

CITY WELCOMES THE NEW YEAR

Coming of 1916 Celebrated by Enthusiastic Crowds of Greater Omaha Joyfully

WEATHER PUTS DAMPER ON Mist and Slippery Streets, However, Fail to Affect Spirits of Merry Makers.

CAFES AND HOTELS THROGGED

Nineteen sixteen, the first new year of Greater Omaha, and a leap year at that, did not leap in as anybody could notice. The footing was too slippery for the youngster to execute any flighty tergiversation demonstrations.

Nineteen sixteen is here and Omaha resolved itself into a general reception committee to greet the visitor and bid her feel at home. 'Twas the birth of another year, amid the trawl of icy streets and walks, weeping skies, skidding automobiles and feet that went in devilish ways through reasons other than might be at first believed.

Automobile drivers had a rough night of it, their machines inclining to the right or to the left, as if possessed of mischievous spirits—gasoline, for instance.

The Gray and the Gay. Contrasting against the mist and gloom without were the cheery lights and music and the happy voices of celebrants at hotels, cafes, theaters and many other places where men and women gathered and forgot their old year and the new year.

At the solemn hour of twelve the music ceased, lights went out, merrymaking was suspended, toasts were drunk, bells rung, sirens blew and another year came bounding in from the murky night to join the revelers in dance and song.

All of the downtown hotels and cafes were scenes of celebrations. Most of the tables had been reserved, weeks in advance, and youth and advancing age met in common convalescence, to drink and be merry in honor of the new year.

Many at Fontenelle. The Fontenelle hotel, by reason of advantages of space and the scene of the dawn of another year, the hotel management provided special dancers and singers and an orchestra for the diners. Another feature of the occasion was a revolving colored spotlight for the dancers. The lobby was used for dancing.

The beautiful dining room at the Henshaw was aglow with vari-colored lights and youth and beauty added a bit of charm to the scene. Manager Joe Keenan greeted the guests. Special music was provided for the diners and dancers. The Paxton, Rome, Loyal, Millard, Castle, Her Grand, and in fact all of the downtown hostesses observed the occasion with befitting grace and spirit.

Midnight Performance. There were many other activities at clubs, theaters and halls. The Elks dancing club held forth at the Elks lodge rooms with a program, lunch and dance. The Bachelors' club held a masked ball at the Auditorium. The Gayety theater had a second performance and at the stroke of twelve actors and audience joined in welcoming the new year. The spirit of the evening prevailed at the Orpheum and over at the Krug theater Sport North stepped out of his role to wish everybody in Omaha a Happy New Year. Members of "Pop O' My Heart" company at the Brandeis fraternized after the performance and performers of the Empress were on the reviewing stand when they came upon the scene.

Mayor Dahlman visited the celebration at the German Home and dropped in at an Italian celebration at Sixth and Pierce streets. The welcome arch at Eighteenth and Sherman streets bore the illuminated words, "Nineteen Sixteen, Welcome."

Fontenelle Guests. The following celebrated at the Fontenelle: MAIN RESTAURANT AND PALM ROOM.

Table listing names and guest counts for the Fontenelle restaurant and ballroom. Includes names like E. T. May, J. W. Buehler, Mrs. W. R. Burbank, etc.

Enterprising Scribe Interviews Kid New Year as Whistles Blow

"Ding-dong! Ding-dong! Bang!" "Whoop-ee! Ee-ee-yah! E-yah!" Little old Kid Nineteen-Sixteen pulled his happy smile a little closer around his chubby little form and looked and listened again. It was his first appearance and the strange noises and strange sights heralding his entry puzzled him a bit.

"So this is Omaha, eh?" he asked of The Bee reporter at his side. "Gee, look at all the stew-bums!" The best newspaper reporter on this, or any other newspaper, took notice. "Fuh, that ain't many stew-bums. I'd oughta been here this time last year."

The newest addition to our list of Happy New Years looked about again and smiled with sheer joy. "Say, this is sure some burg, eh? I'm awfully glad I dropped in on you."

"Yep," rapped in the best newspaper reporter in the world, "we're glad to have you here, but don't get the idea that we're too good, or anything like that. We've had new years in Omaha before this, at least a couple of times. This is no bush-league hamlet. Besides having a new year every once in a while, we've had 'Tilly' Sunday, the Burns detective, a tornado, 'The Perils of Pauline' and several other things of moment. We're glad to see you, 'teen, old boy, but don't blame us if we act kind of sophisticated. Y'ess, we're hep that you're playing all the big towns—in fact, I understand through the press that it is now 1916 in Denver, New York, Chicago and Hannibal, Mo."

Little Kid Nineteen-Sixteen scratched his head thoughtfully. "Well, since truth telling is in order, I'll have to admit that it's 1915 in Lincoln, Neb., too," was his surprising assertion. "No!" screamed the reporter. "It ain't true! Tell me on the square!"

"That's right," repeated the chipper kid, "I'm gang-of-days."

"Gee, I'll have to tell this to the office. It's the best story we've had since the war broke out. That's a front page headline you're telling me, young fellow."

HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY

South Side People Are Well Entertained on Eve of New Year's.

POLICE OFFICIALS MAKE VISIT

New Year's eve the South Side was quiet enough. Four dances were held and the public was well entertained. At the Centurion club rooms a big dance was given under the auspices of the Centurion and Regina clubs. Several church communities held watch meetings to see the New Year come in and the old year depart.

The morning at the First Presbyterian church at Twenty-third and J streets, the annual New Year's prayer meeting will be held. Rev. Robert Wheeler, who has officiated at similar occasions for years, will have charge and church people the city over are welcomed.

Police Officials on Visit. Police Commissioner Albert Kagel and Chief of Police Dunn paid a visit to the South Side yesterday afternoon. Accompanied by Captain of Police Higgins they made a thorough inspection of the South Side station and all effects.

A new emergency car, a Ford, was brought later in the afternoon to the station by Chauffeur Baughman. It was placed in service at once.

Three days spent in the basement of the Lutheran church at Thirty-second street without food resulted in a weak Matthew Morris, a young man who gave his address as Nineteenth and N streets, that he had to be removed to a local hospital last evening. He was discovered early yesterday afternoon and brought to the police station in the police ambulance by Officers Baughman and Grace.

Some queer sickness has overtaken the man and doctors say it will be some time before he will be wholly recovered. He reclined at the police station all afternoon yesterday.

Morphine Stealer. While Dr. A. H. Koenig, former city physician of South Omaha, stepped out of his office in the second floor of the Singer block at Twenty-fourth and N streets yesterday afternoon shortly after noon, an unidentified person entered his private apartment and stole a quantity of cocaine and morphine. The man, according to the description of two witnesses so closely resembled the doctor that they thought him the doctor himself and made no effort to interfere.

The doctor gave no exact statement of the amount of the drugs taken. It appears that a person very familiar with the place made the raid.

Few Cases of Disease. The scarlet fever and the grippe scare scarcely touched the South Side, according to announcement of local health representative, Henry Schaemling. But three cases of scarlet fever have been reported in the last week and five diphtheria cases.

"The South Side is the best regulated in its history," Schaemling said last evening. "We have had of late as quiet a period as far as contagious diseases are concerned as any other similar period in a good many years."

Dr. Beck County Physician. Dr. Frederick O. Beck, well known local physician, was appointed county physician to take the place of Dr. W. M. Davis, who is retiring from the office. Dr. Beck is also a local physician.

The appointment came as a complete surprise to friends of the doctor. He will take up his duties at once.

"I know it is, but it's the truth, in spite of the fact that its front page dopes. It's sure enough 1915, right this very minute, even in Lincoln, Neb.," slowly asserted the New Year, pronouncing and emphasizing each word carefully.

"To God! Just think of the Lincoln people who'll wake up and read this to find out for the first time that 1914 is with Bryan."

The Young Year linked his arm in the arm of the best reporter in the world and all tributary territory. Together they walked down South Sixteenth street. "Believe me, this is some town, if it all looks as good as this," enthused the newcomer. "If my predecessors put this across, it's up to me to slip a few fast ones across the plate to make good, eh?"

"You bet. You'll have to play no-hit ball if you expect to do anything to 1915, or 1914, or 1913."

"Don't worry kid," confidently declared the New Year, "you just sit tight and watch my smoke. I'll make all other years look as hungry as an actor in the dinner scene of 'Shore Acres.'"

"Whatchu gonna do?" asked the best looking reporter most accomplished left handed journalist on any of the known planets, as he squared away with pencil and note-paper.

"Well, I'm going to see that Omaha wins a pennant this year, that the trail-hitters stay 'hit' that you get a raise in pay; and 'Say—you said a mouthful when you made the crack about Omaha winning a pennant. Say no more, sonny, because you're loading yourself down considerable. Lets go and have a little happy New Year snort before everything closes. Its 3 a. m. and you're getting to be an old man, now."

"All right, I'll take a little snort with you, if you're going to buy," asserted the New Year.

"Gee, a couple of minutes ago, I thought you was a kid, but I see you're getting a man's idea already."

Local board meets, Wednesday evening, prayer and teaching, Wednesday evening, Boy Scouts' meeting, Friday evening, Campfire Girl and Boy Scouts' entertainments.

Hillsdale Baptist, M. Hubbell, superintendent—Bible study hour at 10. Classes will be arranged for the coming year. A gospel team will conduct the evening service at 7:30. These services have been quite a success and twenty-five persons have "hit the train" in last few meetings. A cordial invitation is extended to all who attended the meetings.

South Omaha United Presbyterian, Twenty-third and H, Rev. Albert N. Porter, Pastor—Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Juniors at 2. Young People's Christian Endeavor at 8:30. This being the week of prayer with union services at the Lutheran church, the congregation will join the services. The pastor will preach the service Friday evening.

First Presbyterian, Twenty-third and J, Rev. R. L. Wheeler, Pastor—Bible school at 9:45. Morning preaching at 11. Rev. Ralph Houseman, educational superintendent for the district, will deliver a sermon on "The Divine Teacher." At the close of the address a Colored and White League, composed of the teachers' training classes, who have graduated with credit grades after three years work, Christian Endeavor at 8:30. Congregation will unite in union services at Lutheran church at 7:30.

Magie City Gossip. The local order of Redmen will give a dance at the Redmen hall, Twenty-fourth and O streets.

Mrs. Ella T. Connell has returned from Kansas City, where she was called following the death of her mother at that place.

"The Gambler of the West" is the title of a four-act dramatic production that will be shown at the Beaso theater this afternoon and evening.

The South High-Alumni girls' basketball game will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school gymnasium, at Twenty-fourth and J streets.

D. A. King, breeder and owner of draft horses at Media, Ill., spent Thursday at the home of Rev. A. N. Porter, 216 N. street, accompanied.

The first number of the 1916 issue of the "St. Luke's Lutheran," a monthly paper, edited and published by Rev. S. H. Kern, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, was out yesterday.

Dr. E. F. Shanahan, assistant city physician, has just recovered from a severe attack of grippe. He has been sick several days before Christmas and was confined to his home all through the holidays.

Sweeping Reductions in All Departments in January Clearing Sales

Only a few of the many splendid bargains here listed and new lots will be added every day. Watch our windows and ads for phenomenal saving opportunities

HAYDEN'S 16 TH DODGE AND DOUGLAS STREETS

Extra Special Suit Sale

75 Women's and Misses Suits, nearly all odd garments, sold up to \$20.00, choice Monday \$5.00

500 Women's Skirts Monday at... Half Price

10 White Iceland Fox fur sets, sold up to \$20, for quick sale Monday \$7.50

100 Women's Silk Waists In tub silks, crepe de chine and novelty silks, all sizes, worth \$2.50, Monday \$1

Kimono Sale at 95c 85 long Kimonos in Flannels and Crepes that sold at \$2.50, \$3.00, for quick clearing sale Monday 95c

Fur Coats at Half Price Your choice of any Fur Coat, Fur Set, Scarf or Muff, Monday at Half Price

100 Beautiful Dancing Dresses Monday Half Price

1000 new winter coats, in the mid-winter styles, made by the best makers of New York City. Your choice Monday, at... Half Price

Linens, Sheets and Cases, Bed Spreads

Table listing various linens, sheets, and bed spreads with prices. Includes items like Double Damask, satin finish Pure Linen Cloths, etc.

Clearing Sale of Silks

2,000 yards of odds and ends of Silks in lengths of 1 to 10 yards, plain and fancy weaves. While they last Monday 15c

3,000 yards of plain and fancy Dress Silks, 20 to 27 inches wide, fancy messalines and taffetas, pongees, foulards, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50 35c

Wool Dress Goods at Less Than Half Price—100 pieces of Wool Dress Materials in Storm and French Serges, Panamas, Coverts, Whipcords and Diagonals, worth 50c to 75c, Monday 25c

10 pieces of All Wool Dress Goods, 44 to 54 inches wide, Eplanges, Bedford Cordes, Serges, Gabardines and Fancy Weaves, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values... 65c

75 pieces fine Cloakings, 54 ins. wide, good heavy qualities, in a great variety of stylish weaves and colors, former prices \$2.00 to \$3.50; while they last Monday, at... 75c and \$1.25

75 pieces yard wide dress Silks in plain all silk Messalines, Chiffon Taffetas, Novelty Stripe Taffetas, Hairline Stripe Messalines, Silk Poplin, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, at... 65c

81x90 seamless sheets, heavy muslin, 75c value, sale price, each... 59c

81x99 seamless sheets, heavy muslin, 80c value, sale price, each... 63c

81x90 seamed sheets, good weight, 69c value, sale price, each... 49c

72x90 seamed sheets, excellent quality, 59c value, sale price each... 45c

72x90 seamed sheets, soft finish, 50c value, sale price, each... 33c

42x36 pillow cases, soft finish, hemmed, each... 8c

45x36 pillow cases, soft finish, hemmed, each... 9c

Our Special January Grocery Opening Sale for Monday

Table listing grocery items and prices for the January opening sale. Includes items like Invoice Taken, All Surplus Stocks to be Reduced to Normal, etc.

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