

U. S. Weather Bureau Report
 WEEK ENDING DEC. 22, 1910.
 Daily mean temperature 32°
 Normal temperature 24°
 Highest temperature 46°
 Lowest temperature 17°
 Range of temperature 29°
 Precipitation for week 0.06 of an inch.
 Average for 22 years 0.14 of an inch.
 Precipitation March 1st to date 15.54 inches
 Average for 22 years 21.14 of an inch.
 JOHN J. McLEAN, Observer.

School Notes.

The school plan to give an open program the latter part of January.

Annie Tackett and Julia DeCory have gone home for their Xmas vacation.

The high school candy sale was a very successful one. Over \$18 was cleared which goes into a fund with which to purchase music books for the high school.

"Hoher als die Kirche" is a fascinating German story which the 2nd year German class has just finished reading. Several hectograph copies of the translation were made, which show the excellent work done by this class under the superior training of their teacher, Miss Van Driel.

The freshmen have been busy employing their spare moments collecting and repairing broken toys which they are sending to the Christmas Home at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Unselfish and thoughtful consideration for others that cheers and brings relief to the unfortunate deserves commendation. The freshmen class have acted the good Samaritan.

School closes this Friday for a two week's vacation which will rest and recreate the energies of pupils and teachers, besides fostering thoughts and deeds aiding in materializing perfect "peace on earth and good will to men." Principal Julia Van Driel will spend her vacation at home in Malmo. Miss Carroll at her home at Creighton and Miss Gordon at Hot Springs, S. D.

Miss Carlson and the class in physics enjoyed a pleasant evening with Supt. and Mrs. Bettenga last Saturday. After several intellectual contests, in which Kate Helzer and Helen Sparks were victors, "magic" fortune telling afforded much amusement and verified the popularity of the horoscope of ancient days. The class were a unit in pronouncing eulogies over an invention useful and ornate which Supt. Bettenga hopes to get patented. After refreshments were served the class spent an hour in bright, sparkling conversation, sometimes thoughtful and serious, sometimes humorous, which was a credit to the students. All present greatly regretted Miss Van Driel's absence.

Stories at Less Than a Cent Apiece.

In the fifty-two issues of a year's volume The Youth's Companion prints fully two hundred and fifty stories. The subscription price of the paper is but \$1.75, so that the stories cost less than a cent apiece, without reckoning in all the rest of the contents— anecdotes, humorous sketches, the doctor's weekly article, papers on popular topics by famous men and women.

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The announcement for 1911, beautifully illustrated, giving more detailed particulars of these stories and other new features which greatly enlarge the paper, will be sent to any address free with sample copies of current issues.

Every new subscriber receives free The Companion's Art Calendar for 1911, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold, and if the subscription is received at once, all the issues for the remaining weeks of 1910.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
 144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass.
 New subscriptions received at this office.

J. C. Brown was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Harold Zielian and Ed Parry are visiting in town.

E. L. Tryon and family are down from Kilgore, shopping.

Mrs. Slonecker's parents are up from Ainsworth to spend Xmas.

Four car oals of Posts, from 11c to 60c. Ludwig Lumber Co.

Walter Jackson and wife are visiting relatives in Pecatonica, Illinois.

Wm. N. Ballard, Wm. Fugate, P. S. Dotson and Gordon Lord are in town.

We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas and our calendar appears elsewhere on this page.

Big base burner coal stove for sale, \$12, cheap. Worth more. Don't need it.—I. M. RICE.

Charley Bennett and W. G. Ballard were in town yesterday attending the school land auction.

A car load of Weber wagons, must be sold at once.

LUDWIG LUMBER CO.

Guy C. Kennedy and Miss Ethel Grady, both of Norden, were married today at the Donohy by S. Q. Spain, J. P.

I will be located here for some time, and will buy all kinds of horses, cattle and sheep. Call at Fischer Hardware store, 43-St. TED PERRINE.

Corn King Manure Spreaders. Price \$110. Will close out at \$90. LUDWIG LUMBER CO.

Charley Breuklander and wife have returned from Wyoming and have rented the building west of this office, where they will live. Charley will be engaged in his father's blacksmith shop.

To the Members of Valentine Lodge No. 70, A. O. U. W.:—A grand ball will be given Monday evening, Dec. 26, 1910, in Quigley's hall under the auspices of our order. All Workmen and their friends are cordially invited to attend, each member being permitted to give his friends written invitations to be presented at the door. W. D. CLARSON, Chm.

This Christmas some one will get a handsome Eight Day Clock, worth \$10.00, free. You get a number with each purchase until January 1st. The one having the winning number at that time gets the clock absolutely free of charge. The cash purchase is not limited to any specified amount, and you get a number with each cash purchase, if it is only one cent. Christmas Toys for the children, lots of them, and valuable presents for the older ones. CODY DRUG STORE, 47 4 Cody, Nebr.

Hill City has some freaks and we can prove it. We have a girl not over 16 years of age who gets up in the morning and gets breakfast while her mother rests. We have another girl who is not seen on the streets of the city more than once a day. We have a boy in town who does not smoke or chew tobacco. We have a wealthy financier and politician who owes for his county paper and pays no attention to statements sent him. We have a barber who never talks about the ball games. We have a livery barn where drinking is strictly forbidden. We have men in the town who talk against water-works and fire protection.—Hill City New Era.

Presbyterian Church.

J. M. CALDWELL, D. D., PASTOR
 Morning subject: "What Xmas Means to Nations." Evening subject: "What Xmas Means to Men." All cordially invited. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Annual Christmas exercises at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

Nebraska Lawyers to Meet.

Omaha, Dec. 19.—The eleventh annual meeting of the Nebraska State Bar association will be held in Omaha Dec. 27 and 28. The session will be held in the assembly room on the second floor of the board of trade building.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Treasurer Brian Reports General Fund Free of Debt.

WOULD BUY HOME SECURITIES

Advocates Disposal of Bonds of Other States and Reinvestment in Bonds of Nebraska—Local Paper Bought in Quantities—Biennial Statement.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—State Treasurer Brian in his biennial report to the governor says that all general fund registered warrants have been cancelled and no warrants have been registered in this fund since Dec. 2, 1909, which means that there is no debt, either floating or bonded, against the general fund of the state of Nebraska.

The treasurer recommends that the board of educational lands and funds be given authority to dispose of \$1,699,300 of bonds of other states, held as an investment for the state school fund, if the bonds can be sold at par, in order to convert this money into home securities, which are being offered for sale. This would give the school districts and municipalities a lower rate of interest on bonds issued by them and would keep the money in Nebraska.

Treasurer Brian reports that no bonds of other states have been bought since the adoption of a constitutional amendment giving the state the right to invest in school district and other securities to be designated by the legislature. Since Dec. 1, 1908, the state board, through the treasurer, has bought \$484,655.41 of school district bonds and by authority of the last legislature bought \$668,000 of municipal bonds and \$430,000 of county bonds.

The total fees collected and turned into the state treasury during the last two years, ending Nov. 30, was \$843,716.91.

Dec. 1, 1908, there was in the general fund and the redemption fund \$10,666.43. During the biennium the amount collected by Treasurer Brian for these funds was \$4,624,463.01, which, with the amount on hand, makes a total of \$4,635,129.44. He paid out of these funds a total of \$4,479,684.52, leaving a total of \$155,444.92 on hand.

STUDENTS MAY BAR CABBIES

Question of Abolishing This Form of Expense to Be Considered.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—The question of abolishing the custom of "cabs" for formal parties at the University of Nebraska has come to the limelight during the last few days and the school is apparently divided.

A movement to do away with cabs started at a meeting of the interfraternity council last week, when a motion was made to force all fraternity men to use the street cars going to and from the dances. Since then the college paper has carried a column of letters each day expressing opinions on the advisability of the measure. The interfraternity council of the sororities has not considered the question, although when discussed last year the co-eds seemed to favor it.

Before the council had fully discussed the motion adjournment was taken. The expense of formal parties has aroused criticism from students and faculty alike, and the use of cabs is regarded as unnecessary by a majority of the students. The council will probably consider the matter at a meeting following the Christmas recess.

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Detroit Man Killed With Axe.

Detroit, Dec. 20.—Francis Kniffen was found dead in bed, with his head split open, at his home, 375 LeMay Avenue. His widow, Nellie Kniffen, who was taken into custody by the police, gave the neighbors their first report of the tragedy. She said that she was occupying a room in another part of the house and she was awakened by her husband's screams and found him in a dying condition. A bloody axe was found in a woodshed.

Blazing Comb Kills Aged Man.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Stockdale Snyder, eighty-two years old, was using a celluloid comb while sitting near a gas grate. It caught fire and communicated the flames to his hair and clothing, burning him fatally.

Strike on Missouri Pacific Called Off.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The strike of the machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system has been called off. Formal announcement to that effect was made.

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