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CHRISTMAS TREE FOR EVERYBODY IN PLATTSMOUTH

Rich and Poor Alike Should Be Made to Feel That This Is "Our City" and a Christmas for All.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Throughout the country there has been agitations for municipal Christmas trees, where the children of the city, regardless of creed, race or sex, could gather in a common celebration of the event that heralds the advent of the Prince of Peace, and such a celebration in this city would not come amiss and would furnish a beam of joy to many a little one whose Christmas will not be as bright as some of the more fortunate. There is no more laudable movement that could be started or one that would benefit everyone and bring each into touch with one another and add real meaning to the great feast of the Christian world.

A Christmas tree in a parlor looks good to the folks in the parlor, but to the folks on the outside looking in, it might as well be a dream or a painting on the wall. That sort of a Christmas tree is "yours." What we should like to see, is a Christmas tree that we might call "ours." There's a world of difference between "yours" and "ours." "Yours" is private property and belongs to you, while "ours" belongs to all of us. A municipal Christmas tree will be "ours," and every one of us may dance around it and slap our hands, if we feel like it, and nobody can lock the door or draw the shades to bar us out. There are a lot of us who don't have Christmas trees that we may call our own, and the only Christmas trees that we ever see are "yours," and we see them from the outside looking in. "Our" Christmas tree must be on the outside—outside where God and the poor and the homeless walk the streets unobserved. Do you folks on the inside know how big and lonesome the outside is? Does it not seem to you that most of the world is wrapped up in your own life and in your own home and business, that there is not much else that needs your care or attention? This is the view that most people take of the outside, and this is the reason that the outside seems so big and lonely. And along about Christmas, the outside spreads out to many times its usual size, and becomes as cold and cheerless as the winter storm clouds. Christmas doesn't mean much to those on the outside when the world seems so big that nobody sees them, and nobody knows their needs.

And there are a lot of people in Plattsmouth who almost dread the coming of Christmas. They dread it because the happiness on the inside, that is denied them, so cruelly contrasts with the unhappiness on the outside, that they cannot escape. On the outside there doesn't seem to be enough Christmas to go 'round. A municipal Christmas tree will, to some extent, add cheer and good will to the entire city and will arouse a Christmas spirit that all may feel and enjoy. And it will arouse to a still greater extent the community interest that has been sadly lacking in Plattsmouth. It will have a most wholesome tendency toward getting our people to thinking and acting together in municipal affairs, instead of thinking and acting in a thousand different directions. Our people have been given to living too largely to themselves instead of pulling together and living for each other. They have taken a narrow view of the duties and obligations of citizenship and have failed to recognize the fact that the easiest and shortest road to prosperity and happiness lies in co-operation and in serving each other. They have not learned to think and talk of "ours." They have not learned to say our city, our schools, our churches, our welfare, our Plattsmouth. There should be no "outside" in Plattsmouth. Rich and poor alike should feel that this is "our" city, and that the coming Christmas shall be "our" Christmas.

You will find the Dennison line of Crepe and Tissue Papers in all the Christmas colors at the Journal office.

Taken to Omaha Today.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. Mike Lutz, wife of Street Commissioner Lutz, was taken to Omaha, where she will be placed in the Imanuel hospital for treatment. Mr. Lutz accompanied his wife to the metropolis. For some time past she has not been in the best of health, and her condition was such that it was thought best to remove her to the hospital, where she can be treated with more ease. The many friends of this lady, who are legion throughout the city, trust that she may find relief there from her illness.

BEN DUN IS DUN BROWN TO THE TUNE OF \$5 AND COSTS BY JUDGE ARCHER

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Ben Dunn, who has been here for a short time working at the shops, decided that he would celebrate his quitting the service of the railroad company by accumulating a glorious jar, and he more than satisfied himself with the "dun" which he attempted to carry, but the foe within was too great and Ben dun found that the walking was rather unsteady, but managed to reach the Perkins hotel, where he announced a declaration of war and asserted his ability to whip any who attempted to interfere, and with this declaration proceeded to strip for action. Officer John Fitzpatrick, who was sleeping upstairs, was summoned to the scene of the trouble and the Irish forces soon reduced the prisoner to a state of submission, but during the hostilities the officer suffered the laceration of one of his fingers, and with Ben thoroughly subdued started for the city jail to place the man therein. The party were met by Chief of Police Rainey, who was en route to the hotel, and the follower of Mars, the god of war, soon rested behind the bars, where he could vent his militant spirit on the empty air without serious damage to himself. He was brought before Judge Archer this morning, and after the evidence had been offered the man was fined \$5 and costs, and the police sailed forth with him to see that this sum was taken from his time check and turned over to the city strong box.

COMMISSIONER HEEBNER AND WIFE CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

From Tuesday's Daily.

A most delightful gathering occurred at the pleasant home of County Commissioner Charles E. Heebner and wife, near Nehawka, last Friday, when they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, and were assisted in the event by some fifty relatives and friends. During the twenty-five years of happiness enjoyed by this worthy couple they have lived on the farm where the anniversary was celebrated, and it was here also, in the old homestead, that the worthy commissioner was born and has lived during his lifetime. Five of the guests present at the silver wedding had also been guests at the happy event twenty-five years previous, when Mr. and Mrs. Heebner had been joined in holy wedlock. The bride of twenty-five years ago appeared in the original wedding dress, which in its style was not far from that now in vogue. The day will long be remembered most pleasantly by all present, and the worthy couple were showered with congratulations and well wishes for twenty-five years more of wedded bliss and that the years to come might be filled to overflowing with all the happiness they so well deserve. Most delicious refreshments were served to the gathering, one of the features of the luncheon being a cake baked after the same one which graced the wedding feast of years before. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Heebner throughout the county will unite in wishing, them well and in hoping that many more such happy anniversaries may be vouchsafed to them in the years to come. With the host of other friends the Journal joins in this wish for our highly esteemed friends.

FRED M'CAULEY HAS A VERY CLOSE CALL FROM ASPHYXIATION

While Repairing Gas Mains He Becomes Overcome by Gas, and When Found Life Was Almost Extinct.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Last evening about 6:30 Fred McCauley had a very close call for his life from escaping gas that overcame him while he was working on making a connection in the gas main near the residence of J. M. Roberts on High School Hill. The lighting company had been lowering their mains owing to the placing of the curb and gutter along that street, and Fred had been called there to make the connection for the Roberts residence in order that there would be no interruption of the service. He had tapped the main and jumped into the ditch to see how the connection would work, and while stooping over, the fumes of the gas, which was escaping in a large amount, gradually overcame him and he fell into the ditch and in a few minutes was wholly unconscious, and when found a short time after life seemed to be extinct.

He was taken from the ditch and carried to the office of Dr. J. S. Livingston, where it was impossible to discover a sign of life, as he was pulseless, and only the most energetic means known could bring back life to the young man, but after working over him for some time signs of renewing life was discovered and soon he was brought to. He was taken home, where he was reported this morning as resting easily, although still feeling greatly the effects of the narrow escape, and he can consider it most fortunate that he escaped death, as it was pronounced one of the most severe cases of asphyxiation where the victim had survived.

THE DEATH OF MRS. G. TEIPEL, A FORMER RESIDENT OF PLATTSMOUTH

From Tuesday's Daily.

The news has been received here of the death of Mrs. G. Teipel, a former resident of this city, who passed away Sunday at her home in Verdigris, Nebraska, where she had been living for the past few years. Mrs. Teipel resided here for quite a number of years, living on the homestead on West Locust street. The message announcing the death was brief and did not state the cause of her death. The body will be brought to this city for burial in Oak Hill cemetery, and the services will be held tomorrow at St. Paul's Evangelical church, of which she was a member while living in this city. She leaves a number of children to mourn her passing. A more complete account of her life will appear later, on the arrival of the family.

HENRY HIRZ, JR., RETURNS FROM HIS TRIP TO TEXAS

From Tuesday's Daily.

Henry Hirz, jr., has just returned from Texas, where he has been looking over his land interests in the vicinity of Falfurris, near where a large number of Cass county people are interested in land. While there he visited with W. G. Schutz and reports that he is getting along fine and enjoying prosperity and has become an enthusiastic admirer of Texas. Mr. Hirz brought back with him several fine oranges and grape fruit grown on the farms there and they will compare with any that can be found on the northern market. He feels very enthusiastic over the outlook for that part of the country, where he thinks there is a great future in store. The land located there was handled by W. E. Rosencrans of this city and a great many of the people here are interested in the land and who will be pleased to learn that the farms there are developing so well.

Married in Omaha.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Among the marriage licenses issued in Omaha appears the name of a Plattsmouth young lady, Miss Minnie A. Preis, who was wedded in that city to Mr. Walter R. Klein of Seattle, Washington. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Preis of this city and her friends here will be pleased to learn of her marriage.

PROPOSITION TO HAVE AN ICE SKATING RINK IS AGITATED BY SOME

From Tuesday's Daily.

The approach of the freezing and zero weather is begging to make the lovers of skating set up and take notice of the fact that soon there will be a good opportunity for them to commence the enjoyment of this most invigorating winter sport, and this, of course, brings up the proposition of the placing of a skating pond where it can be used for those who do not care to risk skating on the river. While the attempt last season to convert the base ball park into a skating pond was not successful, still it was only due to the fact that it was undertaken too late in the season and the condition of the ground was such as to absorb the water as fast as it was poured on and prevented it freezing. If the skating proposition is to be pushed this season it should be boosted at once, and as soon as the weather develops sufficiently the site selected for the rink should be prepared. It was broached early in the summer that Manager Shlaes of the Air Dome would place a rink there by flooding the ground, and while the space is not large, still it would be found very handy for those who desired to spend a few minutes during the day in skating. Let the movement be encouraged by all means, and if possible have a safe skating spot prepared where, for a small fee, the skaters may enjoy themselves.

HENRY KLINGER BUYS THE HOTEL RILEY POOL HALL, AND WILL RUN IT

From Wednesday's Daily.

The pool hall in the Hotel Riley block has changed hands and is now under the ownership of Henry Klinger of this city, who will operate it in the future. Henry is an energetic young man and will strive to maintain a nice, up-to-date pool and billiard hall where any of the lovers of these games can spend a few hours very pleasantly, and from his extensive acquaintance and genial treatment should be able to command a large share of the trade of the city. Mr. Klinger extends to his friends a cordial invitation to call upon him. He will carry a full line of tobacco, cigars and candy, and will be pleased to cater to the wishes of the public in a gentlemanly manner.

MEETING VERY SUCCESSFUL AT LIBERTY CHURCH SOUTH OF PLATTSMOUTH

From Wednesday's Daily.

The meetings that are in progress at the Liberty church, south of this city, are growing in interest and the success of the meetings in accomplishing a great deal cannot be doubted. President McLaughlin of York college, assisted by Rev. J. M. Eades of the church, has charge, and through their efforts two new accessions have been made to the membership. Excellent music has been provided for the meetings and the attendance, in spite of the bad weather, has been excellent, and the residents of the country find great pleasure in attending Liberty church. The pastor, Rev. Eades, is a very pleasant and clever gentleman and his work for the cause since his coming here has resulted in greatly strengthening the church organization.

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A CASS COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED IN OMAHA YESTERDAY

Two of Cass County's Most Estimable Young People Now Happy and Their Hearts Now Beat as One.

Yesterday morning in Omaha occurred the wedding of two of the most popular young people in this section of the county, in the persons of Mr. Elmer Meisinger and Miss Emma Gauer. These two young people come from two of the most prominent families of the county and their friends will be delighted to learn that they have decided to take up life's journey together. The wedding was a very quiet one, the only attendants being Miss Anna Gauer, sister of the bride, and Mr. G. G. Meisinger, father of the groom, and the ceremony was performed in the office of the county judge of Douglas county.

Following the wedding the bridal party adjourned to the Merchants hotel, where a very delightful wedding luncheon was served to the party, and here they remained until 3:25 in the afternoon, when they departed on a honeymoon trip to Pekin and Peoria, Illinois, where they will visit with relatives for the next two weeks, and on their return will make their future home at Cedar Creek, where they have a home awaiting them. The bride appeared most charmingly at the wedding in a costume of white, and her traveling gown was of dark blue serge, with picture hat to match.

The bride is a young lady of the most charming disposition and is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gauer of near Cedar Creek, and here the bride was born and reared to womanhood, and her happy wedding is the culmination of a life-long acquaintance with her husband, who was also born and brought up in the same neighborhood. Mrs. Meisinger possesses a host of the warmest friends in her childhood home, who will wish her all the happiness that she so well deserves. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Meisinger of this city, and, like all the members of the Meisinger family, is a young man of the very highest character and standing in the community, and his friends are only limited by his acquaintances, as he during the years he has resided here, has won everyone by his splendid traits of character.

The friends of the newly wedded young people will be delighted to learn that they will continue to make their home here in this county, where they are so universally esteemed.

Train Is Some Late.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Missouri passenger train that is due in this city at midnight certainly was badly off watch in attempting to run on schedule time, as it was 4:15 when it pulled into this city this morning, and the tired and worn-out passengers who had been since 11:30 p. m. on the road from Omaha were glad the agony was over. It seems the engine was not able to pull the train, as a delay was caused just a short distance away from the Union station, and when the balky engine was induced to go on another delay was had at South Omaha, which occupied some time, and here another locomotive was secured that attempted to pull the train, but not very successfully.

Christmas Boxes.

Our new Dennison line of Christmas Boxes have arrived, and in this line you will find the handsomest assortment of containers for your gifts to your friends and relatives. These boxes are made for all kinds of presents, from the smallest article up to as large as you may desire. Call and see this line if you are looking for handsome boxes; they will surely please you. The Journal Stationery Department.

Have you seen the excellent line of stationery at the Journal office? One of the finest Christmas gifts that you can find.

Elks Enjoy Luncheon.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Elks last evening at the close of their regular lodge meeting enjoyed one of the most pleasant luncheons of the winter season in the tempting repast of spare-ribs, pig tails and sauerkraut, which had been prepared under the watchful eye of Fred Wagner, the restauranter, and the feast, tempting as it was, was thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the lodge who were fortunate enough to be present, and the feed made the evening one of most complete enjoyment in every way. These weekly luncheons in connection with the meetings of the lodge makes a splendid social feature that is always enjoyed to the utmost, and many pleasing menus have been served in this manner.

ANOTHER FIRE CAUSED APPARENTLY FROM PURE CARELESSNESS

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning quite a serious fire occurred at the home of Rasmus Peterson on High School Hill and the loss to the property as a consequence will be quite heavy. It seems from all reports that the fire was first discovered burning along the side of the house where a balcony porch is located, and the blaze, fanned by the breeze, soon gained much headway and made its way into the attic beneath the roof, necessitating the chipping of several holes there to extinguish the blaze, and it required something like half an hour before the fire was gotten under control. The fire department responded promptly to the call and made a splendid fight against the fire demon. The origin of the fire, it is claimed, comes from a partially burnt piece of carpet which was thrown out on the porch, being apparently extinguished from the fire which had burnt it, but the sparks which evidently remained there smoldered until they burst into life fanned by the wind and caused so much damage.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN MOVING PICTURES AT THE GEM THEATRE

From Wednesday's Daily.

Those who have attended the Gem theater in the past few evenings have noticed the improvement that has been made in the pictures shown at this popular home of the movies. Manager Shlaes has secured the use of the Mutual program and the change has been the source of much satisfaction to those who attend this playhouse, as it does away with a great many of the wearisome pictures that had been sent here for exhibition, and the management feels that they have at last a program that will give thorough satisfaction to all who love to witness good, clean pictures, acted out by the leading stars of the movie world. The writer was at the Gem a few evenings ago and the change that has come in the characters of the pictures shown is most agreeable. Those who attend this playhouse in the future will appreciate the change that has been made in the effort to secure better and a higher class of pictures for every performance than has been shown in the past.

"Mutt & Jeff" in Mexico.

Manager Shlaes takes great pleasure in announcing the appearance at the Parmele of Gus Hill's entirely new production entitled "Mutt & Jeff in Mexico." Get in line at the box office the morning when the tickets will be on sale. You know how it was the last time "Mutt & Jeff" was here. Get good seats this time and go early, so as to be sure.

Silver Medal Contest December 19th.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a Children's Silver Medal Contest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott, on West Rock street, Saturday evening, December 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited.

The Journal does job work.

KEEP INSURANCE MONEY AT HOME; HELP YOUR STATE

There Are Millions Upon Millions of Dollars Sent Out of Nebraska Every Year That Should Stay Here.

The following article, taken from the Omaha Tradesman, is the most sensible one we have perused recently on the subject of insurance:

"It has long been admitted that the millions upon millions of dollars of assets of the large insurance companies have been a great feature in American industries. In fact, insurance funds have assisted in the building of our great railroad lines and other mammoth enterprises. One feature that many overlook is how the large insurance companies draw immense amounts of money from the local fields to be circulated elsewhere. "According to the report of the Nebraska State Insurance department for the year 1912, the total premiums paid by the people of the state for fire and tornado insurance was \$4,307,730. In return in the way of settlement of claims these fire and tornado insurance companies paid the people of the state \$3,379,106. In life insurance premiums the people of Nebraska paid \$9,115,000 and in death losses and other distributions of moneys to policyholders \$4,204,410 were paid to the people of the state.

"The bigger part of the life insurance is carried on by other than home companies and strange as that may seem, there is no large stock fire insurance company in Nebraska. From these figures it is plain to see that many millions of dollars are sent out of the state annually. Were these millions paid to local insurance companies the money would be used in building up the state industries much to the advantage of all the people. Now that the Nebraska employers' indemnity law is in effect, two distinct casualty companies have been organized to care for this part of the business. One of the companies is under the direct control of the officers of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association, while the other has among its stockholders some of the most substantial financiers, as well as large employers of labor. Let it be hoped that these companies will prosper and that the people of the west will take greater interest in the support of home insurance companies than they have in the past."

ARRANGEMENTS TO RE-MEMBER THE POOR AND NEEDY ON CHRISTMAS

The charitable inclined residents of the city are making quite extensive preparations this year to relieve the wants of their less fortunate neighbors, and already there is a general movement among the different church societies of the city, as well as from individuals to make someone's load lighter on Christmas day by seeing that they are remembered in some way, and lists of the needy of the city have been prepared and who will at least be assured of receiving a good Christmas dinner through the efforts of those who can afford to assist and feel the need of their services in this way. This is certainly a laudable purpose and shows that the "good fellowship" movement has not been overlooked here in Plattsmouth. Every little act of kindness in this line, however humble it might be, will be remembered long by those upon whom kindness has been bestowed, and while a great deal of money and foodstuffs has been shipped across the ocean to stricken Belgium, there are many who will look after the task of assisting our own unfortunates, and this is as it should be, as they have a claim upon us first before anyone else. Such charitable deeds certainly shows the right spirit of Christianity and should be followed out as far as possible.

Wedding stationery at the Journal office.