

THE CITY AND COUNTY.

LOCAL EVENTS WHICH HAVE TRANSPIRED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Quiet Times Prevail but the Alert Reporter Succeeds in Picking up a Column or Two of Readable Matter.

LOCAL MELAUGE.

Mrs. H. I. Swarthout, who had been dangerously ill with pneumonia is now convalescing.

Don't forget the "Democrat-silver Medal Contest," at the Unitarian Hall January 21, 1892.

The cold snap of the latter part of the week played havoc with water pipes in several North Platte residences.

A cargo of Kearney's energy imported into North Platte would do a great amount of good. Kearney is an excellent city to pattern after.

Those guided an entrance through the rear of Hupler's saloon Christmas night and stole quite a quantity of liquors and cigars.

John E. Cooper, of Elizabeth, accompanied by A. D. Orr and one or two others, was in town Saturday proving up on his homestead.

Through the liberality of Colonel Hupler, a number of our citizens went home Christmas morning with a bottle of extra dry champagne under their arm.

Geo. Anway, the semi-demented fellow who has been confined in the county jail for ill-treating his family, was turned loose Saturday and we understand left for the east on the first train.

J. T. Clarkson, of Chicago, spent Christmas in North Platte. We learn that Mr. Clarkson will take steps toward inaugurating a mild boom for his townsite at Sutherland.

Judging from the appearance of the streets at the time, the people of North Platte spent a quiet Christmas—the day being devoted to rest rather than to festivities.

The Harmony High Five Club will be entertained to-morrow evening by the Misses Buckworth, and in addition to the pleasures of the game the members will watch the old year out and the new year in.

The Tribune is in receipt of the Honorable (Pa) Herald containing a notice of the death of Mrs. W. E. Beach formerly of this city. Mrs. Beach died at Cochecon, N. Y., Nov. 29th, aged thirty-three years.

After somewhat of a delay, winter put in an appearance Thursday last and we were visited by a mild Nebraska blizzard. Snow fell to the depth of about three inches and drifted as it fell. Since then the weather has been mildly wintry.

J. B. McDonald, who is spending vacation at home, looks well in the uniform of the University Cadets of which organization he is an officer. Jim's ability as a drillmaster was demonstrated in this city last summer when the trades display was given.

In its list of Wallace people who received Christmas presents the Star omitted to mention the name of the young lady who found a corpulent calf in her stocking last Friday morning. This may, perhaps, smell chestnutty, but probably so did the stocking.

Messrs. Harrington & Tobin, the extensive hay dealers of this city, made a shipment of several carloads to Illinois last week. Heretofore the market has been Denver and Cheyenne, but at present prices are low there and the above firm are now seeking an eastern market.

The next hop of the Apollo club will assume the shape of a leap year party, a committee of ladies having been selected to make all the necessary arrangements. The executive ability possessed by the ladies forming the committee insures a very successful party, and it will be novel as well as pleasing.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Inquire of H. I. Swarthout.

Arthur Rush had a narrow escape from asphyxiation last Saturday night. In some unaccountable manner the pipe from an anthracite heater became disconnected and filled his sleeping apartment with gas. This was inhaled to such an extent by the sleeper that it took several hours for the effect to work off his system.

Henry Wilkinson, living on the south side, informs us that he recently sold a carload of onions to an Omaha firm for fifty-seven cents a bushel on board the car at this point. Mr. W. had an acre and a half planted to onions, and if he could have harvested them at the proper time the yield would have been at least eight hundred bushels.

Things do not always transpire as we would have them. Will Woodhurst anticipated spending a pleasant Christmas morning on the morning of that day while pushing a truck load of baggage he slipped and fell on the depot platform sustaining a badly sprained ankle. It will be quite a while before he can perform his customary work.

Taxpayers last week inadvertently omitted to mention the operaetta rendered by the pupils of the School of Nativity, an entertainment which at that time deserved more than a passing notice. Those who attended are a unit in their praise of the affair, and say that it reflected credit on the sisters who had it in charge and the children who took an active part.

R. P. Wisler, who was arrested at Brady last week by a U. S. marshal on the charge of selling liquor without a license, was taken to Omaha and released on his own recognizance to appear before the United States grand jury at the next term of court. It is generally conceded that Mr. Wisler's arrest is a petty piece of spite work on the part of a few men at Brady, growing out of the recent election, and was done for the purpose of injuring his business, which is that of a grain buyer.

The first of January is now at hand and there is a general inclination on the part of all to "square accounts." In performing this duty we trust those who are arrears for THE TRIBUNE will not overlook the same. We have a good many hundred dollars on our books which should not be there—at least we would feel better pleased if such was not the case. The amount due from each delinquent may be small, yet in the aggregate it amounts to quite a large sum. Those knowing themselves to be in arrears will confer a favor by settling promptly.

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WORTHY WATCHED.

Tuesday afternoon during the usual proceeedings of a session of an equity court, occurred a pleasing incident that will prove a timely reminder of the occasion to Judge Church.

During a brief interval in the customary court proceedings J. S. Hoagland advanced to a position slightly in front of the judge, and in well chosen words spoke of the feelings of esteem and affection in which that gentleman is held by the members of the Lincoln County Bar Association, county officials and the people of this judicial district, irrespective of political or other affiliations.

It is but justice to say that the speaker was at his best, and the effort did him proud. This opinion is ventured without any disposition to flattery, and will be concurred in by those fortunate enough to hear the presentation address. The writer has had the pleasure of listening to the speaker named on occasions of almost every character and nature, and in none of them has ever surpassed his effort of Tuesday afternoon; thus evidencing the fact that his heart was in his work, something that cannot always be said of a lawyer's utterances. At the conclusion of his remarks he handed to Judge Church a handsome gold watch, chain and G. A. R. charm, together with a neat plush case for holding the same.

To say that His Honor was completely surprised but faintly expresses the situation. For a time it was well nigh impossible for him to find words with which to convey his feelings toward the donor. After a brief struggle with his emotions, the tongue feebly attempted to portray the well known kindness and sentiments that he entertained to all mankind in general, and his fellow workers in the vast field of law in particular.

The token is but a fitting evidence of the general estimation in which Judge Church is held by the people here where he has made his home for almost a score of years. In connection with his hosts of friends THE TRIBUNE wishes that this little souvenir may ever remind the Judge that his friends will ever watch over his actions and kindly remember him.

THE LUTHERAN ENTERTAINMENT. The Lutheran Sunday school on Christmas eve presented to a large and enthusiastic audience a cantata entitled "Santa's Surprise." The church was decorated in its usual Christmas attire and the walls were covered with various mottoes appropriate to the occasion. The cantata opened with "Dora Redfern" (Blanch Weidmayer) a poor ragged little street wench selling matches, a street scene and Mr. Evergood (Dr. Allwine) as leading character in the first act, presenting the hardship of poverty in a most realistic form. Miss "Kindheart" (Jessie Rice) was the leader of a missionary band and gave the audience a realistic idea of the missionary work performed among the poor in large cities under their care and supervision. Santa Claus was represented by Charley Hendy and Mr. Keopall a hard hearted miser by Fred Elliott. Faith, Hope, Love and Charity, the fairies, were represented by Minnie Sorenson, Gerlie Friend, Then Hanson and Adm Koelien while Master Van Doran and Ella Yast presented the Santa Claus from the infant stand point. One of the most attractive features was the children's motion song by ten little girls sang at the request and for the delectation of Santa Claus. Willie Heady and Frank Edmonds also distinguished themselves as amateur actors. The whole performance, which was largely operatic, reflected great credit upon the members of the Sunday school; Miss Rice and Willie Hendy deserving marked attention for the rendition of their parts and solos. The most amusing part was the finding of Santa's grandson Pseudo (Elmer Oberst) in a huge snow ball. After the play was over the children received their presents and all went home feeling happy that Christmas had come with its usual blessing. Much credit is due to Misses Bell and Kate Ehrlicht for their tireless energy in making the cantata a grand success.

SIOP AND BOX NOTES. BY FELIX. Fred Elliott had the right hand badly mashed Saturday through the careless striking of a helper.

Engine 778 has been sent to Omaha for a new fire box, and this leads me to say that it is too bad that we have not help enough to do the work that properly belongs to these shops. There has not been a time in twenty years when the shops were so overcrowded with work as at present. I counted seven engines on the blocks this morning in the shops and one in the engine house.

Engine 602 has been sent here from Albina, Oregon, and is undergoing a few repairs, after which Will Reynolds will run it between here and Grand Island. If I mistake not that numbered engine was an unlucky one for Reynolds several years ago, but as this is another engine with better luck for him.

Edward Elliott is home from the state university at Lincoln to spend the holidays. He wears a uniform and looks quite military.

Wm. Jeffries is running the stationary engine during W. Lloyd's absence. You Yonnon has charge of the boiler and pump at the round house.

Atty Weinberger gives a glowing account of Portland, and from the tone of his letters I should judge he does not intend to return for a while at least.

A. G. Taylor, the tall sycamore of Paxton, was in North Platte Monday on business before the land office.

Mr. Underwood, an employe in Mack's barber shop, is happy over the arrival Monday of a baby at his home.

A piece of glass which had been imbedded in Mrs. A. P. Stretz's hand since the accident which befell her a year or so ago, was extracted a few days ago.

I have transferred my agency for the Columbia Cycles to E. J. Newton, who is prepared to supply all with the best machine made.

GEORGE T. PATTERSON. As our country friends are now about through with their work, the oft-repeated invitation is extended them to send THE TRIBUNE the local events of their respective localities. Communications should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

We understand there is a disposition on the part of farmers to hold their corn for higher prices. It is hard to predict what the market will be along toward spring, but those who can afford to keep their corn until then will probably lose nothing by their action.

Quite a hotly contested legal battle was conducted before Judge Stockton as referee the latter part of last week. The cause of action was the trespassing of cattle belonging to Beauchamp and Buchanan, of Birdwood, upon the manor of G. W. Ferber, of A. A. A jury assessed the damage at \$45.00 and trimming.

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CHRISTMAS

Has come and gone and still we are having a big trade for this time of the year. We carry at all seasons of the year a large stock of Jewelry and Silverware suitable for birthday, anniversary or wedding presents. Would be pleased to have you call and see us. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year, I remain Respect'y yours, CLINTON, THE JEWELER.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Ormsby was a Lexington visitor Sunday.

John Vernon went to Boone, Iowa, to spend Christmas.

Charley Whalen left last week for Ogdenburg, N. Y.

Will Adamson is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grimes returned from Portland, Ore., Monday morning.

Mrs. G. W. Simpson went to Omaha Monday where she will visit for several weeks.

Tim T. Kellher and Tom Haley attended a ball at Gothenburg Christmas night.

Mrs. C. H. Pool returned Sunday from Omaha where she spent Christmas with relatives.

J. H. Cunningham and Thos. Lynch, of Sidney, were visitors in North Platte Christmas day.

Wm. Munson left last week for Steamboat Springs, Colo., where he will spend part of the winter.

Mollie and Will Patterson, of Omaha, have been spending the past week with North Platte friends.

Rufus Fulton, of Denver, has been spending the past week in the city, a guest of Fred Hartman.

F. J. Drake an old time machinist employed here in the U. P. shops is now living in St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Cora Hinnam came up from Omaha last week to spend the holiday vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Kate Barker returned Sunday night from Ord, Neb., where she had been visiting for several weeks.

Johnnie Ell, who is attending school at St. Joe, has been spending the past week at his home in this city.

Master Mechanic Barnum, who has been sick in Indiana for several weeks past, is expected home in a few days.

Shaugh Baker left Sunday for Lincoln to attend the convention of Nebraska sheriffs. He expected to get back last night.

Master Eldie Burke, who has been confined to the house for two weeks with inflammatory rheumatism, is now convalescing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Chamberlain left for Louisville, Ky., last night. They carry with them the best wishes of our people.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Congdon have been spending the past week at Hastings, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, parents of Mrs. Congdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Eells and Miss Luna returned last night from a ten days' visit with Council Bluffs and Omaha friends.

Charles Martin, John Sullivan, John Loneragan and Will Moran came down from Cheyenne to spend Christmas with North Platte friends.

Con Groner, formerly the great and only cowboy sheriff of the Platte, was here spending the past day or two with his many old friends in this city.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Next week is the time suggested by the evangelist alliance as the week of prayer. It will be observed by the churches of this city in a union service to be held as follows:

Monday night in M. E. church, Tuesday night in Baptist church, Thursday night in Presbyterian church, Friday night in M. E. church.

It is desired that there may be a large attendance from the churches and the people of the city.

THE PAPER THAT AS ACCEDES, exceeds, surpasses all the rest—Herald, news, miscellany, religions and all shaped up to order.

Entertaining, accurate, reliable, truthful and bold.

Right in weekly is needed but a small amount.

Right in rank with republicanism it will be ever found.

Its editorial views will always this doctrine expound.

Buy it, read it, ponder all its utterances carefully and you will find it the only one that will do you good.

Untried to all the country's many interests, you can't tell.

Not even the most critical, searching investigation will find this disproved.

Excuse it and for one year all the editorial heart with love.

THE MYRTLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL. MR. EDITOR.—Our Sunday-school has just closed for the winter on account of the cold weather and because so many of our young people are attending school in North Platte. Our school has been a very successful one, the average attendance being twenty-nine. At the close of the school it was decided to have a Christmas dinner and social at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. J. L. McGrew, but on account of the blizzard no one was able to attend. Not wishing to disappoint the children, we met at the school house Sunday afternoon, where a program of music, readings and recitations was rendered, the Santa Claus part being dispensed. Everyone seemed happy, especially the little folks. The school passed a vote of thanks to the gentleman in North Platte who kindly made donations. The school will hold a social at the home of David Brunk on New Year's day.

STC. Wanted.—Corn to shell. Address, Dunley & Feeken, at either Henshey or North Platte.

Advertised Letters. List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending Dec. 30.

GENTLEMEN. Callahan, John Puffy, Henry Coats, Alva Cady, C. Hajo, James Berglane, Selma Carter, Ora B. Herry, Minnie Herry, Carrie P. Persons calling for above will please answer without plates. A. B. AYRES, D. D. S.

THE DELEGATES REPORT.

THE GENTLEMEN SENT TO THE BEET SUGAR CONVENTION TELL WHAT THEY HEARD.

A Report full of Information Regarding the Yield, Cultivation and Profit of Raising Sugar Beets.

THE COMING INDUSTRY OF THE STATE. GENTLEMEN:—Your delegates to the beet sugar convention held at Lincoln on the 17th and 18th inst., respectfully report that we performed the duty assigned us and found at such convention that nearly every county in our great and growing state was represented, thus showing that the beet sugar enterprise has created a wide spread interest among our citizens.

The objects of the convention were to distribute information regarding the beet sugar industry and to educate the people in the direction of making Nebraska the leading sugar producing state in the union and thus build up our state, in connection with its wonderful agricultural resources, a manufacturing industry which bids fair to be a greater source of wealth than any other industry known.

Several speakers, selected because of practical experience and much knowledge regarding the sugar beet industry, addressed the convention, and we here give to you in this report some of the information obtained by us through such sources.

H. G. Leavitt, of Grand Island, handled the subject of "Raising Beets for Sugar" in a very able manner. His address was based upon his own practical experience and personal observation in beet culture for the Grand Island factory during last season. He stated that he planted about 500 acres of beets last spring, but that owing to poor seed, a backward spring and the fact that his ground was not in proper condition for the most a total failure, and by reason of the lateness of the season when replanting was done his crop only averaged seven tons per acre. He concludes, however, from his experience and observation among the farmers of that locality that beet culture can be carried on with much greater profit than any other farm crop. He gave a statement of results obtained by thirty-six farmers growing beets for the Grand Island factory last season, which statement shows the lowest number of tons per acre raised to be ten, the highest twenty-four, and the average 13.6 tons. These thirty-six farmers planted ninety-nine acres and raised there on 1348 tons of beets for which they received \$4,371.46 or an average of \$44.15 per acre.

Mr. Leavitt says that the experience of the past two years at Grand Island has shown that a farmer can prepare and plant his land and cultivate his beets at a total average cost per acre of \$13.75, as follows:

Plowing ten to twelve inches deep \$1.50
Harrowing and rolling twice 1.00
Seeding, including rent of drill75
Twenty pounds of seed 2.00
Thinning out beets 3.00
Hoing twice 4.00
Cultivating four times 1.50

Total cost per acre \$13.74

To this must be added one dollar per ton for harvesting, rent of harvester, hauling, loading beets on cars and freight on same at thirty cents per ton to the factory. Taking a yield of twelve tons per acre as a basis, the total cost of delivering an acre of beets to the factory is \$25.75. The value of the twelve tons at the prices paid at the Grand Island factory this year would be \$42.00, deduct the total cost of the crop and there is a net profit of \$16.25 per acre. A yield of fifteen tons per acre would give a net profit of \$23.75 per acre. The above figures are made upon the basis of fourteen per cent as the average sugar contents of the beets. With beets averaging sixteen per cent the net profit per acre for a crop of twelve tons would be \$22.15 and for a fifteen ton crop \$31.25.

At the scale of prices received upon by this manufacturers at Grand Island next season the growers of beets will, figuring expense of crop as heretofore mentioned, realize net profits per acre as follows: Twelve tons per acre averaging fourteen per cent sugar \$22.25; twelve tons per acre averaging sixteen per cent sugar \$34.25; fifteen tons per acre averaging fourteen per cent sugar \$31.25; fifteen tons per acre averaging sixteen per cent sugar \$46.25.

Mr. Leavitt claims that he has no interest in the Grand Island factory and is simply engaged in raising beets for profit, and that he intends to employ a sufficient amount of help next season to plant and properly cultivate 650 acres of sugar beets.

Mr. C. H. Dietrich, of Hastings, gave an interesting account of the beet sugar industry as it is carried on in Germany. In that country they have numerous small factories, established and operated upon the co-operative plan. Capitalists furnish one-third or one-fourth of the money and the balance is subscribed by the farmers to be paid in beets and the company thus formed borrows the necessary funds to complete the building of the factory. In these small factories the beets are converted into raw sugar which is sent to refineries. Mr. Dietrich claims that it costs \$60.00 per acre to raise sugar beets in Germany. This large expense is caused by high rents paid for the use of land worth from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre, and expensive fertilizers necessary to be used each year.

Professor H. H. Nicholson, of the State University, stated that through the agricultural experiment department of the university experiments had been made in many portions of the state during the past two years in the culture of sugar beets, and from the experiments thus made, and from samples of beets sent to him from over 500 farmers in this state for analysis, he concludes that excellent beets for sugar making purposes can be produced in all portions of the state. That beets in all parts of the state suffered less from drought than any other crop during the unusually dry season of 1890; that our beets are exceedingly rich in sugar, and that the soil and climatic conditions of our state are such that nature has here left but little to be desired. The proper way to bring beet sugar capital and factories into the state for the production of beet sugar is to demonstrate to the world that beets can be grown at a moderate cost, and in sufficient quantity, with a fairly good sugar percentage. With knowledge on these points the people will not be called upon to for other inducements than that of furnishing the required number of beets.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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