

ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus Remains Doing in City of Omaha.

MERRY MAKERS IN PLENTY DURING NIGHT

Extraneous Entertainments Are Many and Varied, Including Even Fantomime Performance of "Cinderella."

When Mr. Santa Claus of Wonderland met drove into Omaha last evening he found it expedient to drive out again promptly.

On the first visit, for instance, his sleigh nearly collided with a sled in which the choir boys of Trinity cathedral were driving about, serenading friends in many parts of the city.

Santa Was Cheerful. Though reputed to be even busier than a newsboy on the morning after election, Mr. Santa Claus made his extra drive into the city quite cheerfully.

There may have been a growing ache in the hearts of some of the destitute, but the charities have hooped baskets for their relief and it is promised that all who make their wants known shall not go hungry.

Some Aching Hearts. The young man with a girl who is considerably better than any girl any young man has ever had reached for down into that part of his pocket where the money ought to be and wondered why he didn't cut out that last stage affair to keep his credit good at the florist's.

At the hotels, after the best holiday business in many years, the clerks were starting at almost unbearably regular paces and realizing for the first time that Christmas is really here.

Old English Custom. A graceful old English custom, wherein the church choir goes about Christmas eve serenading the parishioners, was revived by the choir of Trinity cathedral last night.

Christmas, as the diminutive foot and nervous experiences, lived again last night at the Nebraska Institute for Deaf and Dumb.

Editor Lynch of the Daily Post, Phillipsburg, Mo., has asked the merits of Foley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many patent remedies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have ever used and I cannot say too much in praise of it."

LOCAL BREVITIES. Dr. V. H. Coffman, city physician, sent a box of Christmas cheer to the emergency hospital by his son Ware last night.

A special committee, consisting of C. S. Payne, W. W. Slabaugh, W. A. Saunders, Sumner T. Martin and R. M. Clark, was appointed to look into the matter of the advertisement matter would be ready for distribution by January 1.

THE HARD STRUGGLE. Many an Omaha Citizen Finds the Struggle Hard.

With a back constantly aching. With distressing urinary disorders. Daily with a weary and a struggle. Do not keep it up. Doan's Kidney Pills will cure you. Omaha people endorse this claim.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Contract Between Union Pacific and the City is Presented.

NO MATERIAL CHANGES IN AGREEMENT

Ordinance Providing for Execution and Delivery of Contract Passes First and Second Readings—Judges Want Money.

After four months of preliminary skirmishing between the representatives of the city of Omaha and the Union Pacific railway, followed by two months more of alterations and embellishments at the suggestion of each side, the contract between the two parties was finally presented to the city council last night.

Thirty councilmen were present to hear the ordinance read the first and second times by title under a suspension of the rules and to arrange for its reference to the committee on railways, telegraphs and telephones.

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TRAINING FOR HOUSEHOLD

Subject of Mrs. Harriet MacMurphy's Address at Entertainment at St. Catherine's Academy.

Monday evening St. Catherine's academy held the second annual entertainment for the benefit of the household economics department of the school.

The entertainment was musical and literary in its nature. The vocal soloists were Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Trumbull.

The children of the school appeared in reciting appropriate selections from the Bible and the lives of the saints.

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Mayor Kelly Favors Ordinance. Mayor Kelly announced yesterday that he proposed to sign the general telephone franchise ordinance passed by the council Monday night.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Officials Do Not Take Kindly to Martin Ordinances.

UNWILLING TO BE DOCKED FOR ABSENCE

They Are Not Nearly So Well Compensated as Are Members of the Council.

City officials are not taking kindly to the resolution of Councilman Martin in regard to having pay deducted when temporarily away. Some of the city officials go hunting very often during the season, but the work of the departments, it is said, goes on just the same.

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MILLARD RIFLES FALL IN

Line Up with Omaha's Entertainers for First Time.

MARCH TO NEW ARMORY FIRST OF YEAR

Have Promise of Swell Quarters in Masonic Temple—Are Aiding in Organization of Troop of Cavalry.

At Chambers' academy, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, last night the Millard Rifles, the "baby company" of Nebraska volunteer organizations, abandoned the "hay-foot-straw foot" method of military training for the waltz, the two-step, the three-step, the five-step and the waltz-fox-trot of polite society.

About fifty couples were on the floor, among them being many from the Thurston Rifles and a few from the Omaha Guards, and they danced eighteen numbers and a few extras, the card beginning with the "Autumn Hula" waltz and concluding with the "Florodora" waltz, a particular favorite of the Whaley orchestra.

The affair was designated the "opening party" of the Millard Rifles. It being the intention to entertain similarly every month hereafter, on a date to be selected by the committee in charge, Captain Thomas A. Baughman of the Millards was present and in general charge, though not on the floor, as he has the captaincy of Vermont Bandman, the infant mascot of the company, who insisted upon being held in his prisoner's arms through most of the evening.

To the great disappointment of the sixty men of the company, Senator Millard did not receive news of the ball until his arrival in Omaha and has since been so busy that he could not attend last night, nor was Mayor Frank E. Mooney present, owing to a much regretted mistake of the invitation committee.

Senator Millard, the patron of the company, was present by proxy, however, as a conspicuous feature of the decorations of the ballroom was a large picture of him on the north wall, draped with flags. The only other decorations were the different designs in which the national colors had been placed about the room.

Representative of The Bee Captain Baughman made formal announcement last night that the Rifles, who since their mustering in the 11th of last month, have been temporarily quartered in the Crounse block at the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Capitol avenues, will move January 1 to quarters across the street, where they have secured a permanent home on the second floor of what is known as the Masonic Temple, the new quarters to be known as the Millard Rifles armory, and to be fitted up somewhat as is a club.

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Advertisement for 'Half-past Nine!' pills, featuring an illustration of a clock and a person's face, with text describing the benefits for liver ailments.