o'clock with Father Harrington as celebrant, Mgr. Colsaneri, vicar-general, deacon and Father Daid, sub-deacon. At St. Patrick's high mass was celebrated at 7:30 o'clock.

At St. John's two high masses were celebrated in the morning, one at 7 o'clock and one at 11.

CHILDREN AND OLD FOLKS HAPPY

Child Saving Institute and Old People's Home Celebrate.

While the formal Christmas celebration at the Child Saving Institute did not begin until 4 o'clock Christmas afternoon, the children were given the joy of exploring their Christmas stockings Christmas morning. The stockings had been abundantly provided with Christmas remembrances in order to keep the little ones occupied until the Christmas tree entertainment of the afternoon.

Two large and handsomely decorated Christmas trees were provided for the afternoon exercises and the children were enlisted in the cause of the decoration of the trees with packages and toys suitable to each. An extremely liberal supply of toys, books, fruits and candies had been donated by friends of the institute. Dinner was served during the early afternoon with all the good things of the Christmas time that could delight the hearts and appetites of the children. After dinner came the Christmas tree exercises.

At present there are thirty-seven children at the institute, varying in ages from 13 years down. The afternoon exercises were confined exclusively to the children, under the direction of the management of the institute and a few friends. The program consisted of singing and recitations by the children and a general good time, such as children only can enjoy.

Christmas was observed at the Old People's Home in a manner suitable to the occupants and was deeply enjoyed by the venerable people living there. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLean, members of the board of directors, were present in the morning at breakfast and conducted the Christmas morning devotional exercises. A number of friends visited the home during the day, bringing with them Christmas remembrances for the occupants.

A sumptuous Christmas dinner of turkey and accessories was served at noon. No special exercises were observed during the day other than the visits of friends and the exchange of Christmas greetings.

CRECHE TOTS WELL CARED FOR

Little Ones Are Made to Feel Joy of the Day.

The festivities at the Creche began Tuesday evening with a Christmas tree entertainment that was hugely enjoyed by the children. The parents of the children were present, which added further pleasure to the evening. A real Santa Claus was there to distribute the presents of toys and candy to the little ones. Toys, candy and fruits were there in great abundance and every one of the thirty children was appropriately remembered. The members of the board of directors were present, including Mrs. T. L. Kimball, president; Mrs. Arthur Brandeis, treasurer, and Mrs. McMahon, secretary. Mrs. White, matron, and Miss Hoffman, nurse of the institute, were here, there and everywhere to see that none of the little ones were slighted or neglected, and withal the evening was a most happy and enjoyable one.

The toys, fruits and candies were donated by various establishments of Omaha and were more liberal than any preceding Christmas. The exercises were informal, no set program being observed.

Christmas morning the youngsters were given full play of the nursery and they enjoyed it to the utmost with drums, rocking horses, horns, dolls, baby carriages, candies and fruits. A fine dinner was served at noon and the children throughout the entire day were made to feel that Christmas time was the real thing.

SUIT CASE FOR MARSHAL WARNER

Deputies Make Handsome Gift to Their Chief.

There was a very general exchange of Christmas presents among the officials and employes at the federal building Christmas day. The deputy United States marshals presented Marshal Warner with a handsome $40 leather suit case. Exchanges of presents were made at the army building in all the departments.

The fire boys in engine house No. 3, not being able to get off to see a Sunday school Christmas tree, chipped in and bought one of their own. It was a small affair, but was beautifully decorated, and was set outside of the engine house. It contained a present for all the boys. One fireman hung his stocking on the tree, but refuses to tell what he got in it. The presents consisted of pipes, Teddy bears and doll babies for the most part. Several young women who were passing by observed the miniature tree and hung some little presents on it.

CHICKEN DINNER CENTER PIECE

Pivot of the Santa Claus Exercises at County Hospital.

The Christmas at the County hospital revolved around a big chicken dinner served at 2 o'clock by Superintendent Farrar. The menu contained mashed potatoes, sauce of various kinds and the feast ended with two kinds of pie, pumpkin and mince. Each of the more than 200 inmates of the hospital found at his plate a bag containing nuts, candy and fruit.

It required twenty-five fat geese to appease the appetites of the prisoners at the county jail Wednesday afternoon. The geese were provided by Sheriff McDonald as a part of the special Christmas day feast. The bill of fare included mashed potatoes, celery and pie, with the unusual luxury of cream and sugar in the coffee. The dinner was served at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

CHILDREN AT DETENTION HOME

Little Family Starts in with Tuesday Evening.

The Christmas celebration began Tuesday evening for the nineteen children at the Detention school. The evening was spent by the children in trimming the Christmas tree, which was the centerpiece of the festivities. By a special dispensation they were allowed to "stay up" until 9:30 to help.

The Christmas day festivities started early in the morning. The Christmas tree stood in the center of the dining room, lighted with dozens of candles, and loaded with gifts for the children. The Women's Christian Temperance union had provided a present for each child, consisting of candy, nuts and fruit tied up in a handkerchief. J. L. Brandeis & Sons sent out a number of toys, the children made more candy and the rest was provided from cash contributions. Christmas songs by the little folks followed the distribution of presents.

In the afternoon the tree was again lighted and a short informal Christmas service was held. Mrs. Heller told Henry Van Dyke's story of the first Christmas tree and the children sang songs of Christmas cheer. The rooms were elaborately decorated with evergreen and holly, provided by friends of the institution.

The children were given a special dinner of duck and the usual "trimmings."

GOOD CHEER FOR ALL

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prison league. In addition to the dinner each member of each family received a Christmas present. More than $2,000 has been contributed in New York alone for this Christmas for the families of those who are behind the bars. Mrs. Booth's work among the prisoners and the ex-convicts has been very successful and to them she is known as "the little mother."

ONE MILLION LEAVE LONDON

Exodus from Metropolis for Christmas Holiday Largest on Record.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A Christmas holiday lasting from today to Friday for everyone engaged in business and extending to the following Monday for many scores of thousands of workers has resulted in a record distribution of Londoners to all parts of the United Kingdom and left the streets of the city more deserted in appearance than even the average Sunday. Nearly 1,000,000 persons are computed to have taken trains at the various terminals in the city during the past thirty-six hours bound to the provinces and elsewhere on visits to relatives and friends. The weather yesterday was so foggy and resulted in so many minor mishaps to traffic at sea and on land that there was apprehension that it might continue today. This morning, however, dawned bright, with a bracing atmosphere, thereby contributing toward the Christmas cheer.

King Edward and the queen, with the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children as usual spending the Christmas holiday at Sandringham palace, in Norfolk. All the tenants at Sandringham have been remembered with gifts of all kinds, including huge joints of beef, tons of coal and supplies of groceries. The old women of the estate were personally cared for by Queen Alexandra, who herself visited and distributed shawls and warm clothing to them.

The rumors of shortness of money are belied by the reports that there has been a brisk Christmas trade, the only complaints coming from wine and cigar merchants and dealers in turkeys, who have been hit by the new "prevention of corruption" act which forbids gifts of any kind from any agent without the consent of the principal with the object of influencing the agent to do business with the giver.

Many large firms of economical mind, as well as private individuals, whose gifts are beyond suspicion of bribery, have taken advantage of the act to get rid of the irksome annual tax on the plea that such presents possibly would subject them to penalties provided by the new law.

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CARRIED THE GAME TOO FAR

Inside View of the Wall Street Collapse and the Reasons for It.

In Everybody's Magazine for January, Edwin Lefevre, the Wall street expert and well-known writer of stories of finance, gives, in "The Game Got Them," the inside story of the recent panic, as seen through the eyes of Wall street. Mr. Lefevre says, in part:

"Who would have said that the touring car and the projected European trip of 1908 had regretfully to be abandoned because some years ago a few cold-eyed, eagle-beaked gentlemen in London coveted a few gold mines in the Transvaal? And that the reason why Santa Claus will not bring the Russian sables this Christmas is that Russian grafters, dreaming of vast Manchurian plunder, also dreamed that the Japs were apes? Yet these remote events are clearly causes of such disappointments. For the Boer war, so far as concerned the world of business, which does not trouble itself with ethics, meant the loss of about a thousand millions of liquid capital. Not very long after that stupendous financial loss came the war between Russia and Japan, and a still greater amount of capital disappeared forever—something like $1,250,000,000. Then came the San Francisco disaster. The loss there was, let us say, $500,000,000; that much wiped out at one fell swoop. Thus you have in a few years the loss of over $2,500,000,000 of this little world's liquid capital. Remember, this was no stock market slump loss, no mere disappearance of an elusive 'paper profit' on a speculative line, no shrinkage of bank accounts incidental to the collapse of some absurd boom, no diversion from one channel of trade into another; but the actual and definite and irretrievable loss of that much of the world's capital, which it could have used, which it needed to do business with.

"And serious though so stupendous a loss at any time would be, it proved much more than usually serious because during the last three or four years the entire world has been unusually busy. Aside from spasms of speculation in stocks and staples and metals, there has been unprecedented activity and expansion in industries and manufactures, not only in the United States, but also in Germany and England and France. In our country, because of the national optimism, the expansion has been extraordinary, the volume of business simply colossal; our industries have grown at such a rate that we have been unable properly to finance that growth. This state of affairs has been clear to all for many months. We have had too much prosperity for the money; more than we could promptly pay for. Didn't the railroads pray for less business so that they might earn more per ton per mile?"

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TEACHERS MEET AT LINCOLN

First Thing on Program a Concert by Omaha First M. E. Church Choir.

KELLEY AND SINGERS MAKE HIT

Omaha Sends Big Delegation of Teachers in Contrast with Apathy Shown by Those of the Capital City.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—With a musical concert by Thomas J. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Kelly's choir of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Omaha at St. Paul's church tonight, the Forty-second annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association began tonight. There was a magnificent outpouring to hear Mr. Kelly and his splendid choir, and lovers of delightful music were given a Christmas feast, pleasing and satisfying, inspiringly grand.

During the afternoon at the office of Superintendent McBrien the normal training round table held a session which was largely attended. The law providing for normal training in high schools was enacted by the recent legislature and according to the statistics received by the state superintendent it is proving a success. This was the report brought in by those who attended the session.

During the day a large number of teachers reached the city and enrolled. President A. H. Waterhouse came in early and began to predict that the meeting was going to be a success. He was cordially greeted by those already here when he reached the camping ground at the Lindell hotel. Mr. Waterhouse is particularly proud of his home city of Omaha today, inasmuch as the big city has an advanced enrollment of 230 teachers. Last year the entire county of Douglas enrolled only fifty-two teachers. Among the other early arrivals were: Superintendent C. W. McMichael of Holdrege, Superintendent E. E. Hays of Belton, Superintendent E. M. Hussong of Franklin, Superintendent James E. Delzell of Lexington, Prof. J. W. Searson of Peru, Miss Anna Caldwell of Kearney Normal school, Prof. George N. Porter of the Kearney Normal school, superintendent N. C. Abbott of Tekamah, L. W. Colebank of Curtis, Miss Katharine Woods of Peru, secretary of the association; R. D. Overholt, treasurer, Minden; Superintendent J. D. French of Hastings, W. T. Davis of Beaver City.

Concert by Church Choir.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Kelly the following composed the choir which opened the meeting tonight: Misses Hoverck, Reese, Austin, Coburn, Higby, Rohrbough, Higby, Snyder, Prey, Walker, Beelittle, Fuller, Walker, Bolin, Barnhart, Roberts, Hutchin, Hornung, Weller; Messrs. Jessen, Loring, Jaynes, Snow, McCreary, Jessen, Dernick, Comstock, Wade, Duck, Conklin, Pendray, Samuels, Mercer, Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Miller. The following program was given:

PART I.

Christmas—Nowell—Noel—Yuletide.
(From the French)—Old Carol, "The First Nowell," traditional; the choir.
(From the Austrian)—Old Carol, "Rise, Ye Shepherds," traditional; Mrs. Kelly.
(From the Bohemian?)—Legend, "Good King Wenceslas," traditional; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and choir.
(From the Tyrolese)—Old Carol, "Silent Night," Frans Gruber; the choir.
Old German—"Ein Neues Andachtiges Kindelwiegen," D. Corner.
"An Old Sacred Lullaby."
Legend—"A Hunter Would a-Hunting," Johannes Brahms; the choir.
Old Irish Xmas Song—"The Holly and Ivy Girl," Ancient air; Mrs. Kelly.
Ancient Christmas Carol—"The Boar's Head," Wynkn de Worde, "Caput apri defero reddens laudes Domino."
Wassail Song—"A Somersetshire Wassail," Traditional; Mr. Kelly and the choir.
Old English Carol—"God Rest Ye Merry eGntlemen," traditional; the choir.

PART II.

Christmas, The Nativity. (In the Cathedral.
Organ Pastorale—"The Fields of Bethlehem," Max Vogrich.
Processional—"O Come, All Ye Faithful," Old Latin, Adeste Fideles.
The Magnificat; or "Hymn of Mary" (in chant form), Henry Smart.
Anthem—"Now When Jesus Was Born," W. A. C. Cruickshandk.
Solo—"Lullaby of the Madonna in the Palm Grove," Frederick Field Bullard, (From the Spanish of Lopez de Vega.) Mrs. Kelly.
Slumber Carol—"Sleep, Holy Babe," Dr. Dykes.
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds Abiding," H. C. Wareing.

PART III.

God's Gift to Man—"God So Loved the World," Sir John Stainer (Sung by the choir, unaccompanied).
Finale—"Ring Out, Wild Bells" (Tennyson), Charles Gounol (Arranged for full choir, soprano, solo, chimes and organ, by Mr. Kelly).

Sentiment of Lincoln.

The several parties in Lincoln who, at the invitation of the State Journal, threw several kinds of fits because of the protest of an out-of-town teacher at the lack of interest shown by these certain parties in the state teachers' meeting had been published, have been caught with the goods on them. It is general knowledge among the teachers that Superintendent Stephens said he would not ask the teachers of Lincoln to enroll this year, inasmuch as they had recently made a trip to Kansas City to visit t he schools there. Mr. Stephens not only made the oral declaration to this effect, but various school teachers have seen letters which he sent to the local teachers, saying in them that he did not advise them to enroll as members of the teachers' association. Since the publication of the fact that the proper parties in Lincoln were not taking the proper interest, the Commercial club has been getting busy and at this late day will try to make up for the heretofore lack of interest. Members of the association, however, do not blame the Commercial club as much as they do Superintendent Stephens and the Lincoln teachers.

These Lincoln parties are now telling it around that Omaha is circulating rumors that the teachers are not pleased in order to boost that city for the next meeting of the association. One teacher, however, who has always favored Lincoln for a meeting place, said: "This activity of the Lincoln Commercial club and the published statement of Superintendent Stephens does not change my mind that the next meeting should go to Omaha. This year Omaha has sent down in advance an enrollment of 230 teachers. When the associations was held there the last time every teacher in Douglas county was registered. I have always favored Lincoln for a meeting place, but when a superintendent advises teachers not to enroll I think it time to change the place of meeting. It is a good thing for the association to change the meeting place occasionally anyhow. It creates more interest."

The enrolment today, counting those entered in advance, number more than 1,600.

Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE—An art exhibit will be given by the Beatrice schools during the week of January 20.

BLUE HILL—The annual farmers' institute will be held here Thursday and Friday, January 9 and 10.

BEATRICE—Mr. Forest Carpenter of Rockford and Miss Cora Brown of Holmesville were married here yesterday by Judge Spafford.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Burlington shops here closed Friday evening until January 1. About 600 persons are given a holiday vacation for the first time.

BEATRICE—The Dempster company distributed 302 turkeys yesterday among its employes. This custom has been in vogue by the company for years.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Burlington Railway company has paid Ed Brantner the sum of $5,044.35 as damage for injuries received while working as switchman in Pacific Junction.

BEATRICE—H. C. Stoll of this city yesterday received word from Omaha that his son, E. J. Stoll, traveling freight agent for the Nickel Plate road, was in a hospital at that place seriously ill of typhoid fever.

BEATRICE—Word was received here yesterday announcing the marriage of Frank Means and Miss Zelma Dickinson, both of this city, which occurred at St. Louis Monday. They will make their home in Beatrice.

BEATRICE—Announcement has been received here of the marriage of Miss Beatrice Wright, a former Beatrice girl, to a Mr. Graves, which occurred at Des Moines, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Graves will make their home at Rulo, Neb.

BEATRICE—In a fight with "Deacon" Burroughs, a man named Deneo, was struck on the head with a piece of scantling and badly injured. Both were prisoners at the city jail, and were at work on the city's woodpile when the trouble occurred.

PLATTSMOUTH—In the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city Christmas evening at 7:30 o'clock Dr. A. A. Randall, the pastor, united in marriage Frank A. Rennie and Miss Bessie Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Seivers, all of this city.

BEATRICE—Last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother was solemnized the marriage of John L. Davey of Grand Island and Miss Dorris A. Green of this city, Rev. J. A. Lowe officiating. Mr. Davey is connected with a telephone company at that place.

BEATRICE—The marriage of Dr. Samuel Stewart of the feeble minded institute at this place and Miss Nell Frances Sawyer occurred today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hale, 302 Twenty-eighth street, Lincoln. After a brief honeymoon the bride and groom will return to Beatrice to make their home.

AINSWORTH—This morning Ainsworth had three funerals Dennis Collins, who died at 3 a. m. December 22, and was buried in Ainsworth cemetery this morning, aged 74; Mrs. Joseph died at 9:30, December 23, and was taken this morning to Springview for interment, aged 52; and Mrs. Strahm, died at 7 p. m. last night, aged 58, and will be buried in the German cemetery north of town December 26.

PLATTSMOUTH—Conrad Schlater was assisted Christmas day in celebrating his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary at the home of his son, Frank E. Schlater, who is county treasurer, by his wife and their three children and their thirteen grandchildren and many other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Schlater have resided in this county for fifty years and for a number of years freighted across the plains, then purchased a farm near Louisville, where they resided twenty-five years.

COLUMBUS—The funeral of the late Mr. A. V. Miller was held here yesterday morning under the auspices of Lebanon lodge, No. 58, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Miller lived here in Columbus a number of years ago and went from here to South Omaha and engaged in the live stock business. Six years ago, he went from South Omaha to Arizona and went into the mining business and prospered well, in his mining ventures. The cause of Mr. Miller's death was pneumonia. Mr. Miller was buried with the Masonic burial service by the lodge here, on the request of the Masonic lodge at South Omaha.

BATTLES OF REAPER KINGS

Patent Wars of the Early Days Helped to Bring About Lincoln's Candidacy.

Among the different types of reapers, and the numerous variations of each type, the bitterest rivalries prevailed. There was no pool, no "gentlemen's agreement," no "community of interest." Indeed, the "harvester business" was not business. It was a riotous game of "Farmer, farmer, who gets the farmer?" The excited players cared less for the profits than for the victories. As fast as they made money, they threw it back into the game. Mechanics became millionaires, and millionaires became mechanics. The whole trade was tense with risk and rivalry and excitement, as though it were a search for gold along the high plateaus of the Rand. And this in spite of the fact that, with the exception of McCormick, Osborne and Whiteley, the men who came to be known as reaper kings were not naturally fighters. No business men were ever gentler than Deering, Glessner, Warder, Adriance and Huntley. But the making of reapers was a new trade. It was like a vast, unfenced prairie, where every settler owned as much ground as he could defend.

Each step ahead meant a struggle for patents. Whoever built a reaper had to defend himself in the courts as well as approve himself in the harvest fields. Cyrus H. McCormick, especially, as William Deering soon learned, wielded the big stick against every man who dared to make reapers. He was the grizzled old veteran of the trade, and he gave battle to his competitors as though they were a horde of trespassers. He was their common enemy, and the reaper money that was squandered on lawsuits brought a golden era of prosperity to the lawyers.

Some of these patent wars shook the country with the crash of hostile forces. The tide of battle rolled up to the supreme court and even into the halls of congress. Once, in 1855, when McCormick charged full tilt upon John H. Manny, who was making reapers at Rockford, Ill., a three-year struggle began that was the most noted legal duel of the day.

McCormick, to make sure of his victory, went into the fight with a battery of lawyers whom he thought invincible—William H. Seward, E. M. Dickerson and Senator Reverdy Johnson. Manny made a giant effort at self-defense by hiring Abraham Lincoln, Edwin M. Staunton, Stephen A. Douglas, Peter H. Watson, George Harding, and Congressman H. Winter Davis.

From first to last it was a lawyers' battle, and McCormick was finally defeated by Stanton, who made an unanswerably eloquent speech. For this speech Stanton received $10,000, and Lincoln, who had made no speech at all, was given $1,000. Yet, in the long run, the man who profited by this law suit was Lincoln, for it was this money that enabled him to carry on his famous debate with Douglas, and thus made him the inevitable candidate of the republican party.—Herbert N. Casson in Everybody's.

A Life Sentence

of suffering with throat and lung trouble is quickly commuted by Dr. King's New Discovery. 50c and $1.00. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Farmers in Fatal Quarrel.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Jesse Uptegrafe and Sam Williams, farmers living near Hickory Hill, fourteen miles from Jefferson City, became involved in a quarrel last night and Uptegrafe killed Williams with a shovel. Uptegrafe is under arrest. The coroner is investigating the killing.

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MUTE BUT HAPPY COMPANY

Students at Deaf and Dumb Institute Have Big Time.

TREE FOR HUNDRED AND NINETY

Novel Idea Worked Out in Construction of This Affair—Day is Full of Joy.

M-e-r-r-y C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s.

Many thousand times these letters were made and many thousand times the words spelled out yesterday at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, where 190 children and young people enjoyed the day with the same entertainments, with two parties, a big Christmas tree, a turkey dinner and the songs and poems which other children recite at Christmas time.

But all was silent. The good wishes were spelled out as silently as the leaves fall in the autumn. Smiles lighted up the happy faces, but no gay laughter was heard about the big buildings, nor did echoes of children's voices add to the happiness of the day.

Then dinner time arrived and the long line of expectant students marched into the big dining room decorated with holly and cedar branches. With eight students at each table the room was a happy scene. But it was silent—except the rattling of the silver knives and forks. More than thirty turkeys were required to serve the students, and "pass the turkey and cranberry sauce" was seen at all tables many times.

All Know that Old Story.

No one could tell the students of the Deaf and Dumb institute the story of the Christ child, but all of them had read it, and Christmas eve a large stereopticon was taken to the institute and the pictures were shown illustrating the themes of the festival. The story of Christ's birth and life was told in pictures and a silent Christmas song in the wonderful sign language gave the students as much of a Christmas feeling as though they could have raised their voices and sung the words and heard the melodies. But the music of motion was inspiring and it was a happy evening. Before retiring they recited "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," all in the sign language.

Then when the Christmas morning broke the students looked upon the most ingenious and beautiful Christmas tree in Omaha. It is certain that there was no other tree like it in the city. For it was built and did not grow; yet for artistic beauty the most careful training of the arboriculturist could not have assisted nature to make a more beautiful tree.

Novel Plan of Students.

Students of the institute conceived the idea. No Christmas trees were offered for sale which would hold presents for 190 children and young people and the numerous packages given to teachers. Besides, it was considered cruel to cut down one of the large cedar trees for the use of a few hours. At first it was proposed to decorate one of the beautiful cedar trees in the yard, but there was the danger of snow and rain.

Finally a large walnut trunk was secured. It was twelve feet long and six inches in diameter above the box in which it was mounted. The cedar trees in the yard of the institute needed pruning and limbs were cut off near the ground. Holes were bored in the walnut trunk and the cedar limbs fastened to it. Then the Christmas tree was made shapely by trimming and was so perfect that visitors were deceived and believed it to be one of the stately trees which grow on the grounds of the institution.

Everyone Gets a Present.

From this tree every student shook down a present. Those who received them from home were listed by the teachers and a list kept of those who did not receive Christmas packages. The students without friends to send them things found friends among the officers and teachers and no one was overlooked. Many of those who had no friends on the outside received more than those who had packages sent them from home.

John Stadola was the most surprised of the students. When John took his package from the tree he found a fine new necktie and inside of it was wrapped a gold watch with a card, "Merry Christmas."

Just why John was happy when he received the gold watch was explained by Superintendent White. Just two weeks ago someone stole the watch from John's room. Search was made for it and the matter was reported to the police, but the watch was never found. On Christmas morning it came back from someone on the outside, who sent it by mail, and with it a necktie with the Merry Christmas wish.

Children Have a Party.

During the afternoon the children had a "party" and played at games and divided the good things from home with each other. The young people's party was held during the evening. Games and other amusements made the Christmas evening merry. The Christmas festivities were in charge of a committee of teachers and attendants, consisting of C. H. Eldridge, Miss Kirkpatrick, Miss Saunders and Miss McClary.

But the "Christmas Bells" of the teachers made them the happiest of all the happy ones at the Deaf and Dumb institute. They heard them at 6 o'clock Christmas morning and looked out to see the street cars going by the institute. The new line was opened Wednesday morning and the first Walnut Hill cars passed by the very gates of the school. In the past the teachers have walked almost a mile over mellow yellow clay, overheated by summer suns, made ankle deep by spring rains and almost impassable by the snows of a Nebraska winter.

"Since Santa Claus could not bring us all automobiles, we are thankful for the street cars," said a teacher as tears of happiness streamed down her face.

MORTON & SON CO. CELEBRATE

Tuesday Was the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Old Hardware Firm.

Members of the firm of Jas. Morton & Son Co. Tuesday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the day the firm started in business in a small way in Creighton block, near Fifteenth and Douglas streets.

Charles W. Morton left the employ of the purchasing department of the Burlington twenty-five years ago Tuesday to start the hardware business with his father and the firm has grown and prospered until at present it is the only exclusive hardware firm which was in business in Omaha at that time. The firm grew fast and prospered until instead of the two members of the firm being able to do the business as in the start a large force of men is employed and instead of the city of Omaha for its market the firm ships all over the western territory. It was a coincidence that on the twenty-fifth anniversary the firm should be sending a large consignment of ice tools to the Pacific coast.

James Morton, died four years ago and the business is now owned and conducted by C. W. Morton and J. H. Morton at 1511 Dodge, just around the corner from where it was started a quarter of a century ago.

NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

Quain and Curious Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State.

Our young men should be very careful on dark evenings so no mistakes are made and they ask the wrong party if they may accompany them to their homes. A young man made a sad mistake in that he asked a married lady. He was promptly turned down and has been very careful since.—Plainview Republican.

Christmas Greetings—Boys, there is a small matter to which we would like to call your attention. There is a certain thing which is often needed in running our business. That certain thing is always in evidence. We won't speak further on the subject. Perhaps you have already guessed the thing we are striking at. May heaven bless you.—Ragan Journal.

Columbus Item—Tom McTeggert, the baggage master of the U. P. and B. & M. must have a charmed life or he would have been sent to kingdom come the other day by a Burlington freight train that backed down on him. Tom jumped out of the way, but the wagon was knocked into smithereens. Neither of the horses was injured, but Tom had a cracked rib and a few bruises by having one of the horses thrown against him by the train.

Tonic—Emil Suchan says that cold water baths at this season of the year are not what they are cracked up to be by the advocates of the cold water cure, and Emil is in a position to know what he is talking about. He was on a hunt last Sunday afternoon when he came in contact with more water than was agreeable to him. In attempting to cross Maple creek on a fallen tree he slipped in and got a thorough soaking. After he had crawled out on the frozen bank of the stream the gait with which he trecked for home was not slow.—Howells Journal.

Reminder of Olden Times—Nelson Voorhies is the champion trapper of Johnson. He has been very lucky this season with his traps and claims that his occupation is one of profit to him. He has had the rare good fortune of having captured four fine river mink. The last one that he got, which was captured last Saturday, was a river mink. It was twenty-three inches in length and was one of the finest specimens of the furs that have been seen in this locality for some time. Mink pelts are very much sought for and are getting rarer every year. The best pelts easily bring $5 on the market. Mr. Voorhies is putting in spare time in his trapping expeditions and is meeting with good success in capturing other kinds of furbearing animals.—Almaha Republican.

Me nand Women Editors—When the editor leaves his wife to run the paper, editorials like the following are liable to appear: If the wife is voluble of speech is her husband a sphinx? If a woman is a human phonograph, is a man a clam? Not exactly—not so that you could notice it from the road through the binoculars. Most of the husbands who like to joke about the wagging tongues of their wives are living expounders of hot air theory. They are the chaps who have nothing to say and devote most of their time to saying it; they are full of persiflage, verbosity and prunes. When they open their mouths their tongues run away with them. Stand one of these tiresome expounders of the obvious up beside a talking machine and he will make it sound like a whisper. Man, as he averages up, is full of bluff, brag and bluster, but that's worse than you can say of the average woman.—Allen News.

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