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Cora B. Anderson et al to Claus Schmidt, lot 4, block 78, O. T. S.

W. T. White et ux., to Carl C. Wright, 1/2 int. in NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 15, Twp. 35S, R. 6 W.

Merlin Townsite and Development Co. to John Twohy, lots 11 and 12, block 4, Merlin Center add.

E. W. Kuykendall et ux., to Clark T. Webb, E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec. 2, and W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 1, Twp. 41S, R. 9 W, 160 acres.

C. E. Chenoweth et ux., to Arthur Conklin, lots 6 and 11, block A, Lincoln Park add.

Herbert B. Alverson et ux., to Josie Johnson, W 1/2 of W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 24, Twp. 36 S, R. 6 W, \$2500.

Myra A. Gillilan et al., to E. E. Dunbar, N 1/2 of lots 1 and 2, block 70, R. R. add., \$150.

W. M. Hair et ux., to M. E. Sturdevant, lot 3, block D, Bourne's add., \$400.

Chas. Kingswell et ux., to S. E. Hamlyn, 4 acres in Sec. 17, Twp. 36, R. 5 W, \$2000.

John H. Williams to Wm. H. Shaul lots 7-8, block 51, R.R. add., \$110.

Arthur Conklin to Wm. McElroy, all of Sec. 36, Twp. 33 S, R. 6 W, containing 640 acres, \$3840.

Geo. H. Kelly et ux., to J. B. Donnelly, SW 1/4 Sec. 4, Twp. 35 S, R. 6 W; NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4; NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 31, Twp. 35 S, R. 6 W; NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 33 S, R. 6 W; N 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec. 5, Twp. 36 S, R. 6 W, and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 1, Twp. 37 S, R. 6 W, and the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 5, Twp. 37S, R. 6W and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 11, Twp. 37 S, R. 6 W, and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 13, Twp. 37 S, R. 6 W, containing 1200 acres.

J. Stanley Taylor et ux., to Arthur Conklin, 1/2 acre in block G, Bourne's add., \$600.

Geo. Hansen et ux., to Jennie H. Sloan, lots 3 and 4, block 24, O. T. S., \$2800.

Mary Cornelius Brown to Alice W. Jordan, 351 acres in Sec. 18, Twp. 36 S, R. 7 W., \$12,000.

John W. McCaslin to A. N. Parsons, N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Sec. 10, and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 15, Twp. 35 S, R. 6 W.

Jos. Harper et ux., to Charlotte A. Boog, lot 3, block E, Lincoln Park Add., and lots 9 and 10, block F, Bourne's Add., \$650.

Charles H. Lester to S. C. Stone, SE 1/4 of Sec. 34, Twp. 35 S, R. 5 W, \$900.

S. C. Stone to Wm. T. Cameron, SE 1/4 of Sec. 34, Twp. 35 S, R. 5 W.

R. W. Harper to Charlotte A. Boog, lot 2, blk E and lots 9 and 10 blk F Bourne's First Ad.

Valentine Myer to J. R. McGalliard, S 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 4, tp 35 S of R. 6 W, \$550.

J. R. McGalliard to Clayton Rhodes S 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 4, tp 35 S, R. 6 W, \$100.

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Why Saint Nicholas?

By ROBERT DONNELL.

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WHY is Santa Claus sometimes called St. Nicholas? For the most excellent reason that Nicholas is the real name of the saint. Until comparatively recent years there was no Santa Claus at Christmas time. When the old saint comes down the chimney Dec. 24, Christmas eve, and deposits gifts for the children in the suspended stockings he is just nineteen days behind time, for his true and proper time is Dec. 5, that being the eve of St. Nicholas day. Just how Nicholas got to be the Christmas eve saint is not altogether clear, but those iconoclasts who dig into ancient matters are probing this secret. They have discovered, or claim to have discovered, that the Christmas eve Santa Claus really originated in America, being transported to England from New York.

In the saints' calendar Dec. 6 is St. Nicholas day. Nicholas was bishop of Myra, in Lycia. He is believed to have lived under the Emperors Diocletian and Constantine and is the patron saint of poor maidens, sailors, travelers, merchants and children. Rich maidens, of course, are also quite willing to acknowledge him when he comes along with diamond dog collars, necklaces and tiaras.

Before the great religious reformation the custom of giving presents on St. Nicholas eve was general throughout Christian Europe. When the worship of the saints was abolished the practice died out in England, where for about three centuries St. Nicholas failed to visit households on the evening of Dec. 5 to leave presents for good children. By the way, it should be pointed out that Nicholas was noted even in infancy as a particularly good and pious child. Therefore his visits are not made to bad children—only to those whose parents can vouch for their good behavior during the previous year.

In Austria, Holland and Poland St. Nicholas eve is still observed. Good children get presents, secretly left in their shoes placed upon the hearthstone for the purpose or in their stockings hung from the mantel. When New York was settled by Hollanders the devout Dutchmen brought over to America their religious customs, not forgetting that of St. Nicholas eve. In old New Amsterdam the saint made his visits the night of Dec. 5, St. Nicholas day being celebrated by the settlers as a holiday. In time the Dutch were supplanted by the English. New Amsterdam became New York, and the old St. Nicholas eve gift giving custom was reintroduced into England from New York. But in England the custom of giftmaking on Christmas eve had grown up. There was, however, no Santa Claus ceremony. Gifts were made outright and without secrecy.

When St. Nicholas sailed back to England there was consternation among fond papas and mammas in the tight little isle.

"What! Shall we have two days of gift giving and less than three weeks apart?" they cried.

Thrifty English parents, it is supposed, determined that one day of giving was enough, and so they simply transferred St. Nicholas to Christmas eve.

TO EVACUATION CUBA JANUARY FIRST

Details of the vacation of Cuba have been completed by Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff. The schedule of sailings from Cuba has been announced at the War Department. The withdrawal of the army will begin on January 1.

The army officers and civilian officials will sail from Havana the day after the inauguration of President Gomez, and the troops remaining in the island will be withdrawn as rapidly as transportation facilities will permit. Three army transports will be used in bringing the troops home, and all the troops will be landed at Newport News, Va.

The first of the American forces to leave Cuba will be 400 marines, who will sail on the cruiser Prairie January 1. On the transport Sumner the Twenty-eighth Infantry will sail for Newport News, and thence proceed to Fort Snelling, Minn. The Prairie will leave Cuba again on January 15, with the remainder of the marines.

The greater portion of the troops will sail from Cuba on February 27 in the transports Meade and McClellan. This date will see the removal of the headquarters of the army of pacification, the Fifth, Eleventh and Seventeenth Regiments of Infantry, the Eleventh Cavalry, and Batteries A and B of the Second Field Artillery. These troops will proceed to Washington to take part in the inaugural parade, March 4. The Eleventh Cavalry will go to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; the Eleventh Infantry to Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; the Fifth Infantry to Plattsburg Barracks, New York; the Seventeenth Infantry to Fort McPherson, Ga., and Batteries A and B

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The last troops to leave will be the Twenty-seventh Infantry, Companies F and G of the Engineers, and all remaining officers and detachments and civilian employes it may be necessary to leave in Cuba after the withdrawal of the provisional government.

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