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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT THE CHURCHES AND MASONIC HOME

The Little and Old Alike Enjoy Being Reminded That Christmas Truly Brings Forth Good Cheer.

The Christmas festivities with most of our people ended with the close of the day, Monday. Since Christmas came on Sunday there was plenty of time for all to celebrate. Sunday exercises being largely of a religious nature, while Monday was more secular in its character. Most of the business houses closed the entire day Monday, and the employes given an opportunity to celebrate as they preferred. The weather was all that anyone could have desired, the sky being so clear and bright, that "Old Sol" himself seemed in the height of his glory. Saturday evening the various churches held exercises for the children, a partial report of which the Journal is enabled to print, as follows:

Presbyterian Church.

A real live Christmas tree and a fine program was given by Superintendent Farley of the Presbyterian Sunday school. The program was greeted by a large audience of parents and friends of the children participating. Santa Claus appeared after much jingling of sleigh bells and talking to phantom reindeers, much to the delight of the little people, who received their treat eagerly from his outstretched hands.

Songs by the infant classes as well as the intermediate grades, were well received and lustily clapped by the delighted listeners. "Bobby's Christmas Tree," a play-let in two acts, was well rendered by five or six boys, who labored under the difficulty of having to go on with one of the star actors at home. The live Christmas tree was a fine tableau, composed of members of the school arranged on a sort of amphitheatre, with some of the smaller members of the school at the top near the ceiling, and the older members ranged below in tiers, the entire tree bursting forth in song as Santa Claus came upon the stage. The entertainment was much enjoyed by all present. The performance closed by giving the children of the school a treat composed of bags of candy, nuts and popcorn.

At the Methodist Church.

The entertainment at the Methodist church Christmas eve, was one of the most successful ever given by the Sunday school, and the program though quite lengthy, and composed of twenty-nine numbers, had been so thoroughly well drilled that only an hour was used in giving the program. Miss Zelma Tusey, who had the program in charge and attended to drilling the little folks, is to be congratulated on the very excellent manner in which the little people acquitted themselves before the audience.

A mammoth Christmas tree almost filled the arch back of the pulpit, being twenty-five feet in height and fifteen feet in diameter, referring to the foliage. The tree was decorated in tinsel, cotton, sparkles and colored lights, and presented a beautiful appearance.

The program was opened by a speech of welcome by the youngest member of the infant row, Doria

Smith, and was followed by songs, recitations, drills and selections admirably rendered by the children. The last number was a song by the children entitled "Santa Is Coming," and as the last verse was being sung the north window was hoisted up from the outside and Santa appeared at the window and announced himself with a whoop that startled the little people and some of the older ones and sent the blood tingling through the veins. The old fellow failed to get in at the window but clambered down and went round to the door and came down the aisle much to the amusement of the children. A half pound box of candy was distributed to every boy and girl in the room. Every one left feeling happy.

At St. Paul's Church.

Christmas Eve at 7:30 found a large crowd gathered at St. Paul's German Evangelical church to enjoy the usual exercises given by the children of the Sunday school at this joyous and significant time. After the singing of the ever beautiful "Stille Nacht" and a prayer, Rev. Steger opened the program with a few remarks. He spoke concerning the origin of the observance of Christmas and especially its being celebrated with the appropriate evergreen tree. He showed this custom to have originated in Germany and to have been brought to this country by our German forefathers.

An excellent program was then given, almost entirely by the children. The program was made up of songs, short readings and dialogues. The readings showed good work and honest effort on the part of each individual. Besides this should be mentioned a short play. This showed a very poor family in their home on Christmas Eve. They were expecting very little in the way of gifts and the like to make them happy; yet their beautiful contentment and their thorough reliance on God's goodness brought them at the close, the happiest of Christmas. Throughout the entire play, enough humor was mingled with seriousness to make the whole highly enjoyable.

With the sight of the brilliant tree and the reception of the usual Christmas bag, each child was happy.

At the Christian Church.

A program consisting of songs, recitations and drills given by the children of the Sunday school occupied the attention of a well filled church Saturday evening, Christmas eve. The program was under the management of Mrs. Radcliff, Mrs. Rhin and Mrs. Funk, and the excellence of the performance given by the little people reflected credit on the committee who attended to the drilling for the occasion.

A tastefully decorated cedar as a Christmas tree occupied a place on the platform and added to the beauty of the scene and inspired the Christmas spirit which was in evidence on every hand. There was not a hitch in the well prepared program, every number passing off smoothly, which speaks well for the members of the

school taking part.

Old Santa was present at the close of the entertainment and arrived in time to distribute a treat to each member of the school. The exercises were most successful from start to the end of the program. Everyone enjoyed the evening to the fullest.

At Masonic Home.

The residents of the Masonic Home had their Christmas tree and distribution of gifts in the large dining room of the Home Christmas eve. The room was tastefully decorated in evergreen and holly. The tree was a beautiful cedar mounted on one of the tables, and decorated with candles and tinsel, from this table the gifts were distributed. Each resident was remembered with a substantial token from the Grand Lodge, and cards were received from the O. E. S. local and other lodges. The grand chapter also sent a gift to each member of the Home family.

A sofa pillow was presented to each of the male residents of the Home, Mrs. Vandercook making the presentation speech, which was couched in poetry. The Christmas dinner was served on Christmas day at the noon meal. There was about fifty pounds of roast turkey, and other viands of delicious flavor. Sauces, vegetables, fruits, nuts and candies in profusion, and the cherry pie was an attractive part of the menu. Three boxes of cigars were passed for the benefit of those who smoked. The entertainment and the dinner were very enjoyable affairs, and the residents of the Home certainly had a very enjoyable Christmas.

THE NIGHT MADE HIDEOUS BY DISTURBERS OF THE PEACE

Last night, or rather this morning early, several young men rendered the fair hideous with their prowling, cursing and yelling. There can be no objection to celebrating Christmas in any manner young men see proper, so long as they do not disturb the peace of others. But this was not the case, by any means, this morning, and it is a shame that young men who think anything of themselves or their parents, should thus act. We could give the names of the young men to whom we refer, but to save the stigma which it would cast upon their mothers and sisters we decline to do so. While we feel justified in making their names public, we have some feeling for those who would be compelled to suffer the humiliation caused those who are not in the least to blame for the actions of their boys.

ELMWOOD.

(Leader-Echo.)

Mr. Otto Stege, who has been in a hospital at Omaha, returned home last evening.

Carl Schroeder and wife, of Avoca, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Henricks, Sunday.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hopkins on Saturday evening, Dec. 17.

Elmer Dettman left Tuesday for New York with a car of horses which he is taking to the market for a big eastern buyer.

Mrs. G. W. Blessing came in from Ruskin the forepart of the week for a visit during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tolhurst. She was met in Lincoln by her father.

I. H. Hollenbeck and wife left Wednesday to visit relatives and friends at Diller and Beatrice, Neb., and Huron, Kan. They will also visit at other points in the south before returning home.

H. O. Reber, of Montevideo, Minn., brother to Mrs. H. O. Miller, is here on a visit until after Christmas. Mr. Reber lost both lower limbs in a flour mill some time ago, an account of which was published in these columns soon after the accident. Mr. Miller will take a course in a business college at Lincoln with the hope of preparing himself for some useful occupation.

That the burglar alarm system recently installed by the First National bank will do all that is claimed for it was demonstrated on last Friday night, when promptly at ten o'clock the bells began to ring calling the attention of the bank officials to the fact that they had failed to properly lock the bank vault. The ringing of the gongs drew quite a crowd at the bank to ascertain the trouble. Matters were soon set right and the people went home satisfied that the burglar alarm is a decided success.

Submitted to An Operation.

George Thomas, who has been suffering from an abscess on the side for several days, had Dr. Cook open the same yesterday, and let out a considerable amount of puss that had formed. Since the operation Mr. Thomas feels considerably relieved, and strong hopes are entertained that he will have no further trouble.

CUPID MAKES ANOTHER CAPTURE

Miss Minnie McKay United in Marriage to Mr. W. H. Pickard of Wichita Kansas.

A very pretty home wedding occurred yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Homer McKay, when their daughter, Miss Minnie Elizabeth, was joined in marriage with Mr. William H. Pickard, of Wichita, Kansas, in the presence of fifty guests, relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ratcliff, pastor of the Christian church, who used the beautiful ring form of service which was very impressive.

The parlor was decorated in green and white, and the dining room in Christmas festoons. The bride wore a blue silk, and carried white chrysanthemums, and was attended by Miss Lillian Pickard, sister of the groom. The groom wore conventional black, and was attended by Mr. Wallace Benjamin, of Wichita, as best man. The marriage vows were said under a cluster of wedding bells. After the ceremony and congratulations of the guests, a two-course luncheon was served.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer McKay, and was born and reared in this city, a graduate of the Plattsmouth High school, and a talented young lady. She has been in the employ of the Bell Telephone company here for the past four years. The groom is a rising young business man of Wichita and thither the young couple will go on the evening train today. The out of town guests were: Mr. Joseph Messersmith and daughter, Goldie; Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carrigan, and Mr. B. L. Latham, all of Havelock; Mrs. William Matherson and son, Donald, of Omaha; Mrs. L. C. Curtis, of Union; Mrs. William Fritchman, of Council Bluffs; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beard and son Roland, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clifford and daughters, Nona and Ruby; Mr. and Mrs. William Bunch and son and daughter, Howard and Hazel, of Omaha.

The Journal joins with the large circle of friends of this popular young couple in extending congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness.

LOUISVILLE.

(Courier.)

Mrs. Fred Krecklow went to Berlin Wednesday to visit her brother Henry and family.

Miss Olive Stander left Tuesday for a ten days' visit with her brother Louis and family, at Archer, Neb.

Will Lenhoff came down from Lincoln last Saturday to look after business matters. He returned home the same day.

Mrs. Geo. Reichart went to Omaha Tuesday to meet her mother, Mrs. I. DePuy, who returned from an extended visit at Knife River, Minn.

Mrs. Chris Backemeyer and two children came in from Hooker county Wednesday to spend Christmas at the home of her father, August Panska.

Mrs. Margaret Ossenkop and daughter, Miss Mabel, left this week for St. Joseph, where Mrs. Ossenkop will visit with her brother. They will also visit the family of Chas. Schlaff, in the same city.

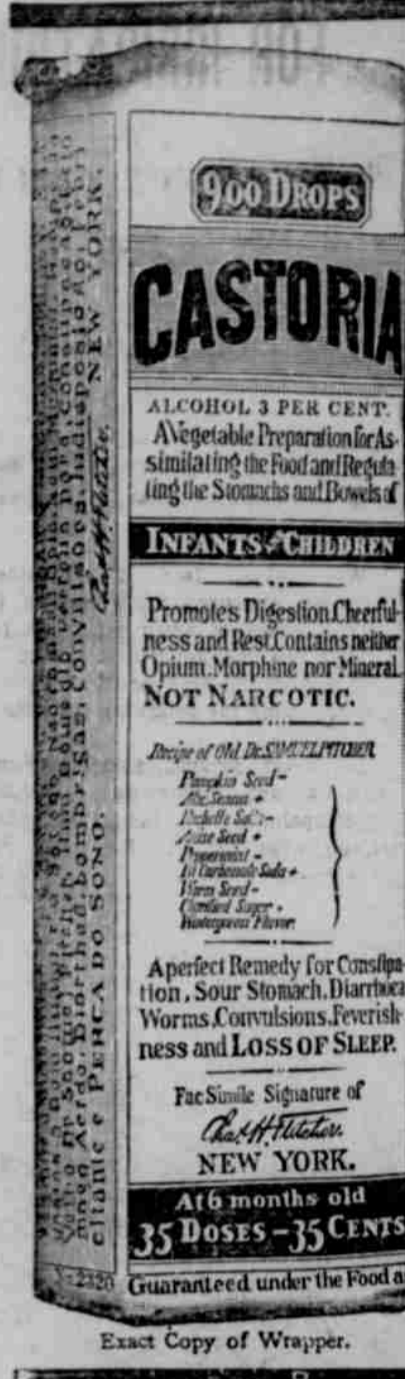
Wesley Blair while playing with some of the boys after school Monday evening, fell on a stick which made a wound in the side of his face great enough that it was necessary for the doctor to dress it.

W. A. Anderson, C. M. Seybert and Chas. Reichart went to Cedar Creek Tuesday evening and took a very prominent part in a feast given by the A. O. U. W. lodge of that place. They report a glorious time and a feast fit for the gods.

Disturbed the Peace.

A complaint was filed in Judge Archer's court yesterday charging Fred Ohm with disturbing the peace. A warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Chief Rainey, who went out and brought the offender in. At a hearing before the court this morning it appeared that the accused had been making a general nuisance of himself, threatening to kill by blowing holes through his wife and step-children. The objectionable language and threats have been going on for some days, until he has thoroughly frightened his wife. Judge Archer gave the accused \$25.00 and costs, and in default of payment committed the prisoner to the jail of the county.

Mr. Henry Tarstch and wife, of Sioux City, arrived Christmas eve to spend the Christmas vacation with August Tarstch and wife and Wm. Balance and wife, parents of Mr. and Mrs. Tarstch.



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WEeping WATER.

(Republican.)

Miss Ella Bates suffered from an attack of lumbago, the first of the week, but is able for duty now.

Herman Kleitsch started out Monday to make a trip around the horn, Nebraska City, Auburn and stations between on the branch line, selling flour and feed.

Miss Edna Hammer departed last week for Francis, Texas, where she expects to remain if she can find something to do while taking care of the ranch she drew there at the recent drawing.

The announcement has been made of the marriage this Wednesday of Troy L. Jewell and Miss Stella Horn, at the ranch home of the bride, near Broken Bow. Miss Stella Jewell is in attendance at the wedding. The bride and groom came to Weeping Water to spend Christmas.

J. A. Eller, the new proprietor of the Gibbon house, is now serving customers. Patrons will find that Mr. Eller will give them good treatment and will conduct the hotel in a business way that will be an inducement to all to come again.

Last Tuesday one of C. C. Baldwin's teams, hitched to a wagon, got scared down by E. F. Marshall's elevator and ran away, stopping against a tree near Wm. Dunn's barn. One horse was so badly injured that death was considered the kindest manner in which to end its sufferings.

Wednesday noon Sidney Marshall, while riding a horse at a gallop on the street, at Amber Bros', corner the animal ran into Stella Spangler, knocking her down and bruising her face and limbs. No bones were broken. Sidney had nothing but a halter to guide the horse and Stella dodged in front and did not notice its approach.

EAGLE.

(Beacon.)

Miss Mayme Price visited her father in Lincoln Wednesday.

A. T. Hinshaw died Tuesday after a few hours' illness. The funeral was held Thursday at the home.

Miss Mayme Donahue returned Saturday from Havelock, where she has been visiting Mrs. Geo. King.

Miss Clara Crabtree visited from Friday until Monday with Miss Myrtle Bryant, of University Place.

Miss Lillie McKay and Miss Lottie Renner are working in Lincoln, beginning the first of the week.

Miss Pearl Johnson went to Weeping Water Friday for a visit with her parents until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and Jay and Jeanette attended the Adams-Davis wedding at Elmwood, Wednesday.

Miss Ora Schenert, of Belle Plaines, Iowa, arrived Monday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schoeffert.

Ivan Burdick, who has been trapping along the Missouri river, arrived here yesterday. Ivan started several weeks ago from his home in Dakota and came down the river. Harry West made the trip with him.

Mr. John Campbell, of Murray, was in the city today, having been called here on business.

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