

Christmas at the Churches.

At the Baptist church a very pleasant and successful entertainment was given Saturday evening...

At the First Presbyterian church beautiful Christmas exercises were held under the direction of Misses Fay Van-Boskirk and Bessie Mitchell...

The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church drew a large audience, Saturday evening to witness the exercises...

The Feast of Christmas 1904 was celebrated with due solemnity and devotion in the Catholic church...

M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Services will be held at the church as usual. Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

The Sunday school teacher's meeting will be held at the home of W. W. Norton with W. B. Wetherell next Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Bible Study class will be held at the home of E. J. Swanson, and also the Epworth League business meeting will be held on the same evening after the Bible study next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. James Bellwood Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The regular prayer meeting will be held in the basement of the church next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Services in the First Presbyterian church next Sunday at the usual hours. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the morning. It is expected that the Christmas music will be repeated in the morning.

Fireman Runyon and his good wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter December 21.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

General and Personal News of Alliance and Vicinity.

A Happy New Year to all! Have you made that resolution?

Miss Madge Hill returned today from a few days visit at Lincoln.

R. H. Watkins returned yesterday from a two weeks visit at Omaha and Fremont.

The Ladies' Union will be entertained next Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Carl Nelson.

Wm. Welch, a well known stockman of Bingham, transacted business in the metropolis Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gilman and family spent Xmas very enjoyably with Hemingford friends.

Mrs. Rustin, county superintendent, spent Christmas among friends and relatives at Hemingford.

Miss Della Strong, of Lakeside, spent the holidays in this city with her brother, R. C. Strong and family.

Geo. W. Young left last Saturday morning for Lincoln, where he will spend the holidays with his family.

A number of bursted water pipes throughout the city is the result of the sudden cold snap the first of the week.

Principal D. W. Hayes of the High school is in attendance at the state teachers meeting now in session in Omaha.

Ira Bushnell of the Palace meat market attended the masquerade ball at Hemingford Monday night and reports having had a good time.

Mrs. J. C. Minor of Lincoln is in our city spending a few days with her son, W. L. Minor, the traveling representative of the International Harvester Co.

The trains have been running considerably behind their schedule time for the past week, the delay being caused by the severe cold weather and heavy snows east and west of Alliance.

A number of the secret societies of Alliance will change their places of meeting to the Zbinden hall after Jan 1. Nine lodges have already been booked for this change.

The marriage of Lewis Montgomery, of Alliance and Miss Julia Johnson, of New Castle, Wyo., was solemnized at the M. E. parsonage yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. C. W. Ray.

The end of another year is upon us, and quite a number of Alliance merchants have already begun taking an inventory of their stocks preparatory to their stocking up with new goods for the spring trade.

J. B. Kniest is in town from Alliance, Neb., to visit for several days with his family. He arrived just in time to welcome a bright little stranger to the family circle, who came Saturday morning.—Carroll (Ia.) Sentinel.

Attorney J. E. Porter of Crawford was in the city Saturday on land office business. Mr. Porter was elected county attorney of Dawes county at the last election. There is only one thing wrong with Mr. Porter—his politics.

Edgar S. Bellwood came up from Avery, Saturday, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bellwood. Mr. Bellwood is manager of the St. Louis Press Brick company at Avery. He returned Wednesday.

Miss Loise Krajicek, the efficient clerk in Mr. Fletcher's insurance office, was treating her friends Monday with delicious bon bons, the Columbia Insurance company having sent her a large box as a Christmas remembrance.

Wm. Boland, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hill, who has been in a hospital at St. Joseph, Mo., for the past three weeks has had two operations performed on him for kidney trouble and word reaches us that he will have to undergo a third operation.

There is nothing so necessary for a people to enjoy a happy and prosperous year as to begin it aright. Every citizen of Alliance and Box Butte county should see to it that the year 1905 starts properly by calling at this office and order THE HERALD for the next twelve months. It will be a profitable investment.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brennan came up from their ranch at Orlando Saturday and spent the holidays with their relatives in this city.

Talk about your Christmas gift; well it wasn't in it with the one Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hutchinson received Christmas night, their present being a little daughter.

Mike and John Hagarty and sisters, Misses Mayme, Nora and Margaret came up from Bridgeport to spend Christmas under the parental roof. Their cousin, Miss Nora Ryan, accompanied them.

J. T. Foster of Selway, Mont., arrived a few days ago to visit friends in the northwest part of the county where he formerly resided. He has been in Montana three years and is prospering in the stock business. Mr. Foster is in town today.

Evau Sage, son of our popular station agent, L. S. Sage, came from the east last Saturday and is spending the vacation with his parents. Mr. Sage finished a course in the University of Chicago last summer and is now professor of latin in a college at Hillside, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McIntyre are enjoying a visit from their son Carl. He is now employed by the Canadian Pacific as conductor out of Nelson, British Columbia. Carl will visit his parents and many Alliance friends until after New Years when he will return to his field of labor via Denver.

Miss Bessie Perrin, who is studying medicine at the University of Colorado, is spending her vacation during the holidays on her homestead near Alliance, having arrived here Sunday evening. This is her third year in the school of medicine and will soon complete the course proscribed by the medical authorities, and, of course, capture the sheepskin.

Mrs. Martha A. Sullivan who came here three weeks ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Pardee, died Thursday. Mrs. Sullivan was 75 years of age and her home was at Joplin, Mo., where her remains were taken for interment this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Pardee. A funeral service was held at the home last evening by Rev. Dr. Bogue of the First Presbyterian church.

Alex Muirhead drove down from Hemingford last evening accompanied by his brother, Dr. A. L. Muirhead, who visited him a couple of days. The doctor practiced at Hemingford a few years ago but is now a resident of Omaha, where he is connected with the Creighton Medical college. The doctor and brother made THE HERALD a visit and chatted over old times at his former county seat.

Mike Elmore arrived in the city Saturday from Cumberland, Maryland, to spend Christmas with his mother and stay a couple of days looking after his business interests. He drove out to his ranch Monday and left Tuesday for Missouri going from there to Maryland. Mr. Elmore has lost none of his genial nature and as usual received a warm reception from his host of friends in this city. He was accompanied here by his son Michael who with Johnny returned to Maryland to enter school.

W. S. Raker of Gretna, Sarpy county, spent a couple of days in Alliance this week visiting a number of old time friends. Mr. Raker, who is postmaster of his town, is one of the most prominent republicans in the eastern part of the state, his name having been prominently before the congressional convention at Omaha last fall. He expressed himself as favorably impressed with the prosperous appearance of Alliance and thinks that this section of the state will continue to advance rapidly.

The school children will, after Jan. 9, have to lay aside the pleasures they are now enjoying and again settle down to their studies as that is the time set by the school board for the opening of the last half of the school year. Let each pupil take his or her place on that day with a firm determination to make it a profitable season of study to themselves and to their instructors, and then when the vacation of summer comes you can with satisfaction and pride, look back over your work and say, "Well done."

Sheriff and Mrs. Reed Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Reed, who have been in the East for the past six weeks visiting relatives and friends, returned home Monday. They report having had "a high old time." Among the most important places visited by them was Mr. Reed's old home and haunts in his boyhood days, but they are changed and there are many new faces that are filling the places of his acquaintances of younger days, some having died, while others have left Pennsylvania for the west, as he did. This was his first visit to his old home in twenty-two years. Among the places visited by them were: Sunbury and Williamsport, Pa., Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boone and Perry, Iowa. While in Washington they had the pleasure of viewing many national and historic places, and also had the honor of spending an evening with Congressman Kinkaid. They also looked in on one or two sessions of congress, just to see how the affairs of this nation were being handled by the men in whose hands they are entrusted. All in all it was a visit as well as a sight-seeing trip that will ever be remembered by them and envied by others. They were accompanied on their visit east by his brother, Emanuel Reed and wife of Perry, Iowa.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

Last Friday night the pupils of Misses Fanny McCoy and Mae Heath gave a joint entertainment in the Lutheran church which was attended by every one in both communities. There was barely standing room in the building, and all present enjoyed greatly the splendid literary program that had been carefully prepared by teachers and pupils. Both of these schools, No. 1 and No. 124 rank among the best in the county in large attendance and are presided over by two of the most energetic, progressive teachers who spare neither time nor labor that their pupils may be a credit to the county schools. The children of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wilson were among the visitors and participated in the program to the great pleasure of the audience.

Sensational Charges Withdrawn.

From the accompanying affidavit which we publish it evidently appears that there was a grave misunderstanding in the item which we published in last week's issue concerning certain charges and counter charges between F. W. Lester and W. C. Bayne. We are glad that the affair has been settled amicably and from the sworn statement here below it would appear that there was no foundation for those charges. The affidavit is as follows: State of Nebraska, Box Butte County, ss. I, W. C. Bayne, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I this day state that F. W. Lester never to my knowledge mis-treated myself or family and that the funds this day paid me are in full settlement for any charges I have made against him, and that the charges were made for the purpose of securing money which I am in need of. W. C. BAYNE. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December, 1904. D. W. BUTLER, Justice of the Peace.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the funeral services over the remains of James A. Rodgers were held at the Baptist church by Rev. G. C. Jeffers. The local lodge of Modern Woodmen assembled at their hall and having marched in a body to the residence of the deceased in South Alliance they escorted the remains to the church. The W. O. W. and the Royal Neighbors were also represented by delegations. Many artistic and appropriate floral designs presented by the local lodges and by sorrowing friends made manifest the esteem in which the deceased was held. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of people. The interment took place in Greenwood cemetery.

Season of Opera for Alliance.

Alliance has an opportunity to secure F. A. Wade's famous "Beggars" Prince Comic Opera company for two nights.

Manager Broome of the Phelan opera house, has on foot a plan which if it can be satisfactorily arranged will give lovers of good comic opera two nights of their favorite amusement by the above excellent organization, presenting on Tuesday evening, January 24, "Fra Diavolo" and on Wednesday evening "The Beggar Prince." The engagement depends on an advance subscription sale of at least 200 commutation books of four tickets to each book

at \$3. per book, which can be used as desired, all in one night or otherwise. These commutation tickets are a saving to subscribers inasmuch as all the best seats will be \$1, each.

The "Beggars Prince" company is a fine one of some thirteen years standing and contains some exceptionally fine singers among them being Irene Palmer, prima donna, soprano; Gertrude Hutchinson mezzo soprano; Lelia Thorne, soprano, Addie Mumford and Winifred Peterson, contraltos, F. W. Walters and Jay C. Taylor tenors, George Byron Bronti and Carl Lieberg, baritones, F. A. Wade and Jack Spaulding comedians, Iran Rudisal, musical director and a select chorus of excellent voices.

Any one desiring to help secure the company and at the same time first choice of seats "subscribers day" at the "wholesale" rate should call at Holsten's Pharmacy and sign the list for the number of commutation books desired.

Big Doings of M. W. A.

The Modern Woodmen will hold a grand rally at Alliance on February 7. Hon. A. R. Talbot of Lincoln, Head Consul of the order will deliver an address to the public in the afternoon and assist in the exemplification of the secret work in the evening at which time a large class of candidates will be adopted. Several nearby camps will be present. Remember the date and make up your mind to become a member of this grand beneficiary society.

The lovers of that class of operatic drama which "chases skeletons from forests, and paints landscapes in the brain of man," are soon to be favored by the arrival in Alliance of the jolly Della Pringle Stock Company. This is one of the greatest things of its kind ever seen in the western country, as it carries twenty people, band, orchestra and special scenery; besides all this it travels in its own private car, "The Della." At this time Miss Pringle is taking the larger cities of Iowa by storm, and the press of that state, with one accord, is singing the praises of herself and the most excellent company which she has rallied to her support. Especially is mention being made of Bill and Bob, the champion bag-punching bull dogs of the world, and one journal of good repute stakes upon authority that an offer of money, almost unbelievable as to the amount has been refused by Miss Pringle for these two marvelous canines; the offer is said to have been made by the Ringling people. All persons should drive dull care away for a season, and see this great combination at the Phelan Opera House for three evening performances, commencing Thursday, Jan. 5th, and for the matinee of Saturday, Jan. 7th.

The indications were that the weatherman did not fare well Christmas day, for he opened wide the throttle to his cold blast machine before the day had half passed and as a result nearly knocked the bottom out of the thermometers and drove inhabitants of part of the globe to their cozy corner on top of the stove. Have a well filled stocking and a fine repast next Christmas for him, which might have a tendency toward persuading him to give us milder weather on that day at least.

The entertaining and eloquent lecture delivered at the Congregational church Monday night by Comrade W. R. Akers, was listened to by a good audience with marked interest. Mr. Akers has bestowed much study on his subject, Jerusalem and its environments, and an evening is well spent in hearing him. His address was well supplemented by "The Wondrous Cross," sung by the male quartett.—Chadron Times.

Begin the New Year Right.

This is the proper time for everybody to balance accounts and thus find out "where they're at." The publisher of THE HERALD desires to do this and requests all persons having accounts against him to present same.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted us during our late bereavement.

MRS. J. A. RODGERS and FAMILY, G. T. RODGERS.

Good 4 room house for rent. P. J. Nolan. 2-3t.

SAT'RDAY DEC. 31st. WILL BE THE HORACE BOGUE STORE. Every ticket presented in red will count for double value in cashing them up. PLEASE CASH TICKETS BY JANUARY 5T.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

B. S. Cavin Sentenced for Six Years and Charles Brown Three.

His Honor, Judge W. H. Westover arrived in the city Wednesday morning and convened a special term of court in the forenoon. Benjamin S. Cavin who committed an assault on a young girl last week, mention of which was made in last week's issue, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of six years at hard labor. Cavin is 75 years of age. It is our opinion that he will be a subject for the asylum inside of six months.

Charles H. Brown, colored, who broke into the section house at Girard Christmas day securing a considerable amount of money and jewelry, also plead guilty and was given three years at hard labor.

Sheriff Reed took the prisoners to Lincoln yesterday.

A representative of THE HERALD from a personal talk with our advertisers, learns that a very satisfactory holiday trade has been tendered them and as a matter of fact they have enjoyed a splendid trade throughout the entire year.

The Christmas exercises at Lakeside were pronounced a most excellent entertainment. They were in charge of an Alliance boy, A. E. Judson who is teaching school there this winter.

A large number of Alliance people attended a dance at Hemingford Monday evening. They all report having had a fine time. Chas. Bachman of this city furnished the music.

Along with our fancy hand painted China and Haviland china, we have glassware, lamps and white and decorated dinner sets at a surprisingly low figure. Geo. Darling.

Can you afford to do without the official publication of the county for 1905 when it can be had for the small sum of \$1.50 in advance?

The boys and girls say that hugging (the stove) was an exceedingly pleasant pastime last Sunday evening, and no turning down of lights.

Messrs Ernest Olday and Charley Benikman visited among their many friends at Hemingford, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Keefe, of Hemingford, spent Sunday and Monday in Alliance the guests of relatives.

Register Bruce Wilcox and family are visiting Mrs. Wilcox's parents at Bridgeport this week.

The Social hour club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. L. A. Shawver.

H. C. Armstrong passed through this city yesterday enroute from Omaha to Sheridan.

Don't forget George Darling's house-furnishing store when in need of goods in his line.

James Collins, living north of Alliance has been seriously ill for several days.

Tinware, enameled ware and all kitchen utensils at Geo. Darling's.