

GRAVES THE CHIEF MEX ATTRACTION

Edward Block, Formerly of Omaha, Writes of the Sights in Mexico.

ALL INDUSTRY IS STAGNANT

Matamoros, Once a City of Sixty-Five Thousand, Has Decried Down to a Population of Fifteen Thousand.

Graveyards are the chief attraction for tourists in many a city of old, war-ridden Mexico, says Edward Block, former Omaha newspaper man, writing from Matamoros, Mexico, to A. M. Esterling of The Bee.

"As you probably know, this north part of Mexico is in control of the constitutionalists—Matamoros being in the state of Tamaulipas. One may walk across from Brownsville, Tex., or ride in a 'back' via the international bridge, but the usual way is by 'ferries' which consists of two powerful Mexican and two rowboats. On the other shore is the terminus of a street car line—dinky and dinky cars, drawn by mules.

"In Matamoros we engaged a 'hack'—a four-wheeled vehicle drawn by two sympathetic looking equines. The man agreed to take us to the cemetery, market house and other 'social centers' for \$1.50 Mexican, or 25 cents, United States money, or really 10 cents each. He took us out—and also brought us back in the fullness of time.

"At the cemetery we aroused the custodian from his lethargy and told him we would like to give his moribund predecease the 'once over.' There are some magnificent monuments in this burial ground. We saw some neglected brick vaults, and in one of them we looked through the crumbling side and saw below a coffin partially opened.

"In a corner of this cemetery is a brick enclosure, into which is thrown the bones of persons whose cemetery fees have lapsed.

"We gave our guide three 5-centavo pieces and he was pleased. We called on General E. F. Nafarrete at the military headquarters to get passes at the strict regulations recently established along the border.

"Soldiers Persecuted Looking. At military headquarters we saw a line of ferocious looking soldiers with real guns and about 1,000 rounds of ammunition about their waists. In a hallway we saw twelve or more machine guns. A crowd was waiting to see the general. The three of us put our Spanish together in one sentence and made it known that we would like to have the car of the general. After waiting a while we decided to go back without the general's pass, trusting to the note we had from Consul Johnson and some Panama coupons we happened to have.

"The strict regulations apply chiefly to Mexicans, as the investing forces at Matamoros expect attack from the opposing forces, particularly about Reynosa, about sixty miles west of here.

"Although Matamoros is 'just across the way' from Brownsville, it is fairly representative of Mexican cities, or rather a city that was. The town once had a population of 65,000, a fine band of thirty-five pieces, bull fights and other social activities, but since the battle here about a year and a half ago, the population has dwindled to 15,000. It looks today a poverty stricken and desolate place. Life is at a low ebb in its narrow streets and antiquated shops.

HOLZMAN AND SUNDERLAND TALK TO THE CREDIT MEN

The regular monthly meeting of the Retail Credit Men's Association was held at the Hotel Rome Friday evening, with a goodly number in attendance. Interesting talks were made by W. L. Holzman of the Nebraska Clothing company on "Co-Operation," and by E. M. Sunderland of Sunderland Bros. company on "Reliable Credit Reporting," in which many things of vital interest were brought out and discussed. The meeting was in charge of J. G. Lohlein of the Kimball Laundry company. The next meeting will be held on the third Friday of January, with F. S. King of the King-Peck company as chairman.

WHARTON HELPS SEVERAL TO A MERRY CHRISTMAS

While mailing an armful of Christmas packages in the postoffice corridor, Miss Margaret Stirling, daughter of Auditor H. J. Stirling of the Union Pacific, left her purse, containing \$20, on a table and went away without it. She soon discovered her loss and returned breathless to the postoffice. Postmaster Wharton, who had been assisting patrons mail, their holiday parcels, had recovered the purse and returned it to Miss Stirling. She was profuse in her thanks, and declared that the vigilance of the postoffice authorities had saved a Merry Christmas for several people.

PLUCKY WOMAN KNOCKS OUT MAD DOG WITH A CLUB

A mad dog in the home of G. Wendell, 1307 Lehigh street, which was shot by Humans Officer Hans Nielsen, was subdued until his arrival by a plucky woman member of the household, who knocked it unconscious with a club.

CITY IS ORDERED TO PAY FIREFMAN'S WIDOW PENSION

The city of Omaha is required by an order of mandamus, signed by District Judge Sears, to pay Mrs. Bessie Henderson, widow of a fireman who died in 1904, \$2.75 per month pension for the ten-year period.

CLARK AND NOBLE HELD FOR DISTRICT COURT

S. E. Clark and James Noble, who were arrested Thursday on suspicion and held for investigation, have been turned over to the district court for trial. They are under \$1,000 bonds.

Died of Pneumonia. In seldom written of those who cure coughs and colds with Dr. King's New Discovery. Get a bottle today. 50c and \$1. All druggists.—Advertisement.

Omaha High School Glee Club for 1914



Top Row—Donald Smith, Bryan Sackett, Paynter, John Miles, Harold Nelson, Frank Hunter, Ralph Benedict. Raymond Sage, Herbert Klien, Charles Parsons, Stowe Sutton. Middle Row—Howard Steenberg, Harry Mogge, Floyd Paynter, Harold Nelson, Harold Moorman, Kenneth Widener, E. J. Wotowa, Arthur Sgrum, Frank Hunter, Ralph Benedict.

For the first time for some years the Omaha High School Glee club will make a trip away from home. During the Christmas holidays the club will go into Iowa.

The boys will be out of town on December 28, 29 and 30. The first town on the itinerary is Nookla, the next is Avenol, and the last is Oakland. The dates have been made for them by the Lyceum company of Omaha. They will have a large number of dates later in the year. In the second week of January they will sing at the Boyd theater between acts.

The success of the club is largely due to the fact that the faculty and school board have the organization their strong approval and they have been assisting it in every way. Arrangements were made so that the boys could practice every day in one of the gymnasiums, and because of the continuous work they have attained a high degree of efficiency. People who have heard them sing the "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust say that they do well.

Aside from just the singing by the club, there are a number of members who have other talent. Mr. Wotowa is an accomplished violinist, having led a theatrical orchestra while going to college. Donald Smith is also a fine violinist.

Frank Hunter and Kenneth Widener are both among the best piano players in the city, and Howard Steenberg is one of the most sought for tenors in the city. Robert Clark, who is not a member of the club, will make the trip with them as a cello player. He is very efficient and plays a cello that has been in the family for a large number of years.

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make trips to Fremont, Plattsmouth, North Platte, Nebraska City and many other towns in Nebraska.

The complete membership of the club and their positions follow: First tenors, Howard Steenberg, Floyd Paynter, Stowe Sutton, Harold Nelson; second tenors, Ralph Benedict, Harold Moorman, Kenneth Widener, Raymond Mogge, Harold Mogge, baritone, Harber Klien, Bryan Sackett, Donald Smith, Charles Parsons, William Campen; basses, Frank Hunter, Arthur Sgrum, John Miles and Porter Allan.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

George Crook Post Elects Officers for the Year.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, ALSO

Knights of Pythias Confer the Rank of Knight on Waiting Equities—Other Lodge Room Gossip.

George Crook post, Grand Army of the Republic has elected the following officers to be installed January 8:

George P. Garlick, commander; Charles Barthy, senior vice; M. L. Plotta, junior vice; S. K. Spaulding, surgeon; J. T. Beatty, quartermaster; W. H. McKay, adjutant; P. C. Hough, chaplain; J. Miller, officer of the day; T. Smith, officer of the guard; S. H. Wiatl, quartermaster sergeant; S. H. Crozier, trustee; T. Smith and J. H. Porter, delegates to encampment.

Woman's Relief Corps. George Crook Woman's Relief Corps, No. 38 at its last session, elected the following officers:

President, Nellie Toney; senior vice, Elaine Hall; junior vice, Mary Miller; chaplain, Celena Stevens; secretary, Mary McKay; treasurer, Maude Tennant; conductor, Anne Miller; guard, Annie Watson; delegates, Maude Tennant, Elaine Hall; alternates, Mary McKay and Mary Krieb.

Installation of officers will take place January 8, 1915, at Memorial hall, court house.

Woodmen of the World. Columbus camp No. 9, Woodmen of the World, will hold an interesting musical program for its regular meeting in January.

Statenek camp No. 75, Woodmen of the World, shows marked improvement in increase of members for November, so much so, that an oyster supper is promised by the successful deputy, at the first meeting of the camp in the new year.

Comenius camp No. 74, Woodmen of the World, will hold semi-monthly meetings during the coming year. The initiatory ceremony will be made attractive.

Lipsa camp No. 181, Woodmen of the World, shows a splendid growth for 1914. Each month shows aggressive work on the part of its officers. Its membership has reached a number larger than the camp number.

Schiller camp No. 304 Woodmen of the World, is noted for its interesting and entertaining meetings. Its beautiful lodge room, located in the German Home, at 406 South Thirteenth street, has so many attractions that its membership cannot remain away.

Marconi camp No. 481, Woodmen of the World, which was named after the famous Marconi wireless telegraph man, ought to be very busy, and at least attempt to keep up its progress equal to that of its name-sake. Samuel Mancuso, sponsor for this camp, promises great results for 1915.

Hungarian Petofi No. 473, Woodmen of the World, is a camp composed of Hungarians and the ritual is given in their language. Their meetings are well attended, and after initiatory ceremonies, the families of the members hold a social meeting. It is an event of the month that all members look forward to with much pleasure.

Fraser Grove Pickets Officers. At its last meeting, W. A. Fraser, Grove No. 1, of the Woodmen Circle, held a very harmonious election. Newly elected officers are:

Post guardian, Bessie M. Jansen; guard, James H. Adams; Daley, Bill; clerk, Adah A. Koeppe; Daley, Josephine; staff, attendant, Hattie Jones; assistant attendant, Hope Kinsell; chaplain, Dora L. Bryan; inner sentinel, Victor E. Pringle; outer sentinel, Leah W. Howard; managers, James Blaha, Wilfred Claycomb, Florence Holmes; Homer D. Jarvey.

This grove has regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at its hall, second floor, Board of Trade building.

Knights of Pythias. Nebraska lodge No. 1 conferred the rank of knight on waiting equities on last Wednesday evening, a very large attendance of knights being present to witness the ceremonial, which was rendered unusually impressive. In the ranks of those in attendance were a number of knights from Council Bluffs, who were profuse in their compliments on the way in which the work was conducted.

Nebraska No. 1 is well started on a season of prosperity. The meetings being largely attended and great interest being shown in the affairs of the lodge. Arrangements are being made for the district meeting, which is to be held during the coming month, and which will bring together a large number of knights from outside of Omaha.

Harvard Defeats Grafton. HARVARD, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Harvard high school basketball team defeated Grafton High by a score of 31 to 26 Friday night. The game was hotly contested all times, but the first half was altogether Harvard's, while the second half was just about a draw.

LEADS U. OF O. CO-ED BASKET BALL TEAM.

that as alimony is fixed income, it is subject to income tax. As such taxes are collectible at their source, husbands who are paying alimony to former wives will be required to withhold any amounts due under the law and pay them into the internal revenue department.

As much alimony is paid here under district court divorce decrees, this new ruling is expected by Collector North to increase the income tax revenue. A recent decree granted \$10,000 alimony to a certain wife who secured a divorce, and many others have received considerable amounts in permanent or monthly alimony through the district court.

See Want Ads Produce Results.



Wharton and Woodard Writeup in December "Postoffice Clerks"

Postmaster John C. Wharton and Assistant Postmaster James I. Woodard are the subjects of writeups, illustrated with portraits, in the December number of the Postoffice Clerk, the official organ of the United National Association of Post Office Clerks, published at Chicago. A full page picture of the postmaster appears on the first page of the magazine. The second page is given over to Mr. Woodard's picture and "boosts" for the two officials. Both are complimented highly.

"There is hardly a man better known and more liked in Omaha than Postmaster Wharton," the article declares. It continues: "Mr. Woodard rose from the ranks, has thorough and unquestioned ability, and is admired by all the employees of the office."

ALIMONY TO BE TAXED UNDER NEW NATIONAL INCOME LAW

Internal revenue officers here will investigate divorce court records to determine if any Omaha women are receiving alimony from divorced husbands without having it taxed under the income tax law. This statement was made by Acting Collector E. W. North, upon receipt of a decision from Internal Revenue Commissioner, Osborn at Washington, D. C. The latter's decision is to the effect

INVITED TO SERVE FOR PEACE CELEBRATION IN NEW ORLEAN

The American Peace Centenary committee through its chairman, John M. Stewart, has requested Victor Rosewater, of The Bee, to serve as one of the representatives of the committee on the occasion of the celebration at New Orleans, commemorating the battle of New Orleans fought by General Jackson, which, because of the war, is to be the only formal part of the original program that is to be carried out for the present.

Hillier's Fine Old Whiskeys advertisement with product image and price list.

Hillier's Fine Wines advertisement with product image and price list.

LADIES advertisement for a modern store.

NEBRASKA WHEAT FOR THE ENGLISH

Uplike Grain Co. Sells Million Bushels of Nebraska Product to the British Government. DURUM REACHES HIGH MARK. Carload Sells for Dollar Thirty, a Record Price—Omaha Receipts Exceed All Other Markets Except Chicago.

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LADIES advertisement for a modern store.

NEBRASKA WHEAT FOR THE ENGLISH advertisement with text and logo.

John D. Appals to Court Against Tax advertisement.

"77" For Grip, Influenza, Coughs, Sore Throat advertisement.

Biloxi This Winter advertisement with product image and text.

LADIES advertisement for a modern store.

Wardrobe Trunks advertisement with product image and text.

Dresher Bros. Clothes Restoring System advertisement with logo and text.

"77" For Grip, Influenza, Coughs, Sore Throat advertisement.

Biloxi This Winter advertisement with product image and text.

UNIQUE advertisement for photo book plates.

Willow Springs BEER advertisement with product image and text.

MADE IN OMAHA U.S.A. advertisement for printing services.

FRELING & STEINLE advertisement for wardrobe trunks with product image and text.