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The Night Before Christmas

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"On the Sunny Side of Main Street."

TALKS ON DIVORCE

Judge Kennedy Delivers A Good Lay Sermon on Important Subject.

Under the auspices of the Presbyterian Brotherhood of this city Judge Kennedy, of Omaha, last evening at the regular church service hour delivered a strong discourse on the subject of the Church and Divorce. There was a good sized audience out considering the almost impassable condition of the crossings. W. L. Cooper, president of the Brotherhood, presided, Dr. J. T. Baird offered prayer at the opening of the session. The special music for the occasion consisted of a solo by Mrs. Gamble, after which Mr. Cooper introduced the speaker.

Judge Kennedy in his preliminary remarks mentioned the good being done through the Brotherhood movement which was spreading in the Presbyterian church, and was a move in the right direction as it tended to place the church more in touch with the social side of life. The speaker said in discussing the subject given him that he would leave out of the view of the ecclesiastical and moral phases and devote his time to the practical points which had come under his notice during his experience on the bench, and said in substance that statistics recently compiled showed that the divorce evil had rapidly increased during the past twenty years and this was especially true in Nebraska. The speaker mentioned that the divorce of Jesus' time among the Jews was quite different from those issued by courts of today, as they were merely a writing on the part of the husband excluding the spouse from his room and his society. Some form of divorce had been in use as long as there has been marriages.

The speaker dwelt upon the evils of the laxity of the divorce laws of the state Nebraska having many grounds for divorce outlined in her statute required only a six months residence before the courts have jurisdiction, which the Judge thought should be extended to a year or more, especially now since South Dakota had strengthened its divorce laws requiring a longer residence. The Judge is a member of the Douglas county judiciary where many judges are required to transact the business. In that city three judges look after the equity business of the court, before which divorce cases are tried. Judge Kennedy in the past three years has disposed of 442 cases of which 225 were divorce cases. He did but one-third of the business. Out of these there were only six contested cases, and of the six, three obtained divorces. Taking the country over there was a divorce granted for every twelve marriages. And when one considered the sorrow of the innocent children left without the guidance of father or mother the condition was lamentable. It had been noted that the majority of all the children brought before the juvenile courts were those of divorced parents.

The causes of so many applications for divorce the speaker mentioned were many. Perhaps the tendency of people of rural districts to rush into the city. The drink was the cause of the great majority of the cases. But back of it all was something else, that is a proper conception of what marriage is. Here the speaker referred to the Episcopal marriage ritual "for richer or for poorer, through sickness and in health etc." Divorces were oftentimes sought by those to whom the marriage contract had no religious significance.

The church can do much to correct some of the evils by petitioning the legislature for an amendment to the divorce laws of our state. The period of residence should be extended to one year, and as the vast majority of the divorces are granted on default of appearance, and service of summons is made by published summons, the law should require evidence that diligence had been used to get personal service on the delinquent spouse, and an order of court obtained, before published service is made. The speaker believed that the state should be represented in every default case, either by the county attorney, or an attorney appointed by the court, and the fees taxed as a part of the costs of the case. Judge Kennedy also favored a lengthening of the time for marriage after divorce is secured from six months, as is now the law to a year or more. The time elapsing between published service of summons and decree should be lengthened. Immigration to this state for the purposes of divorce should be discouraged, and the state should have a law on the subject, the necessity of which appeared from a case mentioned by the speaker where a man under the laws of New York found himself the husband of a certain woman while under the law of Connecticut the man was the lawful husband of another woman.

Much could be done by christian people toward the elevation of the standard of morals by moulding public sentiment, through the press and otherwise. The sacredness of the marriage should be taught to the children in their home.

Serious Accident.
Jesse Perry returned Friday morning from Havelock where he has been visiting friends, while waiting for a very dangerous cut in his right hand to heal. On Thanksgiving morning he had it badly cut on the sharp edge of a broken bottle. Several stitches were required to close the wound, and the hand has been practically useless since that time. He could not strap his razor and hence took the occasion to visit relatives out of town.

William Kroehler of Havelock, was the guest of relatives in this city last

Will Engage In Business.

Dick Osborne, for a long time a popular clerk at Dovey's store has returned to Plattsmouth after an absence of a couple of years and will engage in the restaurant business with his brother, Oliver. Dick has lived in St. Joe, Mo., a part of the time since leaving Plattsmouth, but now returns and will conduct the restaurant on Fourth street opposite the court house, which was formerly owned and controlled by Perry Utterback. The rooms have been nicely refitted and present a fine appearance. Mr. Osborne will have associated with him his brother, Oliver, and we hope these enterprising young men will find the business profitable.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Oscar Zarr of South Bend transacted business in this city between trains Friday.

Sheriff Quinton and wife visited Mr. Quinton's sister, Mrs. Palmer at Nehawka, last Friday.

Miss Vesta Douglass returned from Peru Saturday and will visit the home folks over the holidays.

C. E. Witherow, editor of the Thurman Times, visited his brother W. L. Witherow in this city Friday.

G. W. Snyder of near Mynard was a Plattsmouth visitor Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the NEWS-HERALD office.

A. S. Will left for Denver and his Colorado ranch Wednesday morning where he will look after his herd of horses.

W. B. Banning, state Senator elect, of Omaha was looking after business matters at the court house Thursday morning.

Herman Neitzel, Banker of Murdock, transacted business in the county seat Saturday. Mr. Neitzel reports business flourishing.

Roy McDaniels who has visiting his parents in this city for a time departed Saturday for Sheridan, Wyo., to make his future home.

Henry L. Ross and Miss Irene Nutzman both of Nehawka were married at Lincoln Wednesday of last week by County Judge Cosgrave.

When buying candies, why not buy the best? We always have a fine line of the superior grades on hand. Neitzel & Co. next to P. O.

Mrs. A. J. Skoumal and Mrs. John Murray returned to their homes in Omaha Friday after visiting their brother James Skoumal for a few days.

I'm not selling Easter and summer suits, but I am taking orders for fall and winter. Call at my shop and get prices. James Sochor, Merchant Tailor.

Walter Lippencott and his sister, Miss Kate, of Memphis, Neb., arrived in the city Saturday and will visit for a few days with their aunt, Mrs. H. Miller.

L. J. Pfeiffer of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and his brother Ernest of Oelwein, who have been guests of friends in this city for a time, departed Saturday for their homes.

H. D. Stenner and wife and family departed Saturday for Pender where they will visit for a week with Mrs. Charles Worth. Mrs. Worth is a sister of Mr. Stenner.

Charles Heebner of Nehawka and wife and family drove to Torrence Fleming's home Friday evening and with Mr. Fleming visited the county seat Saturday.

Marion Fleming and wife of Cole-ridge who were called here during the last sickness of Mrs. Fleming's father, Levi Rusterholtz, returned to their home Saturday.

Don't let the baby suffer from eczema sores or any itching of the skin. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, cures quickly. Perfectly safe for children. All druggists sell it.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Messersmith, and daughter, Goldie and Mrs. Mechisen and two sons, Charles and William were in the city Friday in attendance on the funeral of William Latham.

W. H. Love, of Lincoln, secretary of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, was in the city Friday calling on the Grand Trustee, W. E. Rosen-crans. Both gentlemen went to Omaha to look up some important lodge business.

George Sayles has had Plattsmouth phone number 316 placed in his residence so that farmers, and others desiring to talk with him early in the day, or during the noon hour, or after 6 o'clock in the evening can do so by calling him up at his residence.

Ed Barker, of Plainview, was a pleasant caller at the NEWS-HERALD Office Monday, having come down Saturday for a few days visit with friends. Ed has been a practical farmer for three years and likes the business very well. But like the governor's wife finds it hard to find help for the wife.

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And your shoes pinch. Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for breaking in New Shoes Sold everywhere, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

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A powder for swollen, tired, hot, smarting feet. Sample sent free. Also Free Sample of the Foot-Ease Sanitary Corn-Pad, a new invention. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y.

PAST CHIEFS DINED

Officers and Members of Degree of Honor Entertained Friday Afternoon.

Mrs. F. H. Steimker, pleasantly entertained the Chief of Honor and members of the Degree of Honor at her hospitable home on South Seventh street last Friday afternoon. It is a pleasure under any circumstances to be entertained by Mrs. Steimker, and the ladies of the order mentioned were delighted to receive an invitation for an afternoon with so estimable a hostess. Mrs. Steimker's home was tastefully decorated for the occasion and every detail necessary to the comfort and pleasure of her guests has been carefully planned and executed.

A business meeting of the membership was held early in the afternoon, which rapidly disposed of important matters under consideration. After this session Mrs. Steimker, in keeping with her well known hospitality, served a delicious three course luncheon. Officers present were: Mrs. Leasley, President; Mrs. Alvie Ramge, Treasurer; Mrs. E. H. Booth, Mrs. D. B. Smith, Mrs. Val Burkel, Mrs. H. G. Van Horn, Mrs. George Dodge, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. W. E. Rosen-crans, Mrs. C. S. Forbes, Mrs. Martha Petersen, Mrs. Wm. Hassler, Mrs. L. B. Egenberger, Mrs. Homer McKay, Mrs. Bertha Peterson and Miss Ann Egenberger. The occasion was the last meeting of the year for the past chiefs, and was one of the most enjoyable of the year.

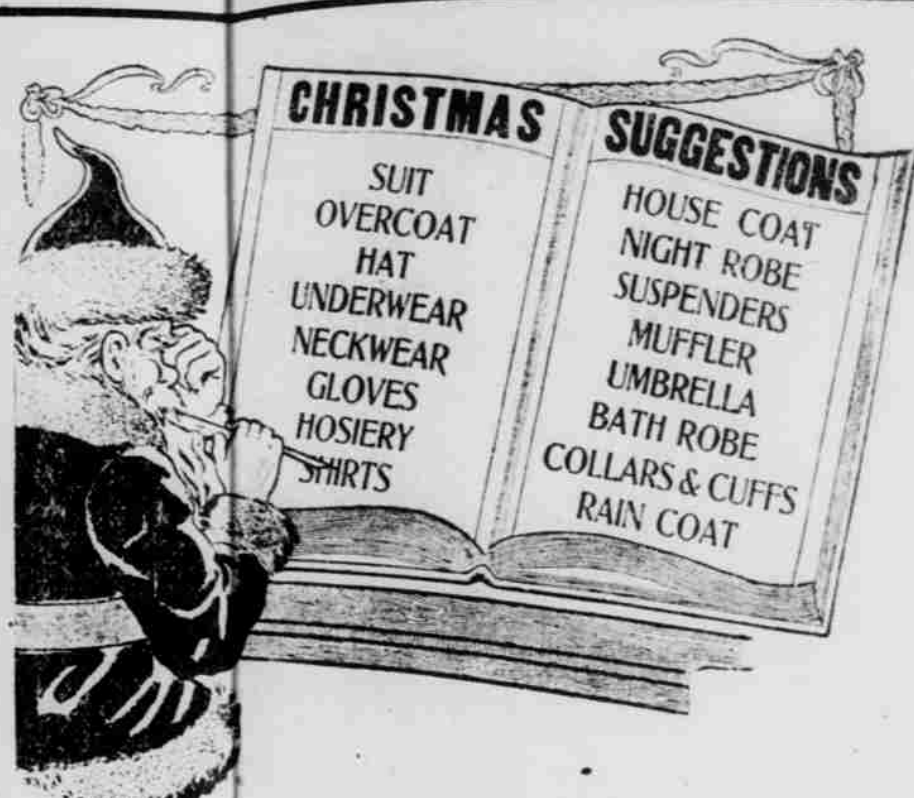
AUCTION SATURDAY

At Sam Smith's Barn Was Largely Attended—More Horses Demanded.

The crowd at the public sale last Saturday was double that of one week ago, and property was sold at fair prices. Much more stuff could have been sold had it been available. A fourteen months old bull brought fifty dollars. Horses were in demand and several more could have been sold had they been there to be offered. Those having stock which they want to sell should avail themselves of the opportunity of this market. The enterprise of Mr. Smith should be encouraged as it not only affords a place where personal property can be sold, but affords an opportunity for one wishing to do so to stock up his farm with choice animals. He will sell anything from a coop of fowls to a threshing machine. Next Saturday Mr. Smith hopes to have more horses to offer the buyers. But if you haven't horses bring in your other stuff, it will sell.

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 - HAT
 - UNDERWEAR
 - NECKWEAR
 - GLOVES
 - HOSIERY
 - SHIRTS
 - HOUSE COAT
 - NIGHT ROBE
 - SUSPENDERS
 - MUFFLER
 - UMBRELLA
 - BATH ROBE
 - COLLARS & CUFFS
 - RAIN COAT

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You can find more things here to buy for men than you have men to buy for. Besides these things are all practical, useful gifts, first class in Quality, and running in price from 25c to \$25.00. We call special attention to Holeproof Sox, warranted for 6 months at \$1.50 per box. Any man would be glad to receive a box of these hose. We have neckwear and suspenders in handsome Christmas boxes costing 75c to \$1.50. A few minutes in our store will satisfactorily solve the perplexing query, "what shall I buy for him."

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Second Annual

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December 17-18-19

Those who attended our handkerchief sale last year will know what to expect this year. Our collections are from the great handkerchief centers of the world. We buy early and get the cream of the wheat, fine Swiss and French hand embroidered, cross barred hem stitched handkerchiefs, initials for men, women and children, silk handkerchiefs and linen handkerchief centers. Our reason for this sale is to give you an opportunity to see every handkerchief we have, as they will be so arranged for your convenience, and every handkerchief will be where you can see it.

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I have a treatment for the cure of Rupture that is safe; it is convenient to take, and no time lost.

A FEW OF MY CURED PATIENTS.
Arnold Born, Norfolk, Neb.; Raymond Leonard, Holstein, Ia.; Fred Johnson, Elk Point, S. D.; W. E. Andrews, Ponca, Neb.; Hans Willer, Akron, Ia.; Jas. B. McMillan, Rock Rapids, Ia.; John M. Coe, Sioux City, Ia.; Amon Crozier, Cherokee, Ia.; L. P. Palmer, Salt Lake City, Utah; W. H. Nolte, (Postmaster) Holstein, Ia.; W. H. Roehrer, Wakefield, Neb.; Chris Arnduser, Belden, Neb.

When taking my treatment patients must come to my office, and they can return home the same day. References: First National Bank, Sioux City, Ia., and the U. S. National Bank, Omaha, Neb.

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