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CHRISTMAS TIME ONE OF PLEASURE AT MASONIC HOME

Aged Residents There are Treated to a Genuine Old Time Christmas—Many Gifts

The coming of the Yuletide at the Nebraska Masonic Home in this city is always the occasion of the greatest of pleasure and joy to the residents of the home and this year the occasion was more than usually pleasant from every standpoint.

Throughout the rooms, the Christmas spirit was shown in the decorations of red and green, the Christmas bells being displayed in the parlors and halls as well as each of the rooms receiving some token of the Christmas time in the bright colors of the season.

The dining room was the chief point of interest at the home and was very beautifully arranged for the occasion with a lavish decoration of the streamers of red and green and at the east end of the dining room a large artificial fire place had been erected that added a pleasing touch to the scene.

On Sunday evening the good Santa made his appearance at the dining room and proceeded to give out to the residents of the home the array of good things and gifts that had been sent by friends over the state to the home.

HAS SERIOUS ACCIDENT NEAR FORT CROOK SATURDAY

Max Duda, Jr., Has Ford Coupe Overturn and Car is Almost Total Wreck—Injuries Slight

Saturday evening about 8 o'clock while Max Duda, Jr. was returning home in his Ford coupe from Omaha, he met with a very narrow escape from death when the car overturned and was almost totally demolished.

The accident occurred on the bottom road north of Fort Crook and as Mr. Duda was coming south at a very high rate of speed, he turned out to give way to a car that was coming from the south as well as a car standing in the road and this side of the road, where there was a great deal of soft dirt as well as a ditch and when the coupe struck the soft dirt the car slid and at the rate of speed it was impossible to check the car before it turned over. All of the glass in the car was broken, the two front wheels were completely torn off and the axle of the car bent and torn.

FUNERAL OF MRS. NEWELL

From Tuesday's Daily. The body of the late Mrs. W. H. Newell will arrive in this city Thursday evening from Miami, Florida, where she passed away several days ago and will be taken to the family home at Fifth and Oak streets where the services will be held on Friday afternoon. Owing to the advanced age of Mrs. Newell and the change in the climate, the husband and daughter will not attend the services here. The body will be accompanied by the son, James W. Newell of St. Louis.

VISIT IN KANSAS

John Richardson, the ferryman, together with his children, Floyd Richardson, wife and children, Claude Richardson and wife and Mrs. C. O. Poles of Pacific Junction, departed Saturday evening for Horton, Kansas, where they joined the other members of the family that reside there and enjoyed a real old-fashioned Christmas dinner and a general good time.

Blank books! Yes you can get of all kinds.—The Journal.

FINE FAMILY GATHERING

One of the pleasant family gatherings of the holiday season was held Monday at the hospitable country home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Meisinger near Cedar Creek and at which time the children gathered to enjoy one of the never to be forgotten occasions which is characteristic of this home. The day was spent in visiting music and a general good time as well as the feast that was fit for a king. Those attending were: Rudolph Meisinger and family, Ralph Meisinger and family, Henry Thierolf and family, Mrs. O. P. Meisinger, Miss Anna Thierolf of Omaha and Fred Franke.

CHRISTMAS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Cantata by Sunday School Saturday Evening and Impressive Pageant Sunday Evening.

The Christmas observances at the Methodist church were very largely attended both at the Saturday evening program which was in charge of the Sunday school and at the Sunday evening service which was in the nature of a pageant given under the direction of the musical department of the church.

In the Saturday evening program there were many pleasing numbers introduced and the cantata under the direction of Miss Mable Lee Coppenhaver proved very pleasing and was a reminder of the season of peace and joy. A special offering for the needy children over the world was taken at this service.

At the Sunday morning service there was a very impressive observance of the day of rejoicing with special musical numbers by the choir and a solo by Mrs. Ed Roman.

The pastor, Rev. F. E. Pfoutz, spoke on "The Messianic Hope Fulfilled in Jesus."

One of the very impressive observances of the day was the cantata at the evening worship hour. The cantata was given in the church and was a very artistic manner and one filled with the greatest instruction of the various incidents treated. Special lighting devices had been arranged by Mr. Werner, the photographer, and which brought out the many incidents very clearly. All those taking part proved well chosen and gave a very realistic picture of the stories of the old testament. The subjects given were: "Ismael and Hagar," "Offering of Isaac," "Rachael at the Well," "Jephtha's Daughter," "Ruth," "Presentation of Samuel," "Esther Before the King," "Annunciation" and "The Nativity." Appropriate musical accompaniment was given by the organ and the various events were read by Mrs. William Baird.

RETURN FROM THE SOUTH

From Tuesday's Daily. This morning Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dietz returned home from a very pleasant trip through the southland car standing in the road and this side of the road, where there was a great deal of soft dirt as well as a ditch and when the coupe struck the soft dirt the car slid and at the rate of speed it was impossible to check the car before it turned over. All of the glass in the car was broken, the two front wheels were completely torn off and the axle of the car bent and torn.

HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES

The coming of the Christmas day, the greatest event of the year over the Christian world, was observed here fittingly in this city Sunday evening at the St. Luke's Episcopal church with the choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11:30 and covering the dawning of Christmas day.

The beautiful and impressive musical numbers that comprised the service were given by the choir of the church in a most artistic manner and the soloists of the service were Jack McCarty, Mrs. James Begley and Mrs. John Schutz.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Leete, rector of the church, and the beautiful service attended by a very large congregation of the members of the parish and their friends.

The organ accompaniment for the various numbers was played by Mrs. Joseph M. Roberts in her usual charming manner.

A new wrinkle in hatters with chain tug piece. Made from government stock. Postpaid, \$1. Try one, you'll buy more.—A. J. Tool, Murdock, Nebraska.

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STEAL A MARCH ON FRIENDS; MARRIED IN OMAHA

Miss Mary Rosencrans and George F. Dovey Slip Away to the Metropolis Saturday.

Two of the prominent and very popular young people of the city, Miss Mary Rosencrans and Mr. George F. Dovey, sprung a surprise on their relatives and friends in this city Saturday afternoon when they quietly slipped away to Omaha and were united there in the bonds of holy wedlock.

The event had been kept very quiet by the two young people and they were successful in keeping away from even the members of the family the date of the forthcoming wedding and in company of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deegan quietly went to Omaha, where the marriage was performed.

The announcement of the marriage was made later when the young people returned home Saturday evening but they at once left on a brief honeymoon, with their destination wrapped in secrecy.

The bride couple have both spent practically their lifetime here and are among the most prominent and popular of the members of the younger social set and their friends are limited only by the circle of their acquaintanceship. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rosencrans and has since leaving the state university engaged in teaching in the schools at Hiawatha, Kansas. The groom is the youngest son of George E. Dovey and is now living in Chicago, where he is connected with one of the large financial institutions there and where his marked ability is finding recognition.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dovey the best wishes of the friends will be extended for a life filled with all the happiness they so well deserve.

CRISTMAS A DAY OF GENERAL PEACE

Throughout the World With Indications of a Return to Prosperity Very Bright.

The Saint of Christmas brought to nations of the world the greatest degree of normalcy known since the World war.

Throughout the United States general indications of returning prosperity were in evidence. In England, according to cables from London, is enjoying a substantial economic revival, with an increasing unemployment problem the only drawback. Conditions among the poor were stated to be better than at any time since 1914.

Germany celebrated the day after its fashion, altho the letting down of hopes raised high last week by hints of American intervention caused rise of prices and further instability of currency.

France is devoting itself to strenuous efforts at economy and cutting down extravagance. Paris, however, celebrated Christmas with an unprecedented popping of corks, restaurant and hotel proprietors estimating 50,000 bottles of champagne will be consumed during the day.

Ireland found little success from internecine warfare in the south, but a peace move, started by former I. R. A. officers, was under way, and there was considerable talk of eventual reconciliation between Ulster and the free state.

In Jerusalem, persecution of Christians was reported, with thousands of Greek and Armenian Christians being driven from their homes in the holy land.

Moscow, where the Russian Christmas is not due until January 7, found the American relief administration passing out sweetened buns to a million Russian kiddies.

President Harding spent the day quietly, very happy in Mrs. Harding's return to health.

Former Premier Lloyd George was at Algaciras, but in wireless communication with European capitals.

The ex-kaiser ordered Christmas revel at Doorn, where the day was marked by reconciliation between his bride, the Princess Hermine, and wife of former Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm.

Despite unprecedented efforts of federal prohibition agents in their war on "hip toters" along Broadway, there was plenty of evidence of illicit Christmas cheer.

LATTER DAY SAINTS GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A very impressive and pretty Christmas program was given in the Carnegie library auditorium last Sunday evening. The title of the play was "Balancing the Christmas Ledger." In spite of the many other enticing features of the season being put on the same night by the various churches of the city there was a good attendance. The children did remarkably well and their pretty costumes blended most beautifully with all the stage settings.

HAVE FAMILY REUNION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walling was the scene of a very pleasant family gathering on Christmas day when the members of the McHugh family gathered to spend the day at this hospitable home. Maurice McHugh and wife of St. Louis, J. E. McHugh, wife and children of Murdock, Ed McHugh of Falls City, Thomas Walling, Jr., and wife joining with Mr. and Mrs. Walling, Robert, Leonard, Miss Mary Margaret and Master Edmund in the observance of the glad day of the year.

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE JOINED IN WEDLOCK

Miss Erma Smith and Mr. Fred F. Baker Married Yesterday at Presbyterian Manse.

From Tuesday's Daily. One of the weddings of the holiday season occurred yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse when Rev. H. G. McCluskey joined in the bonds of holy wedlock Miss Erma Smith and Mr. Fred F. Baker, both of this city.

The ring service was used in the uniting of the lives of the two young people and was very impressive throughout.

The bride party was attended by Miss Doris Smith, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid and Mr. Levi Wilson as best man.

The bride was attired in a gown of navy blue canton crepe while the bridesmaid wore a very charming costume of navy blue crepe de chine.

Attending the ceremony in addition to the bride party were Royal and Lois Smith, brother and sister of the bride.

Following the wedding the young people motored to the home of the bride's parents where they enjoyed a three course wedding luncheon at noon served by the mother of the bride, Mrs. S. Y. Smith. Just the immediate relatives were present at the luncheon. The rooms were very prettily arranged in the Christmas colors combined with the Christmas bells and streamers of the silver tinsel.

A large number of the young people visited the home Christmas night and assisted in a reception to the young people and the evening delightfully in games and music until a late hour when they departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Baker many years of happiness and joy.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LINDEMAN

The funeral services of the late Mrs. John Lindeman were held Sunday morning at 10:30 from the St. John's Roman Catholic church and were very largely attended by the many old friends and neighbors of this estimable lady to pay their last tribute to her memory.

The requiem high mass was celebrated by Monsignor Frank McManus of Council Bluffs. The deceased lady, and at the conclusion of the services at the church the body was borne to the Catholic cemetery where it was laid to rest. Those from out of the city to attend the funeral were: Mrs. John Costello, Council Bluffs; Mrs. Ellen Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myler and daughter, Virginia, M. E. Murphy, Florence Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Nelson of Omaha.

Card of Thanks

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we desire in this manner to thank our many good and kind friends for their sympathy and assistance to us in the hour of our grief and sorrow and for the donation of cars for the funeral. Also we desire to thank the friends and neighbors, the A. O. U. W. and the B. R. C. of A. for the beautiful flowers.—John Lindeman; Fred Lindeman and family, Mrs. Will Daugherty and family.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DAY

The Presbyterian church held a very pleasing observance of the Christmas season Sunday both afternoon and evening. At the morning service Sunday there was a special musical program given consisting of a violin prelude by Mrs. A. D. Caldwell as well as a vocal number by Mrs. Edna Marshall Eaton and two special numbers by the male quartet.

In the evening there was a special program given by the children of the Sunday school and consisted of special musical songs, pantomime and readings. White gifts for the king was presented by each of the children of the Sunday school. Every child present was given a treat at this program.

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLD CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

Members of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5 With their Families and Friends Observe the Day.

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Mt. Zion Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, held their annual Christmas observance at the asylum in the Masonic temple and this year the services were different from in the past years by the fact that the families of the Knights and their friends were present to enjoy the unusually pleasant program arranged. The observance was presided over by Eminent Commander Emmons J. Richey and participated in by the officers of the commandery. The Rev. H. G. McCluskey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, offered the prayer while the Masonic quartet gave a number and Mrs. E. H. Westcott an appropriate selection to the occasion. The scripture lesson was given by the excellent prelate.

As is the custom the Knights gave the Christmas sentiments of the order, first to the Most Eminent Grand Master L. P. Newby being offered by Emmons J. Richey, eminent commander, and the response by Ralph J. Haynie, generalissimo.

The toast to the Right Eminent Grand Commander Arthur C. Stem was responded to by Dr. R. P. Westcott, captain general of the Mt. Zion commandery.

James M. Robertson, grand senior warden of the Nebraska Templars, gave a few remarks and the main address of the day was made by District Judge James T. Begley, who spoke on the Order of the Temple and its work as a Christian organization in the past and the present.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Frank E. Proutz of the Methodist church.

ANTI-PICKETING LAW NOW EFFECTIVE IN NEBRASKA

Governor Issues Manifesto Declaring Measure Approved—Bank Act Is Also in Force.

Lincoln, Dec. 26.—Nebraska's anti-picketing law became effective today when Governor McKelvie issued a proclamation declaring that the measure had been approved by a majority of over 45,000 votes at the November election.

The law makes it unlawful for any person or persons singly or by conspiring together to attempt to interfere with any other person in the exercise of his right to work or pursue any lawful employment he may desire, mentioning threats and intimidation of various kinds.

Picketing a place of business or occupation is prohibited and any actions to try to influence others not to deal with any certain firm or person are placed under the legal ban.

The penalty for violation of the law is a fine of from \$10 to \$100 or imprisonment not to exceed 60 days or both.

The governor declared effective at the same time the amendment to the state constitution granting the state banking department the right to refuse bank charters when in its judgment business conditions do not warrant the establishment of another bank in the place for which the charter is asked, or when they deem the applicants not persons qualified to engage in the banking business.

Two laws were declared defeated by the referendum. One was the amendment to the primary law and the other was the farm registration measure.

WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATION

The Dennison company, the largest concern of its kind in the country, will have in this city the coming week one of the most expert demonstrators to show the possibilities in the way of decorative and art work with the Dennison line of art and decorative papers and designs.

Miss Baker, the demonstrator, comes direct from the Dennison factory and will be at the Journal stationery department all next week, commencing Tuesday, January 2.

This is an unusual opportunity of viewing a practical demonstration of the possibilities in the way of decorative and art work by use of the wonderful line of paper effects handled by the Dennison company and from it the public can gain a clear idea of what can be done with a skillful handling of the paper and special designs.

A special invitation is extended to the teachers of the schools and especially in the country schools to come in during the week and view the work of Miss Baker at the Journal office. The general public who are interested in this line of work are also cordially invited to call any time during the week.

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HAVE FINE CHRISTMAS

From Wednesday's Daily. Father W. S. Leete, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Mrs. Leete and Madame Leete returned home yesterday afternoon from Omaha, where they have been spending the holiday season with Bishop and Mrs. Earnest V. Shaylor at the Episcopal residence. The Leete family enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas there and motored back to this city with Bishop Shaylor and wife, who were dinner guests at the rectory last evening.

DEATH OF MRS. CLAUD SPECK, SR.

Passed Away Last Night at Home of Her Son Southeast of this City After a Long Illness.

From Wednesday's Daily. Last night at 8:45 at the home of her son, Claus Speck, southeast of this city, Mrs. Claus Speck, Sr., passed away at the age of seventy-two years, following an illness of more than a year from cancer.

Mrs. Speck has been a resident of Plattsmouth for more than forty-five years and is known to a large circle of friends who will sincerely regret to know that "Grandma" Speck, as she was affectionately known, has passed away.

To mourn her loss there remain five children: Claus Speck of this city, Mrs. Amanda Ewing of Littleton, Colorado; Walter Speck of Edmond, South Dakota; Fred W. Speck of Columbus, and Miss Alma Speck of Lincoln.

The husband passed away in this city some thirty years ago and three children have already preceded the mother in death.

POLICE FORCE QUILTS

From Wednesday's Daily. The hectic condition of the police department continues and today the members of the present police force announced their intention of retiring and seeking other fields of employment and to look after their other interests. Mr. Stewart, the chief of police, has other business interests that have been sacrificed while he has been on the police force and Mr. Murray is soon to take up vocational training from the government. The members of the force have been made the sufferers in the action of the city council relative to their salaries and in common with the former special police will probably have to appeal to the courts to compel the payment of the claims and add to the expense.

Mayor Johnson has not as yet announced who he expects to engage to take the place of the retiring policemen.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Eddie Todd, wife and family, departed over the Missouri Pacific for Omaha and from where they leave for a visit of several months on the Pacific coast. They will spend the greater part of the time at Long Beach where they have relatives and a host of old time friends and in the mildness of the California climate will enjoy the winter months.

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DE MOLAY HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS LAST NIGHT

New Heads Chosen Last Night—Members Home From University Enjoy the Session.

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening Cass chapter, Order of De Molay, held a very interesting meeting at the Masonic temple and which was filled with more or less business of importance including the election of the officers for the coming term and the following were selected: Master—Councillor—Raymond Rebel.

Senior Councillor—Karl Wurl. Junior Councillor—Russell Perry. Scribe and treasurer—Jack McCarty.

The chapter enjoyed the opportunity of having with them the members who are attending the state university at Lincoln including Harry and Howard Dwyer, William and Eddie Mutschallat and Melvin Johnson and the young men were called upon for a few brief remarks.

Cass chapter is planning a public installation of officers at the Masonic temple on Tuesday evening, January 9th, and at which time the public at large is invited to be present to enjoy the occasion. Especially are the parents of the members and their friends invited to be present to gain a close realization and understanding of the merits of this great and growing order.

QUEEN ESTHERS ENTERTAINED AT XMAS PARTY

From Wednesday's Daily. Last evening twenty-five young ladies gathered at the Peacock home to enjoy the Queen Esther Christmas party. The home was beautifully decorated according to the season. At the proper moment Mrs. C. C. Westcott, the sponsor of the society, called the meeting to order. Miss Clara Johnson conducted the devotionals, and Miss Esther Pratt conducted the lesson. One of the interesting and impressive parts of the evening was the candle lighting incident. Each person present carried a candle to a large lighted candle and as the small candle was being lighted the bearer recited a choice verse of scripture. Then while the candles were all burning, Helen Westcott and Olive Bunge sang appropriately, and all together, repeated the Lord's prayer. Rev. Proutz, who was an invited guest, offered appropriate remarks, and a short business meeting followed. A large basket containing concealed presents with protruding strings was a feature and each girl pulled a string and took her chances. After the serious part of the occasion a general good time interested all present. A number of ukuleles added to the merriment of the good time. At a quarter of ten very delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Peacock and the family. From the many expressions of those present the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed and will be remembered as one of the pleasant events of the year. Many thanks are tendered Mrs. Peacock for opening her home and entertaining the girls so royally.

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