

City Business Houses Will Remember Employees

Santa Claus is going to remember the employees of most of the big business houses, and many of the smaller firms as well as those of the majority of the banks of Salt Lake City, with the customary good cheer, most of which, in the past, has been in the shape of cash. The distribution this year will be the customary one with these institutions, which varies from a certain percentage fixed by custom to varying amounts at the discretion of the manager, employer, or cashier. Opinions differ as to the utility or wisdom of such gifts, and there are several large institutions in the city, the management of which has never yielded to the time-honored custom and has declined the hearts of the employees on Christmas eve. They frankly state that they do not believe in the practice, but make it a practice to pay good wages, allow good hours and generally make it pleasant for their employees all the year.

These same people have no objection to the profit sharing plan which is being introduced in many of the large concerns of the east, and which is now working in one of Salt Lake's largest banks. In this bank the employees receive their dividends twice a year, the percentage depending on their position in the bank and their consequent salaries. Most of the banks distribute cash presents amounting from \$5 to \$10, though one or two give much larger amounts to capable and worthy employees, as high as \$50 being given by one bank.

A cash distribution is also made by two of the largest mercantile houses in the city, this custom being followed for many years past. Another large firm gives a year's subscription to certain magazines to its permanent employees.

The women being given the Young Ladies' Home Journal, and the mail. The Saturday Evening Post. One of the largest dry goods houses in the city does not give Christmas presents to its employees, because the manager does not believe in the practice. Instead, he says, the firm allows its employees to come to work at 8:30 a. m., allows Saturday afternoons off during the summer and in other ways shows its appreciation of its employees.

A number of firms fall back on the old custom of giving the girls, including in some instances a bottle of wine and a box of cigars. One prominent mining company, at least, will come forward with cigars for the employees. In a few cases the employees are instructed to pick out something in the store to the value of \$5 or \$10, and one well-known firm in the upper part of town has made a cash distribution of as high as \$500 to one of its trusted employees.

Whether large or small amounts are distributed tomorrow, the fact remains that the great majority of the workers of Salt Lake City will be remembered in some way, those not following the time honored custom being decidedly in the minority.

SHOTGUN MAN STIRS NEIGHBOR

George Moore Goes on a Rampage in Southeastern Section.

Armed with a shotgun and with his interior well filled with intoxicants, Geo. Moore created a panic this afternoon when he fired at random and brandishing a knife, he frightened all the women of the neighborhood into their homes. He fired at random and brandishing a knife, he frightened all the women of the neighborhood into their homes. He fired at random and brandishing a knife, he frightened all the women of the neighborhood into their homes.

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which freed 11 men from past financial obligations, and continued the delinquencies over the status of three others. They were bankruptcy cases which had been pending for various periods of time.

Those who were finally discharged were: Daniel Densley, Jr., of River-ton; Isaac D. Erickson, of Murray; Thomas W. Alsop of Sandy; John E. Crow, James R. Jarvis, Patrick P. Higgins, William R. Morrow, George Morrow, William T. Brooks, Christian J. Regoni, and Clarence O. McCall of Salt Lake.

Those cases which have been adjudicated and referred are Frank A. Brington of Murray; Henry H. Wells and Reuben G. Cook of Salt Lake.

SAUNDERS WILL FILED.
An inventory of the estate of H. F. Saunders, the well known stock man, who died last August, was filed in the probate division of the probate court this morning by Edgar L. Clark, the executor. His one-half interest in the Haley & Saunders Live Stock company is valued at \$65,238.72. Saunders disposed of considerable property to members of his family before his death.

BAITCH OBTAINS JUDGMENT.
George Washington Baitch secured judgment in Judge George G. Armstrong's court this morning against the Willard Land & Irrigation company for \$1,000.50 for services as an attorney and 1,000 shares of the capital stock of the company.

LATE LOCALS

Robt. L. Anderson Ill.—Robert L. Anderson is reported to be very ill at the residence of his mother in this city.

Read Files Official Bond.—Charles Homer Reed, short term councilman from the Second ward, filed his bond of \$500 with the city recorder. His bondsmen are E. G. O'Donnell and Eugene R. Wheelon.

Sunday School Exercises.—The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church will have its Christmas exercises in the Sunday school room this evening at 7:30. The exercises will be of more than usual interest.

Skylight Glass Arrives.—The delayed glass for the new L. D. S. gymnasium building has arrived, and is now being put in place. The interior of the fine structure will now be protected from the weather.

Christmas Festival.—The First Presbyterian church Sunday school has its annual Christmas festival this evening, in the school auditorium. In this church, the children give supplies of food to the deserving poor, instead of being given presents themselves.

Williamson Funeral Friday.—The body of Sam Williamson of this city who died at Pasadena Tuesday, arrived in this city this noon, and was taken to the residence 352 Sixth avenue at 2 p. m. with private interment in Mt. Olivet.

Harry Lauder's Company.—Mr. Joseph F. Vion, advance manager of the Harry Lauder Concert company is in town arranging the details for the appearance of the famous star at the tabernacle on the night of Wednesday, Jan. 5. Mr. Vion says the entertainment will be especially high class and that in addition to Mr. Lauder, the company contains a violinist, a high class soprano and several other strong concert features. Mr. Lauder's numbers will be confined to songs and anecdotes, in and out of character.

Judge G. W. Barch and daughter Olive left over the Los Angeles limited today for the east. They will visit Washington, New York and Wilmington, Del., before returning.

SPIKE AND RAIL.
E. M. Bagley, chief claims agent of the Oregon Short Line, has gone to San Francisco to spend the holidays with his mother.

W. H. Bancroft Returns.—W. H. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, returned last night from a business trip to New York. He was accompanied by his secretary, F. H. Knickerbocker.

CONSCRIPTION IN EUROPE.

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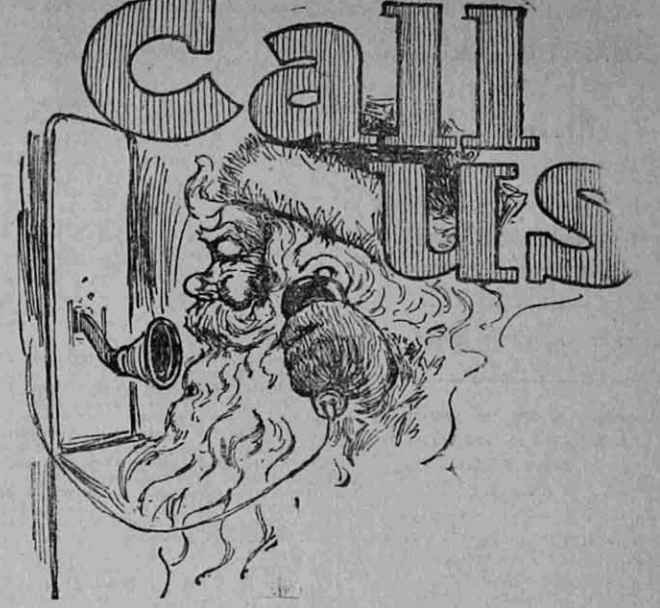
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Mixed Nuts---Without Peanuts---20c

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- 50c Chocolates, 4 flavors, per pound.....25c
- 35c Chocolates, per pound.....20c
- 40c hand made Creams, per pound.....25c
- French mixed, only.....15c
- Battle Ax mixed, only.....15c
- Almonds.....25c
- Jelly beans, only.....25c
- Walnuts.....25c
- Pecans.....25c
- Brazil.....25c
- Hazel.....25c

Our recent shipment of California dried fruits are the best in the city.

- Evaporated apples, per pound.....15c
- Evaporated peaches, 2 pounds.....25c
- Evaporated pears, per pound.....15c
- California prunes, 60 to 70 to the lb., per lb.....10c
- California prunes, 70 to 80 to the lb., 3 lbs.....25c
- Extra, fine evaporated apricots, 2 pounds.....25c
- New loose mince-meat, 2 pounds.....25c
- Blue Ribbon raisins, 2 packages.....25c
- Easter brand raisins, per package.....10c
- Currents, 2 packages.....25c
- Nonesuch mince-meat, per package.....15c
- Blue Ribbon mince-meat, 3 packages.....25c

With our usual low prices on all staple groceries. All goods are guaranteed to be first-class or money refunded.

17 LBS. SUGAR, \$1.00, WITH ORDER.

- Sack High Patent Flour.....\$1.65
- Sack Straight Grade Flour.....\$1.55
- 2 1/2 lbs. Navy Beans.....25c
- 2 1/2 lbs. Jap. Rice.....25c
- Loose Rolled Oats, per lb.....15c
- 3 lbs. Tapioca or Sago.....25c
- 2 lbs. Macaroni.....25c
- 2 Qt. cans Syrup.....25c
- New Mince Meat, "None Such".....10c
- New Mince Meat, Blue Ribbon.....25c
- 3 pkgs.....25c
- Gal. cans Pie Peaches.....25c
- Gal. cans Catsup.....25c
- 1 frame New Honey.....10c
- 45c Jar Liebig's Beef Extract.....30c
- Brook Trout, per can.....25c
- 3 large cans Milk.....25c
- 6 cans Sugar Corn.....55c
- 3 cans Tomatoes.....25c
- 4 cans Campbell's Soup.....25c
- 2 cans Pumpkins.....25c
- Large can Asparagus.....30c
- Three packages Self-Raising Buckwheat Flour.....25c
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Opera Glass Bags, with Opera Glasses, or without; all at one-fourth less.

Imported Hand Bags Greatly Reduced

A beautiful line of imported Hand Bags in colors and black; usually sold up to \$27.50; to close out before Xmas \$10.00.

Beaded Bags at Half Price

Our entire line of Beaded Bags at one-half price. Values are from \$5.95 to \$18.95.

A line of genuine Baby Alligator Bags, leather lined and are made only as the most skilled workmen know how. The values are \$12.95 to \$24.45; for just one-half price.

Toilet Sets at Compelling Prices

A line of ebony, ebonoid and box-wood Toilet Sets, one-half price. Values are \$2.50 to \$34.95.

Jet Jewelry—Half Price

Our entire line of jet jewelry at one-half price.

Calendars Cut

The 50c, 60c and 75c Xmas boxes for 30c. The \$1.00 and \$1.25 Xmas boxes for 75c.

Boxed Stationery, to close out at Reductions

25c and 35c Calendars for 15c.

New Books at a Less Price

All books other than fiction, at one-half price.
\$1.50 popular fiction, \$1.10.
Xmas Booklets, the 75c ones for 50c.
The 35c ones for only 25c, and the small 10c ones, 3 for 25c.
Prayer Books and Bibles at one-half price.

PEARY'S UNDERSTUDIES.

Messrs. O. C. Beebe and A. Woodruff, two prominent local devotees of Nimrod, say they can now have some idea of what Cook and Peary experienced in their struggles to reach the north pole. These two mighty hunters from Salt Lake went down to the mouth of the Jordan Wednesday, with a boat mounted on a sled. The river was frozen over, and the brackish waters of the straits were uncertain, and in sledding over the marshes, the sled would frequently break through, and then the nimrods would have a great time of it, with the boat, and getting started again. Both wore hip boots so they kept dry, and were clad in arctic attire which protected them from the cold. The sled was managed to do some shooting. Most of the ducks had flown south where the sedges do not freeze in winter time, but enough remained to supply each hunter with feathered vicies to the full limit allowed by law, viz, 25 each, which they brought home, after an all day's tramp around on the ice.

COURT NEWS

STATE CRIMINAL CASES.

The police evidently believe that in Frank Williams, they have a bad character. He was arrested before Judge Bowman on the charge of burglary in the second degree. Williams pleaded not guilty, and the case was set for Jan. 17. His bail heretofore had been only \$500, but upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, the court this morning raised the amount to \$1,000.

John Phillips and Frank Willard, charged with having burglar tools in their possession, entered pleas of not guilty, and their hearing was set for Jan. 18. They were taken to the county jail in default of \$500 bail each.

E. C. Christy, charged with grand larceny, who was brought back from San Francisco Monday night by Lieut. R. L. Shannon, was arraigned in the criminal division of the city court this morning and took until Friday morning to plead. It is alleged that on Nov. 17, Christy stole two diamond rings from Miss Lulu Jordan, an actress. He slipped out to San Francisco and was captured there. Shannon was sent for the prisoner and brought him back Monday.

Henry Bates, youth who has been arrested numerous times for petty thefts, is now facing a serious charge, that of burglary in the third degree, and he will have to face the district court for trial, according to the order made by Judge Bowman this morning. On Nov. 26, Bates was caught red handed trying to rob a box car. He was pounced upon by several foreigners, beaten and then held until the arrival of the police. The testimony given this morning showed that Bates had broken into the car and was in the act of taking articles away when caught. He was ordered held to await the action of the district court, and in default of bonds in the sum of \$500 was taken to the county jail.

RISE OF YOUNG MAN.

A circular from the main offices of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad in Chicago, announces the appointment of E. B. Houghton as freight traffic manager of the road, vice James B. Gorman resigned. Mr. Houghton is still a young man, having been born Nov. 5, 1866, that his rise in the railroad world has been rapid and deserved. He entered the railway service in 1883 as clerk and operator on the T. & S. F. W., but in 1884 he went with the Santa Fe where he has remained ever since. In 1891 he was named as chief clerk to the freight traffic manager, and in 1893 he was promoted to be division freight and ticket agent at El Paso. In 1891 he was appointed assistant general freight agent at San Francisco, and for the last four years has been assistant freight traffic manager in Chicago. Mr. Houghton is well known in western railroad circles, having made this territory frequently while stationed at San Francisco.

SUES CITY FOR DAMAGES.

Sarah A. Hess brought suit against Salt Lake City Wednesday to recover \$3,000 as damages to her property at 245 West Seventh North street, by changing the grade. The complaint sets forth that the city raised the grade of the street and sidewalk in front of her property, destroying the entrance to her place.

BANKRUPTCY CASES.

Judge Marshall of the federal court this morning handed down decisions