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## CHRISTMAS DULY OBSERVED BY THE VARIOUS PLATTSMOUTH CHURCHES

Musical Programs, Gift-Laden Trees, and Hearts of Hundreds of Little and Big Children Gladdened, Making It One of the Merriest Christmas Times in Our City's History.

Never before have the people of this city celebrated Christmas with "The Peace on Earth, to Men Good Will" spirit so much as at this time. The festivities began last Friday evening with the St. Luke's Sunday School exercises and Christmas program, and ended on Christmas day with the solemn mass of the Catholic church.

### At St. Luke's Church.

The Christmas carols of St. Luke's were sung at the church by the large chorus choir, under the leadership of Prof. Austin. The Sunday School children enjoyed a jolly good time at the A. O. U. W. hall, which was beautifully decorated with mistletoe, holly and flowers. A tree decorated with tinsel and lighted with candles added much to the enjoyment of the children. A program of choruses, solos, readings and exercises interested both the young and the old. A treat was provided for the younger members of the school. One of the most pleasant features of the program, and one that gave real pleasure to those participating, was that of each class furnishing a dinner for a poor family. On Sunday the Christmas sermon was preached by Bishop Williams, and communion celebrated.

### At the Presbyterian Church.

The Christmas celebration at the Presbyterian church began on Sunday morning, Rev. L. W. Gade spoke to a large congregation, taking for his subject, "Around the Bethlehem Manager." The special music consisted of a Christmas anthem by the choir, and a solo by Miss Gladys Marshall. The evening service was in charge of the Sunday School, and consisted of a Christmas cantata, sung by the Sunday School pupils, under the direction of Miss Mathilda Valley. The choruses were fine and the solos exceeding well sung, showing much painstaking work on the part of Miss Valley. Solos were sung by Miss Gladys Marshall, Marial Streight, Carl Schneider, Ben Windham, Amelia Sayles and Mildred Johnson. A beautifully ornamented Christmas tree graced the platform, and during the exercises Old Santa made his appearance and delighted the little people with his jolly songs, and also engaged in a rollicking dance with the brownie class. At the close of the cantata, the members of the school formed in line and marched around the auditorium and as each child passed the Platform Superintendent Farley handed each a box of candy, said to have been brought in by Santa Claus.

### At the Methodist Church.

A church packed full of people, the very windows and doors being jammed with people was the congregation which greeted the Christmas celebration at the Methodist church Sunday evening. A large tree which reached from the floor of the pulpit platform to the electric lighted arch, stood on a platform glittering in snowy whiteness. Between the tree and the altar was a snow colored picket fence, and a perfect winter scene was pictured before the congregation. The tree was ornamented with tinsel and popcorn and presented an inspiring sight. Seventy-five seats were reserved in the front part of the auditorium for those to take part in the exercises. The program and entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Frank Gobelman and Miss Clara Austin, with Miss Violet Freese as organist. Shortly after 7:30, to the soft strains of the organ, the little people, clad all in white and with their Christmas faces beaming, marched in from the lecture room and took their places on the platform. The program was opened with a chorus by the school, and was followed by song, solos, readings and exercises. At the

close of the program Rev. Austin made a short address which was interrupted by the appearance of Santa Claus at the rear entrance. The old fellow made his way to the platform amid the merriment of the little people, and distributed a treat to the children.

### At the Masonic Home.

Never in the history of the home have the good old people enjoyed so happy a Christmas season. Numerous gifts were sent to each person at the home from the numerous Chapters and Masonic lodges. Presents were received from friends and relatives from the old homes. Col. Askwith and his estimable wife had an excellent dinner consisting of turkey and other viands too numerous to mention, prepared and served on Christmas day. A special Christmas menu card was placed at each plate for their selection of the many good things. A large tree was procured and decorated and erected in the large dining room. Unknown to the good old folks, the Euterpean Glee Club were ushered into the parlor just before dinner was announced, and after all were seated and had begun the Christmas dinner, the glee club softly assembled in the hall and began to sing the good old Christmas songs of years ago. Six of these songs were rendered by the club, and before the music had proceeded very far every eye about the dining table was wet with happy tears. After the dinner was served the attendants distributed the many gifts to the men and women of the home. Each one was handsomely remembered and received costly and useful gifts from friends from abroad.

### St. John's Catholic Church.

The observance of Christmas at St. John's Catholic church began with the celebration of mass at 5:30 Christmas morning. The auditorium of the church was filled with worshippers at this early hour. The church was beautifully decorated with large white chrysanthemums. A large chorus choir, directed by Miss Helen Cline, sang the mass, with organ, cornet and violin accompaniment. The voices of the singers blending with the sweet notes of the instruments combined in harmonies to inspire the mind to worship. Rev. Father Shine delivered a Christmas discourse both eloquent and instructive. No one could attend this service and not be benefited by it. At 8:30 and again at 10:30 the service was repeated, and every parishioner of the good priest were wished a joyous and happy Christmas.

### At the Christian Church.

The Christmas exercises at the Christian church last evening were very interesting and demonstrated the Christmas spirit prevailing there. The church was very tastefully decorated and prepared for the exercises. The entire Sunday school participated in the evening's entertainment, and the success of the entertainment reflects great credit on both the committee who had the matter in hand and those who took part.

After the program, which was well given, Santa Claus and his wife came in, making no stop between Alliance and this place, where they spent a few moments with the children and departed for the Pacific coast, where they were due in fifteen minutes. They distributed their presents and blessings and departed, leaving a smile on every face and a gladness feeling in every heart and a wish that it would be Christmas all the year 'round.

Earl Hassler returned to Osceola this afternoon, after visiting his parents, William Hassler and wife and family over Christmas.

### Visits Indiana Relatives.

O. M. Kintz, who has been with Smith & Tiekoetter in the carpenter business for a long time, departed Saturday evening for his old home in Decatur, Indiana, at which place he will visit his parents for a month. O. M. is a jolly, good fellow and has a host of friends in Plattsmouth to wish him a merry Christmas at the old home.

## ANOTHER VETERAN ANSWERS LAST ROLL CALL

J. W. Hickson, for Many Years a Well Known Citizen of Plattsmouth Dies Suddenly.

From Tuesday's Daily.

James W. Hickson, who for more than a quarter of a century had been a familiar figure in Plattsmouth, died at his home in Omaha Saturday, where he had resided but a few months. He was stricken very suddenly, having been in Plattsmouth Monday and Tuesday of last week and testified as a witness in the district court. Although not feeling first-rate for the past few weeks, he was not confined to the house, and on the day of his death had not made any complaint of feeling badly.

Mr. Hickson was born July 7, 1845, in McVeytown, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, where, before he arrived at the age of 21 he enlisted in the army as a member of Company M, Sixteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, enrolling on the 17th day of May, 1862, and served his country three years, three months and fifteen days. He was wounded in three separate battles and carried the scars of battle to his grave. He was one of the bravest of the brave, and never was known to flinch or quail in the presence of danger. As a mark of his bravery he had carried a rebel bullet in his leg ever since the war.

On his return from the war in 1865 he resumed the occupation of a farmer, and on August 16, 1867, was joined in marriage with Miss Ellen E. Carrigan, who survives him. About a year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hickson removed to Iowa, where they resided for seventeen years. Two sons and two daughters were born to them, who also survive, namely, James H. of Nebraska City and Thomas J. of Omaha; the daughters are Mrs. Lillian Lindsay and Mrs. Catherine R. Lindsay, one of this city, the other of Omaha.

Mr. Hickson moved to Plattsmouth from Iowa about twenty-six years ago, and for a couple of years farmed west of the city; then he removed to Plattsmouth and entered the employ of the Plattsmouth Water company, and he was a faithful employe for twenty-two years, or until a few months ago, when he severed his relations with the company and moved to Omaha.

The funeral occurred today at 2 o'clock from the residence of his son-in-law, George Lindsay, and was in charge of the G. A. R., the remains having been brought to Plattsmouth on Christmas day. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin. The pall-bearers were selected from among the G. A. R. membership and were: Colonel J. H. Thrasher, Tom Fry, Mr. Renner and Joe Smith. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Relatives from out-of-town attending the funeral were: T. J. Hickson and wife, Mrs. Catherine Lindsay and daughter, Lena, Miss Mabel Grinnell and Mrs. Lane, all of Omaha, and Mr. Vancil of South Omaha.

### Taken to Penitentiary.

Sheriff Quinton and deputy Sheriff Manspeaker left Saturday evening for Lancaster, Nebraska with Frank McCann, the convicted safe blower, and Frank Doud, his accomplice. McCann began his twenty year sentence yesterday, and Doud was taken for safe keeping until the date of his trial next month.

N. H. Bolin of Ord arrived Saturday to visit his wife's uncle, B. S. Ramsey, and join his wife and children, who have been here for some weeks, and enjoy the Christmas season with them.

## SHOOTING AFFRAY ENDS IN DEATH

Henry Burrows Shoots William Sayles in His Own Home South of Plattsmouth.

From Tuesday's Daily.

One more murder has been added to the long list of killings occurring within the borders of Cass county within the past few years. Sunday afternoon, at his home, three miles south of Plattsmouth, William Sayles, an ex-Burlington locomotive engineer, was fatally shot with a shotgun in the hands of Henry Burrows. Burrows immediately went to the home of Charles Miller, a near-by neighbor, and informed Miller of what he had done, and the story at first was not credited, but thinking there might be something wrong, Mr. Miller went to the home of Sayles, where he found him writhing in pain and bleeding from an ugly wound in the breast. Medical aid was summoned at once, and Dr. Martin went to Sayles' relief as soon as he could. In the meantime Burrows phoned the sheriff to come and take him to jail, and accordingly, the sheriff and Dr. Martin and others went to the scene of the trouble. Sayles was brought to town, as well as Burrows, who was lodged in jail. For the want of a better place to keep the wounded man he was given a bed in the corridor of the jail, where Jack Denson watched by his bedside until Monday morning, when Sayles was taken by Sheriff Quinton to St. Joseph's hospital, where he died last evening about 5 o'clock.

Sayles was not in condition to talk very much, but from him and from Burrows it was learned that Saturday night they took a jug of liquor home with them. Sunday morning at Burrows' home some misunderstanding occurred and the two came to blows, Sayles getting the best of the encounter. About 5 o'clock Burrows went to Sayles' home with his shotgun, loaded with shot, and entering found Sayles lying down. Sayles inquired as to where Burrows' game was, when, at a distance of eight feet, Burrows aimed at Sayles' breast and fired. The entire charge of shot entered Sayles' breast, striking him just below the heart, tearing an ugly wound, and a part of the charge passed through Sayles' body, while some of it lodged in the lungs and back of the victim. Burrows immediately left the place, and Sayles, who lives alone, managed to get to the door and called to his sister, who lives a short distance from Sayles' home, and informed her that he had been shot by Burrows. Mr. Sayles' sister then alarmed the neighborhood and Mr. Miller also aided in doing what could be done to relieve the stricken man until a physician could arrive.

At the jail Burrows did not seem to regret his act, but said if persons thought he would be run over they were much mistaken, and that he would show them whether he would not fight, or words to that effect. County Attorney Taylor went to Omaha yesterday afternoon to get a statement from Sayles, but arrived at the hospital too late, as Sayles was then unconscious and died while Mr. Taylor was at the hospital. All that Sayles could state concerning the tragedy was given to the sheriff and will be produced at the proper time. Sayles' body was brought to Plattsmouth today and an inquest will be held very soon, at which time all of the facts regarding the murder will come out.

### T. J. Isner Home.

T. J. Isner, who has been working for the past three months out at Dunning, Neb., returned last Saturday evening. He went out to Dunning for the purpose of building an addition to the farm house of Mr. Askwith of the Masonic Home. Mr. Askwith owns a large ranch near Dunning. After completing this contract, Mr. Isner took another nearby. He is now ready to look after the work at home.

All kinds of cool summer drinks flavors, at Bookmeyer & Maurer's

### Grandpa Miller Happy.

From Tuesday's Daily.

George Miller and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a nine-pound boy yesterday, just in time to eat Christmas turkey. Grandpa William Miller is about the happiest man in the city. Old Santa could not have brought him a finer Christmas present than this grandson.

## A FORMER CITIZEN DIES IN KANSAS CITY

Selwin Kinkaid Passes Away at a Hospital in Kansas City Last Wednesday Morning.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Selwin Kinkaid, for years a business man of this city, died at a Kansas City hospital Wednesday morning, December 29, and his remains were brought to Plattsmouth Christmas day and interred in Oak Hill cemetery this morning, the funeral occurring from Streight & Streight's undertaking rooms and were conducted by Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church.

Selwin Kinkaid was born in Ohio about fifty-seven years ago, where he grew to manhood, and at about the age of 21 was married to Miss Jennie Campbell, who survives him. In 1882 Mr. Kinkaid moved to Plattsmouth and resided here for about fourteen years. In this city he was a contractor and painter. He removed from here to Lawrence, Kas., where he resided until his death. He had gone to Kansas City on business and was taken suddenly ill and taken to a hospital, where he died shortly after.

His wife is in the east at their former home at Lancaster, Ohio, spending the Christmas holidays. Mr. Kinkaid's son, James, of Omaha was notified of his father's death and wired the hospital authorities to ship the body to Plattsmouth. Mr. Kinkaid is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter, as follows: James Kinkaid of Omaha and Mrs. G. A. Crissman of Lincoln; one brother, Benton Kinkaid of Seattle, and two sisters, Mrs. Bishop Hill of Kansas and Mrs. Elias Shinn of Ohio. The pall-bearers were: William Bratner, Ted Clifford, George Poissall, M. M. Beal, John Leuchtewil and John Kinsler.

### Card of Thanks.

To the old-time neighbors and friends who have so kindly tendered sympathy and assistance in the burial of our beloved father, and especially the Eagle lodge of Plattsmouth, we desire to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kinkaid, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Crissman.

### C. B. Schleichter Here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Schleichter of Brady, Neb., arrived in Plattsmouth last Saturday to spend the holiday season among relatives and friends, being guests at the Miller home, south of the city. Mr. Schleichter is devoting his entire attention to stock raising and the real estate business, with permanent location at Brady. As will be seen by an advertisement in another section of this paper, he has a number of mighty good farm propositions on his list that are being sold at a right price. He informs us that he has just completed the erection of a fine new brick office building at a cost of \$3,000. He will remain here for about one week.

### Pleasant Function January 13.

The T. J. Sokols will give their twentieth annual mask ball Saturday evening, January 13, 1912. As this is an annual event everybody is looking forward for one great time. The prizes to be given are as follows: First prize, ladies' and first prize gent's for best character mask; second prize ladies' and second prize gent's for best comic character; prize for best (Weary Willie) tramp. One group prize. 12-22-2td.

George Lehnhof and wife and daughter arrived from Omaha Sunday and took Christmas dinner with Mr. Lehnhof's mother, Mrs. F. D. Lehnhof and daughter,

## "A MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER" IN HONOR OF BRIDE AND GROOM

Most Enjoyable Affair at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cole Friday Evening.

Last Friday evening a number of young people were most pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cole, in honor of Miss Jennie Johnson and Sherman Cole, at a "miscellaneous shower." Shortly after the arrival of the guests the hostess passed tiny pink pencils with silk tassels and large pink hearts, upon which was written the given names of the bride and groom-to-be. From these names each was requested to make as many words as possible and a prize was awarded to the one obtaining the largest list. Miss Fern Long of Lincoln was the winner and Will Hutcheson received the booby prize. After this slips of paper were passed with names of Russian generals written upon them, and the letters, when properly arranged spelled the names of the articles of wearing apparel. Much fun and laughter was created during the writing of these, and a box of stationery was awarded to the winner, Miss Winnie Hutcheson.

Mrs. C. G. Barnard then presided at the organ and played a march, while the guests proceeded to the betrothed pair, marched to the dining room, where the happy couple were seated in a booth decorated with pink and white streamers where they were engaged in unwrapping the miscellaneous articles and to which was attached a rhyme about the article brought. These they read aloud and heaps of laughter filled the room. During this proceeding the busy couple were greatly surprised by a shower of rice which came unexpectedly from a bell above. An elaborate two-course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Will Carv, Mrs. C. L. Wiles and Mrs. E. V. Cole. At a late hour the guests departed, each declaring the evening spent a most enjoyable one and Mr. and Mrs. Cole splendid entertainers.

Those present were: Misses DeElla Venner, Fern Long of Lincoln, Winnie Hutcheson, Lillian Wheeler and Jennie Johnson; Messrs. Ern Hutcheson, Elbert Wiles, Lee Cole, Percy Wheeler and Sherman and Roy Cole; Messrs. and Mesdames W. T. Hutcheson, Will Cary, C. L. Wiles, E. V. Cole, Albert Cole, C. G. Barnard and Carl Cole.

### The F. M. R. Grand Ball.

The F. M. R. organization gave another of its delightful dances at Coates hall Christmas night, which was one of the most enjoyable events of the winter. The hall was gorgeously decorated in the colors of the club, red and green, and the Christmas bells and holly and the flowers and foliage of the season were in evidence in every nook and corner of the large ball room. Thirty or more couples participated in the grand march, which was led by Mathew Herold and Marie Douglas, followed by Grovener Dovey and Vesta Douglass, and to facilitate the commencement of the dance the grand march proceeded in double column at the close. The music was furnished by that popular musical organization, the M. W. A. orchestra, consisting of four pieces, and the very latest in ball room music was given the dancers. The floor was all that could be desired, having been polished and waxed for the occasion. The dancers were each furnished with a neat program bearing on the outside of the cover the initials of the organization giving the ball and the date and place of the event. Punch was served throughout the evening by Miss Mary Rosenerans, and as a social event the ball was a grand success. Messrs. Falter, Morgan and Rawls, sponsors for the ball, are receiving the congratulations of numerous friends over the success of the event. Every detail for the comfort and convenience of the participants in the dance had been thoughtfully looked after.