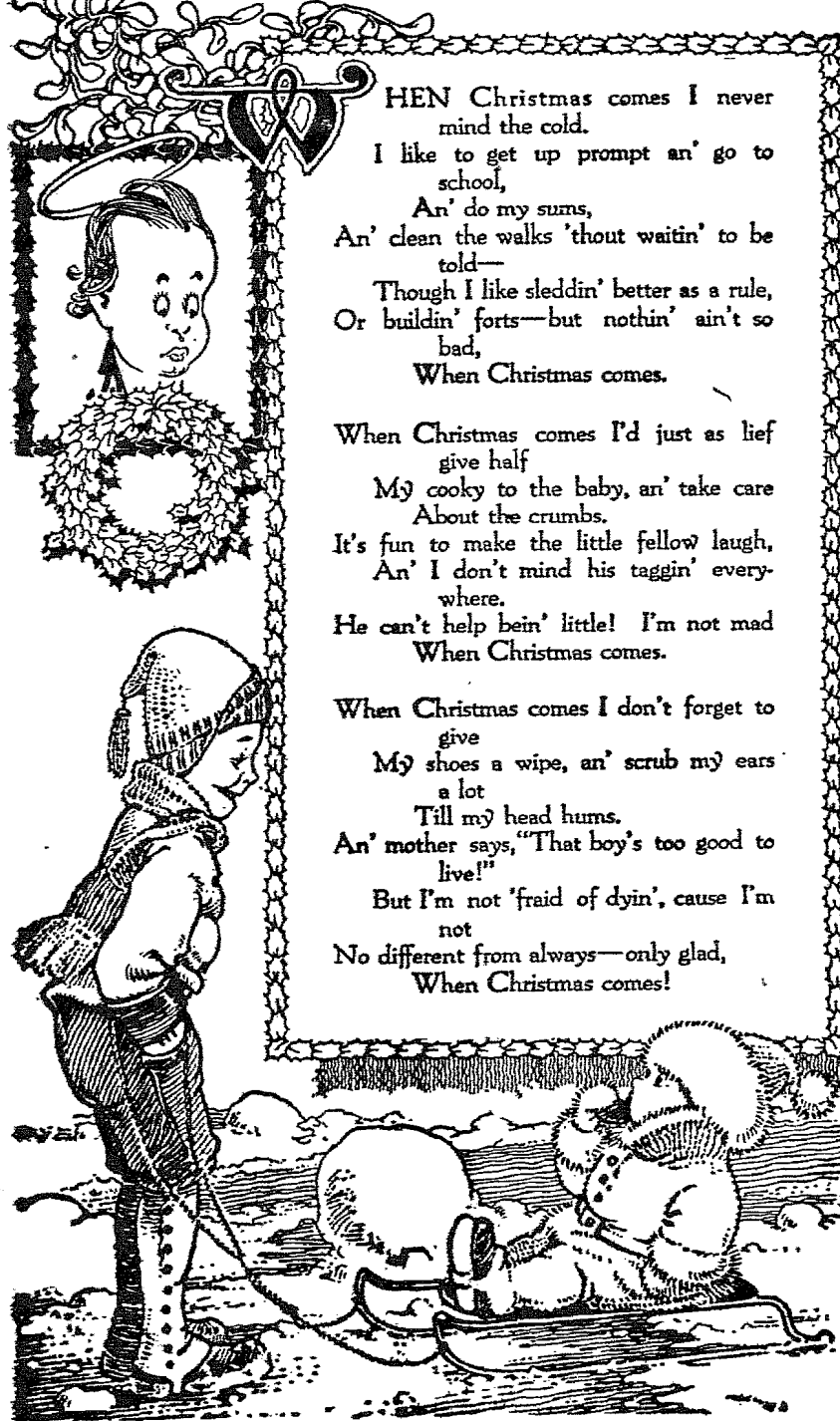
Burglars have been doing a rushing business in Dundee of late and some of the ladies out there have been victims. In the event of them forming an army to protect their homes and themselves from this bunch of visitors the burglar business will soon go on the decline in elite and select Dundee.

Dundee was formerly a village suburb to Omaha but when it was annexed the village lost much of its individuality. It then became necessary to put up with regular harness bulls instead of the usual town watchman and all those things that come with being a part of a metropolitan city. Burglars took a liking to the place. Now, with a woman's gun club, this business is expected to come to an end and shooting miracles will soon be recorded in our newspapers.

Governor McKelvie's assistance is also to be sought, it is said. If there is anything McKelvie is long on is being friendly to the ladies, for all of which reason he is expected to lend considerable aid to the new organization.

When Christmas Comes

by Abigail William's Burton
in St Nicholas



When Christmas comes I never mind the cold.
I like to get up prompt an' go to school,
An' do my sums,
An' clean the walks 'thout waitin' to be told—
Though I like sleddin' better as a rule,
Or buildin' forts—but nothin' ain't so bad,
When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I'd just as lief give half
My cookie to the baby, an' take care
About the crumbs.
It's fun to make the little fellow laugh,
An' I don't mind his taggin' everywhere,
He can't help bein' little! I'm not mad
When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I don't forget to give
My shoes a wipe, an' scrub my ears a lot
Till my head hums.
An' mother says, "That boy's too good to live!"
But I'm not 'fraid of dyin', cause I'm not
No different from always—only glad,
When Christmas comes!

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And she opened her big blue eyes,
And I'm sure she understood it—
She looked so funny and wise.

Dear! what a tiny stocking!

It doesn't take much to hold
Such little pink toes as baby's
Away from the frost and cold.
But, then, for the baby's Christmas
It will never do at all;
Why, Santa wouldn't be looking
For anything half so small.

I know what will do for the baby—

I've thought of the very best plan—
I'll borrow a stocking of grandma,
The longest that ever I can;
And you'll hang it by mine, dear mother,
Right here in the corner—so;
And write a letter to Santa,
And fasten it on the toe.

Write, "This is the baby's stocking

That hangs in the corner here.
You never have seen her, Santa,
For she only came last year.
But she's just the blessedest baby!
And, now, before you go,
Just cram her stocking with goodies
From the top clean down to the toe."

Easy Method.

You can judge whether apples are fresh or not by the sass they give you.—Boston Transcript.

Here's a Fish Story.

Trout vary greatly within the species, according to the nature of the waters they inhabit, the variations being manifested in their color, size, form and fin development, says the American Forestry Magazine. As to their weight, Mr. Hallock, a famous American fisherman, claims to have known of one that weighed seventeen pounds, while as a rule, they do not run over three or four pounds.

A Good Remedy.

White stains left by alcohol on furniture can be removed by rubbing them with spirits of camphor.

Makes Hot Water Bottles Last Longer.

To make a hot water bottle last longer and fit the body more comfortably, remove all air from the bottle after filling and before screwing in the stopper, by resting the bottle on a shelf or table, holding the top of the bottle in one hand and gently pressing down until the water comes to the opening. Hold in this position while the stopper is screwed in. The bottle should not be more than two-thirds full.—M. H. S., Iowa.

Drying Shoes.
To dry wet shoes quickly stuff them with paper and put near the fire, though not close enough for the leather to burn.

Cultivate Brevity.
If you would be pungent be brief, for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.—Southey.

Tolling the "Passing Bell."
The passing bell was rung in English pre-reformation times for the dying as well as after death. The practice grew out of the belief that devils and evil spirits troubled the dying and lay in wait to torment the soul when it had left the body. After the reformation the passing bell was discontinued, although tolling after a death is still the custom.

Christmas Gifts of Real Class

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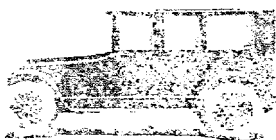
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COMING TO GAYETY

For originality, scope, novelty and unique endeavor next week's attraction at the popular Gayety theater is said to be the last word in theatrical endeavor. The production is known as Sam Howe's "Jollities of 1920."

This season Mr. Howe has mustered a new author in line to write a book, lyrics and music of his show, thereby having the courage of his convictions and the public benefits by something new in burlesque entertainment. That this has been thoroughly and satisfactorily supplied is shown by the success of the new offering which just



Helen Tarr—(GAYETY)

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now is the talk of the Columbia Circuit.

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PHYSICIAN IS FOUND
GUILTY OF BAD MESS

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not frequently aired in print. In Omaha the casual observer should take cognizance of certain conditions, so far as social life is concerned. There are many large families and many small ones. Some of these small families come from natural conditions and some of them do not.

Truthfully and plainly speaking, this condition comes as a result of people employing methods not entirely in keeping with the ethics of God's written and unwritten laws. This has come to be a most common thing and people who are interested in the ques-

tion have a big job on their hands educating the people to what is the proper thing to do under certain circumstances.

Ruth Ayer, a country girl, came to the city from Hayes Center. She had a sweetheart named Francis Watson Alexander, who is alleged to have been responsible for the condition of Miss Ayer that brought about the operations that are alleged to have caused Miss Ayer's death. He played the game as hard as possible, and admitted he was desperately in love with the girl. He said he wanted to marry her, even after he became aware of the fact that he had caused her to run amuck, and declared she refused him. The operation was the only way out

of the matter, he intimated. Fields was employed, according to his story, and the tragedy followed.

It is a bad mess to say the least. Fields has been what might be termed the "fall guy." What is to become of Alexander remains to be seen. Omaha has a welfare board, but thus far there have been no reports of activity by that body in running down such cases as the Alexander-Ayer tragedy. Some of the members of this board might already have some inside information that would help to clear up the bad-smelling end of this business. Perhaps they will get busy.

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