

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Talk of Street Railway Extension Entertains Waiting Patrons.

EAST END PEOPLE LOOKING FOR RELIEF

Present Service to Be Supplemented by New Lines to the East that Better Accommodations May Be Enjoyed.

The rumor that the street railroad company proposes laying double tracks on South Twenty-fourth street and on Railroad avenue as soon as the pavement is laid seems to be gaining ground every day. At first when the paving proposition was brought up the plan was to reduce the width of South Twenty-fourth street from Q street to U street, but this has been abandoned and the street will be paved its full width. It is understood that this change was made at the request of street car officials. The plan now, so it is stated, is to run a double track from Twenty-fourth and N streets to the county line. In this line the line may be extended to Fort Crook. Already a line to the fort has been surveyed, but no definite arrangements have been made with property owners along the proposed route. Up to date the company plans only to extend the Walnut Hill service so that it will take in South Thirtieth street and Missouri avenue and Albright.

Patrons of the road in the eastern portion of the city and also in the southeastern section are tiring of the service given by the Albright-Missouri street line, and they are demanding that something better be given. In order to give a better service the company, so it is stated, is willing to lay a double track just as soon as the streets are paved. What is wanted now in addition to the paving of Railroad avenue is the paving of four blocks on L street and Missouri avenue from Twentieth street east to Thirtieth street. When property owners sign petitions for the paving of these streets the street car people, so report goes, will not only lay double tracks but will give direct service to Omaha. By doing this the Twenty-fourth street line, which is always crowded, will be relieved of considerable traffic.

Few Charity Calls.

Chairman Quenan of the council committee on charity said last night that he had less applications for aid on his books this year than for some time. He asserted that most of the residents of South Omaha were working and were able to take care of themselves without asking aid from the city. So far this year less money has been spent by the city for charity than for a number of years past. Perhaps one reason for this is that every application is investigated. Where statements as to lack of food, fuel or clothing are found to be true the city provides relief. The local charitable organizations are doing a great deal in the care of indigent persons, but calls for help this year are not nearly as numerous as a year ago.

Observing Christmas.

Christmas will be observed today by the closing of the stockyards, the banks, city offices, packing houses, etc. Some places of business will remain open until noon, but there will be little if anything doing in the afternoon. The packing houses have made arrangements to let all men not absolutely needed to run the plants off and it will be the same at the stockyards. All of the banks will be open as usual on Saturday morning, although the banks at other big packing centers will not open at all on Saturday.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the South Omaha Loan and Building association will be held on Wednesday evening, January 6, from 4 until 5 o'clock. Three directors and three auditors are to be elected. Members desiring to fill these offices will be required to file a written application with the secretary before 5 p. m. on December 26.

Federal Union Elections Officers.
The federal union No. 112 met Thursday night and elected the following officers: D. D. Sullivan, president; George Miesick, vice president; Frank Burrows, recording secretary; E. I. Gustafson, financial secretary; George Hauptman, treasurer; L. Curran, sentinel; F. H. Jones, speaker; J. J. Daly, P. C. Caldwell, J. W. Melner, trustees.

Christmas Association Mass Meeting.
There will be a mass meeting for men at the Ancient Order of United Workmen temple Sunday afternoon, J. P. Bailey of Omaha will deliver an address on the topic, "The Great Christmas." The address will be illustrated by a large number of stereoscopic views. The choir of St. Martin's church will render the Christmas music.

Magie City Gossip.
List your property with H. M. Christie. Low prices on useful holiday presents. Home Furniture Company.

Special low prices on watches and rings for Christmas. Sandwith, 264 N street.
Harry B. Christie is confined to his apartment with a severe attack of tonsillitis.
Frank Edson and wife of Chicago are here spending the holidays with relatives.
H. E. Wilcox left yesterday afternoon for Ida Grove, Ia., to spend a few days with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. Salmen of Chicago are the guests of Mrs. Donohue, Twenty-fourth and A streets.
W. C. Lambert and Miss Susan Condon were married last evening at the Presbyterian parsonage, serving as best man, Mr. J. H. Smith.

First-class work at Gooden's antiseptic barber shop, under South Omaha National bank, 218 N street. Scalp and face massage a specialty.

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It is because of so many liver troubles that we make our Little Liver Pills so small and so easy to take. One or two pills make a dose. They are strictly vegetable and do not grip or purge, but by their gentle action they cause the bowels to move. In fact, they are so gentle that they can be taken by delicate women, or even by children.

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WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

While the women will not have as conspicuous a part in the Christmas work among the unfortunate of the city as usual this year, they will have had none the less active a part and much of the happiness that will come to the children today will be due to their effort. In the hospitals at the Mission and in the jails there will also be evidences of their interest, for while few of the clubs have done anything as a whole, there are some that have not some members who have been busily engaged this week in preparation for a merry Christmas for others.

There is a movement among the women of San Francisco to establish a Woman's Municipal league after the model of the Woman's Municipal league of New York. There are 1,000 clubs in San Francisco with practically no license, besides Chinatown, and the demoralizing influence upon municipal politics from these sources has aroused the women to the necessity for some sort of concerted action on their part. The California Club, of San Francisco, is one of the largest and most influential organizations of the state and its members are much interested in the proposed organization.

And now the club woman has started an agitation against children being admitted to the theater indiscriminately. The mothers' clubs have long protested against this, some having even gone so far as to recommend that children be excluded from the performance of some of the well known plays.

Mrs. Lovell White, president of the Out of Door Art league, is sending out a circular letter to the women of the various states and endeavoring to organize committees in each state for the agitation of the protection of the big trees in California. It is the object to make the movement a national one that will make possible the forming of a strong congressional committee to act in conjunction with the California authorities in securing the passage of a bill setting aside these few remaining groves of big trees as public parks.

Although many of the members are out of the city for the holidays, there was a large attendance at Sunday afternoon's meeting of the Reading Circle at Mount St. Mary's academy. A resume of the work of the Circle by Miss Phyllis Gentryman and a presentation of Bishop Spalding's essay on "Higher Education" by Miss Margaret McCarthy were followed by an address by Rev. Father Peter McLaughlin, "The False Decretals" being his subject. The next meeting will be held January 10.

Mrs. Byers will read "The First Christmas Tree," by Henry Van Dyke, at the Young Women's Christian association gospel meeting Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. There will be special Christmas music.

The announcement is made this week of the resignation of Miss Flora Ticknor, physical director of the association, who left Wednesday for her home in Indiana. Miss Ticknor resigns on account of ill health and her departure is regretted by all members of the association. A call has been extended a most popular and efficient worker.

The annual New Year's reception of the association promises to be even more enjoyable this year than ever. The hours announced are from 5 to 9 o'clock, the program to be given at 5:30. The Young Women's Christian association orchestra will play throughout the evening.

Mrs. Byers, general secretary, spent last Sunday with the Stock City association, giving her reading of Van Dyke's "The Out of Door Art."

The extension committee will entertain at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at South Branch for the members of the Sun Shins club, all of the mothers having been invited to be present, as well as the members. There are to be gifts and a program.

The committee appointed by the Woman's club completed arrangements with Mrs. Martha L. Gilew to present her "Plantation Folk Lore" before the club Monday, January 5. Whether it will be in the afternoon or evening has not yet been decided. It will be remembered that the club decided recently to have a Christmas reception, giving its annual New Year's reception.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATES
Second Presbyterian Church the scene of Pleasant Christmas Eve Festivities.

The Sunday school of the Second Presbyterian church under the direction of Superintendent J. W. Koopman, whom they presented with a fine suit case, entertained one large audience and enjoyed one large, fine time last night at the Christmas eve service. The evening began with a song of welcome by the choir, after which Father Newman Hall Burdick led in prayer. The primary class sang the "Christmas Story," Helen Alexander recited "My Secret," Margaret Edwards played the violin; Fred Smith recited "That Boys Know," Ruth Smith sang "Ting the Bells," Agnes Gray recited "After Christmas," Josephine Craig sang "The Holly Berries," Herman Prankard created melody with his cornet; Eddie Baumgartner sang "Tip-Toe," and Violet Hughes spoke "A Little Maid Am I." In addition, the primary class, Miss Bradford's class, Miss Dickinson's class, with the assistance of Miss Pulver's and Miss Johnson's class, went through some little plays which pleased the audience. The choir sang several selections. At the end baskets of presents were given out to each class and then the crowd filed out of the decorated church well pleased.

Whereabouts of County Money.

Report of County Treasurer G. Fred Elanzer showing the whereabouts of the county funds on December 1, 1903:

Balance November 1, 1903	\$20,854.39
Receipts for November	\$2,054.25
Total	\$22,908.64
November disbursements	\$18,478.25
Cash in drawer	\$1,474.75
Checks for deposit	\$2,955.39
Postage account	\$97.01
Postpaid fund	\$114.12
Merchandise National bank	\$2,284.25
Nebraska National bank	\$2,284.25
Commercial National bank	\$1,767.00
Union Stock Yards National bank	\$4,000.00
J. L. Bruns and Sons' bank	\$2,000.00
United States National bank	\$1,250.00
First National bank	\$2,738.41
City National bank	\$2,000.00
Omaha National bank	\$2,000.00
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Citizens State bank, Waterloo	\$2,000.00
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"PARSIFAL" IN NEW YORK

First Presentation of Much Discussed Musical Drama Outside of Bayreuth.

PRODUCTION IS A MARKED SUCCESS

Novel Feature of Taking Necessity for Dinner Between Acts Introduced with Apparent Satisfaction to All Concerned.

THE CAST.

Kundry.....Mme. Milka Ternina
Parsifal.....Anton Van Rooy
Gurnemanz.....Robert Blass
Amfortas.....Marcel Journet
Klingsor.....Otto Goritz
First Knight.....Miss Brande
Second Knight.....Miss Brande
Third Knight.....Miss Brande
Fourth Knight.....Miss Brande
First Knight of the Grail.....Mr. Bayer
Second Knight of the Grail.....Mr. Bayer

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—In spite of successive legal complications, a small storm of protest, and some enormous practical difficulties, Richard Wagner's sacred musical drama, "Parsifal," was produced at the Metropolitan opera house last night before an immense audience. The production was the first public performance of the drama out of Bayreuth.

To give the work the Metropolitan opera house stage was rebuilt and several mechanical appliances and lighting apparatus were purchased and the musical centers of Europe were ransacked to secure a corps of experts for every department. Tonight's performance amounted to a triumph for Director Conzelmann. In the opinion of every one who has seen it, the production of its acts being heralded, after Bayreuth custom, by trumpeters on the main staircases. The first act, ending at 7 o'clock, was followed by a recess for dinner. The performance was resumed at 8:45 o'clock and concluded at 11:30 o'clock. While some used the long intermission to drive home, as a rule dinner was taken at restaurants.

Question of Dress Troublesome.
Considerable annoyance was caused by the fact that the play began too soon for evening dress and ended long after the time for donning evening costumes. Men, as a rule, assumed evening clothes from the outset as the easiest way out of the difficulty, although a few frock coats were to be seen here and there. The tendency of women's dress ran the other way, high neck gowns prevailing during the afternoon and a sprinkling of opera gowns appearing in the boxes.

The attention of the audience was reverential and attentive. Applause after the first act was successfully blended, but after the second nothing could have controlled it, and the principals were brought repeatedly before the curtain amid boundless enthusiasm.

The cast at all important points was strong, three, at least, of the principal actors having earned their parts under the tutelage of Frau Wagner. These were Herr Alois Burgstaller, as Parsifal; Frau Milka Ternina, as Kundry; and Herr Blass, as Gurnemanz. Anton Van Rooy was the Amfortas. Marcel Journet the Klingsor.

To portray the boy Parsifal, as he is shown in the first act, "a guileless fool," innocent, pure, simple, but uncouth, almost wild as well as to follow his growth of soul, his awakening to sin and his final loftiness of spirit, is a great dramatic task, to which Herr Burgstaller proved himself fully equal. His singing, moreover, was very brilliant, especially in the trying scene with Kundry in the second act.

High Praise for Mme. Ternina.
High praise must go to Mme. Ternina's Kundry, both by reason of the difficulties of the part and the remarkable interpretation she gave it. It was difficult to believe the savage creature of the first act, the seductive temptress of the second and the penitent woman of the third could have been embodied by the same artist.

The mystical atmosphere which pervades "Parsifal," its medieval flavor, its climaxes of religious exaltation, set it apart from every other work written for the modern stage. Not only are masterly artists required and a great number of well-dressed minor personages, but Wagner prescribes scenic spectacles of a startling sort. "Parsifal" is an idyl rather than an epic, yet it needs the finest dramatic resources to people its pictures in a way that will convince.

Herr Burgstaller made an admirable Parsifal. Herr Blass, as Gurnemanz, an old knight who takes Parsifal to the Grail temple, thinking him the prophesied "guileless fool," was not altogether satisfactory. His embodiment lacked the exaltation and the benignity which Beria and Wiegand gave to the part. The part of Klingsor, too, must go to Herr Goritz for his Klingsor was but a mild mannered magician. Van Rooy's Amfortas was the best thing he has ever done. He pictured admirably the wounded king of the Grail, sick to death, tortured alike by the anguish of the spear thrusts, and the torments of remorse; and in the last act, where, forced to perform his office, he uncovers the sacred cup, his acting and singing both rose to splendid level.

Spectacular Features Brilliant.
To consider that the spectacular features of "Parsifal" is to do them gross injustice since they are of almost paramount interest in their own right and were the most brilliant features of the production. The first scene, that of a forest glade near Monsiev, with an exquisite vista of shimmering lake in the background, was a masterpiece of scenic art. This gave way to the panoramic scene, as rocks, trees, shrubbery and more distant objects are moved on four huge sets of rollers and at different rates of speed so as to simulate changing perspective. Finally there bursts into view the magnificent hall of the Grail. The ceremony in which the knights, seated at the great circular table, see the cup unveiled, behold its mystic light and are fed from it while the music of invisible choirs floats down from the heights of the dome is impressive.

In the second act there is the vanishing of Klingsor's castle and the simultaneous appearance of his magic garden with its riotous troops of hours, designed for the seduction of the Grail knights. The stress is laid on the beauty of the physical as well as their vocal beauty and their dancing about Parsifal was artistically contrived. Concluding this was the destruction of the enchanted palace as Parsifal waves the sacred spear—a remarkable "quick change."

Finally, in the last act, there was a new spectacular surprise, the Grail hall, and even more splendid memorial tableau. In the hands of Herr Alfred Heris the score received a reading in which every detail was cared for. It seems doubtful, however, if the music of "Parsifal" will ever take the same hold on the imagination which that of Wagner's other dramas has done.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

"The Power Behind the Throne" at the Krug.

Miss Catherine Willard and company in "The Power Behind the Throne," a comedy-drama in four acts, adapted by Theodore Krimm, the author of "Kabel und Liebe" ("Love and Intrigue"), under the management of Edward C. White. The cast includes: John Winter, a musician; Arthur Seymour, a violinist; John Winter, a musician; Arthur Seymour, a violinist; John Winter, a musician; Arthur Seymour, a violinist.

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HOODOO DAY FOR RAILROADS

Christmas Usually Turns Off a Big List of Bad Wrecks.

RECORD OF LAST YEAR AND THIS

Many Fatalities and Much Suffering Comes Through the Evil Influence that Seems to Follow the Day.

All is not joy at Christmas time, and among those who do not look upon the day with feeling of good cheer are the families of railroad men who are forced to risk their lives upon the road. For some reason or other Christmas time seems to be fatal for the running of trains upon the great steel highways of the land. In proof of this statement it is only necessary to offer as evidence the many wrecks which have occurred on or about Christmas.

Yesterday three railroad wrecks were reported and one steamship wreck. One of the railroad wrecks which occurred yesterday was a terrible catastrophe in which about sixty people lost their lives, and one of the engineers was killed in another.

On Christmas day last year seven wrecks were reported. The wrecks continued to bring news of disasters all day long, but as fortune would have it, there were only two fatal accidents. They were at Trinidad, Colo., and Bloomington, Ill. The train which met misfortune at Trinidad was an extra which ran into a regular, the regular train having been overlooked by the crew of the extra. There were seven killed and one injured, all of whom were employees of the Colorado & Southern railroad, on which road the wreck occurred, and who were engaged in running the trains.

Grand Rapids, Mich., came in with a report of a collision which occurred in a heavy snowstorm, and which was due to the engineer of one of the trains being unable to distinguish the train with which he collided on account of the heavy snow. This wreck occurred on the Pere Marquette, and there were five people injured.

The next was a collision between a Big Four train and a street car at Louisville, Ky., in which there were six people injured. Quaker Valley, a quiet little hamlet in Pennsylvania, came in with a report in which five seriously injured were named. The next was a collision between a train and a car at an accommodation train. The limited train was late, and had been forgotten by the engineer of the accommodation, with the result that a large number of people were more or less injured and a large amount of property destroyed.

At Bloomington, Ill., two farmers were leisurely walking along on their way home. When they were crossing the Big Four tracks a fast passenger train struck them, with the result that one of them was killed almost instantly and the other was seriously injured.

To wind up this day of casualties, a passenger train collided with a freight at Marietta, O., and both engines and trains were almost completely demolished. Several persons were seriously injured, but none fatally.

Figures compiled by Major I. B. Brown, secretary of the Department of Internal Affairs of the state of Pennsylvania, show that casualties among steam railroad employees in Pennsylvania for the year 1902 were 15,382, while the combined figures for steam and street railway employees show a greater number of casualties during the year "than occurred to the union army during any one of the great battles of the civil war."

Railroad men are unable to account for the many wrecks which have occurred upon Christmas day, except to say that they are probably due to the increased travel, which necessitates the running of a great many extra trains, which are more heavily loaded than usual, and owing to the crowds which have to be handled, are usually behind time. Almost all regular trains carry several extra coaches.

BRINGS NO CHEER TO LEMKE

Note Found on Sidewalk Indicates Intention to Commit Suicide.

Has John Lemke committed suicide? That is the question that even the police could not answer at an early hour this morning when Officer Fiske brought the following letter to the police station:

"December 24.—Dear Mother: This is my last day on earth. This long time since you heard from me, I am in trouble. I've got to take this medicine to kill me—I hope you are all well, mother, sister and brothers, cousins and uncle, good bye to all. If you wish to bury me this is the only black sheep in the family. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24, 1903. JOHN LEMKE.

The letter, which was sealed and enclosed in an Arcade envelope, was addressed to "John Lemke, 208 Cass Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.," and was found between the Arcade hotel and Thirtieth street on the sidewalk.

It is known that Lemke has been working for Chris Jensen, who had charge of the excavation of the building which collapsed at Thirtieth and Douglas streets last summer, but little further of Lemke's antecedents could be learned this morning. As he appeared to be unknown at the Arcade hotel the supposition is that he became dependent on Christmas eve and stepped into the hotel to write the note, and lost it when he left the hotel.

Upon receiving the note efforts were made by the police to locate Lemke and, if possible, to determine whether he is in the land of the living or whether he had carried out his expressed determination to commit suicide, but as yet Lemke has not been located.

GOVERNOR BAILEY IS ILL

Chief Executive of Kansas Confined to House and Threatened with Pneumonia.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 25.—Governor William J. Bailey is confined to his home with a severe cold and physicians say it may develop into pneumonia. Governor Bailey caught cold while in Nebraska recently looking over his ranch.

ORPHEUM JOINS THE COMBINE

At Meeting in Cleveland Vaudeville Managers Agree to Merge Interests.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 24.—A meeting of the principal vaudeville managers of the country was held here today and they

agreed to combine all the circuits and work together. Those present were J. J. Murdoch of Chicago, Martin Beck of the Orpheum circuit, Harry Davis of Pittsburgh, J. H. Moore of Detroit and Rochester, John Kreitzer of Buffalo, E. F. Keith of New York and P. E. Shea of Cleveland.

DIVIDES CHINESE RAILROAD

American and Belgian Interests Settle Dispute by Separating Their Business.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times' Shanghai correspondent says he learns on trustworthy authority that on conflicting views of policy of the American and Belgian interests in the Han Kau & Canton railway these interests will be separated and the railway divided into two sections, the Belgians to control the northern section and the Americans the southern section.

The details of the negotiations to this end have not been disclosed and it is not known whether the Chinese government will acquiesce in such an arrangement, which is opposed to the terms of the Washington contract of 1898.

CONFESSES AND THEN DIES

Prominent Kansas City Woman Arrested for Forgery Is Now Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Mary Holmes Gibbs died suddenly this morning at her home in this city. Mrs. Gibbs, who was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in this city, was arrested yesterday, charged with forging a check for \$250, which she cashed at a local bank.

After her arrest she confessed and was released on bonds. It was expected that relatives would reimburse the bank. Mrs. Gibbs was 21 years old and the wife of a traveling salesman.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of granulated loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor pleasant to taste. Mr. W. L. Rodrick of Topeka, Kan., in speaking of the remedy, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with my children for several years and can truthfully say it is the best preparation of the kind I know of. The children like to take it and it has no injurious after effect."

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