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## STARTING OF THE CHRISTMAS REVIEW

Stores Are Filled With Dainty Articles Suitable for the Big Gift Season.

The season for the Christmas shopping, which has begun in full blast, has brought out many of the early shoppers, who have found the merchants of the city have forestalled their wants and have on hand a large stock of seasonable articles for remembrance during this great festival season. The different merchants have arranged to meet the prices of the city merchants with stocks of goods far superior and at prices that will compare with any of the stores of Omaha or Lincoln. A Journal representative has made a visit to the different stores of the city to view their offerings, and find that they are amply able to supply the wants of anyone.

The first place visited was that of the clothing store of C. E. Westcott's Sons, and here the firm was found in the midst of the big overcoat week, as they are making a specialty all this week of the overcoats carried in stock and offering them at prices that makes anyone sit up and take notice. The firm early in the season closed with one of the large eastern wholesale houses for a line of overcoats of exceptional value, and they are enabled by this to give their customers the benefit of the chance to buy a first-class overcoat at prices so low as to be surprising. The big overcoat week has detracted somewhat from the pushing of the Christmas lines of goods, but they are all in the store on display and the lines are complete in every detail. Smoking jackets and lounging robes are on sale for those who desire something classy and up-to-the-minute in Christmas gifts, and the array of ties offered embraces everything that could possibly be desired by anyone. The ties are displayed in handsome Christmas boxes and range in all prices that could be desired. A special in this line is ties in boxes at 29 cents, which are of a fine line of silk and were secured at a special bargain, and the public here are now given the chance to secure these at prices better than it is possible to get them for in Omaha. Another very neat article offered is the black morocco combination travelers set, which is constructed so as to be capable of being packed in a small space and can be placed in the most closely packed trunk. Their lines of silk-lined gloves, fur caps, mufflers, holeproof hose in Christmas boxes, sweater coats, fancy suspenders, buff button sets, stickpins, garters in fancy boxes, and an especially strong line of quality clothes at prices within the reach of all. The show windows of this store, trimmed with red plush, the great rage of the city window decorators, gives a hint of the many good things that lie within the store, and the seeing is the proving.

A little further up the street one enters the hardware store of G. P. Eastwood, where very substantial presents can be secured and very hand-some as that, as this firm has a large line of the celebrated community silverware, in addition to an attractive assortment of chafing dishes, coffee urns and percolators, casseroles, salt and pepper sets. This firm also has a large line of aluminum wear suitable for useful gifts to the wife or mother, and also a fine line of ranges which would prove a very acceptable present to the housewife and one which could not help but please the most exacting.

The drug store of Weyrich & Hadraba contains a wonderful storehouse of gifts for the Yuletide, chief of which are the kodaks, a complete line of which

is carried by this firm, and in all sizes and at all prices, and this will make a wonderfully appreciated gift, either for man or woman, and will prove delightful in the years to come. Here also can be found a full line of manicure sets, perfume in fancy bottles, fountain pens, cigars and pipes and cases and for the man who loves to shave himself a full line of safety razors at very reasonable prices, as well as a most complete line of mirrors of all descriptions and kinds. This store is being artistically decorated and will present one of the handsomest appearance of any in the city.

The large department store of E. G. Dovey & Son certainly presents the appearance of Christmas headquarters, as there is gathered almost everything that could possibly be desired in the way of gifts of every sort, from dolls of the tiniest up to the most expensive dress fabrics, on the markets of the world. This firm has in the last two years installed a line of Christmas novelties of all sorts, embracing small articles of every description, including all sorts of things for the little one and grown-ups, including ash trays, candlesticks, jewel boxes, necktie holders, leather hand-bags, mesh bags, dolls and wagons, as well as toys of all descriptions, needle work, pillow cases, dollies, fancy stocks and ties for ladies, aprons and a full

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## PRESENTED WITH PAST MASTERS' APRON BY LODGE

The Masonic lodge held a very largely attended meeting Monday evening at their temple, at the close of which a very much enjoyed banquet was served to the members in the banquet room and the occasion will long be remembered as a very pleasant one for all who were present around the festive board, where this splendid body of representatives of the craft gathered. A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the presentation to William A. Robertson, a former master of Plattsmouth lodge No. 6, of a fine white satin past master's apron suitably ornamented with the emblems of Masonry. The presentation speech was made by Guy D. McMaken in behalf of the lodge, to which Mr. Robertson very gracefully responded, expressing his deep feeling over the beautiful emblem of this order that had been conferred upon him.

## ELKS HOLD VERY FINE MEETING LAST EVENING

Last evening the Elks' lodge held a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting at the club rooms in the Coates' block and several new members were received into the order. Following the close of the lodge the members were treated to a most sumptuous luncheon, which has become a much looked forward to feature of the meeting nights, and the delicacies were done ample justice to by the members. The Elks are constantly increasing their membership in this city and now have a fine, live lodge, that is anxiously awaiting the day they move into their own club house that is being prepared for them on North Sixth street.

### For Sale.

Good 160-acre farm, 3 1/2 miles southeast of Greenwood, Neb.; 125 acres in winter wheat, 30 acres meadow. Also good 160-acre farm, 1 1/2 miles west of Greenwood, Neb.; 70 acres in winter wheat, 12 acres alfalfa. Call on or write, A. D. Welton, or Farmers State Bank, Greenwood, Neb.

## VIOLIN RECITAL A RARE MUSICAL TREAT

Pupils Show Great Skill in Their Playing and Are Apt Students of the Able Instructor.

The music-loving public of the city was given a very pleasing treat last evening at the Modern Woodman hall on the occasion of the recital given by the pupils of Prof. Frank J. Kolbaba, the talented violin virtuoso, and the young people acquitted themselves with great credit and deserve the highest praise for the skill and ability shown in their handling of the violin, as well as the number of talented accompanists, who by their work assisted in making the event the splendid and enjoyable success that it was. Prof. Kolbaba was very fortunate in having for the accompanist for the concert Miss Emma Gummis, who assisted in the numbers given by Mr. Kolbaba and his pupils from Omaha.

The recital was opened by little Miss Mary Vasak of Omaha, who gave the "Ave from Rigoletto" in a pleasing manner, and was followed by Miss Grace Beeson in a cradle song, given in a manner that reflected great credit upon this young lady. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Beeson. Miss Genevieve Whelan, one of the youngest of the pupils, showed much skill in the playing of her number, "Silver Chimes," being assisted by Francis Whelan, who played the piano accompaniment. Leo Kraus and John Egenberger, who gave "Flowers to Flowers" and "Dancing Stars," as their different selections, rendered them in a manner that reflected more than the ordinary amount of credit upon these young men, and they were warmly encored by the delighted audience. Miss Helen Egenberger played the piano score for her brother in a very artistic way that showed great skill upon her part. A violin duet was given by two of the younger pupils, John and Theodore Svoboda, the "Bohemian Song" by their offering, and they were assisted by Miss Frances Janda at the piano. The two strongest numbers given by the younger pupils were those of Miss Altman and Robert Krohler, and the way in which these young men handled their selections shows plainly that they have a splendid future before them in the musical world, and it is safe to predict that they will make a record for themselves in this line. Misses Agnes Bajack and Katherine Waddick assisted in these numbers with their clever handling of the piano. This section of the program was closed by the playing of "Hail Columbia" by the members of the two classes of little folks.

The more advanced classes of Prof. Kolbaba were given the second part of the program and their work was of such a high character as to draw out a great many words of praise for the skill shown and for the clear and sweet tones produced by the different players. Miss Agnes Holly gave as her offering "Annie Laurie" in different variations, which showed great ability in the young lady and in the able instruction she had received in her playing. She was accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Bajack at the piano. Edward Honola of Omaha delighted and surprised the audience by his skillful playing, which was worthy of one far more advanced in years, and he will have a bright future if he follows up the art he has shown such ability in. Chester Tukey gave as his offering "Duos Op. 5," a very difficult selection, and the young man was warmly applauded by the auditors. Miss Zelma Tukey was the accompanist for this number and her work greatly assisted in making it a

pleasing treat for the audience. Louis Lorenz played as his number, "La Paloma," and the sweet strains of this Spanish masterpiece was much enjoyed by everyone present and it was with regret that they parted with this pleasing number.

The last numbers on the program were offered by the Omaha pupils of Prof. Kolbaba, and these two young men, Victor Vasak and Charles Simanek, are among the best that have ever been heard in this city, and Mr. Simanek especially has a wonderful expression in his playing that is equal to any violinist's in the business today, and he is a worthy pupil of the talented teacher, who has developed his talents.

Professor Kolbaba gave two very difficult numbers on the program, "Lullaby Op. 24, No. 3," of his own composition, a very dreamy and sweet number that was most pleasing, and followed this by the "Hungarian Dance No. 5," by Brahms, a selection filled with all the wild beauty of this national music, and these selections were so loudly applauded that the player was forced to respond with an encore. The recital was closed by the rendition of a new composition of Mr. Kolbaba, "The Dawn of Love," by the advanced pupils, and as the strains of this selection died away, it closed one of the most thoroughly enjoyed musical treats ever given in this city.

## "DUTCH" JOHNSON WAS A FORMER CASS COUNTY MAN

The murder trial of Mrs. John Johnson, at Wahoo, in which she is charged with having killed her husband, who was known as "Dutch" Johnson, has attracted a great deal of attention in this county, as the murdered man was a former resident of the vicinity of South Bend, in this county, and a few years ago had a lawsuit over the injury to his daughter caused by a defective sidewalk in that place, and he filed suit in the county court here, but the case was settled and the man and his family later removed to Saunders county, where he was married to the woman who has been placed on trial for the alleged murder of her husband. Mr. Johnson was a very peevish man and his acquaintances throughout this county were never very familiar with him, as he did not seem to invite friendship with those he met, and when he was killed it was several days before the body was found, as his absence had not attracted much attention.

## NEW COTTAGE BEING ERECTED BY THE FIRM OF PETERS & RICHARDS

The new cottage that is being erected on Elm street by Peters & Richards, the contractors, is rapidly nearing completion and will be found a most pleasing addition to the property in that section of the city. The residence will be used for rental purposes and will be finished in a most up-to-date manner characteristic of the work of this firm, and when placed on the market will be greatly in demand from anyone desiring a first-class residence. By the erection of this cottage another of the vacant places in the city is filled up and more room afforded for the increasing population of the city.

### For Sale.

Furniture and fixtures in 11-room hotel, in good location. Best of reason for selling. Mrs. S. E. Harris, Cedar Creek, Neb. 12-8-11wky

## CITY COUNCIL TRANSACTED MUCH WORK

Very Busy Session, and Matter of Better Lights for the City One of the Chief Topics.

The city council, at its meeting last evening, transacted much business in session only forty minutes, and by the time that this august body generally is getting wound up for action the members were home. All of the members of the council except Richey and Hallstrom were present when the mayor rapped for order, and Richey came in a few minutes later and was recorded as being present at roll call.

The reports of the different city officials were read as to the condition of their offices during the month. City Clerk Wurl reported having collected \$82.28 during the month, and the police judge had a record-breaking month, having collected the princely sum of \$64 from the different prisoners arraigned before him on different offenses. Chief of Police Ramey reported that thirty-six arrests had been made during the month, with the various dispositions made of them.

The report of the finance committee of the bills for street lighting brought forth a loud protest from the different councilmen, who had noticed the general character of the service furnished. The matter was brought up by Councilman Shea, who wanted to know why the street lights were not burning early in the morning and the current turned on so that the early risers could have the benefit of the light. He did not believe the city should pay for lights that were not in use or in shape to be used, and that the light company should be compelled to live up to its contract. This sentiment was also expressed by Councilman Buttery of the Second ward, who had noticed, he said, that the street lights were allowed to burn all day in some places on the avenue and at night the mantels were all smoked up, with the result that it was impossible to use them for any effective work.

Councilman Richey thought if the council could not locate definitely the lights that were out of commission they had better allow the bill and keep closer watch on the different lights in the future and bring the light company to a show-down. Councilman Vroman stated that he could say that the electric street light on Holdridge street, in his ward, had been out several times in the past week and he had been to the office of the light company in regard to the matter, but without any success. The matter was finally settled by the amending of the finance committee's report by Buttery to refer the light company's bill to the claims committee for settlement.

The claims committee reported back the claim of L. N. Gummis for 50 cents for burying a dog and recommended that it be paid, which was so ordered.

The fire and water committee reported that they had examined the fire hydrant at the corner of Gold and Seventh streets and found that it was set only four inches from the ground and did not give sufficient room to attach the fire hose properly, and on motion the city clerk was ordered to send the water company notice to place the hydrant in proper shape for use.

The committee to which was referred the matter of converting the basement of the city hall or the small brick building in the rear into a "bum" shanty, recommended that the present frame building on Pearl street be retained, as it would not look well to have a place of this kind opposite the fine government build-

ing, and the city was not in a position to take up the work at present. The committee also recommended that the police judge's office be used as a headquarters for the police. The report of the committee was adopted and placed on file.

Mayor Sattler, in a few remarks, called the attention of the council to the need of better lighting facilities for the streets of the city, both in the business district and in the residence section, and he thought that the time was ripe to begin agitating this matter now in the winter season. He was in favor of having electrolights installed in the business section if possible, and if the present lighting company was not able to furnish the power to supply the city with current to run the lights, then some other company should be given an opportunity to come in and supply us with the current.

Councilman Lushinsky stated that the Commercial club, at its recent meeting, had appointed a committee to canvas the business men of the city with a view of having the electrolights installed, but had made no report, although he understood that some twelve of the merchants had signified their willingness to put in the lights if the city would furnish the current to run them, and the proposition looked good to be successful. The mayor said he believed the city would be willing

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## THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE EMIL MEISINGER HELD LAST SUNDAY

The funeral of the late Emil Meisinger was held Sunday afternoon from the Glendale church, near Cedar Creek and was attended by a large number of the life-long friends of the family and the departed young man, who tearfully paid their last tribute to the memory of this loving friend and companion, who was so suddenly called away in early manhood. The services were in charge of Rev. J. H. Sieger of St. Paul's church of Plattsmouth and were in keeping with the beautiful burial service of the Lutheran church. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful and silently expressed the deep feeling over the loss of this worthy young man that was felt throughout this section of the county. To the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger and the other relatives the deepest sympathy of the entire community will be extended in the loss they have sustained. The casket bearing all that was mortal of the departed was tenderly borne to its last resting place in the Glendale cemetery by the young friends and companions of Mr. Meisinger.

## W. S. WISE, FORMER CITIZEN OF PLATTSMOUTH NOW LOCATED IN HAWAII

William Holly of this city has just received a letter from W. S. Wise, a former resident of this place, but who is at present located at Hilo, Hawaii, where he is engaged in the practice of law. Mr. Wise is a member of the Royal Arcanum of this city and desired to be remembered to his many old friends. It was in the early nineties that Mr. Wise left this city with his family, and he finally located in the territory of Hawaii, where he has been quite successful.

### Sheriff Goes to Elmwood.

This morning Sheriff Quinton departed for Elmwood, where he was called to secure Eddie McDougal, a young lad, against whom a charge of incorrigibility had been filed by E. T. Comer of that place, and the boy will be brought here to appear in county court to see whether it will be necessary to send him to the state school at Kearney.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. FLORENCE DOVEY-WEST

Church Crowded With Friends Gathered to Pay Their Last Sad Tribute.

Yesterday in the little old-fashioned church where she had been baptized and received into the church occurred the funeral of Mrs. Florence Dovey-West, and the large number of sorrowing ones who more than filled the church attested in the almost the deep feeling of grief and sorrow that prevailed over the loss of this lady, who was taken from the midst of her daily life while yet young in years.

The services were in charge of Rev. T. J. Mackey of Omaha, rector of All Saints' church of that city, and the impressive burial service of the church was used to rest this faithful one whose life was ended in such sorrow circumstances. Rev. Mackey gave the family and friends much consolation for the loss of their loved one, who had been called home for her final reward and whose separation was not for always, but only until the loved ones gathered with her on the further shore, which was the reward of all of those whose life was ended in the Lord, and he paid a most eloquent tribute to the memory of the young mother, whose mortal form was about to be consigned to the earth for keeping and his solemn duty must to take away the heartache of death by sustaining the friends with the assurance of the unbounded happiness awaiting their loved one, whose spirit had crossed the bar and was at home with the Father in everlasting peace.

The P. E. O. society, of which Mrs. West was a member, were present at the church in a body, attesting their grief at her death, and they held a short ritual service at the grave in Oak Hill cemetery, where the casket was gently borne for final interment by the pall-bearers, all life-long friends of Mr. and Mrs. West, consisting of the following: Hugh Robb and C. C. West, Wyoming; R. H. West, Carter, Kansas; W. C. Ramsey, Omaha; R. F. Patterson and W. A. Robertson. The services at the grave in Rev. Mackey were the solemn Episcopal ritualistic services, and the loved one was laid to rest among the scenes she had known for a lifetime of happiness.

## THE NEBRASKA LIGHTING COMPANY OF THIS CITY UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Nebraska Lighting company of this city has just been placed in the hands of a new manager in the person of W. E. Sweeney of Junction City, Kansas, who arrived yesterday to assume charge of the plant in this city. Mr. Sweeney was formerly superintendent of the Union Light and Power company of Junction City and comes very highly recommended to the Nebraska company. He expects to move his family here about the first of the year to live, and will at once settle down and try and grapple with the light question here, which has given considerable annoyance to the patrons of the company in the last year. The light company has completed their line of poles from Red Oak to Louisville and the greater part of the distance has been wired and will shortly be ready for the current to be transmitted to the different points.

M. Tritsch, refracting optician, at Gering & Co.'s Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Examination free.