

CHRISTMAS STRIKES OMAHA

Invigorating Atmosphere, Plenty of Turkey and General Good Cheer Prevail.

CELEBRATIONS AT VARIOUS CHURCHES

Hungary Unfortunates Will Be Fed Tonight at Trinity Cathedral Parish House—Other News of Christmas.

Christmas is ushered in with just enough crispness of atmosphere to give a real Christmas tinge—not too cold, but just cold enough. Sunday brought with it a lowering of temperature and a slight skit of snow, making overcasts and holiday mufflers in demand. It was a notable contrast over the balmy days immediately preceding the advent of Christmas.

All holiday shopping having been finished, feasting is the order of the day. Dealers unite in the statement that more turkeys have been sold this year than ever before in Omaha, all of which indicates that the general public is prosperous. So great was the shopping rush that many of the stores kept open several hours Sunday morning. This was regarded as a necessity and a public accommodation, in view of the fact that many persons were turned away Saturday night because there was so great a demand for the general public to shop.

Since the opening of the theatrical season some months ago Omaha has had more than its share of farce-comedy productions and most of them have been positively bad. There have been but two or three out of the forty or fifty that have been worth going to see—even on a pass. Therefore it is a real pleasure to welcome one that really possesses merit, even though it be, perhaps, just a trifle ancient. Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown" has been seen here a number of times with the original New York cast, which included Harry Connor, George Beane and Anna Boyd, as interpreters, but never was the piece given better presentation than by the present company. In fact it is doubtful if it was ever done quite so well. Certainly there was never so much fun of the kind that is so characteristic of the original cast as that which kept two large audiences in an uproar of laughter at Boyd's theater Sunday. There have been a great many changes made in the play since that seen here and all seem to have been for its betterment. The fun and gaiety with which the play is given, and the droll moments, and if one is not listening to crisp, witty dialogue, he is watching a clever specialty in which the piece abounds.

Harry Gilfill, who heads the present company, appeared in the initial presentation of the piece here some years ago. He then had the small part of a bar boy, which gave him an opportunity to offer his whistling specialty and imitations. Since then he has graduated to the leading part, that of Well and Strong, which was created by Harry Connor. Mr. Gilfill will be remembered as a decidedly clever whistler and imitator. He is in a capable comedian as well as in a singer, and his specialty in his work. He is a show in himself and can furnish an evening's entertainment alone. Besides having improved upon his old imitations, he has added a number of new and decidedly difficult ones to his repertoire. Montgomery is the widow instead of Anna Boyd and those who have seen the latter in the part will suffer no disappointment in Miss Montgomery's clever interpretation. She has eliminated all of the vulgarity formerly so noticeable in the part and makes it much more modest.

Eleanor, who plays the maid, full of vim and vigor, is a most pleasing manner. She possesses a good voice, which is used to advantage, and dances cleverly as well. One of the special features of the performance was the operatic burlesque by Messrs. Shields, Thomas and Miss Gardner. A little sketch not down upon the regular program was enacted just before the performance closed Sunday evening. One of the members of the company stepped to the footlights and in a few words thanked the audience for their generous applause, then turning to Mr. Gilfill presented him with a handsome gift, which was a Christmas gift from the company. Mr. Gilfill was taken completely by surprise, so much so that he seemed unable to make reply to calls for a speech.

"A Trip to Chinatown" continues for four more performances, the engagement closing Wednesday night. Regular weekly change of Bill at the Creighton-Oroskin Sunday. THE BILL. Burton's performing dogs. Miss Cherylah Simpson, vocalist and musical comedienne. In "A Headless Man," Rice and Elmer in "A Babe's Visit to Chinatown." Ed Mignon, child vocalist and dancer. Frank and Bob, comedians. Lucie Verdier, musical artist.

While not the headline act, Burton's performing dogs are undoubtedly the feature of this week's vaudeville specialties at the Orpheum. The troupe of canines includes a dozen or more dogs that perform all sorts of remarkable feats, from turning somersaults to skit dancing. The feature of the act is the high leaping of one of the grey-suits. Miss Cherylah Simpson is one of the clever comedienne, who has but recently deserted the legitimate for vaudeville. She offers a specialty that is one of the bits of the bill. It includes vocal selections and some clever imitations upon the piano. She burlesques the playing of one of Sousa's marches by a country maiden, by playing the piece in half a dozen different keys. Her rendition of Horwitz and Bower's new song "Always," won several encores. Miss Rice is a handsome woman, with a good voice and pleasing personality. Rice and Elmer offer a novelty horizontal bar act. They perform an number of seemingly impossible feats upon the bars, and intersperse comedy enough throughout their specialty to keep the audience in laughing between applause. The balance of the bill is rather commonplace.

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THE REALTY MARKET. INSTRUMENTS filed in the register of deed and county clerk's office on December 22. Warrants Deeds. Special master to W. H. Sherwood, who lot 16 and west 25 feet lots 21 and 22 and south 18 feet of lot 20, block 2, Woodlawn add. Clarendon add. lot 4, block 1, Clarendon add. lot 4, Woodlawn add. Sheriff to W. H. Sherwood, who lot 2, block 6, Lowe's second add. Sheriff to E. V. Smith's add. Total amount of transfers, \$3,922.

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The committee appointed to investigate the matter of securing a site suitable for the proposed hospital reported that an offer had been made of a beautiful home on North Twenty-fourth street, which by the expenditure of a moderate sum, could be remodeled and equipped in every way necessary for the needs of a hospital. This proposal will receive careful consideration along with others that have already been made. The association has already reached the point where it is on a sound financial basis and the securing of a site for the hospital will be accomplished in the near future. The Jewish people are thoroughly interested in the matter and propose to have their hospital in operation as soon as possible.

Pleasant Christmas Party. A congenial coterie of half a dozen couples of Omaha young people enjoyed a delightful Christmas party at the home of Miss Hazel Hake at the Merchants building, following which a cake was served among the many pleasures indulged in. The company was also entertained with an inspection of a gigantic stick of barber pole candy which had been presented the week before by Mrs. Hake at a Christmas party given by a leading caterer. It stood over five feet high, was seven-and-a-half inches in circumference, and weighed about fifty pounds.

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Mrs. Potter Palmer to be appointed. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise L. Main, secretary of the Woman's National auxiliary to the Blue and Gray legion, has received a letter from President McKinley, saying that Mrs. Potter Palmer will be appointed director of the American Women's department at the Paris exposition. The auxiliary had sent a communication to Washington asking that Mrs. Palmer be appointed.

Bicycle Stolen. Frank Yates reported to the police Sunday night that someone had stolen his bicycle from in front of the Western Union telegraph station.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gordon of Grand Island are in the city to spend Christmas as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hake at the Merchants.

Andrew J. Smith, formerly of Omaha, now with the McCormack Harvesting Machine company at Chicago, is visiting friends in this city for a few days.

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