

## Christmas At Churches

The Christmas entertainment at the Baptist church Saturday evening was in charge of Rev. and Mrs. Selinger and consisted of appropriate recitations and musical selections. A large crowd was present and the treat of pop-corn and candy was enjoyed by all.

A beautifully decorated tree was the principal object of interest at the Brethren church last Saturday evening. The program was in charge of Miss King, Myrtle Bowers and Birdie Bowman. A generous treat was given to those fortunate enough to be present.

On Saturday evening the members of the Christian Sunday School rendered a very creditable program at the church. A tree was laden with presents and a treat for the scholars. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Nickolson and Miss Dottie Sage who are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

Santa Claus held sway at Ryan's hall on Monday evening for the members of the Episcopal Sabbath School. The tree was exceptionally well decorated while the Christmas carols by ten singers were enjoyed by all. The Holly and the Rag time Christmas selections being the best. The generous treat and lovely gifts received due appreciation.

The Evangelical church was tastefully decorated for the Christmas exercises held by the Sunday School children on Saturday evening. The program as rendered deserves praise, music being a principal feature. Three trees lit by wax tapers gave much pleasure and also the treat of a present and nuts, candy and oranges to every scholar.

The entertainments given by the Ursuline Sisters are always exceptionally good and those given last Friday and Saturday nights at the Convent were of their usual merit. The class in music gave a finely rendered musical at the Convent on Friday evening the 23rd and was quite a treat for music lovers. On Saturday evening the children gave a short program in memory of the Christ child born so long ago. A beautiful tree and a generous treat was appreciated by all.

The Methodist church held its usual Christmas services on Sunday night. Notwithstanding it was a drizzly night, the church was packed to capacity. The program consisted of songs and recitations by the little one, all of whom acquitted themselves with credit and much to the delight of the large audience. A Christmas tree laden with gifts for the scholars concluded the evenings enjoyment. V. G. Lyford, super-

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intendent and Mrs. L. C. Mauger were in charge of the entertainment.

The Christmas program given Saturday evening by the children of the Presbyterian Sunday School was one of the best ever rendered in the church. A temporary platform was built across the east end of the church for the convenience of several drills. Clara Boose and Mrs. Smith had charge of the drills and recitations Mrs. Gohner of the chorus and Elva Sears of the boys' brigade. The recitations although short were very bright and interesting. Numbers of unusual interest were the dialogue by Ruth Bohrer and Hodgins Smith; the quartette selection by Misses Morehead and McMillar, Frank Boose and Prof. Smith; military drill by the boys' brigade; and the musical selections by the chorus. A large fire-place and a finely decorated tree gave the children great delight. A generous treat of candy, nuts and oranges was enjoyed immensely while the distribution of the gifts created a great deal of interest to those present.

### Death of Mrs. Shaffer.

After an illness of nearly seven months, Mrs. Felicia E. Shaffer, wife of Dr. Chas. P. Shaffer, expired Saturday afternoon at five o'clock at her home in Morrill, Kansas.

The deceased was 38 years, 2 months and 18 days of age at the time of her death. She was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Peck, who live north of this city. Besides her husband and parents she leaves surviving her three brothers and four sisters,

all of whom live in this vicinity except Mrs. Maggie Miller of Waterloo, Iowa and Mrs. Lorena Humbarger of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Shaffer was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Her parents moved to Ohio precinct in March 1871, where she grew into womanhood. She taught school for several years and was married to Chas. P. Shaffer on August 12, 1886.

They spent several years on the farm, when Mr. Shaffer decided to take up the practice of medicine, graduating from the St. Louis Medical college in 1892. They immediately located at Morrill where they have since resided. Their wedded life was a very happy one until death stole in and broke the earthly tie.

Mrs. Shaffer was highly respected and admired by those who knew her, not only for the sweetness of her disposition but for the hospitality of her home and her activity in the affairs of the church with which she was identified.

Her life was in accord with the beliefs she held. Not only was she an example, to those who strove to do their Masters will; but throughout all her long months of sickness, she was an example of patience and resignation to the will of her Master. Death came to her as it does to all Christians, not as a last and eternal sleep, but a birth into a new, a brighter and a better world.

To her husband and relatives are extended the sympathies of their many friends in this sad hour of their bereavement.

The funeral services were held in the Brethren church in Morrill at 1 o'clock p. m. Monday, December 26, 1904. The remains were laid to rest in the Morrill cemetery.

### A Small Wreck.

A collision between two freight trains on the Burlington tracks at Preston, blocked the tracks and smashed up considerable rolling stock Sunday. All passenger trains were compelled to use the Missouri Pacific tracks from Atchison to Falls City and were from 4 to 6 hours late, inconveniencing the holiday visitors to a great degree. The track was cleared in time for the night trains. No one was hurt in the wreck, one regular and an extra being involved, nor can it be learned who is responsible.

Mrs. Alder who has been visiting with Sister Ida returned to Beatrice the first of the week.

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