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Christmas Day Very Happy and Beautiful Day

Wonderful Church Services and Joy- ous Home Gatherings Feat- ure the Day.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The Christmas day of 1927 was one that was ideal in every way for the residents of the community. Beautiful weather conditions with sprightly mildness and the wonderful services in all of the churches of the city and the many home gatherings featuring the day for the residents.

The Christmas services opened with the various programs at the churches.
The St. Paul's Evangelical church had a special program by the members of the Sunday school Saturday evening and which was very largely attended and enjoyed by the members of the church and wonderfully presented by the young people of the Sunday school.

At the First Methodist church there was a great number present at the Christmas eve services and the program one of length in which all of the departments of the Sunday school had part in a very finely arranged program that gave opportunity of participation from the beginners to the adult classes.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church also had a very fine program of musical numbers, recitations and dialogues for the Christmas eve offering, these being given by the youngsters of the Sunday school and which delighted the large number in attendance at the services and which was participated in by all of the classes of the school.

There were large numbers present at the midnight masses held at the St. John's and Holy Rosary Catholic churches on Saturday night that opened the great holy day of the church and followed by the early morning mass at 5:30 which was largely attended at both of these churches as was also the later masses. Special musical offerings featured the masses at midnight and the early morning masses.

The services on Sunday were very elaborate at the churches of the city which were arranged in honor of the birth of Christ with very impressive musical programs at the First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches and at the evening services at the Christian church and in which the choirs of the church gave special Christmas musical numbers.

CAR GOES IN DITCH

Saturday evening, when Mrs. W. E. Brown and little daughter, Verna Lee of Kansas City, were driving to this city in their large Nash car, they met with an auto accident just south of the paving on Chicago avenue, within a few blocks of their destination, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krejci, Sr., the parents of Mrs. Brown.

The car was coming along the road and striking an icy part of the road the car skidded into the ditch and lodged there, the narrow ditch holding the car firmly and making it impossible to open the doors of the car and it was necessary to break out the glass on one of the doors in order to release Mrs. Brown and her little daughter from the confines of the car.

Fortunately Mrs. Brown escaped with a few minor bruises and the little daughter was not injured at all in the accident and when they were able to get out of the car were able to go on to the Krejci home for the family celebration.

Mrs. Brown was formerly Miss Verna Krejci, of this city, and her many friends here while regretting the accident, are pleased that it was not more serious.

DIES IN KANSAS

From Tuesday's Daily—
A message was received this morning by the J. W. Hendricks family of near Murray, announcing the fact that James Chalfant, father of Mrs. Hendricks, had passed away at the home of relatives in Kansas where he has been for some time in very poor health.

Mr. Chalfant was a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Cass county and for many years made his home in the vicinity of Murray. In response to the message Mrs. Hendricks left for Kansas and will accompany the members of the family back to Cass county where the funeral services will be held, they being announced later.

NEW RESIDENT ARRIVES

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning at 3:30 at the Polard hospital in Omaha there arrived a fine little son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Soennichsen of this city. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the occasion has proved one of the greatest joy to the proud father as well as to the proud grandparents and other relatives in this city and especially as everyone is doing so nicely.

RIVER SHOWS A RAISE

From Tuesday's Daily—
William Grebe, the veteran Missouri river fisherman, states that the river at this point is showing an unusual condition for this season of the year with a very marked raise that is threatening to take out the ice in the stream. The river has for the past week been gradually raising and the result is that the current is swift and reached thirty-five or forty miles an hour at the Burlington bridge and a very small additional raise will start the ice moving. The water has commenced to flow into some of the small side channels of the river and represents a condition that Mr. Grebe states is certainly very unusual for this season of the year.

Trio of Denver Boys Reach End of Journey Here

Young Lads at End of Their Re- sources Are Lodged in Local Jail to Await Parents.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Saturday evening Officer Dave Pickrel lodged three young boys in the city jail for the night as they were without shelter and requested lodging of the officer and the boys remained here over night and were released Sunday morning as is the custom. Later the boys hunted up Chief of Police A. R. Johnson and told him the facts in their case as to who they were and that they had run away from their homes in Denver several days ago.

The boys who are 16 and 17 years of age gave the names of Lionel Morgan and Carl and Raymond Roach, stating that they had decided to see the world and left Denver several days ago and made their way by getting rides on trains and from passing motorists for the 500 miles from Denver on into Omaha and had then come on to this city where they found themselves at the end of their resources and in a rather homesick mood. The boys decided that they had enough of the adventures in the cold winter weather and felt the lure of the home firesides at Denver especially at the Christmas season of the year.

Chief of Police Johnson communicated with the Denver authorities who got in touch with Thomas Roach, father of two of the boys and a message came Monday that the father was coming here to take the boys back to their homes.

Pending the arrival of the father the three boys were cared for at the city jail as wards of the chief of police and the city and had the experience of spending Christmas at the city bastille.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT AT PARMELE THEATRE

From Wednesday's Daily—
In their untiring efforts regarding the rendering of the best service possible, the management of the Parmele theatre has added materially to the efficiency of this fine play house thru the creation of an art design department which will put them, even in point of publicity on par with the large theatres in big cities.

Percance it is a surprise to most of us to hear that a local young man has a decided talent along that line has been "discovered" in the person of Paul Vandervoort who is a member of the post office staff.

Mr. Vandervoort will head the art design dept. of the Parmele theatre, devoting all his spare time to this interesting as well as important work, which in reality is an important branch of the publicity department.

If you would see some of the results of this endeavor, just inspect some of the posters placed in the lobby or in front of the theatre. Your criticism is invited—your comment will be appreciated.

FINE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morrison was gladdened on Christmas day by the fact that a fine ten pound daughter arrived there to make the day even more happy than usual and bringing the full meaning of the Christmas message to the proud and happy parents and to Grandpa John Lutz, councilman from the fourth ward, and with whom the Morrison family reside. All are doing nicely and the many friends are joining in their well wishes to the little daughter.

CAROL ON CHRISTMAS

Early on Christmas day the members of the Epworth League of the First Methodist church assembled at the church and started out to visit the various sections of the city with their melodies of the Christmas carols and which served to make a very happy starting of the day and the various homes and neighborhoods that were visited by the singers felt very appreciative of the treat that was afforded them in the enjoyable Christmas songs.

Golden Wedding Day is Observed in This City

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith Enjoy the Anniversary With Their Descendants.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Monday, December 26th, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith of this city and the occasion was very pleasantly spent at the family home on Pearl street with the children, grandchildren and the great-grandchildren and the sons and daughters by marriage of this estimable couple. Mr. Smith has not been in the best of health for some time and the event was quietly confined to a purely home gathering.

The home was very attractively arranged in the golden hued decorations and featured among these were beautiful golden hued roses that were brought by a granddaughter from Oklahoma to grace the table in the dining room where was enjoyed the feast and where the members of the family gathered to shower the bride and groom of fifty years ago with their congratulations and well wishes for many more years of happy wedded life.

Mr. A. W. Smith and Miss Jennie Marshall, were united in marriage on December 26, 1877 at Denison, Iowa, where Rev. Sage, then pastor of the Methodist church of that place pronounced the words that were to join their destinies for life and which have endured for the half century of happy wedded life. They lived for many years on a farm in the vicinity of Red Oak and here their family grew to manhood and womanhood and in turn established their homes. Some fifteen years ago the family came to this locality and located at Plattsmouth where Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been among the most honored and respected of our residents in the ensuing years.

The family will long remember the associations of the anniversary yesterday at the family home and the delicious three-course dinner that was a part of the day's pleasure and not the least of the treats of the day was the fact that both the aged bride and groom were able to enter into the spirit of the occasion. Mr. Smith is now in his 74th year and Mrs. Smith in her 66th, but both were able to fully enjoy the happiness of the anniversary.

The children present were: Arthur Smith, Carson, Iowa, Mrs. Claude Boruff, Macedonia, Iowa, Fred Smith, Plattsmouth, Mrs. Grace Simpson, Ansley, Iowa, with John Warren of Mason City, Iowa, son-in-law and husband of their deceased daughter. The other relatives present were: Mrs. Arthur Smith and daughter, Gertrude, Carson, Iowa, Mr. Claude Boruff and sons, Marian and Willard, Macedonia, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Byers, Macedonia, Iowa, Ivan Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Voney Simpson of Ansley, Iowa, Mrs. Fred Smith and Gerald Smith of Plattsmouth, Earl Warren, Mason City, Iowa, Miss Ethel Warren, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. James Siane and son and daughter, Omaha, the children being the only great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

The family embraces eleven grandchildren and the two great grandchildren and who were all fortunate in being present at the happy event.

WEDDED AT PARSONAGE

From Tuesday's Daily—
This morning Rev. Harold E. Sorror was given a very pleasant surprise when two young people from his former charge, Craig, Nebraska, arrived in the city to have their life's happiness consummated. The young people were, Elmer Sutton and Miss Luella McLarin, both of Craig. After securing the necessary license the marriage lines were read by the pastor and the young people able to return home in the state of matrimonial bliss.

SUFFERS ACCIDENT

From Tuesday's Daily—
Jennings Seybert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Seybert of this city, is at the hospital at Dayton, Ohio, where he is suffering from injuries to his legs and feet and other severe bruises which he sustained a few days ago. Mr. Seybert with three other men were waiting to board a street car when an auto driven by J. E. Hasenstabile came along and disregarding the street car, drove into them and with the result that all four men were injured.

ENTERTAINS OMAHA RELATIVES

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. James W. Holmes of this city entertained very pleasantly at their home here, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Keenan, Randolph Keenan and Joseph Keenan, Sr., who came down to spend the day with the Holmes family enjoyed Christmas eve with the relatives in Omaha on Saturday. The event was one of the greatest pleasantries and a fine family dinner was enjoyed by the members of the jolly party.

CURTIS SERIOUS FACTOR

New York, Dec. 27.—American farmers, in seeking aid thru the McNary-Haugen bill, only asked the same measure of protection afforded other commodities thru the existing tariff scheme. United States Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, said tonight.

"If the McNary-Haugen bill is price fixing, then so is our entire tariff structure," he told members of the united chapters of Delta Beta Phi at their golden jubilee dinner. The New York Times tomorrow will quote Senator Nye as expressing the view that United States Senator Curtis of Kansas, the republican floor leader, is the most promising candidate in the presidential race.

"Charley Curtis may prove the big surprise of next year's republican convention," the Times will quote Senator Nye as saying.

New Water Rates as Proposed Under Court Decision

Finding of Federal Court Gives Lo- cal Company Right to Seven Per Cent Return.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The Plattsmouth Water company, which has been having litigation with the city over the matter of water rates for the past year, has as the result of the decision of the United States district court, announced the new rates that will be effective in the territory that they serve.

The city is pressing a motion for a new trial but the rates as put in force will be effective until an ordinance of the city is passed covering the rates. The company by the court decision has a valuation of \$220,000 placed on their plant here, with a depreciation of \$3,000, allowed and the operating expenses and a return on their investment of seven per cent. This necessarily makes a raise in the rates, the only means the company has of increasing their revenues and the rates made have been figured by the management to give as near as possible the return authorized by the court.

The returns as submitted for the consideration of the city council last evening and which they have under advisement were as follows:
Fire hydrant rental, \$75 per year for each hydrant.
Minimum rate—\$4.25 per quarter.
Meter rates—First 500 cubic feet used per month, 55c per 100 cubic feet. Next 2,000 cubic feet used per month, 40c per 100 cubic feet. Next 2,000 cubic feet used per month, 25c per 100 cubic feet. All in excess of 4,500 cubic feet used per month, 12c per 100 cubic feet.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha, George Swatek, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swatek of this city, was operated on. George has been suffering for some time from appendicitis and his condition was such at the time that the first attack developed that it was thought best not to operate and the young man has since been undergoing a course of treatment that has fitted him for the operation.

There had been on reports received here by the relatives and friends at noon as to the condition of the patient.

DOINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning the after the holiday activities of the members of the bar were resumed and Carl Ganz, well known Alvo attorney filed two actions in the court, one entitled the Farmers & Merchants bank of Murdock vs. Catherine R. Earhart, and the second case that of the Farmers & Merchants bank of Murdock vs. J. E. Miller, Grace Miller and Catherine R. Earhart, both actions seeking to collect sums alleged to be due on notes held in the bank.

FLORA ROOT MARRIED

The announcements have been received here by the friends of the family of the marriage at Omaha on Saturday, December 24th of Miss Flora Root and Mr. Sidney Earl Sams, of Kansas City, Missouri. The bride is a daughter of Judge and Mrs. Jesse L. Root, former residents of this city and the many friends of the family here will be much pleased to learn of the happy event that has just come to the young people.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our dear friends and neighbors who comforted us in our sorrow at the death of our loved one—The Relatives of David O'Brien.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, where you will find the complete line at all times.

Well Known Young People Wed Tuesday

Miss Verla Becker, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker Mar- ried to John Sattler, Jr.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker on high school hill was the scene of a very charming wedding yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock when their youngest daughter, Miss Verla, was united in marriage to Mr. John Sattler, Jr.

The home was very artistically arranged in white for the happy occasion, the snowy hued flowers being used in profusion throughout the rooms of the home. In the living room where the wedding ceremony occurred a large floral altar of the white carnations and ferns had been arranged and before which the young people were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Preceding the wedding Mrs. Hilt Martin, close friend of the bride, sang very charmingly the beautiful love song of McKoven, "O Promise Me," and at the conclusion of the song the wedding march from Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" was played softly by Miss Catherine Schneider as the bridal party approached the altar where they were to plight their vows of love.

The bride was gowned in a handsome and modish costume of white Malines lace and tulle, a bridal bouquet of the white roses was carried by Miss Becker.

The beautiful and impressive ring service was used in the joining of the lives of the young people, Rev. Harold E. Sorror, pastor of the First Methodist church, reading the marriage lines.

The bride and groom were attended by the brother and sister of the bride, Mrs. William H. Schmidtman as matron of honor and Harley Becker of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as best man.

Following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Sattler departed in company with Mr. Harley Becker, for Milwaukee, where they will enjoy a short honeymoon in that city and will remain over the New Year's in Chicago.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker and was born and reared in this community, completing her school work in the Plattsmouth high school. The bride is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a member of the Valkyrie honorary scholarship society of which she was president in her senior year in the university. She is also a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority at Nebraska. Since her graduation from the university the bride has taught in the Fremont high school.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sattler, and has grown to manhood in this city where he was graduated from the local schools and later attended the University of Nebraska. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the University of Nebraska. Since completing schooling Mr. Sattler has been associated with his father in business in this city and is numbered among the best known of the young business men of the community.

On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Sattler will be at home to their friends here, the groom having a home awaiting the coming of the bride.

Both of the young people have been numbered among the most popular in the city in social circles and their host of friends learn with great pleasure of their new found happiness.

ENJOY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. George Hill of Percival, Iowa, entertained at their home Christmas day their children and families.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Crawford and family all of Union, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Keyes and daughter of Percival, Iowa. The Misses Mary and Dolores Eaton of Union were also in attendance.

Including the family at home there were 25 present. Mrs. Hill served a very delightful dinner at noon. All returned to their homes in the evening, having enjoyed the day to the utmost.

LEVY PAVING ASSESSMENT
From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening pursuant to call the city council held a special session to sit as a board of equalization and to levy the assessment on the property in the newly created paving districts in which the work has been completed. There were no protests filed against the making of the assessment and the council by unanimous vote approved the schedule as prepared by the city engineers and which divided the cost according to the benefit among the different pieces of property in the district.

HAVE DELIGHTFUL TIME

From Tuesday's Daily—
Among the many pleasant Christmas gatherings reported from out in the county is several held in the vicinity of Manly and one of these was the dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, Jr., on Sunday where a bounteous repast was served and which was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Oris Schleifert and son, Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schleifert and daughter Myrtle and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and their children, Glen and Edna.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schleifert entertained at dinner at their pleasant country home, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Schleifert and Herman, Mr. and Mrs. George Vogler and family and Glen and Edna Hill.

John P. Morgan is New Chairman of Steel Board

New York Steel Financier Chosen to Succeed Judge Elbert H. Gary as Corporation Head.

New York, Dec. 28.—J. P. Morgan, New York banker, was elected chairman of the late board of directors of the United States Steel corporation Tuesday, and Myron C. Taylor chairman of the finance committee.

James A. Farrell becomes chief executive officer and continues as president. The well known financier succeeded the late Judge Elbert Gary. Directors of the United States Steel corporation met Tuesday afternoon, following which this statement was issued:

Issue Statement.
"Chairman of the board is no longer an executive officer of the company. James A. Farrell continues as president of the corporation and becomes its chief executive officer under direction and supervision of the finance committee and board of directors."

John Pierpont Morgan becomes chairman of the board and Myron C. Taylor becomes chairman of the finance committee.

The significance of the new elections, according to financial experts, is that for the first time in 17 years the chairman of the United States Steel corporation's board of directors is no longer an executive officer of the company, but instead takes a prominent part in the direction of the corporation's operating and financing affairs.

Farwell Spokesman.
Farrell will be the chief executive head. He will be the spokesman of the company, as was the late Elbert H. Gary when he was in command of the steel corporation's affairs. Farrell is 64 years old. He has a remarkable grasp of the steel and shipping business, the latter an inheritance from his seafaring father. He has had long experience in the steel business and is regarded as the best equipped man in the country to handle the gigantic finances incidental to the United States Steel corporation, which does almost 1,000,000,000 worth of business a year.—Omaha Bee-News.

GROUP PROTEST ATTITUDE

Washington, Dec. 27.—In a communication to President Coolidge, the National Council of Catholic Women protested today against what was termed the "un-Christian and uncivilized persecution carried on in Mexico by the Calles government."

The communication signed by the president of the council, Mary G. Hawks, requested that "our own government take effective steps to show before the world its disapproval of such tyranny."

"The intimate relations established by our ambassador with President Calles," and the visit of Colonel Lindbergh, "are widely interpreted as condoning, if not approving, the method by which the Calles government seeks to destroy liberty of religion, liberty of the press and liberty of education," according to the letter.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

From Wednesday's Daily—
Mrs. Rosana Timmis, who has made her home in this city for a great many years, departed Monday for San Francisco in company with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Weidmeyer, of that city, who is taking Mrs. Timmis there to make her home in the future. Mrs. Timmis is well advanced in years and the family are hoping that the California climate will prove much more beneficial to her than the climate here and in the comfort of the splendid home of the daughter in the west she may enjoy her declining years.

SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

From Saturday's Daily—
An action was filed in the district court today by Attorney A. L. Tidd, entitled Glen Valley and Jessie Smith vs. Lillie M. Anderson, et al., in which the plaintiffs seek to have the title to real estate in the village of Mynard quieted in them.

Oconto Girl Kept Alive for 36 Days, Passes On

Paralysis of Lungs Made Artificial Respiration Necessary But Failed to Restore Them to Normal

Oconto, Neb., Dec. 27.—Heroic efforts of a corps of volunteer workers who for thirty-six days kept Alma Overgaard, sixteen, alive by artificial respiration, came to naught when the girl died at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bruckner, here at 9 o'clock this morning.

At her bedside, wan and haggard from their constant vigil of more than a month were her father and mother and other relatives who had labored so hard in vain that the girl might live.

The workers continued their efforts until the very end. John French was slowly raising and lowering Alma's arms when doctors pronounced her lifeless.

It became apparent Christmas day that Alma could not much longer stand the ordeal. Up until that time her condition had been fairly good, but shortly after Christmas was ushered in she began to fail.

The girl's lungs were paralyzed thirty-seven days ago following an acute case of infantile paralysis. Her parents, two uncles and several neighbors kept up constant work of lowering and raising the girl's arms the supply the paralyzed lungs with air long before news of their heroic effort was publicly known.

The work was first conducted on the Overgaard farm near here. Later physicians, fearing a sudden storm would preclude their going back and forth to the farm had Alma brought to her grandmother's home here.

The girl was conscious to the end and appeared to be wanly trying to thank the persons who had labored so heroically in her behalf when the end came.

Physicians realized almost from the first that Alma's condition was hopeless.

A complete report of the case is being compiled for the American Medical association by Dr. J. C. Wade.

Similar Case in Texas.
Houston, Tex., Dec. 27.—Prayers and science today sought to keep alive Milton Rush, 16 year old Wharton, Tex., high school boy, whose lungs became paralyzed Monday when he was accidentally shot.

As friends worked over him in a hospital here, pumping his arms up and down to push air in and out of his lungs, others resting from their night of labor, gathered with the Rev. E. T. Butts, scoutmaster, who led them in prayer, but doctors say the youth will die.

The friends, members of the Wharton boy scout troop to which Rush belonged, were still keeping him alive today—but the end, unless prayer triumphs, is not far off.

The youth was wounded in the spinal column when a friend, Kelly Carson, accidentally discharged a .22-caliber rifle.—State Journal.

SAYS MARION PARKER DIED FROM FRIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—Belief that Marion Parker died of fright and exhaustion before she was strangled by William E. Hickman was expressed here tonight by County Autopsy Surgeon H. F. Wagner. Commenting upon a friend's confession in which he said he strangled the girl to death, Wagner said he believed that when her captor "Applied the towel about her neck, she realized what was about to happen, and her heart stopped as the result of fright and exhaustion."

"He may have done or attempted to do what he confessed," Wagner asserted, "but her death was not primarily due to strangulation."

The autopsy surgeon said there were no marks of contusion or constriction about the neck, and that the lungs were not congested.

Moves Aid Prosecution
Austin, Tex., Dec. 26.—Governor Dan Moody announced tonight he would authorize retention of special attorneys to aid in the prosecution of two officers charged with the slaying Friday of two Mexicans and serious wounding of a third in front of a bank at Stanton, Tex.

C. C. Baze, deputy sheriff, and Lee Smith, of Wink, Tex., are alleged to have fired on the men after instructing them to wait "close to the bank." The officers had promised to obtain employment for the Mexicans, it was alleged.

In a statement, Baze admitted the shooting was a "frame-up" designed to gain the reward of \$5,000 offered by the Texas Bankers' association for each person killed in the act of robbing a bank. Mexican officials at El Paso said an investigation of the killings by the federal government might be asked.

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