

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Frank Dunn spent the week end with his parents in Wood River.

Miss Irene O'Donnell is spending the holidays with relatives in Rawlins.

For Rent—House at 813 West 11th street. 96-5*

Aveline Gates expects to leave next week for Des Moines to study pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seaton are spending a fortnight with relatives in Wellfleet.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Luby and baby are visiting the former's parents in Giltner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tolle are visiting with relatives in Kansas City this week.

Charles Stevens, of Cozad, has been the guest of Merle Laws for several days past.

Dr. Brock, Dentist, has moved his office to the Reynolds building over Stone's Drug Store. 83tf

Miss Able, of the Block alteration department, is visiting this week in Lawrence, Neb.

Jack Gaver left Friday evening for Grand Island and Omaha to spend a few days with relatives.

Frank Garman, of Omaha, came to spend the holidays with his brothers Ralph and Clarence Garman.

Miss Ruey Shaner, who has been visiting her parents in Maxwell, is expected to return tomorrow.

Miss Loretta Murphy has returned from Columbus, where she was the guest of Miss Gertrude Herrod.

Charles Martini, Jr., returned to Omaha Sunday evening after visiting the home folks for several days.

Wilmet Boyle, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia for some time, is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frederic returned yesterday from Boulder where they visited relatives for ten days.

Miss Mildred Pizer, of Grand Island, came a few days ago to visit her cousin, Miss Mayme Pizer, indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Simon and children left a few days ago for Hastings to visit relatives for a week or more.

Paul Roddy and sister Marguerite expect to go to Sibley, Ia., this week to visit their cousins for a week or more.

Mrs. Gus Chamberlain and son Valdamar, of Denver, came yesterday to visit her father, P. H. Sullivan, for a week.

Mrs. C. S. Sawyer, Jr., of Cheyenne, came down yesterday morning to visit C. S. Sawyer and family for a fortnight.

Master Howard Purdy returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit with relatives in Portland.

Maurice J. Cronin, of Sibley, Iowa, is expected here next week to visit his uncles Messrs. James and Joseph Roddy.

Wanted—Woman for housework on ranch; middle aged preferred; permanent place for right party. Address Box 35, Broadwater, Neb. tf

Lewis M. Triester and Mrs. Effie Easton Leib were married Saturday morning at eleven o'clock by Justice Sullivan.

Miss Katherine Seyferth, assistant in Dr. Quigley's office in Omaha, came Friday to spend a couple of weeks with her mother.

Misses Esther Schwaiger and Dorothy Hubbard, of the Kearney normal, are spending the holidays with the home folks.

Miss Merle Thornburg, who has been employed in Grand Island for several months, came a few days ago to visit her mother.

Miss Ada Boutwell, stenographer for Wilcox & Halligan, left a few days ago for Topeka, Kansas, to spend her vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cramer and son returned Friday from St. Paul, Neb., where they had been visiting the former's parents for ten days.

Clarence Shaul, formerly of this city, who has been a resident of Lincoln for several months, is visiting with local friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hogg and baby returned home yesterday morning after visiting with Mrs. Hogg's mother, Mrs. E. Craigie, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Millet, of Sedgwick, came a few days ago to visit with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tatum for two weeks.

Miss Tess Gannon, of Victor, Iowa, came recently to make an extended visit with her cousins Misses Carrie and Ethel Frye and Miss Vaunita Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grannell, of Big Springs, have been visiting their son Ernest Grannell for some time. The former returned home yesterday morning.

MANY FARMERS MEET TO OPPOSE DRAINAGE

Sixty-five land owners in the valley west of town attended a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Farmers' Exchange. The meeting was called for the purpose of protesting against the formation of the proposed drainage district, and had been called by a previous meeting of those opposed. At the previous meeting a temporary organization had been effected and at the meeting yesterday a permanent organization was effected by the election of J. C. Wilson, president; Albert Muldoon, secretary; and Julius Pizer, treasurer. While not all those present were opposed to the drainage proposition, a big majority were, and quite a few so expressed themselves in no uncertain tones.

A motion was made to have Engineer Jessup, who has been ascertaining the cost of the ditch and explaining its advantages, talk to the meeting, but this was voted down on the ground that the meeting was called for the purpose of organizing opposition to the district.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city was criticized for passing resolutions endorsing the drainage district, and in a resolution passed it was requested that in the future it keep its hand off the matter—that it, as an organization, should neither favor nor oppose the district. The general feeling was that those directly interested could manage their own affairs without outside help or interference.

It was voted to levy twenty-five cents on each eighty acres of land owned by the protestants to cover any expense that might be incurred.

Two or three in the audience said that they had come to the meeting to learn facts in regard to the proposition, but gave evidence that they had been disappointed. At times there were indications that horns might be locked, but everything passed off harmoniously.

The opponents to the drainage district contend that some of them having already put in ditches (about twenty miles all told), and want first to try them out; others have not yet paid all the tax caused by taking over the North Platte irrigation ditch and want to be free from that before being further taxed; others claim their farms are heavily mortgaged and the proposed assessment of \$13 per acre on the land to be benefitted would cause them to lose the land; others think that the engineer's estimate is too low and that thorough drainage will cost \$50 per acre; and still others who say they are satisfied with present conditions.

To organize the district will require a petition signed by a majority of acres in the district, which would be about 20,500 acres. The drainage boosters claim to have over 10,000 acres represented on their petition and gaining every day; the opponents claim about 16,000 acres on the protest. Those who have not signed the petition or the protest constitute the missionary field in which the contending factions will labor this week.

If the petition for the district reaches the next term of court—where the application for the organization must be presented—there is only about ten days for campaign work, as the application must be published five weeks before being presented to the court.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE DRAWS BIG CROWD

North Platte's initial municipal Christmas tree in the court house park Friday evening attracted a big crowd and was voted a success. The tree was a big one, and trimmed with tinsel, electrically lighted, and surmounted by a brilliant star, presented a pretty picture. The ground was covered with snow, but around the tree broad paths had been cleared, and the kiddies and grown-ups were not compelled to stand in the snow during the exercises. The evening was frosty but not uncomfortably cold. Mayor Evans made a five-minute opening address on the "Christmas Spirit," and a half hundred girls under the leadership of Prof. Garlich sang several Christmas hymns to the accompaniment of a three-piece orchestra.

The children were then formed in line and marched through the corridor of the court house and handed their packages of candy by R. S. Birge, who was costumed as Santa Claus. One thousand packages had been prepared, and when the line of kiddies had passed there were but eight packages left.

The Ladies of the Twentieth Century Club are to be commended for giving North Platte its first community Christmas tree.

EVENTS IN SOCIETY

The Tillikum Girls' Club will hold a leap year dance at the Masonic hall Thursday evening.

Final arrangements are being made for the thirty-third annual ball of the B of L F. and E. which will be held at the Lloyd opera house Friday evening, December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Arrow-smith, of Ogallala, have been the guests of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Clough. The former returned home yesterday morning.

A large number of local people attended a social dance at Paxton Saturday evening and another party of young folks from town were guests at a dance at Bignell the same evening.

The Zenda dancing club held a very enjoyable Christmas dance at the Masonic hall Saturday evening. The music was excellent, the floor in good condition and the attendance larger than usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Swope entertained at their annual Pennsylvania dinner last evening at eight o'clock. The decorations were in keeping with the holiday season and the dinner served in four courses. The guests were former residents of Pennsylvania.

Master Delmar Bailor entertained a number of his young friends at an afternoon party Friday in honor of his fifth birthday anniversary. The afternoon was spent in playing games and the little host received a number of pretty gifts. Nice refreshments were served.

Mrs. Frank Rork was hostess at a Christmas dinner. The table decorations were of the Christmas colors. Covers were laid for twelve. Delightful music by Miss Hattie Hatfield added to the pleasure of the occasion. The hostess received many useful as well as beautiful gifts, among them was a box from Mrs. William Holtman, nee Miss Hazel Rork, of Colorado Springs, containing a large bunch of carnations for her father's grave. XX

Harold Pullum, of Brady, was a guest at the Fitzpatrick home this week.

Miss Mabel Martin, of Omaha, is visiting this week with Miss Mildred Fitzpatrick.

Mrs. Dora Hearn, of Chadron, came a few days ago to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tiley.

Misses Florence and Nanine Iddings entertained a number of friends at an afternoon tea yesterday.

Grover Van Nordhien and Charles Van Patten, of Hastings, were guests at the Ogier home this week.

Ernest Casey, of Portland, formerly of this city, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Casey.

Miss Erma Scherbacher left a few days ago for Guide Rock to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Fred Hartman, of Morris, Ill., who has been visiting his parents for a few days past, will leave Thursday.

Ray Bucktel, of Brady, came up a few days ago to visit his sister Mrs. Arthur Horn for a week or more.

Mrs. J. E. Evans entertained the members of the P. E. O. at a Christmas tea the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Thompson and baby, of Chappell, are spending two weeks with their parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, who have been residing here for several months, left a few days ago for Lexington to reside.

For Sale.

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The Villa On the Hill

By EUNICE BLAKE

Sherbourne was one of those young men into whose laps an unjust fate pours boundless wealth.

Sherbourne's pile was about twenty millions. At twenty-one he found himself in possession of it all, and it was so well invested that he had nothing to do but put it in bank as fast as it came in. He soon tired of this and hired a man to do it for him. Then he went abroad to see the world.

One day while running about in an auto in Italy he saw a girl crossing the road ahead of him. She was dressed neither as a peasant nor a lady, but between the two. In her hand she carried a basket of berries. On a hill near by was an imposing villa. Sherbourne was wondering who lived there when he reached the girl crossing the road.

"Can you tell me, signorina," he asked in a mixture of Italian and Latin, seasoned with a little English, "who inhabits that villa up there on the hill?"

"The Princess Angela Farini."

"Much land with it?"

"Many acres, signor."

"H'm," said Sherbourne half to the girl and half musingly. "I wonder if it is for sale."

"Are you an American?" she asked.

"Yes. Why do you ask?"

"You Americans wish to buy everything you see. I don't think you can buy this place, however."

"I presume there is no harm in trying, is there?"

"Oh, no!"

"I don't think land can be worth much about here. The more a person owns the worse he is off on account of the taxes."

"You might make the princess an offer. She is alone in the world, her parents being dead. She is much attached to the place, but on account of loneliness would prefer city life."

"Thank you very much for your information." And Sherbourne drove on.

When Sherbourne came to the entrance of the place he turned in and ascended the hill, admiring the expanding view as he rose. He thought that he would like to settle down on the place, collect a library and spend his days reading. He had not yet reached an age where a man realizes that a home is no home at all without a woman in it. At any rate, he made up his mind to buy it, and when Bob Sherbourne made up his mind to buy anything he considered it as good as purchased. Driving up to the entrance of the villa he alighted.

"I have called," he said to a liveried lackey who admitted him "to ask if the Princess Farini would consider an offer for her place."

The flunkey showed the visitor into a cozy reception room, then disappeared. Presently he returned and asked how much the signor would give. Sherbourne made an offer of 500,000 lire (\$100,000). The lackey, after several trips to and from the would be purchaser, at last brought him a card of a real estate agent in Rome, with a message that the agent would deal with him. He went to Rome and finally purchased the place and everything in it for half a million dollars.

He had occupied it a month when one day while driving by a small villa near the foot of the hill on which his place stood he saw the signorina he had met in the road some time before. She was dressed like a lady and was watering some flowers. Sherbourne pulled up, lifted his hat and told her that he had made the purchase of which he had spoken to her, adding that he was sorry he had done so—he had found it lonely. The lady said that she had heard the princess was sorry she had sold her home. After some further conversation, during which it came out that the lady knew the princess, she said she would see her and learn if she would buy it back. Sherbourne was to call for a reply the next day.

When he called he was invited into the villa, and negotiations were opened, this time the princess dealing through her friend instead of the agent. The friend proved attractive, and Sherbourne prolonged the bargaining in order to enjoy her society. At the end of a month she had him enthralled. He proposed to her and was accepted.

Sherbourne now declared that he would not sell his villa. He and his bride would occupy it together. To this his fiancée agreed, but later said that she would not like to offend the princess, who had been kind to her, and Sherbourne was obliged to resell his place. His fiancée, however, informed him that the princess had graciously permitted her to be married to the villa on the hill.

When the day of the wedding came round Sherbourne drove to his former abode, and when his bride appeared he noticed that she wore a coronet. Surprised, he asked if her friend the princess had loaned it to her for the bridal.

"I am the princess," was the reply.

"You the princess!" exclaimed the groom.

"Yes; the day I met you I was roaming about my property in common costume, as is my habit, to pick berries. I saw that you were a rich American and concluded to sell my property to you, which is all I have of worldly goods. Then it occurred to me to get it back with you also."

"You need not take me with it unless you like," said Sherbourne, miffed.

"I like."

Mrs. M. H. Douglas and niece left yesterday morning for Omaha where the latter will take medical treatment.

Mrs. James Guyman was called to Schuyler recently by the illness of her nephew Joseph Doyle who died a few days ago.

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