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FRIDAY, DECEMBER, 25, 1896.

There will be a special meeting of S. A. Douglas Post G. A. R. on Tuesday evening, Dec. 29.

Manager Lloyd has booked Jules Waters' "Side Tracked" company for the evening of January 5th.

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Northrup left Wednesday night for Belvidere, Neb., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Deputy Sheriff Keliher returned Tuesday night from Lincoln, where he turned John Curtin over to the warden of the penitentiary.

Ed Erichson now rides a Sterling bicycle which he won in a raffle Tuesday night. The wheel was formerly owned by Walker Hainline.

W. W. Scott, the Sunday school missionary, returned Tuesday from Tamora, where he went to recuperate several months ago after being injured in a runaway.

The receipts at the express office Wednesday night and Thursday were very heavy, the bulk of which were small parcels representing Christmas presents.

Helen Patterson celebrated her sixth birthday Tuesday evening by inviting about twenty of her young friends to her home. Plenty of fun and eatables were provided these little people and they enjoyed very much.

C. P. Ross returned Tuesday night from Keith county where he had been for a week on business connected with the Alfalfa irrigation ditch, of which he is the engineer in charge. He says about one-half of the dirt on the ditch has been removed.

Deputy county clerk Hoffman finished making up the 1896 tax list Wednesday and has turned it over to the county treasurer. On account of the increased assessment ordered by the county commissioners last spring the list is much larger than last year, the total amounting to \$140,922.48. This is quite a sum of money.

E. B. Heinz and Miss Rohanna Clark were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother in the Third ward. Rev. Verner performing the ceremony in the presence of a number of invited guests. THE TRIBUNE unites with acquaintances in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Heinz a pleasant and prosperous future.

J. E. Bush had an encounter with a playful calf Monday and the animal succeeded in knocking Joe out in the first round. The latter's injuries consisted in a sprained back, which laid him up for several days. With the aid of a cane he is now able to get around. H. C. Blickensderfer filled prescriptions at McCabe's drug store while Mr. Bush was disabled.

The result of the school bond meeting last Friday did not prove satisfactory to citizens generally and on Saturday evening next a committee of three from each ward will meet in conference with the Board of Education and decide as to what is really needed in the way of a new building or additions to the present buildings. This is probably the better way to get at the matter, for then it can be ascertained more definitely what amount of bonds should be voted.

It is learned that there is a disposition on the part of some North Platte merchants to conduct their business on as nearly a cash basis as possible on and after Jan. 1st. This paper has always contended that a pay-as-you-go policy is fully as profitable to the buyer as to the seller, and it has no reason now for changing its view. Doing business on a cash basis encourages frugality on the part of the purchaser and saves the merchant from accumulating a lot of bad debts which sooner or later will cause him financial embarrassment.

This (Thursday) evening the Lutheran, the Methodist and the Baptist Sunday-schools will hold exercises appropriate to Christmas. The Lutheran school will hold its exercises at the church and in addition to the usual tree will have a service known as "Holly and Mistletoe." The Methodist school will give a cantata at Keith's hall, to which the public will be admitted upon the payment of a small fee. The Baptist school will hold services at the church, and ample provisions have been made for the happiness of the little people. To-morrow evening the Presbyterian school will be treated to a nice supper at Keith's hall, and on the same evening the Episcopal Sunday-schools will have a tree at the church followed by a supper at the guild house. The Catholic school will have exercises but the nature of such was not learned.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Lena Meyers returned to Fremont this morning.

Colonel Cody leaves Saturday on a business trip to New York City.

John Hinman was an Omaha visitor the early part of the week.

R. L. Graves will spend Christmas with his parents in Council Bluffs.

Judge Grimes returned Wednesday evening from a brief visit to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Baldwin go to Lexington to spend Christmas with friends.

Mrs. Saml. Smith, Miss Smith and Dr. Paul are visiting friends in Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. White will eat their Christmas turkey at the ranch in Dawson county.

Mrs. Frank Toillion, of Nichols left Wednesday morning for a visit with friends in Missouri.

Miss Maud Hinman, who had been in Omaha for several weeks returned to the city Tuesday night.

S. K. Ross came down from Rawlins, Wyo., Wednesday night and will visit his family during the holidays.

Mrs. Jeannette Adamson went to Holdrege this morning to pass Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Jennings.

Arthur Strahorn and Alfred Gilman came home from Lincoln Wednesday night. Charley Hendy will be home to-night.

A FINE PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of the Christmas services at the Episcopal church, commencing at 10:30. The music will have orchestral accompaniment:

- Processional, "In His rude manger bed" Roney. Venite.....Millard Gloria Patri.....Danks Te Deum Laudamus.....Shuey Jubilate.....Greenwalt Introit "Shout the glad tidings".....Hymn 58 Kyrie Eleison.....Wilkinson Gloria Tibi.....Garlichs Hymn "It came upon a midnight clear".....59 SERMON. Gloria Patri.....Wilkinson OFFERTORY. Violin Solo by Prof. Garlichs.....Demuth Presentation of aims, Doxology.....Hymn 498 Ter Sanctus.....Wilkinson Hymn, "Bread of the world".....55 Gloria in Excelsis.....Wilkinson Recessional, "Rise crowned with light".....Hymn 587

Geo. M. Smith, of Pine Bluffs, Wyo., was in town yesterday and purchased forty acres of land from W. M. Hinman. Mr. Smith now owns eighty acres under the Suburban ditch, having previously purchased forty acres.

Otto Egstrom, living six miles north of Hershey, had his left hand caught in a corn-sheller yesterday and lost four fingers. He was in the act of feeding in the last ear of corn to be shelled when the accident occurred. Drs. Donaldson and McCabe of this city were summoned and found it necessary to amputate each of the four fingers at the second joint.

Indications are favorable for ice-making weather in the near future, so says the weather bureau. Wm. Eddis says that ice on his lake has about "held its own" for the past ten days, being about seven inches thick. The U. P. company filled its small house with ice from the Gothenburg lake and then suspended shipments until after Christmas. Dick Kellner has his lake in good condition and is only waiting for some below zero weather.

The Methodist people of this city recently purchased a cook stove and sent it to Rev. Bryant, of Wallace, who a week or so ago lost all his household goods by a fire which burned the house in which he lived. Rev. Bryant and family have sent the following card of thanks with the request that it be published: We wish through your columns to say to all those who contributed to purchase the cook stove for us, thank you. We shall endeavor each day to walk more worthy of your kindness and may it be bread cast upon the waters that shall return to you, is our prayer.

We have a few : : : NICE PIECES OF CHINA which we want to close out. A pretty little souvenir spoon with a 50-cent purchase. CLINTON, The Jeweler.

The Goodman home, which is noted for its hospitality, was the scene of an exceptionally pleasant party on Wednesday evening in which Messrs. Ed and George Goodman figured as hosts. The amusement provided for the guests was as enjoyable as it was varied and included card playing, dancing and skating on the lake, followed by the serving of suitable refreshments. The attendants express themselves as having had a most agreeable evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Roth, Misses Minnie Sorenson, Gertie Grady, Margaret Kocken, Nellie Hartman, Miss Burston, Miss Hoover and Adda Kocken and Messrs. Hongland, Langford, McDonald, White, Bock, Hendy, DeBerry and Dugan.

Santa Claus Headquarters. Toys, Dolls and Fancy Articles, and a Store Full of Christmas Goods. Come in and see them. C. M. Newton.

It Has Paid Others, It Will Pay You. To come and inspect our new line of goods for the Holiday trade. We will sell you goods cheaper than you can buy the same article in Omaha or Chicago. Yours for low prices and good goods, HARRY DIXON, Jeweler and Engraver. ALL GOODS ENGRAVED FREE OF CHARGE.

Rennie's SPECIAL SALE From now till after Christmas. All Our Coats and Capes go at Half Price. Our fine \$20 and \$25 plush capes.....\$12.00. Our fine \$12 and \$15 plush capes..... 7.50. Fine \$18 and \$20 fur capes..... 12.00. All our capes and coats must be closed out regardless of cost. We have just received a large line of French china and cut glass ware, now on exhibition. A large line of Silk Mufflers, and Genuine Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Also a large line of Seal Muffs in prices from \$2.50 to \$15.00. We offer in our dress goods department this week our \$1.75 black silk at \$1.25 per yard. We have also a few fine dress patterns in silk and wool, in all colors, now \$8.00, former price \$12.00. We also carry the finest line of men's, ladies' and children's shoes in the city. Call and be convinced at RENNIE'S. RENNIE'S. RENNIE'S.

Red Men's Masquerade Ball, Jan. 22d, 1897.

The county commissioners adjourned Wednesday evening to meet next Tuesday.

W. C. Elder returned Wednesday from a trip to his farm over in Medicine precinct.

All members of the O. E. S. are requested to meet at Masonic hall, Sunday Dec. 27, 1896, at four o'clock P. M.

Mrs De ETTE BAKER, W. M.

Several North Platte teachers will attend the meeting of the state teachers' association, which convenes in Lincoln the early part of next week.

Broncho Jack has selected for his subject this evening "The Biggest Liar in North Platte." It is safe to say that individual will not be present.

For sale—Show cases and fixtures at Thoelecke's.

Rev. Fisher has secured a room in the Bratt building as a studio and is executing some commendable work. The Doctor is very clever with the brush.

Wm. Eddis is this week putting up on his ranch south of town a 10-foot Mogul windmill which will furnish part of the power required in operating his irrigation plant.

Smoke Wright's Royal Sports and Havana Rose 5-cent cigar.

C. O. Weingand has received an order from the Standard Oil Co. which entitles him to a big fat Christmas turkey and a can of extra select oysters. The Standard Company each Christmas provides each of its agents with the foundation for a good dinner.

Prior to my removal to my new quarters in the Meyer building I will make a cut price on many goods in stock. If you wish to secure bargains that are bargains, call at my store before January 1st. Mrs. G. S. HUFFMAN.

Broncho Jack, the cow-boy revivalist, talked to a large audience on the streets Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening held his meeting in the room next to Streitz's drug store. Jack has a rather homely way of expressing himself but man ages to hold an audience in pretty fair shape.

L. W. Russell, of Glenwood, Iowa, representing Friend Bros. celebrated line of tailor made clothing, was in town Wednesday. This is the firm that made Milwaukee famous as a clothing market, and have always been noted for the superior fit and finish of their garments.

An item which appeared in these columns two or three issues since have led some to infer that Geo. W. Dillard intended going out of the coal business. Mr. Dillard will continue in business at the old stand and will be ever ready to supply the wants of those who want good coal and full weight.

A turkey shoot is announced for Christmas forenoon on the shooting ground of the local gun club.

Geo. W. Vroman was in Omaha this week attending the hearing of the U. P. employes relative to the disposition of the money paid into the hospital fund.

Otto Thoelecke has been training down his pack of greyhounds preparatory to taking them out on a coyote hunt. He was up on the Birdwood a week or so ago with the hounds and succeeded in running down six coyotes.

Watches, clocks and jewelry at cost at Thoelecke's.

The recent forced payment of personally taxes was a mighty good thing for the county, but coming as it did just before Christmas the merchants were deprived of several thousand dollars worth of holiday trade which they otherwise would have received.

H. C. Rennie yesterday received the finest as well as the largest music box ever shipped to North Platte. Yesterday customers at the store were privileged to hear the sweet tones of this instrument and each declared it the finest they had ever heard.

If you want to give a present that will be appreciated as a work of art as well as a token of remembrance, buy something from the magnificent line of French and Carlsbad novelties in Chinaware at Harrington & Tobin's.

The weather forecast: Partly cloudy and warmer with snow flurries tonight and Friday. The maximum temperature yesterday at North Platte was 34, minimum in past 24 hours 22; precipitation 0. For the same period and time one year ago the maximum temperature was 40, minimum 25, at 7 A. M. 30; precipitation 0.4 of an inch.

Wednesday afternoon Judge Ray issued a document which will give to William A. Loker the legal right to wed Miss Carrie Dymond. The prospective bride is a very popular and efficient school teacher of Nichols precinct and is a young lady possessing many excellent and admirable traits. Mr. Loker is a popular young man and a progressive farmer who resides near Hershey.

Watches, clocks and silverware at your own price at Thoelecke's.

Wallace Baskins had his meat market trimmed up in elegant shape yesterday. The carcasses of beaves, hogs and sheep were tastily decorated with tri-colored ribbons, and one end of the market was a solid mass of poultry artistically arranged. It was a display that was certainly creditable to the proprietor. Photographer Broach took a view of the interior of the market.

THE SOUTHERN GIRL.

An Attempt to Analyze a Young Woman Who Is Superior to Analysis.

The southern girl is many sided. She is mettlesome and sentimental, practical and fanciful by turns, apt to dance divinely and to flirt and to be not overcareful nor overindustrious, but she never forgets to say her prayers, and she has unshakable faith in humankind.

In man she believes implicitly. She may not believe all the rapturous things he says to her, but she credits him with generous impulses, thinks him capable of all the higher emotions and values him as a comrade, an admirer and a repository for romantic confidence. If he tumbles out of the niche where she has put him, she wonders, but is willing to regard the case as an exception and to set him up again, after due scolding and punishment. She has unbounded confidence in his ability for smoothing over rough places for her and removing any obstacles that may rise in her path. Men are always good to women, she thinks—her father is, and so is her brother and her cousin Jim.

The southern girl enjoys with all her heart. She likes music and motion and life and color and plenty of nice people about her saying pleasant things. She likes all this, but she is seldom mercenary. Reared usually among simple surroundings, the greed for money has not entered into her soul. It is possible for her to have attained her twentieth year and never to have dined or supped outside of a private house in her life. She likes the person who pleases her, independent of his extrinsic surroundings, and at any time will slight the attentions of a "good match" to devote herself to the man whose waltz step suits her and who has power of entertaining.

She is ingenious and tactful, with all her dawdling ways and languid airs. She can turn her last season's ball dress upside down and inside out and make it look almost as good as new, and she can darn the parlor curtains almost as well as grandmother could and change the furniture round so that the shabby spots will be in the shade. She can arrange a dish of fruit to resemble a poem, make an evening bonnet out of next to nothing, and, last but not least, she can rattle off nonsense with an infectious delight that makes her the life of whatever company she is in.

The southern girl or woman born in the murky atmosphere of the late sixties, imperfectly educated, debarred from advantages which her parents craved for her, will give the stranger an impression of culture which perhaps a critical examination would not bear out.

The southern girl is a paradox, with her capacity for unselfishness and absurdity, with her pride and scorn of petty meanness and her serious strivings after the economical. She will buy flowers for the table even if the larder is empty, and if she gets a windfall in the form of a legacy she will put half of it in a marble cross for the church and the other half in some jewel for personal adornment, even though new curtains and carpets and whole everyday gowns are a crying need in the household.

The new woman finds little encouragement in the south. She sends out her piping notes to the northern suffrage societies and offers petitions to the state assemblies, but the popular voice is against her, and sometimes it comes out that the woman's suffrage associations of the south, so much talked about, have membership only sufficient to furnish the necessary officers.—New York Sun.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

An examination for teacher's certificates will be held in my office on Saturday, January 26th, 1897, instead of regular examination day, which was on the 19th inst. MRS. FLORA FRANKLIN County Supt.

Teachers—Lincoln.

For the annual meeting of the state teachers' association to be held at Lincoln, December 28-31, the Union Pacific will sell tickets at one rate for the round trip from points in Nebraska. Call and get rates, limit of tickets, etc. N. B. OLDS, Agent.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank, At North Platte, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business, December 17th, 1896. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts.....\$19,254 95 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 21 97 U. S. bonds to secure circulation..... 12,500 00 Premiums on U. S. bonds..... 1,625 00 Stocks, securities, etc..... 14,712 08 Banking-house, furniture and fixtures..... 22,912 49 Other real estate and mortgages owned..... 4,874 84 Due from approved banks (not reserve)..... 363 22 Due from national reserve agents..... 19,564 57 Checks and other cash items..... 1,120 16 Notes of other national banks..... 425 00 Fractional paper currency, nickels and coins..... 7 80 LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN HAND, VIZ: Specie..... \$3,600 00 Legal tender notes..... 5,964 00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (five per cent of circulation)..... 502 50 Total..... \$39,078 13 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in..... \$500,000 00 Surplus fund..... 22,500 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..... 97 30 National Bank notes outstanding..... 11,250 00 Due to State Banks and bankers..... 506 06 Individual deposits subject to check..... 69,022 74 Demand certificates of deposit..... 2,205 20 Time certificates of deposit..... 52,916 57 Total..... \$39,078 13 State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss. I, Arthur McNamara, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. ARTHUR McNAMARA, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of December, 1896. ANNIE C. KRAMER, Notary Public Correct—Attest: E. F. SEEBERGER, (Directors, PLATT A. WHITE.)

Christmas Goods

In almost endless variety will be found in our store. The stock is still large and you will experience no difficulty in making suitable selections. As to prices—well you know this is the cheapest store in North Platte.

The Wilcox Dept. Store.

We Sell Furniture.

There is no two ways about that. We sell it cheap too. We have all grades from the cheapest to the best. Just now our stock is very complete. You can find a good Christmas present for the young or the old. Something in the line of Fancy Rockers at very Low Prices.

Folding Beds, Chiffoners, Side Boards, Chamber Suits, Household Sewing Machines, Stands in Onyx Wood and Reed, Book Cases and Desks, Couches and Lounges, Easels, Slipper Cases, Foot-stools and many other articles at extremely Low Prices.

We have just received a new line of Picture Moulding and if you expect to get your pictures framed before the holidays, bring them in now. We have Feathers, Down and Hair by the pound for cushions or pillows. Call and see us in our new location.

E. B. WARNER. Odd Fellows' Block.

A Glimpse of Rosa Bonheur.

Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Avery went down to By one morning to see Mrs. Rosa Bonheur at her country place on the outskirts of the forest of Fontainebleau. Her well appointed trap met them at the station and carried them to the house in time for luncheon. Mrs. Bonheur poured out their wine for them herself, and they talked of the forest and the beautiful surroundings of her home. "Yes," she said, "but I hear them cutting down trees in the forest sometimes, and every blow of the ax hurts my heart." She had met Mr. August Belmont and had received commissions from him to paint two pictures when he was United States minister at The Hague. She had told him that she was exceedingly busy and couldn't paint them very soon, and he had said: "How long must I wait? One year, two years? I am getting old, and I want them soon." She asked him how old he was, and when he said, "Seventy-one," she replied, "That is my age too." So she shook hands with him and told him she would paint the pictures for him at once.

Mrs. Bonheur related this incident to her visitors and added: "Mr. Belmont is a great Democrat, isn't he? When will he be elected president of the United States?" She evidently thought his chances were very good, but Mr. Vanderbilt told her he thought they were about as good as his own, and his he considered painfully small, so Mrs. Bonheur was enlightened on American politics. "At this time," says Mr. Avery, "she did not seem at all old. She had a refined, womanly face and a very sweet voice. Her temperament was bright and gay and her manner charming."—William A. Coffin in Century.

Authorities on Forestry say that

75 years are required for the oak to reach maturity; for the ash, larch and elm, about the same length of time; for the spruce and fir, about 80 years. After this time their growth remains stationary for some years, and then decay begins. There are, however, some exceptions to this, for oaks are still living which are known to be 1,000 years old.

What has become of your backer?

"I guess I worked him too hard," replied that eminent tragedian. "I killed the goose by pulling his golden leg, as the proverb goes."—Indianapolis Journal.

Among the peasants of Holland the gift of a straw between lovers is considered as indicating a hope of concord; finding a broken straw symbolizes a coming quarrel.