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MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE MONDAY EVENING AT 7:30.

The committee having in charge the municipal Christmas tree desires The Tribune to correct the impression that the tree is only for the children who might not otherwise share the pleasure of a tree. This is a community tree, and every child present will be presented with a gift, and in the package he or she receives there will be included a ticket to the "movies."

The exercises will begin promptly at 7:30 Monday evening, though the tree will be lighted Sunday evening just as a reminder that the dawn of Christmas is near. A real Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute the packages, carols will be sung and a merry time is in store for every one.

Remember, therefore, that this tree is for every child in the city and it is hoped that the happy smiling faces of all will be present.

Shilling Aims to Please.

Weather Observer Shilling is an obliging official, but some times grows a little too enthusiastic in his good work. The Tribune suggested that if he would give us a couple of inches of snow Christmas would seem more Christmas-like, and the two inches of snow was immediately forthcoming. But with it came a decided drop in temperature, the mercury descending to ten below zero Tuesday night and seventeen below Wednesday night. When Mr. Shilling was reprimanded for the cold, he appeared somewhat grieved and said: "Well, I heard Bill McDonald say that usually if we didn't have a crop of ice around Christmas, chances were we couldn't get any, and I honestly thought the people needed the ice." When he said that we caught him by the hand and shook it, said we were sorry we had scolded him, and wished him a merry Christmas.

Logan Marcott, of Brady, formerly employed as assistant to County Supt. Chappell, was married at Cozad December 5th to Miss Jean Worden of that place. They have taken up a residence on the Marcott ranch south of Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Selby and daughter left yesterday afternoon for Chicago to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Claude Selby.

Mrs. John Gorham, of Grand Island, who visited her daughter Mrs. W. A. Buchfink this week, left last evening.

Miss A. Tracy will leave tomorrow for Omaha to visit relatives next week.

Joseph McGee Reported Killed.

A letter addressed to Joseph McGee, formerly of this place, but who enlisted in the English army at a Canadian point last summer, was returned to the local postoffice marked "Lieutenant Jos. McGee killed." The letter had been written to him by the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Murphy.

While the report is very meager, yet such reports are about as reliable as any in war times, and relatives and friends can only hope that there is some mistake.

Joseph McGee was about thirty-nine years of age, and a son of Mrs. Sophia McGee, his father Daniel McGee having died several years ago. He also has six sisters and one brother.

Mr. McGee was one of the first to enlist during the Spanish-American war, and was stationed in the Philippine Islands. He was a member of the local camp of Modern Woodmen of America. Up to the time of his departure last summer Mr. McGee lived with his mother and farmed her place just west of Brady.—Brady Indicator.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Edward Stoffrigen will leave tomorrow evening for Blue Hill to visit the home folks for a week.

For the children Christmas—a Brownie Camera. For sale by REXALL DRUG STORE.

A baby girl was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Meadows. All concerned are doing nicely.

Miss Loretta Burke, of Gering, came a few days ago to visit with the Misses Maud and Vena Warrington.

Soft Water Shampoo and Electric Massage. Coates Beauty Parlors. Phone Red 655.

S. G. Groff, of Fairbury, is expected here tomorrow to visit his daughter Mrs. H. C. Brook during the holidays.

Miss May Hill, of the local teaching force will visit relatives in Beaver City during here two weeks vacation.

Your Christmas dinner will not be complete without some of those fresh vegetables on sale at the Lierk-Sandall Co.

Miss Sadie Trovillo, who has been taking vocal instructions in Omaha, will return home this evening to spend two weeks.

Take advantage of our special sale on Oranges. Here's your chance to get the best at greatly reduced prices. LIERK-SANDALL CO.

Miss Ruth Streitz, a teacher in the city schools at Lincoln, will arrive home Saturday evening to spend the holiday vacation.

Ice on the Union Pacific lake east of town is reported to be fifteen inches thick and preparations are being made to harvest the crop.

Fresh eggs 40c a dozen; storage eggs 35c a dozen, creamery butter 40c a pound at Wilcox Department Store.

Mrs. Will Waltham left this morning for Blair to spend Christmas with her parents. Mr. Waltham will go there tomorrow night.

Mrs. W. H. Munger, of Omaha, is expected to arrive tomorrow evening and will spend Christmas with her son W. H. Munger, Jr., and family.

Miss Grace Burke, who has been attending a musical school in Colorado, will come home tomorrow to spend a week or longer with her parents.

Dan Leary, of Grand, Wis., who has been attending school in Lincoln, came last evening to visit his uncle Frank Doran and family for two weeks.

The 500 club will be entertained on Thursday evening, December 28th, by Mrs. W. H. McDonald. Mrs. M. K. Neville and Mrs. A. F. Streitz will be assisting hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sterling, formerly of Kearney, came here a short time ago to make their home. The former has accepted employment with the Union Pacific Co.

Rev. Earp, the evangelist who conducted services at the Baptist church for three weeks, returned to his home in Texas the first of this week. Twelve were added to the membership of the church during that time.

Farm Dressed Chickens on sale by the Lierk-Sandall Co. tomorrow.

We will have on sale tomorrow Farm Dressed Chickens. Plump Tows well dressed. LIERK-SANDALL CO.

Several North Platte passengers who arrived from Lincoln yesterday were twenty-two hours in reaching home, about three times as long as the regular schedule. This is evidence of the way in which trains have been belated.

Through the efforts of the Twentieth Century club and others about three dozen baskets containing provender for Christmas dinners will be distributed among those whose circumstances are such that without these baskets the Christmas dinner would be a rather slim meal.

CODY RANCH IS SOLD TO OMAHA PARTIES.

The "Scout's Rest Ranch," just west of town, for so many years the property of Colonel Cody, was sold this week to D. A. Baum and Dan W. Gaines, of Omaha, for a consideration of \$105,000. The ranch was owned by Major Lilly, of Pawnee, Okl., who purchased it from Colonel Cody several years ago, but the deed was given by a Pawnee banker. The sale was made through O. H. Thoelecke, of this city.

The ranch embraces 2657 acres, and is all considered good farm land, though a considerable portion of it has never been broken, having been allowed to remain as hay land.

It is understood the purchasers will divide the ranch into small tracts and place it on the market. It is possible the southeast portion will be platted into acreage tracts and offered for sale, thus providing suitable homes for round house employes and others who desire a tract where they can grow a good portion of the products they eat.

In case Lincoln County secures a sugar factory, this land will become particularly valuable for beet growing and divided into forty acre tracts would be capable of producing a hundred thousand dollars worth of beets each year.

Now that this big body of land so close the city is soon to become highly productive, it naturally means just that much more business for North Platte.

In talking with Mr. Thoelecke, who returned from Omaha yesterday, it was learned that Mr. Gaines will probably retain the dwelling, the big barn and about 400 acres of the land north and west of the buildings. If this reservation is made, Mr. Gaines will establish a dairy and for this purpose will import one hundred Holstein cows from Wisconsin. If he establishes the plant, he will place in charge a relative who is an experienced dairyman.

RAILROAD NOTES

Engineer John Mang who was operated upon in an Omaha hospital recently is getting along nicely.

Fireman James McNeill left Wednesday evening for Omaha where he will take medical treatment for some time.

Joe Larson spent a day or two in Grand Island this week on business connected with the motive power department.

Edward Elsasser, forman of the U. P. car department, will leave Sunday for Omaha to spend Christmas with his family who have been there with relatives for several weeks.

Supt. Brophy, of the Nebraska division, spent Wednesday here on business. General Supt. Stenger also transacted business here this week.

Fireman J. R. Hechenhively is off duty this week on account of injuries received while on his way to the U. P. round house. He fell between two cars and sustained a fractured ankle.

A bulletin was issued this morning by the Union Pacific company stating that all employes receiving less than eighteen hundred dollars a year would receive this week one month's extra salary.

A resident of Hershey, who was in town yesterday, said that another bank will be opened in that village some time after the first of the year. Among those who will be interested in the new institution, it is said, will be J. S. Koch, D. B. McNeel, J. W. Abbott and J. Sharply Thompson. A pressed brick bank building is planned.

Ever Ready Flashlights, the Christmas gift unusual. REXALL DRUG STORE.

Miss Hazel Young, of Hastings, who spent a couple of months with her sister Mrs. Carl Simon will return home tomorrow evening.

The cold weather has put somewhat of a damper on Christmas shopping, but present indications are that today and tomorrow will not be so cold.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The members of the Lonesomehurst bungalow club will entertain their ladies at a social dance at the Masonic hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th.

A number of the young ladies of the city will give a leap-year dance at the Masonic hall Saturday evening, Dec. 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Hayes and children will arrive from Omaha tomorrow evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. George A. Austin for a couple of weeks.

The Jolly Young Matrons' club were entertained yesterday afternoon at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Charles Calhoun. Decorations were appropriate to the season. The ladies spent the afternoon in kensington work.

A Christmas party was held Wednesday afternoon by the Nevada club at the home of Mrs. Ada Lewis. The afternoon was spent in kensington work and a number of musical selections were rendered by Miss Theo Schwager.

The domestic science department of the Twentieth Century club have decided to postpone their meeting until January 8th, when it will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Edwards. The music and art department will meet the latter part of January.

The J. F. F. Club held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Edwin Barracough Tuesday afternoon. Card games were played and prizes awarded to Mesdames H. P. Henckle and Edward Rebbhausen. Guest prizes were awarded to Mrs. Russel Wyman and Joseph Jessup. Christmas packages were exchanged among the guests. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Edward Rebbhausen.

One of the most unique Christmas parties of this week was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Voseipka by the Et-A-Virp club. The rooms were decorated with holly, mistletoe and Christmas bells and a real Santa Claus distributed pretty gifts from a decorated tree. Six contests were held and after each a course of the lunch was served. Prize winners were Mesdames Edmund Dickey, Maurice Guillaume, W. A. Buchfink, Wallace Quinn, Edward Ogier. The latter part of the afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. James Kennedy where a dinner was served.

Locality. "Some expert says that it takes fully fifteen minutes to shear a sheep by hand." "Not if the operation is performed in Wall street."—Baltimore American.

Quite Different. Miss Oldgirl (sighing)—That nice young man said I was quite a mural decoration of the occasion. Miss Pert—He meant you were a wallflower, all right.—Baltimore American.

Forgetful. Caretaker—Sir Walter Scott spent a night in this room. "Ere we 'ave a complete set of 'is works. Intelligent Sightseer—Left 'em behind, I suppose"—Passing Show.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION

Since Omaha, Denver and Chicago papers have announced that North Platte will have a semi-centennial celebration the last week in next June, Secretary Mooney has had a number of letters from amusement companies desiring to make dates. Two of these inquiries are from the biggest carnival companies in the country—companies that have attractions that are really worth while. Other inquiries have come from individuals or teams who put on special stunts.

Secretary Mooney will go east the early part of January on private business, and while there will gather new ideas for the parade of the celebration, and will also see what can be done in regard to getting a part of the exhibits of frontier days which the federal government maintains at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Ranchmen in western Nebraska and Wyoming have already written that they will be glad to assist in staging the wild west show, which will also be one of the principal features.

Another feature attraction will be the Cinderella Ball for the young people. This will be for girls from 12 to 16 years and boys from 14 to 18. It will be a fancy, costumed affair, using fairy costumes and costumes in vogue 150 years ago. The dances will consist largely of the minuet, Virginia reel and old time waltzes, though part of the program will be modern dances. The committee is of the opinion that it would be well for the school boys and girls to organize themselves into a Cinderella Ball club so that they may get together during the winter months and acquaint themselves with the dances that will be used at the ball. The secretary and chairman of the celebration association will assist them in organizing any time after January first.

I wish to thank The Semi-Weekly Tribune and the patrons of that office for their co-operation in regard to the suggestions made by the U. S. Post Office employes for handling the Christmas packages. The office force appreciates this consideration and joins in wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

P. H. McEVOY, Postmaster.

Recruiting officer John J. Flannigan has returned to town after spending ten days at Ogallala and Brule. At those two places he enlisted five recruits. Officer Flannigan will be found at the federal building between the hours of eight a. m. and five p. m.

The Parker Lucky Curve Fountain Pen. A practical gift. REXALL DRUG STORE.

Miss Inez Crabbil, of Red Cloud, came yesterday to visit a few days with Miss Belle McCallam. She is enroute home from Stapleton where she is employed as teacher.

Mrs. Fred Miller and daughter, of Beatrice, are expected here tomorrow to spend the holidays with her mother Mrs. Richard Cox.

For Farm Loans see or write Gene Crook, room 3, Waltham building, North Platte. 414

A BROAD AND FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION.

It is the aim of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH PLATTE to render every depositor a banking service that is out-of-the-ordinary and to cultivate a broad and friendly spirit of close co-operation with every depositor which will make for the greatest mutual benefit.

The success of our depositors means the success of our bank.

The smallest depositor will receive a hearty welcome and the same careful attention that is accorded the large depositor will be given to his business.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.

Comedy
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Every Monday
and Thursday

Christmas Wishes

May your Christmas be as happy as abundance and the fellowship of joyful giving can make it—that is our wish.

Seasonable Thoughts

Because dollars and sentiment are so intermingled at holiday time, it is seasonable for us to direct your thought now to the undeniable bearing on the happiness of yourself and yours of a bank account of satisfactory proportions.

McDonald State Bank