

APPROPRIATE SERVICES

Christmas Is Observed at the Various Churches.

Santa Claus' Visit Makes Glad the Hearts of Many Sunday School Children—Members of the Junior Boys' History Class Visit Homes of Needy People—Other Local Happenings.

Christmas was celebrated in Plattsburgh in the usual quiet way. While many people left town to spend the day, it was noticeable that about an equal number of visitors were here.

There are quite a number of needy people in the city and, wishing to make them feel happy, the members of the Junior Boys' History Class were busy all morning distributing among the poor families the food and clothing which the people had so kindly donated. They had an abundance of articles of nice warm clothing, with which they were able to make the occupants of twelve homes comfortable and happy.

At the Methodist Church.

The Methodist people prepared a fine program for Christmas eve, which was conducted by Cliff Wescott. The service room was appropriately decorated. Santa Claus arrived on schedule time and made glad the hearts of the young folks by distributing candy, nuts and other good things to eat. The program for the evening was as follows:

Opening song.....Rev. Sleeth
Invocation.....Miss Ada Hay's Class
Recitation.....Alice Brinkman
Music.....High School Orchestra
Recitation.....George Morrison
Solo.....Miss Jessie Lane
Recitation.....Miss Tinsie Smith's Class
Duet.....Mollie Seiver and Blanch Murray
Recitation.....Nellie Brinkman
Prill and Duet.....Two Boys' Classes
Solo.....Miss Ida Pearlman
Recitation.....Ruth Davis
Song.....Mrs. Lane's Class
Recitation.....Margaret Forten
Song.....Prof. Smith's Class
Song.....Miss Nellie Hay's Class

Christian Church.

The program at the Christian church consisted of a solo by Margaret Welsh; songs by M. S. Briggs' class; Christmas carol by Miss Wiles' class and a dialogue by Miss Wiles, Mrs. Schilke and Mrs. Goodman's classes. After the program was concluded, Santa Claus put in an appearance and distributed good things among the children.

German Presbyterian Church.

The German Presbyterian Sabbath school also held exercises on Monday evening. They had two fine Christmas trees, a miscellaneous program, consisting of recitations, songs, etc. A generous supply of candy and nuts was furnished by "Kris Kingle."

St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

At this church the ladies had prepared a large Christmas tree, heavily loaded with candy, nuts, pom-poms and other articles.

Rev. Freund assisted Santa Claus in distributing the good things. A fine program, in which many of the Sunday school children took part, was one of the pleasing features of the service.

Episcopal Church.

The services at the Episcopal church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning were well attended, and were very enjoyable as well as impressive. Besides the regular ritual service, Rev. Burgess delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The music was worthy of special mention. The choir rendered two beautiful anthems and Miss Alice Dovey sang "Ave Maria" in her usual charming manner. Mr. Galyen playing the violin obligato.

Presbyterian Church.

At the Presbyterian church two beautiful trees, tastefully decorated, had been placed on the rostrum, making it the most attractive place for the children to appear in the parts assigned them. The solos, choruses and recitations were exceptionally well rendered, all showing that they had been carefully drilled for the occasion. Santa Claus arrived just in time to give each little boy and girl a stocking filled with candy and nuts.

Asgard-Manspecker.

At the Christian church at 7:30 last evening, in the presence of few intimate relatives and friends, Rev. J. T. Baird performed the ceremony which united in marriage the lives and fortunes of Charles P. Asgard and Miss Lillian M. Manspecker.

The newly-married couple are well known in this city, the groom being an upright and industrious young man, who has for a number of years been employed in the car repairing department of the local shops, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Manspecker.

The groom has furnished a cozy little home on Wintergreen hill, where they will begin housekeeping at once.

Taken to the "Pen."

Sheriff Wheeler made a trip to the state penitentiary today, taking with him Charles Sheppard and Harry Hickson. Sheppard, it will be remembered, is the young colored man whom Judge Jesson sentenced to eighteen months for stealing a money bag containing \$51 from John Schiappacasse's store. Hickson will serve one year for forgery.

What Shall We Have for Dessert? This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today: Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! Add hot water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, orange, raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers. 10 cts.

NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

The old maid hung her stocking up right close beside the fire. She went to bed and dreamed 'twas filled with all her heart's desire. But when she saw it in the morning her heart was sad and cold. For in her stocking tooth picks stuck—'twas all that it would hold.

Dave McEntee returned to Lincoln this morning.

Will Beach of Omaha visited in the city yesterday.

The Dovey concert will be given on Friday, January 4.

Miss Ella Hill of Fremont is visiting Mrs. Nellie Agnew.

W. H. Dearing of Beatrice visited in Plattsburgh yesterday.

Commissioner J. W. Cox came in from Weeping Water this morning.

Clyde Lester, the cigarmaker, visited at his home in Lincoln yesterday.

Mrs. W. L. Street went to Red Oak yesterday for a short visit with relatives.

Percy Agnew, who is working in the bank at Louisville, visited in the city yesterday.

S. H. Atwood and family of Lincoln took dinner with Mrs. Nellie Agnew yesterday.

Baxter Smith left this morning for Palmer, where he will do some surveying work.

Mrs. Maud Steele and son of Lincoln are visiting with the family of Robert Troop.

Dr. R. P. Plimpton went to Glenwood this morning to assist in a surgical operation.

Mrs. Coates and daughter, Alma, of Hillsdale, Ia., are visiting at the home of J. H. Thrasher.

Robert Dabb of LeMars, Ia., is visiting in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. C. Dabb.

C. S. Sherman and wife of Lincoln visited in the city yesterday with the family of Robert Troop.

Miss Lelia McCulloch of Red Oak, Ia., is visiting in the city with her cousin, Miss Clara Street.

Miss Susie Thomas and Misses Clara and Cora Walker are spending the holiday week in this city.

Henry Tartsch and wife of McCook are in the city for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Connie Thresher of Havelock visited in the city with his parents yesterday, returning home this morning.

The Weeping Water football team defeated the Plattsburgh boys yesterday afternoon by a score of 12 to 0.

Miss Anna Jess of Omaha is in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jess, Sr.

O. A. Brown and wife of Omaha are visiting in the city with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coleman.

Arthur Sheppard returned this morning from his visit at Lincoln. His wife will remain for a more extended visit.

Miss Janette Morgan, who has been visiting with her friend, Miss Jessie Evans, at Leola, Ia., has returned home.

John Dutton and wife and the former's sister, Miss Ethel, came in from Fremont Monday evening to spend the holidays.

George Sherwood, who has been visiting with his parents in this city for several weeks, returned to North Platte today.

Superintendent W. C. Smith went to Lincoln this afternoon to attend the state teachers' meeting, which convened at that place today.

Mrs. Isaac Wiles went over to Hillsdale, Ia., this morning in response to a telephone message announcing the serious illness of her father.

The arrival of a new girl baby is announced at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan. The little one arrived at an early hour this morning.

W. C. Frampton of Lincoln came down from Louisville this morning, where he and his wife spent Christmas with the latter's family, F. Lehuoff.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Coleman of South Omaha spent Christmas with the former's parents, Miss Clara accompanied them to their home for a week's visit.

Mrs. Will Hennessey and children of Council Bluffs and Mrs. Sam Nedrie of Omaha visited in the city yesterday, the guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Benfer.

They went to Murray today, where they will visit for a short time.

"Tennessee's Pardner", a company, which appeared at the Pamelas Monday evening, was greeted by a rather small audience—doubtless owing to other attractions. The play, however, was a first class one, and deserved a much better attendance.

Professor Blair will start a class in Osteopathy and magnetic healing on January 7, 1901. Ladies, as well as gentlemen, are eligible to these instructions. No better paying or more honorable profession in vogue today. Terms made known on application.

Prof. C. E. Blair leaves tonight for the east, to be absent until next Sunday. He goes to attend a family reunion at his father's home. While absent Prof. Blair will visit the American School of Osteopathy and post himself on some new treatment recently developed by that school.

County Attorney Root today filed complaints against William Ossenkop and Clarence Van Fleet of Cedar Creek, charging them with carrying concealed weapons. Judge Archer accordingly issued warrants for their arrests and has placed the same in the hands of the sheriff. It is reported that these men stirred up a row in the saloon at Cedar Creek last night, and that a couple of revolvers took a prominent part in the disturbance.

REB REVIEWS

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rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo.
The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encounters. The cutting of wires has delayed the official report of the engagement.

SAGINAW SUGAR COMPANY.

Will Build a Big Factory to Extract Sugar from Beets.
Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 15.—The Saginaw Sugar company has been organized here with a capital stock of \$300,000. The stockholders are from this city, Cleveland, Bay City, Cheboygan, and Caro, most of the stock being held in Saginaw. The officers are: President and general manager, William Penoyer, Saginaw; vice president, E. Nelson, Cheboygan; secretary, Frank C. Penoyer, Saginaw; treasurer, W. H. Boutelle, Bay City.
The factory will cost \$500,000, and a contract for the buildings has been made with the Killy company of Cleveland, and the factory will be next season for next season's crop of beets. The capacity will be 600 tons per day.

He Is a Pioneer Voter.

Harbor Beach, Mich., Dec. 15.—Harbor Beach advances a claim as regards the oldest voter in Michigan. Hiram Whitcomb is 93 years of age and has been a resident of Michigan for sixty-seven years. He has voted for nineteen presidents, his first ballot being cast for Andrew Jackson. He has always voted a straight Democratic ticket. The only time he was undecided was when Horace Greely was nominated, but he shut his eyes and voted Democratic. Whitcomb is in the streets every day and challenges any old voter in Michigan to a contest in running, skipping the rope or jumping.

WILD STORM AT FRISCO.

Cuts Off the Town from the Rest of the World for a Time.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—A storm of unusual proportions visited this coast early yesterday, doing considerable damage in some sections. Telegraph wires were prostrated, and during the morning San Francisco was entirely cut off from telegraph communication with the outside world. The wind reached a velocity of nearly sixty miles an hour in the city, and was of greater velocity in exposed sections.

Thunder and lightning and rain accompanied the wind. During the height of the storm rain fell in torrents and almost reached the proportions of a cloudburst. The wind caused damage in many sections of the city, but by far greatest caused by the storm was the overturning of one of the receiving tanks of the San Francisco Gas and Electric company.

Over 24,000 feet of gas was released, causing a fire that did some damage. A house was blown over at North Beach. So far as known no one was injured.

Wants to Abolish Dormitories.

Ames, Ia., Dec. 13.—No attempt will be made by the trustees of Iowa Agricultural college to rebuild the building partly burned last Saturday morning. The board of trustees has so decided. A committee was appointed to appear before the executive council and ask for the money to rebuild the building.

The board is determined to abolish the dormitory system, but will do it gradually.

Rail Mill Resumes Work.

Joliet, Ills., Dec. 13.—The McKenna rail mills resumed operations yesterday. Three hundred men were put to work. The world's record in turning rods was broken by the No. 2 rod mill of the Joliet plant of the Illinois Steel company Monday night.

The night turn made 337,700 pounds, or 240 gross tons of rods, and not only gave the mill the world's record for a single night's work, but broke the record of the mill's production of the mill, the greatest ever turned out by any rod mill in the world. The mill has an average for the month of 196 gross tons.

Mary Strauch Changes Her Mind.

Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—Mary Strauch, who left her home and mother in Tacoma, Wash., to join the "Church of the Living God" colony in Maine, has signed an agreement whereby only \$500 of her estate will reach the church. She had originally declared her intention to turn over the entire sum to the church, and after she came here with her to get the money. Mary Strauch has left for Maine.

She Has Hunted Him Down.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 11.—After a pursuit of two years Miss Maggie O'Brien of Newton has found Valentine Davis at Quincy, Ills., and requisition papers from Kansas are in the hands of a sheriff and he will bring Davis back to answer the charge of betrayal under promise of marriage. Davis fled from Kansas on the eve of his wedding day. With love turned to hate the girl has hunted him down.

Woman Probably Fatally Burned.

Waterloo, Ind., Dec. 11.—Mrs. A. Byron Darby, wife of Senator-Elect Darby, was probably fatally burned Sunday while preparing a liniment on a stove. The liniment ignited and the flames communicated to Mrs. Darby's clothing, burning her face and head. The flames were quickly smothered and medical aid was called, but it is feared she cannot survive.

Sioux Citizens to Build Fish Cannery.

Sioux City, Dec. 20.—A company has been organized here to build a fish cannery in Alaska, south of St. Michaels, with an annual output of 40,000 cases, and to fish in the rivers of that region. Chinese and Japanese labor will be used. Fred T. Evans, Jr., and James F. Booge are at the head of it.

Contractor Doody Convicted.

New York, Dec. 22.—Contractor Daniel Doody of Brooklyn last night was convicted of perjury in the Kings county court. Sentence will be pronounced next week. The defense in the case was insanity. Doody is 60 years of age and has a wife and 11 children.

IOWA'S GROWTH.

Increase in Population of the Decade Was 319,957, or 16.7 Per Cent.—Census of Cities.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The census bulletin on Iowa, made public today, gives the following information: The population of the state in 1900 was 2,231,853, as against 1,911,896 in 1890, representing an increase since 1890 of 319,957, or 16.7 per cent.

The total land surface of Iowa is, approximately, 55,475 square miles, the average number of persons to the square mile at the censuses of 1890 and 1900 being as follows: 1890, 34.5; 1900, 40.2.

Of the 681 incorporated places there are 495 which have less than 1,000 inhabitants, and 533 which have less than 2,000 inhabitants. There are 93 incorporated places which have more than 2,000 and less than 5,000 inhabitants; ten which have more than 5,000 and less than 10,000 inhabitants; eight which have more than 10,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants, and six which have more than 25,000 inhabitants, namely: Des Moines, 62,130; Dubuque, 36,297; Davenport, 35,254; Sioux City, 33,111; Council Bluffs, 25,802; and Cedar Rapids, 25,656.

The most noticeable rate of increase is that of Cedar Rapids, which shows a gain in population of 42.4 per cent. Davenport is next in order with a gain of 31.2 per cent. Sioux City has suffered a loss of 12.4 per cent.

FEAST FOR THE POOR.

Big Dinner Given by the Salvation Army at Madison Square Garden.

New York, Dec. 26.—It is estimated that the money spent in Christmas gifts this year in New York was more than ever before and the same is true regarding charitable gifts. It was only because a case of destitution was kept hidden that the unfortunate were not supplied with Christmas cheer. Of all the set Christmas feasts that of the Salvation Army at Madison Square Garden last evening was the largest. A bountiful Christmas dinner was served to about 4,000 persons, men, women and children. The cost was defrayed from a fund of about \$8,000 collected by the army, chiefly through the kettles, which for several weeks have hung from tripods in various parts of the city to receive contributions to "keep the Christmas pot boiling."

Think China Will Accept.

London, Dec. 26.—According to a news agency dispatch from Peking, dated Dec. 24, the foreign ministers there are unanimously of the opinion that China will accept the conditions imposed by the joint note of the powers within a month. The note was started on its way to the dowager empress and the emperor immediately after its presentation, the dispatch says, but wire communication is slow and it probably will not reach them until Dec. 27.

Census of South Dakota Towns.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The population of incorporated places in South Dakota having a population of more than 2,000 but less than 25,000 is as follows: Aberdeen, 4,087; Brookings, 2,346; Deadwood, 3,498; Huron, 2,793; Lead, 6,210; Madison, 2,550; Mitchell, 4,055; Pierre, 2,306; Sioux Falls, 10,205; Vermillion, 2,183; Watertown, 3,352; Yankton, 4,125.

Greene to Be Chief Marshal.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee, has announced the appointment of General Francis Vinton Greene of New York to be chief marshal of the inaugural parade March 4 next. General Greene is a soldier of wide reputation and has been long prominent in the Republican ranks.

Asa Bird Gardner Removed from Office.

New York, Dec. 24.—Eugene A. Philbin, who has been appointed by Governor Roosevelt to succeed Asa Bird Gardner as district attorney, in an interview today, said the first thing he would do would be to resign as a member of the state board of charities and that he would take charge of the district attorney's office as soon as he receives the official notification.

Oto Station Agent Killed.

Sioux City, Dec. 26.—Guy C. Moore of Oto, Ia., accidentally shot and instantly killed himself while out hunting yesterday. He was assistant station agent for the Illinois Central railroad.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Pamelas Theatre January 1.

The new comedy success, "Miss Hobbs", which has been received with open arms, both in London and New York, will have its first presentation in this city at the Pamelas next Tuesday, January 1, matinee and evening.

The story deals with the family tiffs of the Kingsearls, a young couple but six months married, and with the interference of a certain Miss Hobbs, who turns out to be a man-hater. Mrs. Kingsearl leaves her husband and lives with Miss Hobbs, as does Miss Millicent Farley, her friend, who has broken off her engagement with George Jessop, who Miss Hobbs describes as a typical man. Miss Hobbs, visiting the Kingsearls home to obtain some clothes for the young wife, meets a man who she supposes to be the husband, Percival Kingsearl, but who really is Wolf Kingsearl, a name-sake and former college classmate of Percival. To show Mrs. Kingsearl the perfidy of man, Miss Hobbs invites this man to visit her the next day, pretending at the time to be a lady's maid. Prior to this Percival has offered to let Wolf that he cannot kiss Miss Hobbs within a month and Wolf, after this interview, accepts the offer. The wager is noted in a notebook, which Wolf loses and Miss Hobbs finds. She imagines she has conclusive proof of the unfaithfulness of Mrs. Kingsearl's husband and contrives to bring about a denouement wherein Wolf is revealed to Mrs. Kingsearl and Miss Farley at Miss Hobbs' feet on his knees. The balance of the play treats of the shy surrender of Miss Hobbs to Wolf's wooing and the unraveling of the complication.

NEBRASKA ITEMS

T. G. Hymer is reported as improving.

Lee Kirkpatrick was a Wabash visitor Thursday.

F. P. Sheldon was an Omaha visitor one day last week.

The teachers went home Saturday to spend the holidays.

J. C. Jamieson moved his family to Oklahoma Monday, where he has a farm.

A. F. Sturm, Charles Brandt and others went on a hunting expedition near Louisville.

Rev. F. E. Toms preached a Christmas sermon Sunday night which was very good indeed.

The ladies of the Christian church gave an entertainment last Wednesday night in the M. E. church.

WEEPING WATER NOTES.

Numerous dinner parties were given Christmas day.

Mentor Howard and family of St. Louis are visiting with the former's parents.

We wish THE NEWS a happy and prosperous New Year. The paper the past year has been excellent.

The exercises at the churches on Christmas eve were all of the best and Santa Claus visited each church and made the children all happy.

Among those who have come back home to eat and visit during the holidays are: Misses Edna and Ollie Potter, Albert Barry, Elton McDonald, Charles Reed, Elmer Woodruff and Chauncey Orton.

The Plattsburgh football team suffered defeat at the hands of Company D by a score of 12 to 0 on Christmas day. If the visitors had talked less and played more, they might at least have had a few more friends. They "kicked" from the time the play commenced until the finish. The Company D boys are too much for them.

FARMERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

Notice of Annual Meeting, to Be Held January 12, 1901.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of Cass county will be held at the Hell school house, in Eight Mile Grove precinct, on Saturday, January 12, 1901, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. J. P. FALTER, Secretary.

Injured Conductor Dies.

Conductor Edward Locke, who was injured by the Missouri Pacific passenger train at Union Sunday morning, died in a hospital in Kansas City yesterday morning.

The deceased had been in the employ of the Missouri Pacific for nearly thirty years, and, it is said, that he has an estate worth about \$60,000. He had enough to live in ease, but his love for railroad work kept him in the harness.

Kuhney-McLain.

Louis M. Kuhney and Miss Elva McLain of this city were united in marriage at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Asa Sleeth, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents in the Second ward.

The newly-married couple will make their home in this city, the groom being employed by Kinsman & Range.

Mid-Winter Holiday Rates.

The B. & M. offers a rate of one fare for the round trip to points within 200 miles. Tickets will be sold December 21, 23, 24, 25, 31, 1900, and January 1, 1901, final limit to be January 2, 1901. Tickets will also be sold to Kansas City, St. Joe, Atchison and Leavenworth at above rates.

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