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JOYOUS CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

Several Churches of the City Hold the Usual Christmas Eve Exercises.

Christmas Eve was ushered in with the customary entertainments at several of the churches, while at many home firesides the children were entertained with Christmas trees and the ever beautiful Christmas stories, and many others were tucked in their little beds to dream of Santa Claus and what the morning dawn would bring them, leaving faith in his good intentions to remember them; while other poor children went to bed to dream and dream again of the so-much-talked-of Santa Claus, to awaken on the ever memorable Christmas morn with nothing around them to denote that Santa Claus had visited them during the night. Does not every one whose good fortune it was to be reared in a good home, in looking backward through the years, recall the happiest hours of childhood occurred at the dawn of each Christmas? With what expectancy, with what bated enthusiasm does youth steal down the stairs at daybreak, unconscious of the cold, unconscious of aught, but consumed with a desire to know whether Kris Kringle in his goodness has acted with his wonted generosity? From that instant until night again closes in pure joy reigns in the household. He that contributes such an experience to boy or girl confers the greatest blessing in the gift of man or woman; for if the child has many moments of perfect happiness, it augurs much for the future character. These things should be remembered by those upon whom the years have set their mark, and to whom is no longer the possibility of surrendering absolutely to unalloyed lightness. They should remember that the nearest approach to the old ecstasy may be found in providing it for others. In all may be called forth in living truth the better element of human nature which rejoices over the morality and humanness of the Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule.

At the M. E. Church.

The children of the M. E. Sunday school gave a very delightful entertainment at the church on Christmas Eve, which consisted of songs and recitations. About seventy-five children participated in the exercises. A number of stereoscopic views were given, illustrating the birth and life of Christ, as well as the visit of the Wise Man to Jerusalem. A large Christmas tree, beautifully decorated occupying a conspicuous place in the room, was one of the principal features of the occasion. Santa Claus, accompanied by three children, arrived on schedule time to distribute to the Sunday scholars each a sack of candy and nuts. The most sensible feature of the whole business was the bringing by different members of the Sunday school of one hundred stockings filled to overflowing with useful articles for distribution among the poor of the city. These articles were prepared especially for children, and were distributed yesterday.

At the Presbyterian Church.

A Christmas cantata was given at the Presbyterian church for the children and proved a very elaborate affair. The music was very fine, and the children, from the Queen to the wee little tots that took part, did their work well. Miss Gladys Marshall, in the character of Queen, displayed considerable dramatic ability. Her attendants, Misses Ruth Johnson and Elizabeth Green, looked very handsome in their snow white costumes, and the combination presented a very pretty tableau. Fred Waugh, in his white costume, made an ideal Jack Frost, and Ed Streight made a most capable Santa Claus. There were numerous other characters in the cantata, including Pine Tree sprites, Fairies, anti-Santa Claus club, a class in Japanese costume and several wee tots who were there dressed for bed, and who hung up their little stockings in a most realistic manner. The evening's entertainment closed with the distribution of packages of candies and nuts from a very prettily arranged Christmas tree. The grand success of the entertainment was greatly due to the untiring efforts of Miss Valery and Miss Louise Smith to make it so.

At St. John's Church.

The Christmas services at St. John's Catholic church began with the celebration of High Mass at 5:30 a. m. The music was Webb's Mass in G, with orchestral accompaniment. At the offertory, according to almost universal custom, the ancient and beautiful hymn, "Adeste Fideles," ("Come All Ye Faithful") was sung. Miss May Scotten being soloist and the choir taking up the refrain. Despite the early hour at which the services commenced the church was crowded, many people coming from a distance of several miles. At the second mass, which began at 8:30, a chorus of men's voices rendered a number of German Christmas hymns, beautiful in their majestic simplicity of music and language. Masters Frank and Carl Chassot played a mandolin accompaniment to the well-known, "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" On Christmas day it is customary the world over for each Priest to say three masses, a thing which is not done on any other day in the year. Accordingly High Mass was again sung at 10:30 a. m., the music being the same as at the first service, except that the children of St. John's school sang the offertory, consecration and communion pieces. Little Miss Pearl Fitzgerald at the offertory sang the solo part of the Christmas carol, "Angels We Heard on High," with mandolin accompaniment by Masters Frank and Carl Chassot; the chorus of children joining in the refrain. The personnel of the choir in the rendering of Webb's Mass in G. was as follows: Miss Rose Vorndran, organist; Mr. Beck, violin; Mr. Ed Schulhoff, cornet; Misses May Scotten and Loretta Clark and Mrs. M. O'Rourke, sopranos; Miss Rose Vorndran, alto; Messrs. Joseph Droegge, Jos. Wales and C. Chassot, sr., tenors; Messrs. J. Koch, Matt Leuck and J. Ottuot, basses. The Dominican Sisters and the ladies of the congregation had made new cassocks of scarlet with crimson velvet capes fringed with gold and white surplices edged with lace, for the altar; boys from St. John's school, who, to the number of twelve, varying in age from six to fifteen years, assisted on the sanctuary at the first and last mass. The officiating Priest was the Rector of St. John's church, Father Bradley, who at 5:30 and at 10:30 delivered short discourses upon the solemnity of the day. The sanctuary and the nave of the church were tastefully decorated with wreaths of holly and evergreens and with cut flowers. At the two last masses, although the church was not so crowded as at the first, there were large congregations. On Sunday the music of the Christmas mass was repeated.

At the Christian Church.

The Christmas Eve exercises at the Christian church were very appropriate and interesting in every particular. The program was short but exceedingly well rendered. The church was very handsomely decorated for the occasion. At the close of the program Santa Claus made his appearance with sacks of candies and nuts for each of the Sunday school attendants.

Interesting and appropriate programs were rendered at the Bohemian Catholic church and other churches, but we failed to learn any of the particulars any further than that they were well attended and very enjoyable.

Spillman Riggs.

Spillman Riggs, a native of Iowa, is a well known lecturer and entertainer. He is a member of the Bohemian Catholic church and other churches, but we failed to learn any of the particulars any further than that they were well attended and very enjoyable.

We had Mr. Spillman Riggs here recently and want him again next month we can get him. Rev. H. O. Breeden, Pastor Central Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

Spillman Riggs is a delightful entertainer. His voice, even in speaking, is music to the ear of the listener, so sweet, clear and distinct in enunciation it is, and when applied to the elegant phrasing and poetical imagery of his lecture the effect is pleasing in the extreme. A fine vein of humor runs through his lecture, and the illustrative stories call forth loud bursts of merriment and applause.—Canonsburg (Pa.) Daily News.

Mr. Riggs is an entertainer with a personality which wins its way into the hearts of his hearers from the moment he greets them. He is gifted beyond the ordinary humorist in that he possesses a pleasing voice and sings more than commonly well. He whistles exquisitely, with notes of liquid melody that rival the woodland songsters in rich sweetness. With facile ease he turned from speech to song and then to whistling in a way that charmed his listeners.—Phillipsburg (Pa.) Ledger.

Farmers, Attention!

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire and Live Stock Insurance Company of Cass county, Nebraska, will be held at the Hill School House, in Eight Mile Grove precinct, on Saturday, January 9, 1904, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. J. P. FALTER, Secretary.

Fine Pigs for Sale!

Five Poland China pigs for sale. Weight 200 pounds. H. H. Riser, Gault Farm.

THE VERY BEST RED POLLS IN NEBRASKA.

Breeding Establishment at Cedar Creek Well Worthy of Above Title.

The Journal-Stockman, one of the leading stock journals in the United States, has the following to say about the fine stock being bred at the Pleasant View Stock Farm, which has become noted far and near for its production of fine stock, and especially the justly celebrated Red Polled cattle: "After many years study of the Red Polls, W. H. Heil has earned the name of having the leading herd of pure bred registered Red Polls in Nebraska. When visiting his Pleasant View Stock Farm and seeing the large, roomy breeding matrons and the splendid bulls heading his herd one can readily see that labor and expense have not been spared in obtaining such sires and blood strains which make it deserving of the mention as being the foremost in the state of the 'dual purpose' kind. Of the 'dual purpose' breeds, the Red Polls are the most distinctly dual in form and function of all breeds, as they, more than any other have been kept from swinging first to beef production and again to milk production. At the head of Mr. Heil's great herd are three sires of exceptional value, namely: North Star 5742. One Price 8522, and Iowa Davyson 7216. North Star 5742 is of the low down, blocky type and weight 2,000 pounds in breeding condition and took first and sweepstakes at state fair 1900. His sire, Ensign 3096, has never been beat at any of the leading state fairs and sold for \$1,000. We consider him one of the best Red Polled bulls in the state. We give below a brief outline of his pedigree: "North Star 5742, sire The Ensign 3096, by Paris 1974, dam 6591 Nanny by Pando 1254 by Bacchus 965, 2nd dam 3597 Nan by Falstaff 303 by Rufus 188, 3rd dam 1692 Nancy Q-1 by May Duke 348 recorded to 7th dam 96 Cherry Q-1, 6591 Nanny was bred by V. T. Hills, of Delaware, Ohio, one of the leading breeders of America and who sold 92 head Oct. 28 and 29, 1902, at public sale that averaged \$283.30 per head. "One Price 8522 is a splendid individual as well as a great sire and we believe he will make one of the largest Red Polled bulls in America. He is but two years old, and in thin flesh and weighs 1800 lbs. When in good flesh he would easily weigh 2,000 lbs. His pedigree below shows his breeding: "One Price 8522, sire Prime Day 5783 by Oakland Prince 4556 dam 9088 Zuma by Free Trade 2727 by Frost 2109, 2nd dam 6287 Myrtle by Rosebug 2031 by Breadwinner 986, 3rd dam 5440 Eldorado Princess A 13 by Frank 1821 recorded to 7th dam 556 Spot. "Iowa Davyson 7216 is a show bull and when in breeding condition weighs 1800 pounds. His sire, Iowa Davyson 10th 3149, was the Champion bull at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. He is bred as follows: Iowa Davyson 7216, sire Iowa Davyson 10th 3149 by Davyson 18th 822, dam 10265 Gala 2d by Brown Ben 2532 by Isaac 1874, 2d dam 3460 Gala by Roundhead 564 by Rufus 188, 3d dam 2837 Gala V 10 by Lord George 520 recorded to 8th dam Grinace V 10. "The blood lines in the females of this great herd are fully as strong as those of the herd bulls, and as this herd is so large a one, numbering around a hundred head, it would almost be impossible to mention in these columns all those deserving special mention and give an outline of their breeding. Both Mr. Heil's bulls and females when represented at State fairs have always been able to carry off a large number of ribbons. Anybody wanting to see a lot of good cattle are invited to visit Mr. Heil's herd. We especially call old time breeders, beginners or farmers attention to this great "Dual Purpose" herd if in need now or later on of a good bull or some females. They can buy no better elsewhere nor at lower prices than from Heil's Pleasant View herd. Mr. Heil is also able to supply buyers of car lots, as he can sell bulls and heifers that are of no kin. A few exceptionally good ones of both sexes are now offered in order to reduce his herd."

Frank Schlater Appointed.

The Journal is prepared to announce the appointment of the incoming Deputy County Treasurer, and we are pleased to say that his name is Frank E. Schlater, a gentleman that is in every way fitted for the position. Another thing is, the appointment of Mr. Schlater is most pleasing to Mr. Wheeler's many friends. It couldn't possibly be otherwise, as Frank Schlater is one of the most agreeable and pleasant gentlemen in Cass county, besides being one of the most competent for this particular position. The readers of the Journal will agree with us in the decision that Mr. Wheeler made no mistake in the appointment of Mr. Schlater as his chief deputy.

Farm for Sale.

Eight acres, near Mynard. Well improved. For further particulars enquire at the Journal office.

Where are You Going?

You follow them and see if they don't come to our place of business, for we always treat the people so that they are sure to come to us on the run.



Leading Clothier...

MORGAN,

Leading Clothier...

Happy New Year.

Time says "move on old 1903, for 1904 stands waiting at the door." Let it be so—for a year, at best, is but a twinkle on the calendar of time.

Welcome to 1904.

New Year's resolutions are now in order. Start right in everything. Start right toward the right Clothing, Hat and Furnishing Store. Get yourself into the habit, early in the year of buying the the Clothing, the kind of Hats and the kind of Furnishings that will give absolute, unqualified satisfaction. It pays in every way.

CURB-STONE SIDE-RAKINGS.

And Other Items of Interest to the Readers of the Journal.

John Lutz' friends want him to run again for Mayor, and they believe they can elect him, too.

How does it look now for those few hundred dollars you were going to put to the good this year?

Blessed are the poor and oppressed, for they can get along without much less coal than the rich.

Courtesy is a business man's best friend. The use of it means success; the lack of it means failure.

Be careful how you speak of people or you may some time be called on to prove some of your assertions.

Some folks are so busy digging up trouble that they could not see a blessing if it hit them square on the nose.

Every man who carries a pistol ought to be forced by law to wear it in a belt at his side, labelled "Emotional Insanity."

If you expect to be successful you must mind your own business while the other fellow neglects his trying to mind yours.

Judging from what everybody says, and what everybody says must be true, Melchior Seonichsen will succeed himself as city clerk.

Many no doubt have resolved to turn over a new leaf where it says "to do better." It's very easy to resolve to do better—but will you do it?

One or two citizens have been proposed for mayor next spring simply because they have a little money. They have nothing else to recommend them.

All the old maids in Plattsmouth are smiling because leap year is here. It won't do many of them any good, as the most of them are old enough now to be grandmothers.

When a man is so old and calloused that the Christmas season fails to move him, it is time to take him to the pound and see if anybody cares enough for him to redeem him.

A Plattsmouth husband, when he gets mad at his wife, threatens to go to Utah and become a Mormon. This wouldn't prevent her from doing the same, would it?

Hppy New Year to all. And in the language of the immortal Rip Van Winkle, "Here's to your good health, to your family's good health and may you live long and prosper."

There is said to be a drummer who makes Plattsmouth quite often, who has been on the road so long that when he is at home and his wife passes him biscuits at the dining table he tries to flirt with her.

It must be awful nice for ladies to go to the postoffice in the evening and find a half dozen or more boys, ranging in age from ten to twelve years, in the lobby smoking cigarettes, and the smoke emanating therefrom almost enough to strangle them. Fire them.

An Iowa paper tells of a young man who committed suicide by removing his clothes and freezing to death because his sweetheart jilted him. This town possesses several girls who could cull a man to death without putting him to a whole lot of trouble like that.

Here's a problem that lays Ann's age in the shade. If Johnny Jones had seven dogs and every dog was white, and fourteen cats come chasing round, each one as black as night, and each two cats has eighteen lives less three destroyed by rats—how many lives must three dogs take before they kill eight cats?

An exchange gets off the following: "If men are the salt of the earth, women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is a necessity, sugar a luxury. Vicious men are salt-peter; stern men are rock salt; nice men are table salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar and pretty girls

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. *E. W. Brown* on every box 25c.

In Looking Around for Suitable Christmas Presents!

Sattler & Fassbender



and look over their elegant line of Bed Room Suits, Fine Rockers, Handsome Couches, Small Chairs and Rockers for the Children. Also, Sleds and Wagons.

No Trouble to Show Goods

W. D. Wheeler Hurt. County Treasurer-elect W. D. Wheeler, experienced a narrow escape from death on Thursday last. From all reports it seems that Mr. Wheeler was riding along the road a short distance from his home, near Mynard, when the horse stumbled, fell in its attempt to get up fell again, rolling over onto the rider in such a manner as to pinion him to the earth. A few moments later the mail carrier came along and noticed Mr. Wheeler lying on the roadside and that he was unconscious. Assistance was quickly called, the injured man removed to his home and Dr. Brendel of Murray immediately summoned. After a thorough examination the Doctor found that Mr. Wheeler was badly bruised with rib a fractured. In some manner while on the ground the horse stepped on Mr. Wheeler's side, and his hoof came down right where he carried his watch, pressing the same so hard as to fracture one of his ribs. This is the worst injury received. At last accounts Billy was getting along nicely, and he hopes to be able to greet his many Plattsmouth friends in a few days.

Christmas Wedding. A quiet but beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. Ruth Beam, 2809 South Twenty-third street, St. Joseph, Mo., on Christmas day, when Mr. Fred Patterson and Mrs. M. F. Thomas were united in marriage by Justice Nicholson. The attendants were Mr. John and Miss Lulu Beam. After a few days in St. Joseph the happy couple will be at home two and one-half miles north of Plattsmouth. The Journal extends congratulations, with the hope that their pathway through life may be strewn with the choicest of roses.

For Sale! Eight acres of land, 11 block west of M. P. Depot; good five room house, barn, wells and other improvements. Plenty of fruit of all kinds. For further particulars call on or address, H. G. Stoll, Plattsmouth.

Parmelee Theatre, Jan. 2.



The Sensational Champagne Dance, which has become famous in America and England—Act II.

The "Silver Slipper" Co.