

MERCHANTS PUTTING ON THEIR HOLIDAY ATTIRE

Old Santa Claus and the Glad Christmas Time Is Greatly in Evidence in Plattsmouth.

From Tuesday's Daily. A trip up and down the business section of the city shows the near approach of the glad Christmas time, and in almost every store there is the display of the many desirable articles for the Christmas gifts to young and old. It is a pleasure to go up and down the business section of the city and witness the preparations that have been made to decorate and prepare for this glad season of the year, when the hearts of men become closer to each other than at any other time. The bright greens and reds, with holly and other Christmas decorations are being used in the decoration of the interiors of the stores, and in a great many cases prevails in the general decorative schemes of the windows.

One of the stores that has joined the "preparedness" program for the Christmas season is that of H. M. Soenichsen, where the interior of the store has been decorated throughout with flowing festoons of green and red, while many dainty articles have been placed there for the eye of the shopper where they can easily find something to suit their tastes in a gift for the young or old, and the large show window is aglow with many suitable articles for this happy season.

The store of E. G. Dovey & Son has also prepared their assortment of the many attractive things in the gift lines which they will offer to the early shopper.

Those who are seeking something for "him" will have little difficulty this year, as the clothing stores of C. E. Westcott's Sons, Philip Thierolf and William Holly are preparing their holiday lines in first-class articles for the men who are lovers of the neat and attractive in the clothing and furnishing lines.

The drug stores of F. G. and Weyrich & Hadraba, as well as that of Gering & Co., offer a number of very suitable gifts for either ladies or gentlemen, and at the Weyrich & Hadraba store the assortment of the fine line of kodaks and cameras of the Eastman company offers a gift that will be one long a reminder of the giver.

The hardware stores of Bestor & Swatek as well as that of G. P. Eastwood have a great many things in the way of useful gifts that might please anyone to receive.

In the jewelry line the store of J. W. Crabil is fairly ablaze with a most attractive line of Christmas gifts in many beautiful articles which would make a valued remembrance of the holiday time.

We shall at a future time touch on other establishments of the city which are teeming with the remembrances for the holidays.

SEVERAL SHOP PEOPLE SUFFER MINOR INJURIES

From Tuesday's Daily. In the past two days a number of the employees of the Burlington shops have suffered minor injuries while at their labors, which will prove of some inconvenience to them, although none are very serious in nature. Frank Koubeck, a truck repairer, is suffering from a contused lip as the result of being struck in the face by a small piece of wood. T. E. Jennings also was among the injured, as he suffered the bruising of his limb getting it caught between the transfer table and the ground, and will probably be a few days getting it back to its usual condition. H. J. Schlutz yesterday had the little finger of his left hand mashed as he was at work as the result of the blow of a hammer being deflected and striking this member. James Newasek was compelled to have two stitches taken in the thumb of his right hand as a result of having it strike a bit while he was engaged in his work in the planing mill. Jay Vaughn suffered a contusion of his left hand when he had it caught between a drawbar and a truck while he was at work.

COUNTY CHARGE IS SENT TO OMAHA TO FRIENDS

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning C. K. Rider, who has been a county charge here for the past two weeks, was given a ticket and \$3 in money and sent on to Omaha at his request, where he claimed to have friends. The man was taken sick here about two weeks ago and applied to the commissioners for aid, and was sent out to the county farm, where he has since been staying and receiving medical care, and having gotten a great deal better, desired to get on his way, and as it would save the county the expense of caring for him he was given this assistance.

FARMERS WILL ATTEMPT TO REVOKE RAILROADS' ORDERS

From Tuesday's Daily. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6.—The recent order of the railroads prohibiting the sale of produce and other merchandise from cars, will receive much attention at the annual meeting of the Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock State association in Omaha next week.

While the action of the association cannot be anticipated, yet it is quite certain that efforts will be made to have this order revoked. The railroad action is the cause of much unfavorable comment among many members of different farmers' organizations in the state. This question is demanding and securing unusual attention.

"This year's meeting will be an unusually large one," says Secretary Shorthill. "I believe the attendance will be increased 50 per cent over last year. Many things are the cause—we have been in closer touch with our members and they like to come to Omaha. It's going to be a great meeting, with a fine program. Many prominent men will address the convention on marketing in its various phases. The convention will open Wednesday morning, December 15."

HIGHER PRICES FOR POSTOFFICE BOXES, MONEY IS NEEDED

The patrons of the United States postoffice in this city who have been in the habit of receiving their mail through the means of postoffice lock boxes will in the future be compelled to pay a higher rate of rent for the same, from a notice received by Postmaster Morgan from the office of Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery. Heretofore the rate for the small boxes has been 45 cents per quarter, but this is now advanced to 60 cents, while the medium-sized boxes, which were 60 cents will now be 75 cents per quarter; the large boxes, formerly 75 cents, are now scheduled at \$1, and the extra large boxes are now placed at \$1.50 instead of \$1, as under the old arrangement. The raise in the price of the box rent is regulated by the revenue of the postoffices in the different towns, and the greater the revenue the lower the price will be on the boxes.

PLATTSMOUTH GIRL MARRIED AT WATERLOO, IOWA

From Tuesday's Daily. A wedding of a Plattsmouth young lady occurred at Waterloo, Iowa, on Tuesday, November 23, when Miss Grace Dalton was united in marriage to Mr. Willis Holmes of Independence, Iowa, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of the First Methodist church in Waterloo. The news of the wedding will be the source of a great deal of pleasure to the friends of the bride in this city, and they will extend to her their best wishes for a very happy and successful married life. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Dalton of this city, and a young lady held in the highest esteem by all who have the pleasure of knowing her. She has been teaching in the schools at Independence for the past year.

SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY NEAR PACIFIC JUNCTION

Ben Knight, Brakeman, Shot by Hoboes, Who the Unfortunate Man Tried to Eject From Box Car.

From Wednesday's Daily. A very serious shooting affair occurred across the river in Iowa last night shortly after 11 o'clock, and in which Ben Knight, a brakeman on Burlington train No. 72, received wounds which may prove fatal, in a battle with three hoboes who were riding on the train.

The freight train had left Pacific Junction bound for St. Joseph, at 11 o'clock, and Knight was making his way over the cars of the train when he ran across three hoboes who were resting in a box car, and in some manner the brakeman and the tramps became involved in a quarrel, as a result of which one of the tramps drew a revolver and opened fire on the railroad man, five shots taking effect, and it is feared will result fatally, one bullet having struck him in the breast, one in the back, one in the leg and two in his right hand.

The wounded man, bleeding freely, bravely started to climb down the side of the car and attempted to cut the air on the train, but his strength was not sufficient for the task and he was compelled to climb back up, and desperate with his suffering and injuries, rolled and pulled himself along seven car length of the train to the tender of the engine, where his cries attracted the attention of the engineer and the train was stopped and the train crew made an attempt to locate the tramps who had committed the outrage, but they had made good their escape in the darkness, and it was impossible to secure any trace of them.

The injured man was placed in the waycar of the train, and at Hamburg several physicians were picked up and assisted in ministering to the injured brakeman, but the wounds were such that it was impossible to do anything with them and it was decided to send the man on to St. Joseph to the hospital. An order was given from the headquarters to clear the way for the train and the injured man was rushed at once to St. Joseph to be treated, in the hopes of saving his life.

Three men were seen shortly after the time of the shooting to board a north-bound freight at Pacific Junction, and it is supposed that the three hoboes made their way into Council Bluffs or Omaha, and every effort will be made to locate them and bring them to justice for the outrage they committed and which may prove to be murder. These shooting affairs are becoming far too common and every possible means should be used to try and bring the men to their just deserts.

Knight is well known in railroad circles as one of the veterans in the train service and has been running on this line for some time.

A SOCIAL HOUR AT "SUNNYSIDE" MONDAY AFTERNOON

From Wednesday's Daily. The social hour at "Sunnyside" Monday afternoon will long be remembered by the members of the W. C. T. U. and their many friends who were with them. They surely appreciated the kindness shown them by Mesdames C. E. and H. E. Westcott. The program for the afternoon was the one suggested in the W. C. T. U. year book and was very much enjoyed by all. Old-time memories were recalled as the responses in answer to the roll call were given, the responses consisting of the answering of the question, "How I Was Led Into the W. C. T. U." Another pleasing feature of the program was several beautiful instrumental selections by Miss Genevieve Whelan and vocal solos by Mrs. E. H. Westcott. A delightful surprise to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and their friends was the serving of a lovely luncheon by Mrs. E. W. Westcott at a suitable time, which greatly assisted in making the afternoon such an enjoyable one. At the usual time the ladies dispersed, hoping they may have the pleasure of meeting with the Mesdames Westcott again.

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From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon W. H. Brown of Union was given a fine of \$15 and costs in the county court by Judge Beeson as a result of an information filed by the county attorney charging Brown with being in a state of intoxication on December 7th, and for assault on Edward Splettsosier and Russell Cockrun, as well as an assault on Clarence Dukes, which occurred at Union yesterday. It would seem from the facts unearthed by the authorities that Brown had become intoxicated and possessing a revolver had caused considerable excitement by pulling the gun on several parties and while not doing any damage to anyone, threw quite a scare into them anyway and made an appeal to the county authorities who took up the matter and settled it. The fine and costs were paid by the man and he was allowed to go his way.

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MRS. P. REYNOLDS REPORTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION

From Wednesday's Daily. Mrs. P. Reynolds, who has been suffering for the past few months from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, is reported as being in a very serious condition at her home in this city and is gradually growing weaker as the result of the stroke. Her left side is almost wholly useless and her arm cannot be used at all, while she suffers greatly from the pain. The family, and especially the aged husband, have been constantly in attendance on the unfortunate lady and all that can possibly be did for her comfort is being looked after with loving care.

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NEW MACHINERY FOR PETERS & RICHARDS

A New Up-to-Date Device Used as a Surface for Floors Has Just Been Installed.

From Wednesday's Daily. The firm of Peters & Richards, the contractors, have just installed in their modern and up-to-date establishment a new device which is used as a surface for floors of all kinds, and the machine is certainly one of the finest of its kind on the market and has been accepted as the highest standard of the floor finishing devices that has ever been offered to carpenters and others engaged in this line of work.

The machine in appearance somewhat resembles a lawn mower and is operated by electricity and capable of attaining a great deal of speed in its work. The surface of the floor is treated by a large roll which traveling at a very high rate of speed is able to take off rough spots and places where a floor may have become warped out of shape through years of use, and no matter in what shape the floor may be this machine will certainly do the business in bringing it down to normal condition and giving it a finish that will be as fine as a very expensive floor. When used on newly laid floors the machine produces a glass-like finish and eliminates all little defects that might occur in the laying of this floor and adds very much to the value of the work. The machine, however, is perhaps seen at the best when it is used on an old floor, and it soon makes the worst possible kind of a floor seem like one of the best after it has been run over the surface and cleaned and evened up the rough spots which every once in a while will be found in a floor that has been down any length of time. A vacuum attachment to the surface gathers up all dust and dirt just as the machine goes along, and with the speed which can be obtained it is possible to thoroughly work over the floor of an ordinary sized room in an hour and do a job that one could be proud of in every way.

The new machine cost \$250, but will be found a very valuable addition to the working material of the firm, and one that they have been constantly in need of in their building operations. The machine makes a smooth, even surface on a floor and does away with the old method of planing the floor by hand, as was formerly the practice, and which of course could not produce the effect of the machine, which does not vary in its work in the least and its speed has all the recommendation to the workers in this line.

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From Tuesday's Daily. Adam Kurtz, who has been quite ill at his home in this city for the past few weeks, is now reported as showing a slight improvement and has gained a little strength, although he is far from well. Mr. Kurtz was taken very sick while he was on a visit to his daughter at Plainview and it was with great difficulty that he was able to return to his home, where he has since been confined to his bed. His daughter has been here assisting in caring for him since his return, and while he is showing such a pleasing improvement has returned to her home. Mr. Kurtz is well advanced in years and has not been in robust health for some months past.

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George Becker Quite Low.

George H. Becker, who was taken with pneumonia on Saturday evening last, is in a very critical condition at present and grave fears for his recovery are entertained. Both of his lungs have been affected by the malady and his strength has been greatly sapped by the illness and his family have become quite worried over his condition. The malady has not reached its crisis, however, and it is to be hoped that George will be able to rally from the attack and soon be able to be up and around.

MISS GLADYS KAFFENBERGER IS RECOVERING NICELY

Miss Gladys Kaffenberger who is at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha recovering from an operation for appendicitis is showing a wonderful improvement and the attending physicians are very much pleased at the change that has taken place and which would indicate that she will soon be on the highway to recovery. Her father and sister were at the hospital yesterday and found a marked change in her condition for the better. Mrs. Kaffenberger is remaining at the hospital to care for her daughter.

EVERGREEN CAMP W. O. W. ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Last evening the members of Evergreen camp No. 70, Woodman of the World, held a most interesting meeting at their lodge rooms, at which three new candidates were presented to take the obligation of the order and be instructed in the mysteries of woodcraft. State Manager Edward Walsh of Omaha was present at the meeting and gave the members a most impressive address on the order and its work for the helpfulness of its membership, and the address was thoroughly enjoyed by the members present. The lodge also took up the election of the officers for the ensuing year, when the following were selected: Consul Commander—Edward C. Ripple, sr. Advisory Lieutenant—C. H. McDaniel. Banker—P. J. Vallery. Clerk—W. B. Rishel. Escort—D. J. Lair. Watchman—Frank Cheval. Sentry—Jess Tower. Manager, Three Years—H. M. Soenichsen. Manager, Two Years—Thom. Walling. Camp Physician—Dr. E. W. Cook. The position of deputy for the head camp in Cass and Sarpy counties will be filled by W. B. Rishel of this city, who has just been reappointed to this office by the state manager, and he will continue his good work for the order in these two counties.

PETITION FILED FOR ADMINISTRATOR IN SKILES' ESTATE

This morning a petition was filed in the county court by Mrs. Margaret Skiles, through her attorney, Dale O. Boyles, asking that the estate of Alexander F. Skiles, deceased, be probated and an administrator be appointed for the same. Mr. Skiles died at University Place, Nebraska, November 17, 1915, and was possessed at the time of his death of real estate valued at \$1,200 and personal property of \$12,000. The widow and six children, three sons and three daughters, are named as the heirs of the estate. Mr. Skiles was one of the prominent residents of Greenwood precinct for a great many years, and is the father of Mrs. S. O. Boyles of Alvo.

MANY GO TO OMAHA TO HEAR MADAME MELBA

Quite a number of the music-loving public of this city were in Omaha last evening to hear Madame Melba at the Auditorium in what may be her last performance on the concert stage, and those who attended were delighted with the voice of the world's greatest soprano in her program of the highest classics of the world, but the number enjoyed the most was the tender strains of "Annie Laurie," which was given as an encore. Among those who were in attendance from this city were: Miss Eda Marquardt, Miss Margaret Giberson, Mrs. Mae Morgan, Miss Dora Fricke, Mrs. A. E. Gass and daughter, Miss Lucille; E. H. Westcott. G. W. Ponsler, Mrs. J. A. Donelan and daughter, Miss Margaret; Miss Julia Hermann, Miss Marie Donnelly, Miss Madeline Minor.

DAN CUPID STILL WORKING THIS VICINITY

Miss Katie Fitchhorn and Mr. Arthur Hawthorn United in Marriage at the Home of the Bride's Parents.

Yesterday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fitchhorn, south of this city, occurred the marriage of Miss Katie Fitchhorn and Mr. Arthur Hawthorn, two of the popular young people of this community, and the ceremony uniting these two estimable young people was witnessed by some fifty of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The wedding was held in the parlors of the Fitchhorn home, which had been very tastefully arranged for the occasion, and as the soft strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Mildred Lee, floated through the rooms the bridal party entered to take their stations before the ministers, Rev. G. A. Randall, of Union, pastor of the Methodist church, who pronounced the words that were to make their hearts as one in the future, using the beautiful ring service. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Martha McCrary as bridesmaid and Mr. George Privet as best man. Both the bride and bridesmaid were attired in traveling costumes of dark blue broadcloth and the bride carried a handsome shower bouquet of bride roses. The groom and best man were attired in the customary dark suits.

Following the wedding ceremony a very delightful four-course wedding dinner was served to the bridal party and guests, after which the young people were showered with the best wishes of their friends. At 4:15 Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorn departed for Omaha, from where they will go on a short honeymoon to the west, returning home about January 1st.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Fitchhorn and possesses a large circle of very warm friends in the community where she has made her home since childhood, and they will extend to her their best wishes for a long and happy married life. The groom is a young man of much worth, who has been engaged in farming near this city, and he is held in the highest esteem by those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

"THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE" AT THE PARMELE

One of the most beautiful plays of recent years has been that of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which has been adapted from the great novel of the southern mountaineers by John Fox, jr., and wherever this play has been shown it has drawn a large audience and pleased everyone by the beauty and cleanness of the show, in marked contrast to a great many of the suggestive modern plays. This great idyl of southern life has been secured by Manager Shlaes of the Parmele theater for appearance at his theater on Friday evening, December 17th. The company presenting the play has shown at a number of the cities in this state and produced a most favorable impression, and at Nebraska City, on the occasion of its visit there, the Overland theater was crowded to the doors with the well pleased audience. The story of "June" and her sweet character developed among the mountains of the southland an enchantment to the play that grips the audience, and portrayed by one of the most pleasing actresses on the stage, is an assurance that it will be a rare treat to the amusement-loving public of this city. It is the first time that this play has appeared here and they should receive a crowded house for their production.

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