

CHRISTMAS JINGLES FROM THE MASONIC HOME

Said Santa Clause—He who at Christmas is King—
 "Every child in my kingdom with gladness shall ring
 While mothers' are making cakes, frosted with white,
 And helping to fill up the stockings at night
 Perhaps they expect the weather and me—
 Should make for the world a huge Christmas tree"
 So he whistled—Jack Frost—whose cold icy breath
 Had brought to the roses such havoc and death,
 Who had striped the green clothing from bushes and trees,
 —To weave for their branches some funeral wreaths.
 Obedient Jack gathered mists from the clouds
 And wore with cold fingers some millions of shrouds,
 So brilliant with beauty each sparkling ray
 The sun kissed them all and bore them away.
 Jack Frost was so angry with the Sun and his light;
 He stole every one on that very same night—
 And froze them so hard on the breast of the river
 The skaters thereon were all in a shiver.

Old Santa Claus mused at the Cook-Peary pole—
 I have surely not time to visit—the whole,
 Of the homes of the children, who are looking for me
 To bring loving gifts for each Christmas tree.

There's a group of old children at the Masonic Home
 From my storehouse of gifts, each should surely have one,
 Their sorrowful hearts I fain would make glad
 This cold cruel world has used most of them bad
 So he shouted aloud, to call to his side
 His Fairy's and Harpy's each Nyad and Dryad.
 Come to me quickly, he shouted again,
 And bring to my service an aeroplane
 My sleigh is too small, my reindeer's are lame
 I am getting too old to carry such loads
 To climb up the roofs—and such very bad roads
 Then he called Mrs. Adams through the wintry weather
 And all the good fairies came flocking together,
 The first fairy arrived with courage and valor,
 Wading through the deep snow, Florence Linniger Haller
 She brought from her mother, fruits from tropical trees
 From herself, cash, candy, and green holly leaves
 But—better than all, she brought her own self
 The merry sparkling cheer-giving elf,
 Then from Maple Leaf chapter, from our Omaha
 Such a lot of fine gifts as ever you saw;
 Vesta chapter sent gifts to numerous to name
 To everyone here, a useful gift came.

Then the "Plattsmouth Express" drew up to our door
 With holiday gifts and good things galore
 Shall I give you the names of each fairy tonight—
 Henry Gering, John Bauer; the two brothers White
 And their venerable father; the two Lorenz brothers
 McMaken & Sons and one or two others
 Our good brother, Duely, living in the far east,
 Sent fifteen bright dollars to add to our feast.

Now behold "forty people" with smiling old faces
 March gleefully down, and file to their places,
 At the banqueting board, made bright by our friends
 Ropes of holiday green from chandeleurs bends,
 Merry Christmas of moss speaks out from the wall
 A glittering Christmas tree crowning the whole;
 We look with delight, as breathless, we pause,
 And thank all the fairies of good Santa Claus
 We bid them good night—with a smile and a tear
 And wish everyone "A Happy New Year."

J. E. V.

PRETTY CHRISTMAS WEDDING

Dr. Charles R. Kennedy and Miss Anna Daggett of Hastings United at the Home of His Mother in This City

A very pretty home wedding took place in this city Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Almada Kennedy on Oak street, when her son, Dr. Charles R. Kennedy, was united in marriage of Miss Anna Daggett of Hastings.

The wedding was a very quiet one, only the near relatives of the interested parties being present. Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church preached the marriage ceremony, and the entire affair was informally arranged. The marriage came as a surprise to the friends of the groom, who is a former Plattsmouth boy, having been born and reared in this city. Dr. Kennedy was a graduate from the Plattsmouth High school with the class of 1900 and afterward graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine with high honors. He is at present employed as assistant to Dr. Jones, chief surgeon for the Union Pacific railway company in Omaha, where he has an excellent position.

The bride is a former resident of Hastings, Neb., and a graduate nurse, having until recently been employed at her profession in Omaha.

Immediately following the wedding, which occurred at 12 o'clock the entire bridal company was entertained at dinner by Mrs. John Crabb, sister of the groom, at her home.

Those present from out of the city to attend the ceremony, were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Northcutt and children, of Omaha; Mrs. Northcutt, of Nebraska City; Miss Doggett, of Hastings, sister of the bride and F. Frazier, of Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy departed

yesterday for their home in Omaha, where they will go to housekeeping at once in their new house. The Journal extends heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Musical and Lecture.

Rev. D. A. Youtsy will deliver his popular lecture, "The Most Real Thing in Life" at Coates' Hall on Thursday evening, December 30. E. E. Youtsy, his son, will appear as pianist, making it quite a combined musicale and lecture treat. Mr. Youtsy was for a number of years a resident of Plattsmouth, and has a host of friends who will be glad to hear him in his favorite lecture. Remember the date, Thursday evening, December 30.

Electric Lighted.

Plattsmouth celebrated Christmas Eve in a manner that was very marked in the residence districts of the city. For the first time in many years the various corners were lighted with electricity, the lighting company having partially completed their lines and were lighted for the first time on Christmas Eve. From many of citizens who reside on the hill tops, and could view the lights, we learn that they truly presented a beautiful sight, after so many years of darkness.

Notice to Policy Holders Platte Mutual Insurance Co.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Platte Mutual Insurance company will be held at the office of Judge M. Archer at ten o'clock a. m., Saturday, January 8, 1910, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

W. J. WHITE, President.
 HENRY R. GERING, Secretary.

Here From Oklahoma.

Nick Volk, from Renfro, Oklahoma, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit with his many friends and relatives at the old home. Mr. Volk was for many years a resident of this county and of course has a host of friends who are always glad to see him. He will remain here during the holidays.

NICARAGUA, THE LAND OF MISRULE

Side Lights on That Central American Hornets' Nest Where President Zelaya Has Reigned Like a Tyrant and Despot For Several Years.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

WHAT do you know about Nicaragua? This is an intimate query, because the United States government recently sent some war vessels and marines down to that Central American hornets' nest to show the present head hornet, President Zelaya, that he cannot murder American citizens without being called to answer in a court of law. Intelligent observers express the belief that the United States will place an army of occupation on Nicaraguan soil until such time as there can be established in that volcanic ball-tick a government guaranteed not to erupt every six months. Our course in Cuba seems about to be repeated in Nicaragua.

That is why some real facts about Nicaragua are pertinent. Once upon a time a young American, William Walker of Nashville, Tenn., was president of Nicaragua. Fifty-three years ago Walker conquered the country with only fifty-six men at his back. Of course it didn't stay conquered. Walker was stood up and shot down. For half a century his bones have bleached in Nicaraguan sands. As Joaquin Miller, who in youth was one of Walker's fiery filibusters, has sung:

He lies low in the leveled sand,
 Unsheltered from the tropic sun,
 And now of all he knew not one
 Will speak him fair in that far land.

The bones of Leroy Cannon and Leonard Groce, the two Americans recently executed by order of Zelaya, do not even bleach. Their bodies were burned, also by Zelaya's order. In a smaller way they were like Walker, the foremost of the filibusters. They fought against the prevailing government because it was a thing of shreds and tatters, so far as stability was

About the Size of New York State, It Has Great Natural Resources—Many of the People Live Like Savages. Officers Commanding Our Forces.

are Leon and Managua. Leon, the largest city in the republic, has 60,000 people. It used to be the capital. It is a picturesque old place and historically interesting. Managua, the present capital, has a population of 40,000—the size of Springfield, Mo. Then there are Matagalpa, 16,000; Granada, 12,000, and several other towns of from 5,000 to 10,000.

How to Reach Nicaragua.

There is only one railroad in Nicaragua, and that doesn't cut much space. It runs from Corinto, on the Pacific coast, to Managua, located on a lake near that coast, and from there to Granada, on Lake Nicaragua, the largest inland body of water in Latin America. The railroad is about 100 miles long—or short, as it looks to us.

It is said to be almost impossible for an American, unless he possesses the intrepidity of Peary or Cook, to cross Nicaragua from coast to coast. The roads in some places are mere trails. The interior is mountainous and wild.

Corinto is the principal port on the Pacific side. The town has but 2,000 inhabitants. To get to Nicaragua perhaps the quickest route is through Mexico by rail to Salina Cruz and thence by steamship to Corinto. One may go by ship from San Francisco all the way. Steamers from New Orleans run direct to Bluefields, on the Atlantic side, a place of 5,000 people. Steamers from New York also touch Bluefields. Many persons from the eastern section of the United States get to Nicaragua by crossing Panama and taking ship to Corinto.

Like all Central and South American countries, Nicaragua is an undeveloped nation. The natural resources of the country seem to require only a stable government for development into won-



SCENES IN NICARAGUA AND OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF THE AMERICAN FORCES.

derful wealth. On the eastern slopes four crops of corn are grown annually, though vast areas are unplanted. Cotton planted in October is picked in February. Coffee, rice and indigo are grown for export, while in later years the rubber industry has been systematized by outsiders and has become one of the most lucrative lines of endeavor in the whole country.

Nicaragua New York's Size.

Nicaragua is not so much as to size, though it is bigger than Holland, Belgium and Denmark combined. Those are monarchies in Europe, and Nicaragua and her ilk are practically monarchies in America, though called republics by courtesy. But Nicaragua is so much bigger than Panama that the latter "nation" looks like Cataraugus county in relation to the state of New York. In fact, Nicaragua is almost exactly the size of New York, being 49,200 square miles in area. The country is richer than Russia proper in coast lines, having 225 miles on the Pacific and nearly 300 miles on the Caribbean sea, the Atlantic side.

Nicaragua's greatest width is 275 miles, the distance from St. Louis to Chicago or from New York to Washington. In one place it is only 125 miles wide, the distance from Chicago across Illinois to the Mississippi river. Let us call Nicaragua it instead of she, as that might offend the ladies.

According to information supplied by the international bureau of American republics, Nicaragua has the smallest population of any Central American republic except Panama. There are about 600,000 people in the country. This is less than the population of St. Louis. Many of the Nicaraguans are aborigines, living in the interior fastnesses and as uncivilized as the savages of darkest Africa. The chief cities on the Pacific side

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Bananas are the principal article of export. About a million dollars worth are sent out every year from the eastern section. Most of those grown in the west are eaten at home. Mahogany, ebony, light rosewood and other valuable trees abound. Vanilla sarsaparilla and cacao (chocolate) are shipped to America for consumption.

Where Monkeys Grow.

It is interesting to know that humming birds abound in this turbulent land, though monkeys, wild hogs and buzzards are more in evidence. Zelaya's effort to make a monkey of the United States is the cause of the present trouble.

Nicaragua is misgoverned by a president, five cabinet ministers and forty representatives who comprise a national legislative assembly of one house. There is no check upon this one house congress except that supplied by the president, who possesses such power under the constitution and his own inclination that he can override the law makers and overrule them almost if not quite at will. Thus Zelaya has become a dictator, a despot, a czar, in his own ball-tick.

Universal suffrage is said to prevail. Universal suffering also appears to be the rule under the prevailing misrule.

There are few schools in Nicaragua. A few years ago it was reported authoritatively that Nicaragua's neighbor, Costa Rica, had more schoolteachers than soldiers and that Zelaya's country had three times as many soldiers as schoolteachers. The preponderance of soldiers has increased immensely since then, and it would be

BARGAINS

IN PANTS!



Easy in Any Position.

Our annual pant sale is a looked for bargain event in Plattsmouth. Never before have we had so many good pants for you to select from as this season. We are determined to close out every odd and end in our stock, and these seasons selling from the largest pant stock we ever had, has left a good many such. We have put them in 3 lots, as follows:

\$1.³⁹ \$1.⁹⁹ \$2.⁴⁹

Nearly every size is represented from boys 27 inch waist to mens 48 waist. There are both light and dark shades in the assortment. You'd better supply yourself with this needed apparel while you can at these prices. They will not last long. CASH ONLY.

C. E. Wescott's Sons
 THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

REDMEN ENJOY A FINE TIME

Fifteen New Members Taken in, and at the Close of the Meeting Refreshments Were Served.

Owing to the disagreeable weather, the meeting of the Redmen at their Wigwam Christmas Eve, was not as largely attended as it would otherwise have been. However, there was a very fair attendance considering for many of the farmer Indians to be present. Yet some of them "braved" the snow storm to attend. The pale faces who were taken in as "Good Indians," were well pleased with the mysterious that surround the Wigwam, and also to make friends everlasting with the tribe. Had the weather not been so disagreeable and the snow so deep, as to make the by-ways almost impassable, this would have proved one of the successful councils ever held by this big lodge. After the initiatory services were ended the new Indians sat down to enjoy the good things that had been prepared by the old chiefs for their special benefit. It was expected that several members from the Fort Crook Camp would be present, but only one brave fellow came, much to the regret of our boys. The meeting, nevertheless, was a most pleasant affair throughout. The Red Men of Plattsmouth will have no other kind. Those who desire to become Redmen should arrange to go in before the 14th of January, 1910, for after that date the initiation fee will be \$10.00.

Returns From Oklahoma.

G. W. Fornoff, who has been visiting with friends and relatives near Tuttle, Okla., returned home yesterday. While there he visited Geo. Miller, who moved from this county to Oklahoma last winter. He is well pleased with his new home and the first year has been a very prosperous one.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly ministered to our needs in our time of great sorrow. May Heaven's choicest blessing rest upon them.

Mrs. M. A. Street and Family.

Lost.

Two packages of merchandise, between Plattsmouth and the home of Joseph Cook south of town. One contained a pair of child's overshoes, and the other was a Christmas package. Finder please leave same at the Journal office.

Local News Notes

A. S. Will and son Robert were passengers for Omaha this morning on the early train.

Frank Boyd went to Omaha this morning to work on a house which he is building for I. Pearman, formerly of this city.

France Balance was a passenger for Glenwood this morning, after spending the holidays with relatives in Plattsmouth.

Miss Ida Campbell and son Phillip, were among those going to Omaha today, going to that city this morning on the early train.

J. E. Worley, wife and daughter came down from Lincoln to spend Christmas with Mrs. Worley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard. They returned to the capital Sunday evening. While here Jay gave the Journal a pleasant call, where he always receives the glad hand.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. White and daughter Miss Bertha, and son Valery of Omaha, were Christmas and Sunday visitors in Plattsmouth, the guests of their numerous friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Ward and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eads and daughter Fern, of South Omaha, were Christmas visitors in the city, guests at the home of Mrs. Kate Oliver and daughter Carrie, and in company with Mrs. Oliver and Carrie, all took dinner Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bates spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy French in Omaha. Mrs. French is a sister of Mrs. Bates. A brother from Kansas City was also present, as was also Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the parents. It was a happy gathering and one that was greatly enjoyed, especially the fine dinner served by the hostess, Mrs. French.

John Kuhney, the boss tenorsial artist of Nehawka, came up last evening for an over night and today visit with his brother Harry, and his many friends at the old home. We are indeed glad to see John looking so greatly improved in health, and that he is feeling better than he has for years. He expects his family to arrive in Nehawka from Oklahoma about the last of the present week where they will make their future home.

W. H. Hell, the prominent farmer and stock raiser from west of the city, was in town today. Mr. Hell tells us that he is almost served his time in the fine stock business, as his recent sale in South Omaha almost cleaned up the lot. He has about twenty head at home yet that he is at present on a deal to sell to one man. He was well pleased with the prices he received for those sold in South Omaha, but is confident that the sale would have netted him fully one thousand dollars more if the weather had been good.