

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The clearings at the clearing house yesterday amounted to \$289,642.41. A marriage license was issued yesterday to Joseph B. Piper and Miss Emma Knapp. The firm of Leighton & Clarke, wholesale druggists, has been succeeded by the H. T. Clarke drug company. Fred Westbrook and Joseph Robb, the bicyclists, returned yesterday morning from a professional tour of the state. In order to properly celebrate Christmas day, no paper will be issued from this office this afternoon or Friday morning. All the different freight depots U. P., B. & M., Missouri Pacific and St. Paul & Omaha will be closed to-day on account of holiday. A telegraph lineman was brought in from North Platte Tuesday night having his feet badly frozen. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital. Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of envelopes, stamped and not stamped, were disposed of at the Omaha postoffice during the current year. The signal officer's department in the government building has been thoroughly refitted, and a full, new set of mercurial instruments placed there. In police court yesterday there were two disturbers of the peace and one plain drunk. They were each assessed \$5 and costs and will spend Christmas in the county jail. The Thirtieth street cars are picking up considerable traffic among these cold days, and the success of the line, so far as pecuniary support is concerned, seems to be assured. The Northwestern railway gives notice that Rock Creek, on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri River railroad, has been opened as a station. It is seventy-nine miles from West Point. The postoffice will be closed today Christmas day, same as Sunday's, only open from 12 to 1 p. m. The letter carriers will make one early morning trip. C. K. Couant, P. M. Judge McCormick performed the marriage ceremony last night at 1411 Leavenworth street, but about together two fond hearts, Lawrence Neft and Miss Josephine Henkert were the happy couple. The Bee wishes its 10,000 readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and may your path through the coming year be strewn with the roses of prosperity and may your star of hope lose none of its lustre. A small blaze occurred yesterday afternoon at the corner of Ninth and Davenport streets, the residence of Mr. Charles Haynes taking fire. The alarm was sounded, the fire department was called out, but the flames were extinguished without extraneous assistance. Deputy United States Marshal Culp and Wright came up last night from Richardson county with two prisoners named Mackin and O'Brien, who have been violating the revenue laws—one by selling liquor and the other by selling tobacco. Yesterday at D. W. Saxe's drug store, a magnificent dressing case was raffled off. Mrs. Belle Dorius held the lucky number which drew the prize. It was a magnificent thing, containing fourteen separate pieces and a music box attachment. A loving couple of young people who were driving down Douglas street, about 9 o'clock last night, were given a cold set-back by being thrown out of their sleigh, the runner of the cutter breaking as it reached the corner of Twelfth street. Spencer C. Blake has instituted suit in Judge Bartlett's court against the proprietor of the St. Charles hotel. Blake claims that he has been boarding at the St. Charles for some time, and had paid up all arrears, but that his trunk had been seized on a board bill which he had never contracted. Christmas bears especial significance to Marshal Cummings, as that event is also the anniversary of his birth. To-morrow he celebrates his fifty-fourth birthday, and he has invited the whole police force to repair in a body to his residence, to partake of a sumptuous repast he will have prepared for them. Officer Ole Olson found a man lying in a stupor in the doorway of Lehman's store, on Farnam street, about 1 o'clock this morning, and after considerable difficulty succeeded in awakening him and brought him to the city jail. His hands and ears were pretty badly frozen, and were not discovered so timely by the officer he would undoubtedly have frozen to death. B. R. Lowenstein, the insurance man who was tripped up a few weeks ago in endeavoring to perpetrate a double swindle on the Nebraska and Iowa Insurance company and a Cuming county farmer is still in prison. Since his apprehension, a number of other charges of fraud have been preferred against him. His prospects for being sent up for a long term appear unusually good. M. M. Hensel, the grocer, who has been reported as having spiked his goods away and disappeared himself from his store on Cuming street, is alive, in the city and doing business at his South Twenty-sixth street store, near Sheeley's. He says that he has no trouble with any creditors and that he consolidated both stores because he thought it would pay best, and he cannot imagine how the rumor originated. Clara May, daughter of Hiram C. Beemer of this city, died at Omaha on Sunday morning, aged 15 years. She was with her mother at the time of her death. Clara's life was spent in lauding with the exception of the past two years, and she was a universal favorite with both old and young. She was a prodigy so far as musical accomplishments were concerned, and at the time of her death was one of the most skillful piano players for her age in the northwest. The remains will probably be buried at Omaha. Her disease was typhoid fever. The illustrated supplement of The Bee which will be issued New Year's day, is nearly ready for the press. Parties who have seen the lithograph proof sheets, pronounce it the finest work of the kind ever gotten up by any newspaper. In order to make the published review perfect and reliable, the publishers are compelled to revise their proofs at once. Those of the trade review and business directory for last four or five days before going to press. Inasmuch as this is by all odds, the most elaborate and costly advertisement of Omaha ever attempted, it is desirable that each class of traders and traffic be fully represented in the business directory. Those who have not already given their orders to the solicitor will do well to do so at once. Orders and questions may be left at this office or notices to call may be given by telephone.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

A Programme of Services and Amusements for the Day.

Things About the City and How the Day Will Be Spent. To-day is the day of all days to the children. For nearly nineteen hundred years, ever since the birth of Christ, when the wise men from Judaea made their presentations of frankincense and myrrh, it has been the custom of friends to present to each other on the glad Christmas day some little token of love and friendship. More especially do the children look forward to this day with a great degree of expectation and they can hardly wait till morning dawns to see what Santa Claus has brought them. In almost every home in this wide land was hung up last night a little tree, and big stockings too, for a receptacle into which old Santa Claus might dump his load of good things, and as the little ones were tucked away in their beds their hearts beat so that it was almost impossible for them to sleep. Before daylight this morning they were all awake, and out of bed they climbed and rushed to the place where their stockings were hung up, and then such a jolly time as they had. But there are homes where the little ones found only empty stockings, and the look of disappointment upon the little faces was sad indeed to witness. This is a time when those who have should not forget those who have not, but should make glad the heart of some little waif who knows not the kind and loving care of a father and mother. Christmas day in this city will be attended with the usual church services, amusements and hilarity. Some will listen to the words of the minister, others will devote their time to hearing the words of the actors while still others will indulge in an interview with "Tom and Jerry." Some will take it in its natural strength while others will take two "Toms" to one "Jerry." At 10 o'clock a complete list of the doing in the city to-day as could be obtained is published below: ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL. Christmas services at the Catholic cathedral will begin with high mass at 5 a. m., to be followed by low masses at 7 and 9 a. m. Pontifical high mass, the grandest ceremony of the church, will begin at 10:30 a. m. Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connor, celebrant, assisted by Fathers Kelly, O'Connor, and McCarthy. A short sermon will be delivered by the latter. An appropriate accompaniment to the joyful character of the services will be the rendition by the choir of Mozart's celebrated "Twelfth mass." Professor Mayer will preside at the organ, and the Musical Union orchestra will play the accompaniment. Miss Fannie Arnold will lead the choir. Following is the programme: Kyrie Elison, J. G. Bell. Gloria, Miss McNamara. Qui Tollis, H. R. Blair and Miss D. Johnson. Duo Qu Sedes, H. R. Blair, Miss D. Johnson, J. P. Murphy. Credo, H. R. Blair. Sanctus, H. R. Blair, Miss D. Johnson, J. P. Murphy. Benedictus, H. R. Blair, Miss D. Johnson, J. P. Murphy. Agnus Dei, H. R. Blair, Miss D. Johnson, J. P. Murphy. Chorus Dona Nobis, Miss M. Swift. Chorus. G. F. Mayer, organist; Miss F. Arnold, leader of choir; Prof. S. Hofmann, leader of orchestra. Sopranos: Miss F. Arnold, Mrs. O. McCaffrey, Mrs. T. Fitzmorris, Miss M. McNamara, Mrs. Dr. Coffman, Miss Clara Rhoder, Miss F. Leary. Altos: Miss D. Johnson, Miss F. Rhoder, Miss M. Swift, Mrs. H. R. Blair. Tenors: H. R. Blair, Mr. W. W. W. Bass: J. G. Bell, J. P. Murphy, John Bauner. TRINITY CATHEDRAL. The great festival service, with the celebration of the Holy Communion and a sermon by the dean, at 10:30 a. m. It's just a half hour early to accommodate all the communicants. The order of exercises will be as follows: Processional—Song of Praise the Anzels. Sanctus—Thibaut Ventre—Parisian Tones—Arranged by J. Stauter. To Dour—by the choir. Credo—Cobb Jubilate Deo—(from service in G)—Gerard. Introit—Hallelujah—Chorus from Handel's Messiah. Kyrie Elison—(from service in G)—Gerard. Gloria Tibi—(from service in G)—Gerard. Gloria Patri—(after sermon)—Sir John Goss Offertory anthem—Sing O Heavens, Be. All Things Come of Thee—T. Tallis Sanctus—(from service in G)—Gerard. Communion—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing—Mendelssohn. The great choir of the Christmas Day service at Trinity Cathedral, at 10:30, will consist of the following well-known singers: The Deland Choir—Misses Caldwell, V. Dr. W. King, Youngs, Davis, Wooley, Wilkins, Peck, and the Messrs. Brogson, Tan-Kuan, Potter, Pennell, Gould, Tuttle, Hoff, Seltz and Rogers. The Cantata Choir—Misses Brown, Patterson, Scherer, Balcombe, Butcher, Sincars, Pennell, Greiner, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. McIsaac, Mrs. Walcotts, Mrs. Sholey, Mrs. Sheldell, and the Messrs. McDonald, Steing, Shields, Burleigh, Gould, Hader, Woodman, Saunders and Merzian. J. E. Leonard, organist. Chorus of choir master. BAPTIST CHURCH. A Christmas entertainment to consist of recitations, dialogues, etc., will be given by the Baptist Sunday school, corner of Fifteenth and Davenport streets, Thursday (Christmas) evening at 7 o'clock. An admission fee of 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children not members of the school will be charged. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. At the Presbyterian church, corner of Sixteenth and Casselton streets, to-night, there will be a Christmas tree and entertainment for the children. Friday evening at the Southwest Pres

HOLIDAY JOY.

The Festivities of the Coming Holiday Week.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before Them. The coming week promises to be one of the most brilliant and joyous in the history of Omaha holidays. Balls, parties and social events, are being announced in unlimited number and there will be no lack of opportunities for the society man to spread himself, so to speak, over a boundless territory. One of the greatest events of the closing year will be the party to be given by the Sans Ceremonie club, Friday, December 26. Special arrangements have been made to make this occasion a great and long-to-be-remembered one. A large number of old Omaha boys, as well as young ladies, returning home to spend the holidays, will be present to make the event one of pleasant memories. Elegant engraved programmes and invitations have been issued, which are models of taste and beauty. December 29th, the popular Newport club, give a party at Masonic hall. The Metropolitan club will give a grand holiday ball on the evening of December 30th. The social events of this organization are always of the most enjoyable kind, and this one will be unusually so. The full dress will prevail exclusively. On December 30th the E. H. O. C. give one of their pleasant dancing parties, which promises to be in all respects up to the usual standard of this club's entertainments. December 31, New Year's eve, the Apollo club will give a masquerade party under the supervision of Messrs. Stornsdorf and Cook. A private german is to take place next week at the residence of a well-known society lady, which promises to be largely attended by the members of upper ten. Particulars have not been made public yet. Besides these briefly outlined events, there will be, of course, many private parties and balls. The old year will pass away and the new one ushered in upon the city of Omaha given up for the time to pleasure, rejoicing and gala festivities. Map of Nebraska. Just issued, in colors, showing cities, towns, railroads and counties. Mailed for 15c. J. M. Wolfe, 120 S. 14th st., Omaha, Neb. d15-2w. Snake Seal of North Carolina Tobacco. BOREAS ON A BUST. An Almost Unprecedented Snap of Cold Weather—Figures. Yesterday was one of the coldest experienced in the city for many a day. Frost-bitten noses, frozen feet, and chilled bodies were the infallible thermometers which told plainly that the mercury was performing acrobatic feats of the most alarming nature, far below zero. The general suffering was intense, and a number of serious cases of mischief wrought by the cold have been reported. The signal office records tell, in accents plain and unmistakable, the Arctic tide. The lowest temperature attained during the day was 10 degrees at early morn. From this point the mercury slowly rose and stood at a minimum during the day of 11 degrees. At six o'clock in the morning the quicksilver stood at 14 degrees, at 10 o'clock 14 degrees, 12 o'clock 13 degrees, 2 o'clock 11 degrees, 4 o'clock 11 degrees, at 6 o'clock 9 degrees, while at midnight it had tumbled to 15 degrees. And (rightful thought!) the signal people predict still colder weather for to-day. All through the west, north and northwest the same state of cold weather prevails, in greater or less degree. Knights of Honor Attention. Regular meeting of Omaha Lodge No. 829, K. of H., Thursday the 25th inst at 7:30 p. m. for the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. Every member is requested to be present. By order of the Lodge. T. G. MACRAE, Reporter. MARRIED. OLSON—GARDNER—December 23, 1884, at No. 2022 Nicholas street, by Rev. J. S. D. Develer, Mr. Ole Olson and Miss Louisa Gardner, both of North Omaha. Many friends extend their hearty congratulations and wish a "Merry Christmas" to the happy couple. ANDREWS' PEARL BAKING POWDER. (DARE NO ONE TRYING TO HOLLOWDOWN PEARL BAKING POWDER IT ABOUND TO RISE) The suits, upon application of the defendants, were transferred to the federal court in this city, and the transcripts were received by their attorneys, Messrs Savage and Morris. This is a big suit, and its progress will be watched with a great deal of interest by the cattle men of the great northwest. A CRU HED LEG. H. G. Atkinson Badly Hurt While Coupling Cars in the T. & M. Yards. Yesterday morning about 8:30 H. G. Atkinson, a switchman in the B & M, yards was engaged in coupling cars. Owing to the icy condition of the track he slipped and was caught between the tender of the engine and a box-car. His right leg was badly crushed. He was taken to his home, corner of Sixth and Pacific streets. A physician was called and the wounded man was made as comfortable as possible, but his injuries are of such a nature that little hope is entertained for his recovery. He is about 25 years of age and is a single man. No blame is attached to anyone. WANTED—To exchange wild or improved lands in Nebraska or Iowa for Hardware, or stock of general merchandise. Address J. Lunderholm, Genoa, Nance county, Nebr. m-1m

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