

CORNERSTONE IS MISSING

Pillar of Old Cathedral Sought in Vain by Priests.

NOT IN PLACE WHERE IT WAS LAID

Hand of the Vandal, It is Supposed, Has Reached the Sacred Receptacle Under St. Philomena.

Where is the cornerstone of St. Philomena's cathedral, the walls of which have been wrecked and the hope of finding the cornerstone given up by the priests of the old parish?

This is the mystery which is agitating many local Catholics, causing the priests to wonder if some sacrilegious hand succeeded in tearing it from the foundations and stealing the contents of the stone.

The walls of St. Philomena's are razed. For more than two weeks the contractor has expected to uncover the cornerstone and had orders to call a priest who would remove the contents, said to consist partly of money in a large sum, to the home of Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha.

Early in December thieves anticipated the value of the contents of the stone and moved seven or eight tons of stone and brick in one night to get at the stone. But so far as known they failed.

Chances are it is lost.

Thursday the foundations were removed down below the water level. The contractor asserts that unless the builders were short-sighted enough to place the cornerstone below the water level there is no cornerstone now in old St. Philomena's.

Giving an account of the ceremony attending the laying of the cornerstone of the cathedral June 2, 1887, the Morning Herald said:

A large concourse of people witnessed the ceremony of laying the cornerstone. There were present from every Christian sect in the city and many from Council Bluffs, Bellevue, Florence and all the surrounding precincts.

The masonry was clear, warm and brilliant as if God and nature contributed to make more gorgeous the day. The masonry was placed on the day, relics, medals, etc.

But of all the 5,000 persons present none has come forward to tell where the cornerstone was placed. While the walls were standing no such a stone appeared as corroborations do in modern buildings, but it was supposed the early builders placed it in the wall, safe from the hands of destroying vandals.

But the cornerstone is a mystery. The church record gives no account of the ceremony, though from time to time witnesses of the service have confirmed the published reports.

GRAIN TO MAKE ADVANCE

Both Receipts and Shipments Are Expected to Increase at Local Market.

Grain receipts at the Omaha market decreased 2,375,500 bushels during the month of December, 1907, as compared to the same month of 1906, while shipments decreased 1,377,500 bushels.

Dealers look for a slight picking up in receipts during the next thirty days, but believe much of the grain is being held back because the stock cannot be shipped with any profit on a low market and farmers will continue to pour the grain into the feed troughs.

At some points in Nebraska it is reported that farmers are buying corn at prices ranging from 3 to 12 cents higher than the prices quoted in Omaha, rather than ship cattle when the market is low.

The statement of receipts and shipments for December is as follows:

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and SHIPMENTS, listing various grains like Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley with their respective quantities for 1907 and 1906.

CAR THIEVES ADMIT GUILT

Caught Red-Handed Two of Gang Confess to Systematic Plunder of Freight.

Caught red-handed, as it were, with the goods on them, A. B. Blase, 614 Pierce street, and John Boehm, 306 Poppleton avenue, have confessed to the police they have been stealing from Burlington freight cars. George W. Baird of Florence and John Kodonaski, who were arrested with the former pair, are by the latter implicated, but have made no confessions.

Practically the entire detective force of Omaha secured the Burlington freight yards Friday morning in the hope of running down some of the thieves who have been systematically robbing cars of late. They caught these four men, two of them engaged in their craft. Detective Jim Malone of the Burlington's force at Lincoln has arrived in the city and will remain a week, completing the job so well begun by the local officers of cleaning up this gang.

Friday morning a Missouri Pacific train crew found a large bag of sugar in sacks near Fourteenth and Nicholas streets, which had evidently been stolen from a car. They recovered it for the company and placed it in the warehouse. These crimes have multiplied recently and included various railroads.

MANY WORKERS ASK FOR AID

More Applications for Charity Than Any Day Since Association's Birth Here.

More applications to the Associated Charities for help were filed Thursday than on any other day in the history of the organization with one exception. Thirty-eight persons asked help. The highest previous record for a single day was forty-two in December.

"It was an unique crowd, too," said Secretary Morris, "unique because all were hard working people who were not accustomed to asking charity. Some of them actually did not know how to ask. And the appearance of their hands showed they had been doing hard work. One big, strong fellow with calloused hands came in. His face was a study when he asked help. He had been working on an Iowa farm and had been laid off. For two days he had eaten nothing saving his little money for a cheap lodging at night. Unless things open up, soon the problem of dealing with the unemployed and their families will be a serious one. Cold weather would be welcome now because it would hasten the ice harvest and provide employment for many of these men."

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Ladies', Misses', Children's and Boys' HOSIERY

Line and heavy ribbed hose, in all sizes up to nine—many good heavy weight school hose—per pair, 10c

Ladies' and Men's Hosiery—Fast black and fancy—splendid bargains at, per pair, 10c-15c

Ladies' Underwear Medium and extra sizes in vests, pants and union suits, at, 25c

Ladies' fine ribbed wool vests and pants—worth up to \$1.00, at, 49c

Ladies' heavy ribbed vests and pants at, 15c

HANDKERCHIEFS Ladies' and men's embroidered Handkerchiefs, some slightly imperfect—also men's plain white sample handkerchiefs, worth up to 25c, at, 5c

Women's Long Kid Gloves at \$1.98 Pr. 8-button length Perrin's extra quality Grenoble kid—in all popular shades of tan, mode, gray, red, navy, green, pink, also black and white—formerly sold for \$2.75 pair, now, 1.98

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MEET ME AT THE FOUNTAIN SWEETLAND Purify Our Motto

WE are now making our own candies. As a special inducement we offer Pure Home Made Taffies, on Saturday, five delicious flavors: molasses, vanilla, peppermint, strawberry and chocolate, per pound, 10c

Old Fashioned Bitter Butter Scotch Patties, Buttercup Nut Centers, Sweets, 40c kind 29c lb. 10c lb. 15c

BUSY BOYS NEED STRONG SHOES

What boy is not busy on his feet from morning until night? This means good shoes. Never invest in cheap shoes for the youngsters—they are expensive in the end.

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Boys' sizes, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, at \$2.50 Youths' sizes, 1 to 2, at \$2.25 Little Gents' sizes, 10 1/2 to 13 1/2, at \$2.00

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SATURDAY SPECIALS

Table listing Saturday specials for various items like Large Navel Oranges, Florida Grape Fruit, Guaranteed Strictly Fresh Eggs, Best Creamery Butter, Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour, Shredded Wheat Rice, Lent Lettuce, Radishes, Hot House Cucumbers, Spring Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Lamb Stew, Beef Plate, and Butter.

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Courtney's OMAHA'S PURE FOOD CENTER

Had enough poultry for a while? Then take advantage of Saturday's low prices on low cuts.

- List of poultry items: Pork Roast (shoulder cuts) per lb. 6 1/2c, Fresh Hams, per lb. 9 1/2c, Roast Beef, shoulder cuts, (native steers) per lb. 9c, California Hams, per lb. 8 1/2c, Pig Pork Sausage, 1/2 lb. carton, at 15c, Beechnut Hams, best ever, per lb. 22c, From 9 to 10 p. m. we will sell one ton best Boiling Beef, at, per lb. 2 1/2c

LIQUOR DEPT.

- List of liquor items: California Claret, per gal. 99c, California Port Wine, per gal. \$1, California Sherry Wine, per gal. \$1, Fine Domestic Champagne, per quart 75c, Per pint 49c

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- List of fruit and vegetable items: Fresh Head Lettuce, 10c, Bellevue Celery, per dozen, up from 25c to 20c, Imported Endive, per lb. 30c, Lemons, per doz. 15c, Oranges, per doz. 12c, Imported Malaga Grapes, lb. 10c

GROCERY BARGAINS

- List of grocery items: Large jar best Preserves, in glass, regular price 60c, to close out, at 40c, Fancy Candle Shades, worth 75c to \$1.00, to close out at half price, Fig Newtons, per lb. 7c, Mixed Candy, per lb. 8c, Imported Sardines, per tin. 10c, Corn, per can 8c, Tomatoes, per can 11c, Fresh Eggs, per doz. 15c, Country Rolls, per lb. 20c, Best Creamery Butter, 1 lb. prints at 30c, New York Cream Cheese, per lb. at 20c, Domestic Swiss Cheese, per lb. 20c

Courtney & Co. 17th and Douglas Streets. Telephone Douglas 674. Private Exchange Connects All Departments.

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yet, that is what is practically said to you when you ask for an advertised article and are offered a substitute by a dealer. He would give you what you made up your mind you wanted, but for the fact that a substitute pays him a larger percentage of profit. Such a dealer's interest lies only in making as much money out of you as possible. The first-class dealer would have given you what you asked for, by that course admitting that you had a mind of your own and were capable of exercising it. Show the substitute that you have a mind of your own by getting WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

Men's Suits worth up to \$12.50, SALE PRICE \$5.00

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No guesswork as to serviceability if you buy here, for every garment is sold under our guarantee.

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Splendid assortment of neat plaids, stripes, fancy mixed and plaid colors, double or single breasted styles, all sizes— 7.50 sale price.

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Men's Overcoats—Splendid assortment of newest styles, sold regularly up to twenty dollars, in two lots, at 7.50-10.00

Youth's Long Pant Suits—All styles and materials, values to \$12.50, at 5.00-7.50

Boys' Knee Pants Suits—Good values at \$4.00— 2.95 sale price Saturday. Children's Overcoats all greatly reduced.

Special Sale of Rockers Saturday

A big sample line and all odd rockers will go at specially reduced prices Saturday and Monday. A greater opportunity for profitable buying never offered.

\$8.50 Rocker, quarter-sawed frame, seat upholstered in best quality leather, finely finished, great bargain, 5.50

\$14.50 solid mahogany rocker, a perfect beauty, a bargain at original price, will go on sale Monday and Saturday at 10.75

\$8.00 Birch, Mahogany Rocker, very large and roomy, finely finished, matchless bargain, sale price 5.85

\$10.50 Rocker—Solid quartered oak, fine rub finish, saddle seat, best value ever offered, 7.75 sale price

\$4.85 Oak Rockers, at \$3.50—A big line of sample oak rockers, greatly underpriced, at original marking— 3.50 choice

Music Special

Another great list of instrumental and vocal hits you should have

- List of music items: "When Sweet Marie Was Sweet Sixteen," (the very latest) Ballad, 15 Cents, "Merry Widow" Valse, 15 cents, "Road to Yesterday," Valse, by Melville Ellis, 15 cents, "Who, Me? I'm Not the Man," the latest coon song, 15 cents, "On the Homecoming," latest instrumental piece published, 15 cents, "My Virginia," Chas. K. Harris' great march song, 15 cents, "Red Wing," vocal or instrumental, 15 cents, "Love's Garden," Valse, very popular, 15 cents, "When the Winter Days Are Over," very pretty ballad, 15 cents, "When You Love Her and She Loves You," the waits craze of the west, 15c, "Old Faithful" march, 15 cents, "Could You Learn to Love a Little Girl Like Me?" the operatic sensation, 15 cts., "Two Blue Eyes," latest, 15 cents, "There's Another Picture in My Mamma's Frame," the latest child song, 15 cents, "Love Me and the World's Mine," published for all voices, 15 cents.

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Now that the time for coasting and other Winter sports is at hand, we want to speak a word of warning with particular reference to coasting.

On all streets on which there are street car tracks, and on all hills which cross or terminate on streets having street car tracks there is CONSTANT DANGER to those indulging in the exhilarating sport of coasting.

Men and women, as well as boys and girls, have lost their lives or have been seriously injured by dashing into moving or standing cars on their sleds or travelers.

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