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HUMANITY'S

What the Birth in the Manger Means for This World.

CHRISTM'S SERMON BY REV A. I. TURKLE

Jesus a Special Friend to Those Who Are osnowed Under"-Dr. Gordon Visits Rescue Hall and Describes What the Situation Requires.

At Kountze Memorial Evangelleal Latheran church yesterday morning the pastor, Rev A. J. Turkle, preached from the text; 'And the angel said unto them. 'Fear not: for behold, I bring you good titlings of great ley, which shall be unto all people," " fire

A few years ago all evangelical protes. tantism united in corebrating the 400th anniversary of the birth of Luther. On the 22d of February each year our beloved land unites in remembering the birthday of Washington. But the birthday which we are now celebrating is of an altogether dif-Christ all Christendom joins together and has done so for centuries and has never yet tired of the festival. It is humanity's hour. Oh, that we could stay for one brief day the horrying machinery which drives our maddening life, close up every haunt of sin to the lowest den, hush every sigh and dry up every tear, bidding every soul respond to the angel's tidings of great joy and enter into the blessed peace of God. It is beautiful, indeed, to see people busy with hand and heart planning and preparing gifts for others, particularly for the poor and God's little ones. How the crust of selfishness melts in recognition of this festival. and in its worthy observance. How it leads us to little acts or kindness and little deeds of love. The joy bells of our soul ring out their "Merry Christmas," I would auticipute the day and repeat it to you with all my heart, or rather say, "A Joyous Christmas," joyous with the consciousness that Christ the Savior has come, and that he has saved you and given you the hope of heaven. Do not let the Christmas cares and the Christmas concerns make you troubled and anxious. I know it as anything but a time of joy to many. The spirit of the times is con-stantly luring men away from the simplicity of life and leading them into the glitter and glare that destroys all joy, and brings a multiplicity of worryings. Forget Care and Think of Good Tidings.

But today let us east aside all things that trouble and vex us, forget the auxieties for the future that weigh like lead upon the heart, and concentrate our mind and heart and soul upon this one great truth-that good tidings of great joy have come to the world. Lafe's pathway may be crossed with dark shadows, its pillow pierced by cruel thorns, its cup contain much that is bitter; yet today the sunbeams stretch along you way, the rose piliows the head and the of life is poured out, for we are assured that good tidings of great joy are hernided to every heart. But some do not get this blessed experience from the Christmas fes-tival. It does not bring them joy. They may be in the midst of laughter and gay confusion, but these may only mock at the cold and famishing heart. There is such a thing as making our Christmas time sad with the excess of joy. There is so much splender in the shop windows, so much bustle on the street, so much morry-making and joility, so is uch bublicity and general rejoicing that we of the Christmas tree, the selection of gifts, the party going, the feasting, even the religious exercises, the decoration of the churches, the Christmas music, the Christmas benevelence; all are outward. 'Then at the end a bad taste is in the mouth. It is not because this outward brightness, merel ment, public exercise, social intarrty, is wrong, but because it is from the wrong motive. Christmas has come to mean so many things that it is easy to miss what is really essential in it, the meaning which nlone gives significance to all others. One thinks Christmas to be merely a time for merry-making. Another says it is a time to ske presents and receive gifts. Others say Christmas means joy; it is the pledge and the realization of what we are so and to forget, that there is a great joy in life. Well, that is true. A Christmas without joy would be like a spring without blossom but then the blossoms are not spring, they do not express all the meaning of spring. In none of these, nor in all of them together, is really given the picture of what Christmas means at its very heart. That must be found in the event itself which Christmas celebrates.

What Christmas Means.

And that event, when once we look at it. how simple, yet how profound it is! A chile is born into the world, but that child is God himself. It is the coming of God to man. the drawing nearer and yet nearer of the father to his lost and bewildered child. No matter how humble your birth there is joy and encouragement in this Christmas message for you. Jesus had only his parents

for his friends—the manger for his cradle. No delicate attentions, but a mother's lave. From the most lowly high he arose, autil today he is honored in all Christendom. Lessons of the Manger.

It was an outcast birth in order to teach us that life is more than the clothes we wear, and the house we inhabit. It was a lonely birth in order to teach as that life is more than any associates of kinship or comparion shin that can cluster around us. It was the birth of utter poverty in order to teach us that man's life consisteth not in the things that he hath. Perhaps there has never been a time when such leasons were more needed than totax. In this age of naterial civilization, when human success is rewarded by material achievement, how subtle the danger of supposing that houses and dignities and riches characterize life's excellence when its true joy cannot be impured or en-hanced by the absence or by the presence of these or anything such as these. Strong that it must be said of Christ that he was not a maker of money; that he was utterly homeless and without a place of his own to lay his head. And yet how strong, how

Throw Off all Burlens. No matter what bardens you may be bear-ing this Chris was tide should bring you good tillings of great lov. Worryings and reverses and sorrows have come to many during the bast year, but let the Christmas joy shine into your hearts and dispel the gloom, as the subshine dispels the darkness. Let us make our crosses seem as light as possible to those who love us. Let frowns ne buried in smiles. If ingratitude has come

to us let us believe that there must exist a

Efficient, how glorious was his life.

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cause of which we know not. If an unforgiving spirit has come to any of us let the Christmas joy soften our hearts. In mercy think of our enemies, never forgetful of the fact that life is too short to harbor ill feel-logs. No matter what we have borne during the year or what we feel we may by called open to bear during the year to come, let us be loyful on the birthday of the Christ who will mend every wrong, who will set all things right, though His blessings seem slow in coming. There should not be an indi-vidual in all Christendom who is not made hannier by the good tidings of Christ's com-

Christ for People Snowed Under. I sometimes think he was born in December to show us that he is a Christ for people under clouded skies and in sharp blasts; for people with frosted hopes and that are stowed under. And I tell you that is what we want; a Christ for the dark day, and not a Christ for fair weather only; a Christ or the days clouded with sickness and chill-ng with disappointment and piercing with screavement. Not a springtime Christ nor a summer Christ; not an autum Curist done, but all this and a winter Christ. A Christ that will bring joy into the cottago and hovel as well as the mansion. A Christ that will move the hearts of his followers to oly orphanages and hospitals and asylums r the unfortunate, such as are not known heathen lands. No matter, then, what our the or condition, these Christmas hours should remind as that good tidings of great oy have come to the poor and needy and sorrowing and discouraged and brokenferent kied. In celebrating the birth of hearted and widow and orphan and unfortunate, and to every phase of misery and mis-

fortune. It is also good tidings of great joy because He has come as the Savior from sia. It may be that you do not feel the need of such a Savior. It may be that you consider your-self from the root of your hair to the tip of your toes stainless and immaculate. What you need is a looking glass, and here it is in the biole, Poor and wretched and miser-able and blind, full of wounds and putrifying sores; no health in us; honeycombed through and through with sin. And then take the fact that Christ's mission was to vash away our sins and make us every whit whose, and it certainly is cause for joy to all secole. He came to give us full remission. launch the forgiveness of Christ out among you today as men launch a lifeboat among a struggling mass of drowning men, and there is not a hand beating the water, clean or unlean, that may not lay hold on Christ, and here is not a sinking soul in this audience hat may not appropriate Him for their

Let all Rells Ring.

Oh, joyous Christmas morning of my soul's delight. Chime all the bells. Sing all the authems. Joyous Christmas, joyous with the thoughts of sins forgiven, joyous with the idea of burdens borne and sorrows comorted, joyous with the assurance we chain our highest destiny no matter of how numble birth. O. light, that shone around the shepherds, shine down through all the world till the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth. O. Prince of Peace, come and fill. with Thy lovous gladness every humble home roled heart. O. holy angels, sing on and on forever.

GIFTS THAT ARE REQUIRED. Dr. Gordon Reminds Omaha People of Their Duty to the Destitute.

Rev. Dr. Goraou of Westminster Presbyterian church took for his subject vester lay morning, "Christmas in the Stable at Betalebem and at Rescue Hall in Omaha.

"There was no room for them in the inn." was the text selected, and after describing the surroundings of the birth of the Savier and the joy that was then brought to the earth, he said:

It has of late seemed to me that our Christmas merriment could not fail to being with it some right feeling of sympathy were we aware what kind of Christmas some peopleare having in Oartha. I could not go back to the kahn in Bethlehem and note the lose the quiet, sweet, peaceful sense of the divine life touching ours. Is not this so with many? The season comes and gees and leaves them dry and parched. Not because they are in any special way wrong, but because they have made Christmas so spend their "night before Christmas" in tute but because they have made Christmas so spend their "night before Christmas" in tute and cailing for bread? They much a thing of the outside. The trimming Omaha, A. D. 1893. So I went late one evening last week to Rescue hall, and I have to tell you this morning the plain, unembellished story of how some of our fellow men, our brothers, are spending these Christmas holidays. It will be strange if it does not create in you some feelings that it will be good for you to have. Bear in mind that what I saw that night will be repeated this Christmas evening. Betake courself to Resene hall and stay there till the chimes of the Curistmas belis ring at midnight. You will learn what kind of Christmas some people are going to have in Omaha in 1883. You will have some thoughts that will make you

better and more contented. Want He Saw at Rescae Hall.

It was a little after 10 o'clock when I went m into that room, which tonight will be of ill rooms in Omaha most like to the kalin in atchem. I found there by actual count 50 men and half-grown boys, who were me to spend the night. I know something bout men. I scanned their faces. I did of notice one who looked like a tramp—one who bore the mark of the beast written on his forehead. I did see one deal and dumb by and two one legged men. They were workingmen out of work and accepting the bospitality of the hall. I waited to see them stire for the night. It has been my privilege to see many different scenes of a simiar nature: none like this. One by one these men passed Mr. Clark, each receiving comforter and being directed to spread it on the floor as near as might be to his prede-cessor. One hundred men thus received comforters and lay down in their clothes on the floor side by side. For pillows they placed under their heads their boots and their coats. Sixty-five, more fortunate than the others in the possession of 10 or 15 cents, were given, as the case mirht be, a cot or a beat Eighty-five were left without even a comforter to soften the boards of the floor to spend the night. Either on the boards with t best a newspaper beneath them, or in a chair: in all, 250 preparing to spend the nightin that comparatively small building. waited and saw them quieting down and alling askep. When the gas was turned ow and one could but just distinguish the tent rows ranged side by side in the gloom, he impression was as the rows of mounds lying thick in the great military comotones. The attendants said that the tire **o see the sight in all its pathos was at 2 o gazer in the normag, when the postures into which hose men had fallen in their efforts to seure some slight approach to case, was pitifolin the extreme. The sight was heart-breaking. Almost as many as are listening to me trying to make themselves comrtable in a room whose floor surface is less than that of this room.

These Only the Advance Guard.

But this, pathetic as it is, is but a small part of the need around us—those are the fortunate ones among the poor, the advance guard of the great army of the needy, that is coming in upon us. Whence today there are hundreds, a month homes there will be thousands. We are taxing all the resources to feed and shelter those hundreds. What are we going to do with the caming thous-ands! In such an emergency society has a right to make some demands and to read and xpound the higher law to its more fortunate 10 in. At the meetings that have been held to provide means to meet this need modes has been freely subscribed. Perhaps \$1,500 has been contributed by those of us whose subscriptions have to be in sums rang-ing from \$100 down. If they do not volunteer it themselves, in my juligment the time has come when the peanic of this city should go to men who are known to hold large amounts of property and say to at least 25 per cent of them. "You are expected to give \$1,000 each to start a subscription which beform it is completed will provide \$10,000 for the poor of Omaha." Other cities are facing the emergency by providing large sums. Pictsburg is undertaining to raise \$1,033,030, and if I could reach their ears I would like to say to the rich mon of Omaha that an adequate offer; to meet this emergency demands from each of them \$1.00).

Weatthy the not Europe-The day has passed when in the face of such gigantic need men who are reputed wealth; can escape with donations of \$50 or \$100, and, unless I am creatly mistaken, they will be made to feel their obligations by a hearty expression of public ominion. I want to see no spoliation of the rich, no high-handed robbery, but I do want the people whom God has blessed in money matters to

understand that in such emergencies as these the possession of property carries with it obligations, and obligations that cannot be evaled. It would be a public calamnity to distribute this sum without any return. It should be a gift to the city of Omaha, to be expented in paying men to inbor on public works. To give it without return from its respicuts might result in turning some hard-working, self-respecting working men into professional paypers. To workingmen into professional naupers, eat the bread of idieness all winter will jure them, physically and morally. But \$100,000 given by our citizens to be expended in public works or on parks, or on streets in breaking stone, would be a grand Christ-mas gift, and one that would properly show appreciation of God's gift of his Son.

Christmas Gift Worth Giving.

Meanwhile what can you and I do. Ten cents will feed, shelter and provide a place on the floor at night for one man at Rescue hall. Ten dollars will support a man there until spring. This is a Christmas gift worth until spring. This is a Christmas gift worth giving I have noted with pride and grat itude what this church as a church, and through its members, has done and is doing for the needy. I believe that in this way we are demonstrating our right to exist. We do it as Christians, because we have ope our hearts and received the Christ whom there was no room in the inn, the Christ who came down from heaven to in fuse divinity into humanity and raise us out of our seffishness into providences for our suffering brothers and sisters. I have spoken thus not to dash with gloom your Christinas bloasures, but to brighten them with a report of the way your dimes and dollars are taking tired brothers into the inn, and to give you the pleasure that comes from gifts to the needy, "in His name." Of course Omaha will rise to the dignity of the occasion and when the mas are all full open, if need be, stables and other unoccupied buildings as they did in Bethlehem when the pressure came on them.

But, remember, now, what under other cir-cumstances in all likelihood would have been the chief truth I would have drawn from the text, that our suffering brothers and sisters are not the only guests seeking admission this Christmas time. The Christ even returns seeking quarters.

Have you any room for Jesus.

He who hore your load of sin:
As He knocks and asks admission, Sinner will you let Him In?

Room for pleasure, room for business, But for Christ the erucified. Not a place that He can enter. In the heart for which He died?

There's a stranger at the door; let Him in! He has been there oft before; let Him in! Let Him incre He is gone; let Him in the Holy

Jesus Christ, the Father's Son; let Himin!

Christmas, the People's Day, In his sermon yesterday morning Rev. Dr. Patterson of the First Presbyterian church said he was glad the time had come when all Christians could unite in the celebration of Christmas, which was the people's because God's day. Speaking of dissensions in the church, Dr. Patterson said he did not believe the Unristian message of peace would ever be universally accepted until the Christians of the world were united by stronger bonds of fellowship. Said he "When I look at the contests in foreign

mission fields, and when I observe in yillages of 800 or 1,000 inhabitants, four or five pre-sumably Christian churches pulling and hauling at one another, each church striv-ing to get members of the others over into its own fold, thus creating social divisions that each class looks askance at the other class, I hold up my nands in annazement at clear a violation of the spirit of Jesus

Passing to the subject of charity, the Not within the memory of the oldest person in this audience, has the United States passed through a Christman season under such distressing circumstances as it will pass this one. Never before were there so many people out of employment and never before were there so many honest souls hungry for bread. It seems to me that this is the grandest opportunity the church

has ever had to show forth to the world the humanity of Christ. "Who are the people that are destithey are the royal and princely men of this country. While it is true that the present time is the golden age for the pro-fessional tramps, we must not forget that there are hundreds and thousands of descrying men who have been thrown out of work on account of the closing of mills and factories and whose families are in need of the necessities of life. They are the people who we must reach; they are the people who often, through pride or shame, make no ap-

What is the situation in Omaha today The truth is, the citizens have done more especially during the past week, for the traveling tramps, who are seeking charity here, than they have done for the laboring nen of our own city-men who have famlies, who will not beg around from door to loor and will not tell of their necessities. It is time for our people to give their charity discriminately. It is estimated by the secretary of the Associated Charities that there are 4,000 families in this city who are without work or means of subsistence. They are the ones who are willing to go to the woodyard and earn their bowls of soup, and they are the ones that should be helped.

Visit of the Wise Men.

At the Seward Street Methodist church esterday morning Rev. Dr. Tindall preached on "The Visit of the Wise Men to Jesus at Bethlehem." The substance of his thought was that Jesus was born of humanity that humanity might be born of Him-God. Divinity clothed itself with humanity that humanity might take on divinity. He contrasted the simplicity of the scripture account of the birth of Christ with the relation of the cirumstances of the birth of Buddha. Just who the wise men were is not known. Cer-tainty they were seekers after God. tainly they were seekers after God. Dr. Tindall was inclined to believe that the appearance of the star was a miraculous phenomenon. But whether it were so or not, it led these devout sages to Christ, and they followed it to the saving of the whole world. The greatest intellectual men of all ages have either believed in or been devout worshipers of God. It is a sign of mental weakness to be an atheist or an Infidel

Music at St. John's Collegiate. St. John's Christmas day services (Creighton college) will be as claborate as customary. This is the program;

Solema high mass. Celebrant Rev. James Hoeffer, S. J. Dencan, Rev. J. B. Dishriver, S. J. Satideacon, Rev. Jessph Illies, S. J. Louis Seilis, three-part mass, will be outs Seitts' three-part mass will be sung at eservice, with the "Adeste Fidelis" for the

10:30 A. M. Salemin high imass. Celebrani, Rev. John Mathery, S. J. Deacon, Rev. J. F. Privaznik, S. J. Dencon, Rev. J. F. Privaznia, S. J.
Subdeacon, Rev. David Johnson, S. J.
Sermon by Rev. Wittiam T. Kinsellor, S. J.
Cimarosi's grand military mass will be readered at this service by St. John's excellent
choir, assisted by the student's choir of
Creighton callege and same of our best local
talent. Mrs. Martin Cahn will sing a solo at
this service and Prof. S. honk will be organist.
Vespet service, 5 p. m.

Death of Mrs. E. R. Hume. Mrs. Leonice Van Kuran Hume, wife of Ellery R. Hume, died yesterday morning, Funeral at the family residence, Fiftieth and Cuming streets, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Prespect Hill.

IN OMAHA FOR CHEISTMAS.

At the Merchants: Guy Jackson, H. M. Horn Stuart Shears and W. C. Keim, Lan-coln; W. A. Taylor, Henderson; J. Wocudu; W. A. Taylor, eweiter, Grand Island. eweiter, Grand Island. H. Spearmann, Me-Paxton: T. H. Spearmann, Me-At the Paxton: T. H. Spearmann Cook and G. S. R. Baughton, Irvington.

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At the Murray: Dr. Sparks, Lancoln, and
Muss Pannie Russell, Blate.
At the Millard, W. E. Kurtz, Freemont.
At the Morcer: C. H. Aiman, R. E.
Wotzie, Chicago; Dr. X. J. Aberly, South
Omaha: J. W. Shank, J. G. Meranier,
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M. Grath, Chicago; James Darby, Attica, S.
D. William H. Fetzer, John Coffman,
Omaha: G. L. Thorpe, Lincoln; L. Huggias,
St. Joseph: A. L. Hawland, Seward; C.
Warren and two, Lincoln; Raymond H.
Moore, Philadelphia; J. R. Barcon, Lusk,
Wyo; D. B. Deason, wife and son, Chicago;
B. C. Rawley, Texas; James P. Murphy,
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All Hall Again the Power of Jesus' Name in Choral Anthem and Devotional Praise-Festival of the Nativity loangurated.

As always, "Whenever 'gainst that season omes wherein our Savior's birth is celeorated," the interior of the churches of Omaha yesterday were the glad adornment of the Chrismas season, and the voices of the worshipers joined in the songs of joy and praise. The green of the holly and the fresh and fragrant bloom of the hily and chrysanthemum could not contrast with snow and cold outside, for the gutters in the streets were running with water, a fine rain was falling and the air was the air of spring. Indeed, one might have thought it Easter. but he could hardly realize that it was a Sabbath to be followed by Christmas.

Notwithstanding the forbuilding showers and the bad condition of the streets, the attendance was in most instances large, and the services in sermon, music, decorations and other features were such as in impressiveness and beauty have soldom been surpassed on like occasions.

At Trinity Cathedral.

The music at Trinity cathedral yesterday and last evening was of a high order of excellence, the choir at last night's service rendering portions of "The Messiah," with much credit to itself as well as Mrs. J. W. Cotton, who has been the active head of the organization for a number of years. In honor of the glad Christmas tide the

beautiful church was hung with evergreens, the nave, auditorium, chancel, pulpit and choir stalls being particularly finely decorated, while wreathes and sprigs of holly gave a color to the edifice that was very restful. Dean Gardner preached a wellconsidered sermon at the morning service, from a portion of the verse telling of the crowded condition of the inns at which Joseph and Mary applied for lodging in the city of David. He drew a graphic picture of he manger in Bethichem and the incidents cading up to the birth of Christ. The gem of the morning service, from a musical standspoint was the chorale by Garrett, "Prepare Ye The Way," sung at the offertory. It opens with a beautiful tenor resitative, which Mr. Wilkins rendered with onsummate skill, his vence being in better condition than for several years, his high notes particularly showing the work given to their development. This recutative is then taken up by the tenors and basses, sung n unison, and then the full chorus breaks forth in the inspiring words, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness." There is a wonderfully pretty quarter interwoven, sung exquisitely by Mrs. Cotton, Miss Bishop, Mr. Lombard and Mr. Wilkins. It is a particularly well written composition, the music and words being wedged together in a very

beautiful manner.
The service of last evening was largely choral, the cathedral being crowded to the doors. Mr. Wikins sang the "Cantique de Noel" by Adam in faultless style. Miss Bishop, who has a lovely contralto voice, could not have been given a more sym-pathetic solo, one better suited to her regispathetic solo, one bester suited to her regis-ter, than "O, Thou That Tellest," from "The Messiah." Mrs. Fitt also won golden opin-ions for her solo, "It Came Upon the Mid-night," by Sullivan. Mrs. Fitt has a bell-like soprano, measurably full, which she uses most judiciousty. Her upper register is particularly brilliant, her high notes being clear and resonant, suggestive of Patti's tone somewhat. At the 11 o'clock service this morning Whitney's full communion service will be given in addition to the other strong solos of last night's program.

Mr. Butler deserves a word of commendation for his capable work on the organ solo at the evening service being particularly well played.

At St. Matthias'.

Bishop Worthington preached the Christmas sermon at St. Matthias' church last evening. The altur was beautified with calla lilies and evergreeus, all efforts in the decortive line being confined to the space within the chancel rail. The right reverend speaker selected Luke

i., 17, as his text, and spoke of the especial fitness of making spiritual preparation at this time—the anniversary of the tivity. Christmas should be somet more than a holiday, and ought to be re stored to its lost height. Christ could have remained in neaven, had He so willed, and have there done all that He did, but He could not bear to be alone His happiness and came to world like this to make His great sacrifice for a sinning people. Here was a lesson that should not be forgotten, and it was a happy feature that the auniversary of the birth of Christ was to be celebrated just before the old year dies. It suggested the thought that Jesus was born but never dies, and that a new year was born to welcome the new-born All were besought to remember their duties toward others than their imediate families when preparing for this debration. Christ-like ministering to the poor, suffering and afflicted, speaking gently kind words of sympathy, and thus prepare their hearts for Him.

The Christmas services inaugurated yes-terday will continue four days, with the elebration of the holy communion each morning. The Christmas tree exercises for the industrial school will take place Tuesday evening, and for the Sunday school on Wednesday evening.

Taber Organ Recital.

Hundreds of the music-loving public of Omaha went to Mr. Taber's organ recital yesterday afternoon thinking, that it was the last of the series of delightful recitals which the organist of the First Congre gational church has given in the past two months. But they were greatly pleased to find that there will be another program riven this afternoon, and also that the reitals will be continued indefinitely on Sunlay afternoons.

day afternoons.

Mr. Taper was assisted yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Wakefield, who possesses a very sweet soprano voice. In the first half of the program Mrs. Wakefield rendered the "Cartique de Noel," following it jater in the second part with "The Holy City," singing both selections in her usually felicities and the programmer, her clear articulation, seing tous manner, her clear articulation being particularly pleasing. Mr. Taber repeated the overture. "Poet and Peasant." which is a great favorite in organ music and which is always cohanced in boauty by Mr. Taber's rendition. The Pleumpha! March," from "Naaman" by Coata, formed a very appro-priate close to the fine program.

The following frogram will be rendered

hristmas afternoon, at B:30 o'clock: Prelude and Fuzug, F. Plat Vocal i b In Absender Miss Needs M. Ogden. . Hodge

Miss Neole M. Ogden.

Transacric and Romance Schumann
Overtue, William Tell Rossini
Offertoire, D Minor Rossini
Direct Miss Ogden and Mrs. Wakefield Tallelulah Chorus Handel

At the First Presbyterian.

Both the morning and evening services at the First Presbyterian church vesterday were peculiarly appropriate to Christmas day. The church seas decorated with flow-ers and evergreens, and the sermons were supplemented by claborate programs of Christmas music. The Star of Bethiehem is made chrystanthemuma appeared in relief n pink chrysanthemums appeared in relief against the pipes of the great organ. The after rail was draied with smalax and both altar rail was draped with annual and octa-the chancel and choir loft were half con-cealed by banks of palms and potted plants. The singing of the double quartet could hardly be surpassed. At the morning ser-

hard, he surpassed. At the morning ser-vice budley Buck's anthem, "O. Zion that Tellest Glad Tidings," was rendered in a faultless manner. Mr. I. M. Treynor sang. "The Watchful Shepherds," and the single quartet sang." The Birthday of the King." by Christmus Tree at Unity. At Unity church last evening the regula services were dispensed with and the chil

for the old and young. It was located in the vestibule off the Sabbath school room, where the services were held.

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Provious to stripping the tree of its burden a program of appropriate numbers was given, consisting of Christinas sougs, instrumental music and recitations. A brief address was made by the pastor, Rev. N. M.

The children have provided a large box of food and clothing, which will be sent to Rescue hall today, the children being deter-mined to do a little giving as well as receiving. At the conclusion of the services a col-lection was taken and quite a sum was of-fored. The amount will also go to Rescue

Entertainment Postponed. The Christmas entertainment which was

to have been given this evening by the Sab-bath school of the Central United Pressy-terian church has been postponed until Fridry evening of this work, at which time all friends of the church and school are invited to be present.

In the King's Cause.

At the Immanuel Baptist church, Twenty fourth and Bluncy streets, last evening a Baptist Boys brigade was mustered into the service by Rev F. W. Foster, the paster and will hereafter be known as company A. First Nebruska regiment. This company of Sunday school boys was first organized about a year ago and until just recently was known as the Immanuel cadets.

Eighteen members and two commissioned officers took their pledges last night and start out in their work with flying colors. After the young soldiers had been seated in a body near the pulpit the paster appointed George Grenville as captain and E. Ochenbein first Heutenant.
These officers were handed their commis

These officers were hunded their commissions and took the customary pledge, and then the privates were pledged.

Following is a list of the young gentlemen who signed the muster roll: C. Gates, G. Grenville, F. Martis, S. Ochenbein, E. Ochenbein, G. Culton, W. Eaton, S. Hughes, C. Johnson, R. Kelley, W. Hughes, D. Gregg, R. Foster, H. Foster, F. Hamblett, Frederick Hamolett, F. Johnson, B. Shields, Carl Geniwits, B. Christie.

At the conclusion of this little ceremony the vastor appointed Charles Gates as first

the pastor appointed Charles Gates as first sergeant, S. Hughes second sergeant, and F. for the boys to maintain interest in the brigade the paster offered a sword and neit to the officer who, during the coming year, shows the best work in drill and in leading a

Caristian life.
A short address was then delivered. The pastor urged the boys to learn to say no and stick to it when tempted to do anything wrong, to shun evil companions and put their

AMUSEMENTS.

Hoyt's "Brass Monkey" at Boyd's drew a good house. George F. Marion, as "Jonah," whenever he appeared on the stage, provoked a laugh, and lively Lallian Swain, as 'Baggage," was sure of an encore whenever she favored the audience with her appearance. Miss Swain, well known to Omaha theater goers, in the year or two that has been added to her age since her last appearance here, has grown sweeter and brighter. and those who have listened to her in "Erminie" and other light operas will more than appreciate her subtle gentioness in the haracter she assumes in the play that is at present filling the Boyd's. The rest of the company, especially Mr. atus, whose sweet tenor voice would of

itself be an attraction to any company, took their parts, well, and the highest criticism that could be pronounced against the troupe is that there is not a weak character in it.

Howard Athenieum Success. The engagement of Lottie Cellina and the new Boston Howard Athenacam Specialty company, popularly known as Europe's 'Four hundred" vaudevilles, at the Fifteenth Street theater during the last three nights of the past week was of so remarkable a character, both as to local importance and as attracting national attention, as to demand more than a passing notice. The week be-fore Christmas all over the United States is known in the theatrical profession as absolutely the worst for business during the season. The reason for this is that people who are usually steady theater patrons are busy with Christmas shopping and they forego amusements for the time being. Theatrical companies 'lay off' generally during the week preceding Christmas. Three coms have been resting in Omaha last week for the reasons given. panies all these facts face of the Lottle Collins and Athenaeum company opened at the Fifteenth Street theater Thursday evening to "standing room only. I'wo hundred people, among them lifty visit ing professionals, stood up during the entire performance, and 400 people were turned away unable to obtain admission. The "stanting room" sign has been hung up at every subsequent performance. city can present such a theatrical record. and very few of the theaters in the larger American cities can show profitable business at this particular season of the year. This ingagement has attracted the attention of theatrical managers all over the United

Jarbeau at the Fifteenth Street. Jarbeau, as chic and clever as ever, began short engagement at the Fifteenth Street theater yesterday. The performance yesterday afternoon, however, began at a very late hour, Miss Jarbeau and her company not arriving in Omaha until 3 o'clock on ac count of a freight wreck near Sioux City laying their train nearly six hours, after the curtain was up the play went a snap that wor. liberal applause from the large audience. Miss Jarbeau is supported by a strong company, Ross Snow, a unique omedian, heading the fun makers. Gus Pixley is also a bright light of this aggrega-tion, as are Ed Sandford and James F. Mac donald. Miss Hattie Wells is a wonderfully clever dancer, her high kicking being a feature of the performance.

ANOTHER FAKE DISPOSED OF.

OMARA, Dec. 24 -To the Editor of THE Ber: Although I have no desire to appear in the reports of the contest before the police commission, I do not want to be misrepresented and misquotes. The report of the World-Herald concerning my testimony Saturday afternoon is garbled and false in several important particulars. It is true that I first declined to produce the memor-anoum book in which I record every day the number of papers printed on the presse of Tax Ber. I did this, as I stated under oath, on my own responsibility and without being prompted by anybody. My reasons for so doing were that this memorandum book contained the figures of all our editions, morning and evening. Sunday and weekly I did not think it proper for Mr. Hitchwock or his lawyer to inspect the record of the Sunday edition, the weekly edition or the morning edition, so long as the centroversy was only about the evening edition. false, and everybody who was presen-knows it to be untrue, that I had been directed by Mr. Rosewater not to produce the memorandum book. On the trary Mr. Rosewater ordered me publicly to go back to the office and get the memorandum book. Lobeyed this order and was with the book in less than ten minutes. When I got back Mr. Rosewater asked Hitch-cock's attorney. Mr. Hall, to recall me to the witness stand and let me exhibit the memorandum book and testify to the footings and the manner in which I keep the pressroom tally and records. But Mr Hall said he did not care for the book and would not let me testify again. These are the un-varnished facts in the case, and the police commission will bear me out in what I sa Fund M. You Sos.

For Robbery at Lemars.

At the request of Plymouth county, lowa authorities, Detectives Savage and Dempsey yesterdayarrested Oscar Hagy alias Haggen. at the Fifteenth street theater. Fifteen minutes after the arrest. Sheriff minutes after t Boyle of that Boyle of that county started with the prisoner for Lemars, where he stands accused of stealing two gold watches, an overcoat and \$90 from a hotel white employed as night clerk

National Reserve Officers. At the meeting of the National Reserve association Wednesday evening officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: I. O. Rhoades, P. P.; W. D. Lincoln, P.; E. dren of the Sunday school were given a Christmas tree. The tree was a beautiful one, artistically draped and trimmed and was laden with cancies and nuts and gifts. J. Smith, S.; R. Anderson, T. C. Havens, G. J. Johnson, trustees.

THEY MIGHT GO TO MEXICO

Impressario Pate Offers His Mile Track to the Long Distance Pugilists.

HE WILL PAY \$25,000 FOR THE CONTEST

Tainks He Can Source the Authorities and Make the Mill a Certainty-Plans Going Abend for the Affair at dacksonville,

Sr. Louis, Dec. 24 -R. C. Pate, towner of the Mexican race track, has authorized the editor of a local sporting paper to say if the authorities in Fiorida would not permit the halding of the Cornett-Mitchell fight there. then he would give the fighters a purse of \$25,000 to fight for at his track. Mr. Pate in his letter saul:

"When I telegraphed you that we could arrange to have the Mitchell-Corbett fight take place in Mexico I was in consultation with those in authority and knew they would permit the contest to come of there Now, while I am not certain, I suppose the still hold this resilion, and that being the case, I will offer the prize named for them to battle for. But before I make the official announcement I will have to again consult the Mexican muthorities. I will be in St. Louis for one week. Then I will return to Mexico, and if Corbett and Mitchell are then willing to meet there I will arrange to give them the prize named.

How Charles Will Train.

New York, Dec. 21.—Pugilist Charley Mitchell arrived in the city this afternoon and left tonight for Philadephia. He will remain in the Quaker City until Tuesday, when he starts for Jacksonville to go into his training quarters. He will have a cook with him and all the food he consumes will be sent down to him from Philadelphia. He will be met in Florida next week by Jim Hall and Steve O'Donnell, Mitchell looks well and he expressed himself as confident he could be victorious in the fight

Micenell in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Poglist Charlie Mitchell arrived in this city this afternoon and was escorted to the Union League club, where he shook hands with a number of prominent politicians, shortly after 5 o'clock Mitchell left the club and walked to the residence of Mr. Robbins where he will stay until Tuesday moraing when he leaves for Jacksonville. Mitchel seems to realize what he is going up against and he is training faithfulls

from 5 to 7 o'clock last night be excercised with two-pound dumb bells, sparring with Harry Darrin until the latter gave up, an then wound up by giving a dozen back nand-springs. When he wes through he was slightly warm, and after a springe bith he are a dinner that would have astonished Philadelphia's biggest policeman. While sparring with Darrin, Mitchell sent his right across and landed light on his trainer's

"If I can ever put that on Corbett's long he said, "his goose will be cooked." This was the only allusion Mitchell made to Corbett. Jim Hall and Steven O'Donnell will join Mitchell at his training quarters a week from tomorrow, and they, with tiarry Darrin and the servants, will constitute the party.

Suny in the Box.

Sandesky, O., Dec. 24. - John L. Sullivan was a visitor today at Sangusky police station. He, with Dan Dwyer and two other members of his company, were arrested for disorderly conduct and were released this afternoon just in time to catch a fast train for Brooklyn. Two members of the Sollivan con

this morning got into a fight at the West house and Sullivan, who interfered, was arrested with the others, although it is claimed be figured as a peacemaker. Bail was fixed at \$150, and after spending the day in the jail the prisoners went on their way reloging. way rejoicing.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—A special to the Times-Union from St. Augustine, an

nounces that Billy Thompson. Milchell manager, has selected that place for train ing quarters for the Englishman. The Casa Marina hotel on Asastina Island has been given up to the use of Mitchell. It will be fitted up with all the necessary par aphernalia. Dates Was a Mark.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 24,-"Kid" Hogan of California and Jack Bates of Rochester, N. Y., the former at 131 and the latter at 145 pounds, fought twelve rounds this morning before the Muskegon Athletic club. Bates was defeated. Before the fight Blilly Council of Bellevue. Y., said he would stop the winner in five

rounds, each man accepting.

Bates was unable to hit Hogan, scoring only twice, while the other hit at will, knocking him down and nearly out in the seventh and twice, a the twelfth round. This was Bates first defeat, and Hogan has ever been whipped. After Bates was carried out he eried like baby, protesting that he was not whipped.

Sport in the Magie City. There was an interesting boxing competiion held in Blum's hall, South Omaha, Saturday, which was witnessed by a small rowd of sports. There were six or eight six-round "gos," the most interesting being that between Jimmy Glue, a son of Ham, and Ike O'Neili Brown, in which some clever work was done. McCoy, the South Omaha middleweight, and Aaron Sherroy gave a scientific exhibition, and Billy Night-

ngale and an unknown wrestled a catch as Dog Fight at Tintz's. There was a dog fight at Tietz's park yeserday afternoon between Martin Shields' white dog Jack of Clubs and Ed Miller's white dog Dan The stake was \$100 a side, and about 100 red hots witnessed the battle. Jack of Clubs quit on the third scratch and

Prof. Miller carried off the bundle. H. N. MCULLY MISSING.

Prominent Provision Salesman Who Bas-

Not Been Heard of Since August 12. H. N. McCully, formerly a traveling salesnan for Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co., and other prominent packing and provision firms, mysteriously disappeared from his hotel in Chicago August 12, and has not been seen or heard from since. He was one of the best known and most popular men in his business. His habits were good, and no possible reason can be advanced by his friends for his disappearance. He was about its years old, six feet one inch tall, weighed 240 pounds and had light comlexion, sainty mustache, blue eyes and a leasing address. When last seen he wore a rown derby hat and brown sack coat. On he day of his disappearance he notified the proprietor of the De Soto club of his depart-ire, paid his bill and had his tronks sent to inton depot. His baggage is still at the Mr. McCulis had lived in clorida for ter

years, and was salesman in that territory for Armour & Co. until a year ago hast summer. Armour & Co. until a year ago has sufficient when he became associated with Codahy & Co., for which company he worked until last February. He left Codany & Co. then, but engaged with them again in April and shaid until the midule of July. From that time until August 12 he was considering offers from several fiems, but finally decided to go to California, unreased that intention and secured letters of introduction to several secured letters of introduction to several San Fernance men to his provision houses. San Francisco men ie tig provision houses He was unmarried, well-to-do and of goosition. His friends say that he be the last man to commit suicide. He was however, too careful to carry large sums of money and on that a count would not be more real and roused. He was an excellent salesman and commanded big sataries wherever he went. He was not supposed to have had any enemies.

W. A. Dryden of Armour & Cu. Chicago.

knew Mr. McCully intimately and is much concerned over his disappearance. He has given the police all the aid in his power and is doing everything to solve the mystery. "McCully was one of the mest men I ever met," said he to an Evening Journal reporter, "and I can't possibly account for this affair by ordinary reasoning. He used no liquor or tobacco, did not speculate nor gamble and was free from all such vices. Sub-

cide or murder I can't think probable, and temperary insanity I believe almost impossi-ble. No one was dependent upon him, so his friends are taxing charge of the matter The Sunday before he was missed he dined at my house. Then he was in the best of pirits and looked forward with pleasure to Thomas Adams, baggagemaster at the union depot Chicago, has charge of Mr. McCully's effects.

Farmers Are Invited,

The farmers of Douglas county who are sterested in sugar beet culture are cordially invited to attend the meeting to be held at the Commercial club temorrow at 2 p. m.

BEATHER FORECASTS.

Eastern Nebenska Will Be Visited by a Cotd Wave Today. Washington, Dec. 21.—Porceasts for Mon-

lay: For Nebraska-Pair, preceded tonight nd in the early morning by snow flarries in he eastern portion; northwesterly gales; old wave in the eastern portion For South Dakota Snow flucries tonight and in the carly morning; fair Monday afters noon; warm Monday night; winds becoming

asterly. For lowa Showers, turning into snow in the northwest portion; cold wave; winds becoming northwesterly, increasing.

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Laceyville, O. Catarrh, Heart Failure, Paralysis of the Throat

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Local Record,

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Local Forecast Official.



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I had a very bad spell of paralysis of the throat some time ago. My throat scemed closed and I could not swallow. The doctors said it was caused by heart failure, and gave medicine, which I took according to directions, but It did not seem to do me any good. My wife urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparulla, telling me of Mr. Joseph C. Smith, who had been

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