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Christmas Observances.

It was a pleasure to note the very general observance in this city of the greatest of Christian festivals—Christmas. Business was quite generally suspended during all or part of the day, and laborer and businessman sought the comfort and delight of home to enjoy with his neighbors, as was the case in many instances, the joys of the merry yule-tide.

The various churches of the city had appropriate services and exercises for the children of their respective Sunday-schools, all of which attracted large gatherings of interested and delighted citizens, and following we give brief accounts of the entertainments held:

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas services by the children of the Congregational Sunday-school were held in the church on Sunday evening in the stead of the regular evening services, and attracted a full house. No effort was made at elaborate decoration or programme, but the affair was one of the most enjoyable held in years—for all its simplicity. The programme consisted of reasonable recitations, declamations and singing by the children—all being distinctly rendered by the little folks with great earnestness and evident joy; and received by the large audience with noticeable pleasure and satisfaction. The services were augmented by the choir, which rendered a number of appropriate anthems and carols at intervals in the regular programme.

After the completion of the literary and musical features of the evening, the large doors of the church parlor were thrown open, disclosing a tree from which dangled little churches full of candy, which were distributed to each child present, firing the cockles of their young hearts with a warmth and glow which ought but yule-tide can bestow. A banner done in white,—"Peace on Earth,"—spanning the arch back of the pulpit platform, together with some evergreens and holly were the simple decorative effects.

A collection was lifted for orphan Armenian children and about eight dollars were raised for this purpose—the children taking special, personal pleasure in this act.

EPISCOPAL.

The Christmas services of St. Alban's church for the children were held on Sunday evening, following the regular evening service of the church in which the address by the rector, Rev. Howard Stoy, was directed to the children, instead of the adults. The most prominent feature of the service was the carol singing by the children. There was a tree and "a dear old Santa Claus." Presents were distributed to the children. Rector Stoy, Mrs. Stoy and Deaconess Miss Bertha Child also came in for appropriate recognition by the members of the parish. Holly and evergreens formed the modest, seasonable decorations of the church. The occasion was a fitting, happy one, indeed.

Regular Christmas services of the church were held on Monday morning at eight o'clock.

BAPTIST.

Sunday evening witnessed the Christmas services in the Baptist church, with a well filled house of appreciative people. The programme was musical and literary in character—all appropriate to the joyous occasion—and the manner of its rendition was a happy revelation to all. Evergreens and a "chimney" effect constituted the decorations—the latter being especially attractive to the children, as from it were distributed the presents—the confections being put up in brick shape and built into the chimney. The entertainment was a very satisfactory and enjoyable one—emphasizing the most desirable features of the occasion most happily.

CHRISTIAN.

That was a joyous and gladsome celebration held in the Christian church on Saturday evening, and the same was witnessed by a full house of happy people—adult and children. The programme consisted of selections from the cantata, "Santa Claus Delight," together with other music and recitations. The performances of the children were uniformly excellent and enjoyable and were received with every mark of appreciation and pleasure by the audience.

Santa Claus captured the hearts of the little ones when he appeared on the scene with well filled baskets and distributed the annual treat. "The Brownies," his helpers, so delighted the audience that they were recalled.

A solo by John Selby was one of the features of the evening.

The church was simply, but effectively, decorated for the evening and the auspicious event commemorated.

METHODIST—SOUTH McCOOK.

The South McCook Methodist brethren held their Christmas exercises in their church on Sunday evening, with a good attendance and the fullest appreciation.

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MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

A. D'ALLEMAND of Arapahoe was a city visitor, Tuesday.

MISS LORA LEHRW was up from Hastings with the family over Christmas.

L. H. BLACKLEDGE was up from Red Cloud, Wednesday, on business of the law.

MRS. J. H. BENNETT and the children are visiting on the ranch near Max, this week.

MISS OLA RUSSOM departed, last Saturday, for her home in Broken Bow, this state.

LOUIS SUSS spent his Christmas holiday with the children at his father's near Crete.

MRS. L. M. COPELAND of Minden is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Schobel, this week.

MRS. G. A. NOREN and Miss Selma are visiting the old home folks at Orleans, this week.

THOMAS O'SHAUGHNESSY, secretary of the Illinois state penitentiary, was a city visitor, Tuesday.

MR. AND MRS. C. H. BOYLE are spending the Christmas week in Denver, visiting his parents.

MRS. FRED MONTMORENCY arrived home, Saturday night on 3, from a visit to Omaha relatives and friends.

J. W. BRAUN of Artz & Thompson's store was with the folks in St. Joseph, Mo., over the Christmas holidays.

MISS FLO THOMPSON returned to Denver, Sunday on 1, after spending a few weeks in McConnell & Berry's.

W. C. BULLARD is out from Omaha, this week, helping close up the business of the past year, which has been very satisfactory.

MISS ETHEL BARNETT arrived home, Saturday night, from Omaha, and is enjoying the Christmas vacation with the folks at home.

MR. AND MRS. E. E. MAGEE returned home, Tuesday morning, to Lincoln, after visiting relatives and friends here over Christmas.

DR. AND MRS. GAGE spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Supt. and Mrs. J. R. Phelan, in Alliance, he returning home on Tuesday night.

JUDGE G. W. NORRIS was over from Beaver City, Wednesday, making arrangements for the removal of his family to our city in the near future.

MISS ELLEN HALLIGAN of Sutton, T. F. Real and William Bosserman of Grafton have been in the city, this week, the guests of C. J. Ryan and family.

J. J. SIMMERING of Hastings, sheriff of Adams county, was in the city over night, Wednesday, going up the Imperial branch, yesterday morning, on business.

MRS. FRANK CARRUTH and daughter came down from Denver, close of last week, and have been the guests of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Dixon, during part of the holidays.

MR. AND MRS. C. F. BABCOCK helped swell the membership of the Babcock reunion in Cambridge, Christmas day,—the four brothers and their families being present.

TIFF BABCOCK and the children were down from Yuma, Colorado, last Saturday, the guests of his brother Charles. They spent Christmas with his brothers Jud and Walter in Cambridge.

W. G. BLACK, the Galesburg real estate man, was out from that city, mid-week, with a party of landseekers. The party was composed in part of J. B. Johnson, H. B. Johnson and Otho Johnson, all of Galesburg.

TREASURER MESERVE returned to Lincoln, Monday night, from spending a brief Christmas vacation here and enjoying a family reunion. Mrs. Meserve has been spending the rest of the week with her daughter.

W. N. ROGERS of "Shadeland" stock farm attended the meeting of the Hereford breeders in Lincoln, last week, and reports a splendid meeting, full of valuable instruction and promise to the breeders of thorough-bred cattle.

CASHER LAWSON of the First National and family were Christmas guests of his cousin, Rev. F. F. Lewis, in Holdrege. From that point he went down into Missouri on business. They all returned home, Thursday evening.

W. M. LAMBING, a Chicago stockman, was out at "Shadeland" stock farm, first of the week, looking over Mr. Rogers' superb collection of Herefords. T. J. Hite of Omaha was out on Thursday for a similar purpose. Few of us, perhaps, realize that we have within a few miles of our city fine thorough-bred cattle that are attracting so much attention from fine stock fanciers.

Branching Out.

The McCook Athletic club has been branching out, lately, and increasing its membership about one-half. Arrangements have been made for the rental of the Morlan rooms adjoining the room now occupied by the club on the north. It is proposed to make reception and reading rooms of this additional space. It will not be the effort of the club to provide a regular library, but the best current literature of the day will be found on its tables. The furniture has arrived and it is expected to have the new apartments open for the membership early in the new year. The membership of the club is approaching the fifty-mark, and its sphere of usefulness is widening. This last move is one of the most commendable actions yet taken by the Athletic club, as it will provide a place and material for those who desire to have access to the best literary matter of the day, and at a reasonable figure, and yet in no manner impairing the athletic features of the club.

The Rogers Ballast Car.

The winter season is utilized by the Burlington in which to push the work of ballasting its track, and for this purpose the company now has in use 100 Rogers ballast cars—cars specially built for the exclusive purpose of ballasting the road-bed. There are now in use on the Western division 40 of these cars, part of them hauling slag from the Denver smelters and the remainder taking granite from the field at Woodruff. They are of 80,000 capacity each. The ballasting material is dumped to the center of the track and a plow follows up and spreads the same—all the operations being done by machinery, and thus saving much labor. At Woodruff, the contractor has 40 men engaged in blasting out the granite, which covers the surface of about forty acres—and is evidently a foreign deposit. After the granite is blasted out of the earth it is taken to the crusher and from the crusher is elevated to the cars by machinery; in fine, almost every process is done by machinery.

"Midnight Mass."

Owing to special privilege granted by Leo XIII, all resident pastors of the Catholic church have been granted privilege to celebrate "Midnight Mass" on New Year eve—midnight—in commemoration of the closing of the nineteenth century of the church. A three-days prayer is also commended previous to the celebration of the Mass, as a preparation for the ceremonies.

Services for St. Patrick's church, McCook, are as follows: Friday, 9 a. m.; Saturday, 9 a. m.; Friday, 8 p. m., Saturday, 8 p. m.; Sunday services as usual. The Christmas music will be repeated at the "Midnight Mass."

Gillhooley's Reception.

Everyone enjoys Vaudeville and in no class of stage plays are the elements so diversified or the features so varied as in farce-comedy, an excellent exposition of which is promised to us in Walter S. McDonald's absurdity, "Gillhooley's Reception." The plot of the piece is designed solely to create laughter, and treats satirically bits of character familiar to us all. A feast of good things is promised and the company is capable of fulfilling all promises. "Gillhooley's Reception" comes to the Opera House, Wednesday, January 3. Seats on sale at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

Death Relieved Her Sufferings.

Mrs. Frank Lofton, whose sad mental condition was noted in last week's paper, the result of an attack of pneumonia, and who was on last Saturday taken to the asylum at Lincoln, died in that institution on Tuesday of this week. The remains were shipped here on Wednesday night and on Thursday were interred at Dodge school-house, where Rev. J. A. Balcon conducted the services. The bereaved husband has the tenderest sympathy of many friends in his sorrow.

Card of Thanks.

McCook, Neb., Dec. 25th, 1899. We, the Board of the Church of Christ, in behalf of the church, do hereby express our sincere thankfulness to the Barnett Lumber Co. for its substantial Christmas present of one ton of coal.

R. T. ELLER, D. W. LOAR,
V. D. SELBY, L. E. MANSUR,
JAMES POWELL.

Begin

The New Year right by starting a new set of books. Merchants will bear in mind that we have added to our stock a complete line of journals, ledgers, etc., in fact a complete assortment of all kinds of blank books and can duplicate all prices made by wholesale dealers.

McCONNELL & BERRY.

MESSRS. A. CAMPBELL, J. W. Hupp, J. H. Artz, Jack Henderson, C. W. Bronson and George Johnson were passengers on No. 12, this morning, for Lincoln, to attend a Shrine meeting in the capital city, tonight.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Conductor A. L. Knowland is on Conductor Pope's run.

Mrs. W. H. Rankin is quite seriously sick with the mumps.

Agent and Mrs. A. J. Zint were at headquarters, mid-week.

Brakeman L. A. Hurlburt is off duty for awhile on account of the illness of his wife.

Conductor and Mrs. George Beck arrived home, Saturday night, from their Omaha visit.

Agent O. P. Yarger departed on Monday morning, for his home in Rochford, South Dakota.

Brakeman F. S. Curry and family are visiting with Benkelman relatives and friends, this week.

Fireman Harry Kingsbury's little daughter Margie is very ill with an attack of scarlet fever.

Fireman Roy Dixon came up from the Oxford-Wymore run to be with the folks at home over Christmas.

A new stove of the Burlington's approved pattern, has been placed in Trainmaster Kenyon's private office.

Walter Sayers and sister, Mrs. Mae Clary, are visiting in Des Moines, Iowa, leaving for that city, last Friday.

Fireman and Mrs. E. E. DeLong have been entertaining their niece, Eva Mitchell of Red Cloud, this week.

Fireman and Mrs. Otis Shaffer were up from Hastings, Christmas, the guests of Engineer and Mrs. C. K. Coleman.

Conductor T. E. McCarl has Conductor Knowland's car and Brakeman E. A. Owen is with Gilcrest on the Imperial.

Conductor Frank Kendlen and family were in Lincoln, Christmas day. Conductor Curran was on his run meanwhile.

The company has equipped Receiver Stayner's office with a fire-proof safe in which to store his "cash and valuables."

Conductor C. E. Pope is in Kansas City on personal business, which will keep him out of town for about ten days.

Day Foreman J. H. Patterson and family are in Cameron, Missouri, on a two or three weeks visit to relatives and friends.

Receiver Stayner can hello at pleasure to the trainmen now: a handsome desk phone has been placed in his office, this week.

Engineer Ellis Ford, who is pulling the construction train on the St. Francis line, visited his family here, Monday and Tuesday.

W. H. Johnston, Master Mechanic Archibald's chief clerk, ate his Christmas turkey and cranberry sauce in Bloomington.

Conductors V. H. Soliday and J. E. Beyer, together with their wives, and Miss Millicent Slaby, were Christmas guests of relatives at Red Cloud.

Switchman J. F. Utter is day foreman during the absence of J. H. Patterson in Missouri, and Switchman F. W. Peirsall is on the night force in his place.

J. M. Starr, who is out on the line with the telegraph gang, came in from Yuma, Colorado, Saturday, to spend the festival-time with the home folks.

One of the Christmas presents most prized by T. H. French's little daughter, May, is a gold band ring sent from the Klondike. The ring is formed by three nuggets of gold.

J. G. Goldtrap has gone into the railroad service in Colorado somewhere and Mrs. Goldtrap and the baby are making their home with her father, Engineer C. K. Putnam for the present.

Engineer and Mrs. Frank Hawksworth spent the Christmas-tide with his parents, Chief of Motive Power and Mrs. D. W. Hawksworth, in Plattsmouth, going down Saturday night and returning home on Tuesday.

Engineer M. R. Gates has purchased the handsome and cosy little cottage built by A. Barnett during the past summer, but couldn't begin housekeeping in his new home until a celebrated Majestic range was duly installed therein.

Agent and Mrs. Mark Lawritson of Indianola were guests of his brother, Clerk Mathew Lawritson of Supt. Campbell's office, Christmas day. Mrs. Lawritson came up on Sunday night, and the agent on Monday noon, both returning home on 6, Monday night.

Conductor Mose Carmony took advantage of the absence of the family, first of the week, to paint the kitchen floor—and he has washed several times since that he hadn't. He was taken with painter's colic and for awhile was unconcerned as to whether he lived or died. Conductor William Shinsel went out in his car—his first trip, and on Christmas day at that.

Congregational Club Meeting.

The Congregational club of the Republican valley met in Cambridge, last week Tuesday.

The attendance was not large but a very enjoyable meeting was held.

In the afternoon the club listened to an expository paper on "Galatians" by Rev. William Hardcastle; and Rev. F. F. Lewis of Holdrege treated the same epistle from the preacher's standpoint.

A scholarly paper by F. W. Pease of Alma on Dr. William Newton Clarke's lectures at Johns Hopkins university, last year, entitled "What shall we think of Christianity?" was a helpful exposition of our best thought today.

In the evening the club celebrated Forefathers Day with the Cambridge church. About 100 sat down to supper. There were four addresses: W. J. Turner of McCook spoke on "The Beginnings." F. F. Lewis touched all hearts with his realistic picture of the "Pilgrims of Plymouth."

Mr. Mitchell pointed out the Pilgrim way today, "It is to do the next thing, the duty that lies close at hand."

Miss Selma Noren's address on "Our Pilgrim Sisters" showed careful preparations and access to the most recent and best historical material. The Puritan woman stood before us in her very habit as she lived.

The fellowship of the Cambridge people and the welcome from their pastor and his wife warmed all our hearts.

The Next Theatrical Attraction.

"Gillhooley's Reception," which scored a distinct hit last season will be seen here Wednesday, January 3, so Manager Menard announces. Of course the character of the piece will be what is known as farce comedy, and there will be the customary interpolation of singing and dancing. A comedy would not be a comedy three days without specialties, and Manager McDonald promises to present to the audience a company of "Vaudeville" artists second to none in their respective lines. Changes have been made in the subject matter of the farce, such as will be noted were intended to bring the performance up to date—or a little beyond. Local attendances know that "Gillhooley's Reception" affords as bright and original entertainment as can be desired, and will surely give it the welcome it justly deserves.

Dedication.

The Garden Prairie M. E. church will be dedicated on Sunday, January 7th, 1900. It is located one half mile north of Quick postoffice, Frontier county, Nebraska. Services on Saturday evening, January 6th, and Sunday morning and evening, January 7th. Several ministers from a distance will be present also others living near by. All persons from a distance will be cared for and entertained during these services.

TRUSTEES.

Private Sale.

Having rented my farm, I will offer at private sale the following property: Fifteen stands of bees. Large pen of Silver-Laced Wyandotte chickens; choice, Hens and Pullets, 50c to 75c; cockerels from \$1.00 to \$3.00. Together with all farm implements.

BENJ. BAKER,
Four miles east of McCook.

R. V. D. Poultry Association.

There will be a meeting of the Republican Valley District Poultry association in the office of H. H. Berry, Saturday afternoon, January 6th, to which all members and individuals interested in poultry are invited.

B. G. GOSSARD, Secretary.

Card of Thanks.

To the members of the Ladies Circle, the county officers, railroad boys, and all who so liberally contributed towards the monument fund, we wish to tender our sincerest thanks. W. S. FRICH,
Chairman Monument Com.

Attention, Clergymen.

Applications for half-fare permits for the year 1900 will be received, and clergymen are urged to make their applications at once.

A. P. THOMSON, Agent, McCook.

We Meet

all prices made by wholesale dealers on blank books of all kinds. Patronize a home institution and buy of
McCONNELL & BERRY.

The Hamilton store-room, two doors south of THE TRIBUNE office, is being repaired and repainted in part and will be occupied the first of the year by Mrs. Sadie Sandler, of Franklin, as a millinery store.

Edwin L. Swain and Cora M. Tirrill, who were recently married by Rev. J. A. Badcon of our city, are making their home in the vicinity of Catherine, Hayes county.

THE TRIBUNE will club with any paper you may want. Try it.

MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS.

Buy your drugs of Loar.

Dolls and toys at McMillen's.

Loar's is the place to buy drugs.

Loar's Cough Killer does the work.

Bullard's Maitland coal is genuine.

Swell Golf Capes for sale at DeGross's.

We are sure you will like Bullard's S.-B. coal.

For chapped or cracked hands, use Loar's Cream.

It is folly to cough; McMillen's Cough Cure is promptly effective.

Call up 19 if you have any newspaper or job printing business to do.

Telephone No. 31, when you want anything in the hardware line.

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

To make your hands smooth and soft use McMillen's Cream Lotion.

School orders taken at par.

S. W. LOWMAN.

You are right, if the ashes are red, Bullard's S.-B. coal makes the red ash.

Increase your supply of eggs by using McMillen's Egg Producer. Guaranteed.

Mother McCook has just received another smear of soft soap for domestic use.

The ice harvest is well under way, this week. Fine quality and proper thickness.

H. C. Rider is having a new front put into the old tailor-shop building on Main street.

When you have decided upon your winter's reading matter, come in and let us figure with you.

Everist, Marsh & Co. have been killing some corn-fed heifers that are second to nothing in the state.

Pump and well work and repairing promptly done by J. C. Ball. Leave orders at Polk Bros.' tin-shop.

Your first New Year resolve should be to try Bullard's S.-B. coal. You won't want to break that resolution.

The Commercial management entertained a part of the local press gang and a few others at Christmas dinner.

FOR SALE—My residence on corner of Madison and Douglas streets.

F. S. WILCOX.

We have decided to close out what wall-paper we have left at a great reduction in price.

D. W. LOAR.

Frank E. Hamilton and Sophia Heinlein were united in marriage by Elder H. H. Berry, last Wednesday, the 20th instant.

There was a full attendance at the Christmas evening dance of the Fortnightly dancing club, this week, with a number of out-of-town participants.

The bloodless ice war is apparently over, and white-winged peace once more broods over Pat and Johnny's pond. Ice will be ice as usual, next season.

Self-Hypnotic-Healing, Clairvoyance and Hypnotism. Lessons free; 10c. for postage. Prof. S. A. Grannell, P. H. D., McCook, Neb. Box 123. 2-1-19

The telephone line to the South Side was placed in operation, Tuesday, working in fine shape. Fred Carruth, Joe Evans and William Harmon are on this line.

The probabilities are that that steel viaduct or bridge will not materialize right away,—but the rearing of castles in Spain will go on at the same old merry rate.

Alexander Nelson McNutt and Sara Ethelyn Prime, both formerly of our city, were married in the Episcopal chapel at Creighton, this state, Tuesday, November 28th.

Forty-acre farm, one mile of McCook, for rent; well, windmill, house and barn. Just the place for one who wants to do light farming and work in town. Call at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s.

When you are in buying your meat for harvesters or corn huskers, please speak to us about our little farm we have for sale, one and one-half miles from town. EVERIST, MARSH & CO.

See what we have: Colorado hard coal—all sizes; Pennsylvania hard coal—all sizes; Canon City, Maitland, Sheridan, Maitland nut, Sheridan nut and pea coal. Your order will receive prompt attention. BARNETT LUMBER CO.

How to keep cool in the summer time: Go to S. M. Cochran & Co.'s and get some ice tongs and saws and put up your own ice, and get five cents a pound more for your butter than your neighbor who don't put up any ice and always gets hot when he has to take less for the product of his dairy.

Take your prescriptions to Loar.