

BRIEF CITY NEWS

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Battle Cry of Peace Rings Out Strong for Better Defense Plans

Frequent applause from large audiences punctuated the opening exhibition of "The Battle Cry of Peace," the spectacular photoplay masterpiece, which yesterday began a two-week run at the Boyd. It is a gigantic presentation of America's unpreparedness against war, and emphasizes the doctrine that to insure lasting peace with honor the nation should become powerful enough on land and sea to be thoroughly respected by all foreign powers. The Christmas audiences seemed greatly impressed by the presentation. Starting with a picturization of "America, the Land of Peace and Plenty," the prologue furnishes much information matter by skillful photography. Then films of Hiram Maxim, the inventor of the machine gun, lecturing on "Defenseless America," and foreign spies are pictured as engineering peace meetings, while the navy of the enemy is preparing to bombard New York and land an invading army. In the midst of a comical peace meeting, which ends in a fist fight, the invasion begins. Cleverly made motion pictures appear to show the actual defeat and annihilation of the United States fleet; then New York is razed and burned, pictures depicting the famous skyscraper line crumbling in flames. A horde of triumphant enemy soldiers march down the streets, slaughtering the unarmed and abusing the women. Throughout the film portrayal, an ingenious plot adds realism and horror. Pictures are shown of Secretary of War Garrison, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Major General Leonard Wood, Ex-President Roosevelt, Admiral Dewey and other notable ones of the most effective details compares by diagrams the population and armed forces, and the wealth and armed forces, of the principal powers. The theater orchestra furnishes appropriate music and the ushers and usherettes are clad in militia and liberty costumes. The players in the dramatic scenes are capable, and the production is a marvel from a photographic standpoint.

Watchman, Who Shot Little Girl, Insane

Fred Baker, former watchman at the city dump, who shot 10-year-old Ida Stroud last week, has gone violently insane, according to police surgeons. At the cellulose in headquarters station, where he has been since his arrest, he attracted such marked attention that he was removed to another cell for his own safety. The little girl cannot possibly live, declare surgeons, who are taking care of her. The watchman's bullet pierced her intestines and made three wounds. Death is expected hourly.

John D. Hiss Is Dead After Brief Illness

John D. Hiss, aged 75 years, resident of Omaha for twenty-five years, died at his home, 2311 Grant street, Saturday at 5:30 o'clock after an attack of heart disease. Mr. Hiss was taken sick three days ago, death coming yesterday afternoon in the presence of his wife and son, Arthur. There are no other survivors. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Dodder undertaking chapel. Twenty-second and Cummins streets. Interment being made in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

Harry Pearce Gets Fine Xmas Present

Harry Pearce, register of deeds, was one of the most pleased men in Omaha when he received as a Christmas gift from the members of the office force a handsome humidor stocked with fine cigars. The humidor is made of mahogany and according to Mr. Pearce the handsome article of its kind which has ever been his privilege to see.

BIRTH OF NATION COMPANY ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Attendees of the Birth of a Nation company now at the Brandeis and of the theater were guests of Sherman and Elliott of Minneapolis, proprietors of the film, at a dinner at the Pontenelle hotel yesterday. Members of the orchestra presented Sigfried Lochman, director with a fine new tuning fork. Tom King made the presentation speech. More than twenty-five guests were present.

UTOPIAN SOCIETY TO ENTERTAIN STUDENTS

Alumni and friends of the University of Omaha will be entertained this evening by the Utopian society at the home of Miss Marilla Case. This entertainment is an annual one and is looked forward to with great interest by the student body. A number of alumni from out in the state have written that they will be on hand. An extended musical program has been arranged.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY

Eagles' Christmas to the Youngsters Gives Host Great, Big Joyful Time.

TWO SANTAS ARE KEPT BUSY

"Dis is great." From out of the packs of crowding children, some thinly clad, but radiant with happiness, came the satisfied cry of a newboy at the Eagle hall yesterday afternoon. From the hour of 2 until 4 two "Santas" passed out huge sacks of candies, nuts and fruits to eager hands. Something like 1,000 children were supplied with the long wished for prizes of the Christmas day. Former Captain of Police Pete Powers, six feet six inches in build, and George Parks, prominent construction man, 5 feet eight inches, played the part of the "Santas" and for two hours handed out the packages of happiness. Many of the enormous crowd believed that Pete and George were "really, truly" Santa Claus from the northland and sent up ovation after ovation to his highness. Rev. Dr. Robert L. Wheeler of the First Presbyterian church spoke at the opening of the program. Flanking on one side by a high pile of Christmas sacks and on the other by an immense Christmas tree, beautifully decorated, the aged minister spoke the words that welcomed the good tidings of the hour. His talk was short however, as the large number of youths were yelling for the candy gifts. The hall was crowded to capacity. It is estimated that more than 1,500 little folks were within the four walls at one time while 300 more waited patiently outside, craning their necks in an effort to see how things were coming on. Only a short program was given. Dr. Wheeler taking up most of the time with his remarks. To Regulate Pool Halls. This congregating of minors in certain pool halls of the city has got to cease. Captain Anton Vanous of the local police station said last evening. "I find that it has become a habit for certain boys of the South Side, whose ages range between 12 and 18 years, to go to certain pool halls in the downtown district and play pool, gamble on the small scale and engage in other practices that are both against the law and contrary to home morals." Less than two weeks back a pool hall was raided and ten boys taken to the police station. A crap game was found to be in progress and covered by the detectives. The keeper was fined \$10 and costs and each of the youths were fined \$1 and costs. Police have always kept a lookout on such resorts, knowing that they exalted and ready to swoop down on them. Youth of the city, belonging to many prominent families, have been found in these places. The state law requires that no young man under 18 years of age may enter a pool hall. Skating Proves Popular. Skating was the popular sport in the South Side yesterday morning and afternoon. All morning and afternoon, Halston, West Q and Benson cars were carrying loads of the sports to Seymour lake, Spring lake and Riverview parks. At all three places the ice was packed to the limit. At Riverview two large fires had been built near the main portion of the lake and keepers employed by the city looked after them during the afternoon and evening. The ice held well at all three lakes, skating at Seymour. At Riverview several large cracks made skating difficult during the afternoon, but long before 7 o'clock all had healed to beyond any possible danger. The rinks will be open all day today, and the biggest crowd of the year up to this time is expected. Magic City Gossip. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows will hold their regular weekly meeting at the Odd Fellows hall Monday evening. The Mystic Workers of the World will meet Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows hall at Twenty-fourth and M streets at 8 o'clock. South High's basket ball game with Fremont next Friday evening at the local gymnasium at Twenty-third and J streets, is calling for the usual attention on the part of local athletic enthusiasts. Last year the Fremont boys were beaten in a fast game on the Fremont floor. This year they will invade the South Side with a strong team ready to do battle with a vengeance. South Side Social Notes. Ed Hummel is able to be out again after an attack of grippe. Mrs. Edgar Royer is slightly improved from an attack of the grippe. John Kennedy arrived the first of the week to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Finley had about sixteen guests at their family dinner Christmas day. Mrs. William Routt will entertain the Thursday Bridge club at her home, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Rose Ewing and children of Birch Tree, are visiting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Schoening. Mrs. F. C. Arndt of Memphis, Tenn., will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. D. Dunca. Mrs. D. J. Farrell will entertain the literary department of the Woman's club, December 28. A fine program has been arranged. George Hunter of Jefferson City, Mo., is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. George Jones, and his brother, A. L. Hunter. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eads and daughter, Fern, Eads, are spending the week end at Plattsmouth, attending a family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Franklin entertained on Christmas day at dinner for their guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Goff of Des Moines, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jacobs of Clearmont, Wyo., are spending the winter with their children Mr. and Mrs. Alley Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter. Messrs. Carl and Raymond Nelson of Chicago, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson, Twenty-seventh and E streets. The Keno Club entertained at Christmas party last night at the Keno Club for its out-of-town members, Shirley Menafes of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Joe Hama of Pine Bluff, Ark. About fifty couples were present. The Past Chiefs of the Degree of Honor were entertained by Mrs. E. E. Eider, in the parlors of the A. O. U. W. Temple. After the business meeting and program each member was presented with a gift from a Christmas tree. Those present were: Mesdames, Brewer, Green, Ralston, Routt, Avery, Hall, Ryhno, Jones and Eider.

Happy Old Age. When old age carries with it hosts of friends, good health and an abundance of this world's goods, it should be as happy as any period of our existence. That is old age as it should be, but too often it means poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This condition can be greatly alleviated, however, by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets each day immediately after supper. That will strengthen the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels, thus the feeling of despondency will give way to one of hope and good cheer. Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

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GEORGE BRANDEIS THE DONOR

"Scotty," the head waiter at the Rome, was puzzled, surprised and then amazed Saturday night when he made a hurry call to one end of the hotel banquet hall, where the newbies of Omaha were having their annual Christmas banquet as guests of George Brandeis. "That makes fifteen extra helpings of turkey for you two kids. Where in the name of Great Mike are you putting them?" he demanded, not unkindly, because Mr. Brandeis' order gave the boys plenty of latitude. Scotty was curious. "Mut-wuf, gumph!" replied a 15-year-old, through a mouthful of fodder that was packed to overflowing. "Yes, I see you're eating, but you can't tell me you two kids are getting away with all that turkey," insisted "Scotty." "Yes, mam, we're doing good, mam," politely answered another youngster at the side of the infantile gourmand. "Micky's eating all he can and so'm I. We're takin' the rest home, Pa, and Ma, and our other little brothers didn't have nothing for dinner today 'cept boiled laters and rye bread."

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