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MANY YEARS AGO.

Files of the Journal Dec. 27, 1875.

Hon. J. E. North returned from the Black Hills Monday, where he went on a quick business trip. He says that gold dust is plentiful, especially at Deadwood which is tolerably strong evidence that it is a good mining country.

One of our Platte county land agents says that Platte county is not receiving proper share of immigration. He complains that the citizens of Columbus do not take pains to talk up the advantages of Platte county for settlers as against the newer counties; that our land is fully as good, if not better, than the new counties adjoining it; that our markets and ready access to market are much preferable to any other, and yet we do not receive our just share of immigration. He explains by saying that parties coming here with a view to purchasing land stop at the Clither or Hammond house, and that they naturally come into conversation with farmers from other counties who present the claims of their respective localities for consideration, and thus the immigrant is induced to go elsewhere. Our friend does not wish to be understood as censuring these farmers for trying to secure immigrants, but he does not believe that our own people are active enough. If the citizens of Platte county would make an effort to talk up their own locality he believes that we could retain a large share of the immigration to this section of the state, and thus immensely increase the value of land in Platte county, and greatly benefit every business interest of Columbus.

HOLIDAY HOURS.

For the accommodation of the public the following stores will be open every evening during Christmas week, and on Christmas and New Year days until noon.

Columbus Mercantile Co. Brunken & Haney, H. F. Greiner.

AUCTION SALE OF FURS
\$5,000 worth of furs at auction Friday, December 24, beginning promptly at 8 a. m. Come and buy a fur at your own price. These furs are direct from our Omaha store and Mr. LaBook will personally conduct the sale.—LaBook.

"The place for particular people" is what Fitz's jewelry store is called, as everything is perfectly new and up-to-date, and satisfaction guaranteed.

All the latest shades and styles in

WALL PAPER

Paper Hanging and Decorating

Sign Writing a Specialty

D. C. KAVANAUGH

Clarence Bennett's attractions are so well and favorably known in Columbus that it is with great pleasure Mr. Bennett manager of the North opera house announces the coming of one of their standard successes, "A Royal Slave" which is booked to play here Christmas matinee and night. The author, who wrote that other phenomenal success, "The Holy City" which we also hope to see this season, has chosen for the action of the piece the most romantic period in the history of Mexico, the brief reign of the unfortunate Maximilian. The character of Agulita, the descendant of the Montezumas, the last of a race now extinct—is a poetic creation which appeals to our imagination. The other characters of a long and interesting cast are equally strongly drawn. The specialties introduced by the comedy element are strictly in keeping with the atmosphere of the surroundings and the bit of sword-play in the dual scene, second act, is as pretty an exhibition as one could witness. Remember the date Christmas. Seats on sale at Pollock's. Special Christmas prices, matinee 15, 25; night 25-35-50.

A. Danzell & Son of this city were awarded the contract by the city council last Friday night for putting down the five new wells at the city water works, their bid being \$2,340. These wells will be located north of the present building and will be at a sufficient distance from each other to not interfere with the flow of water. Work on them will be commenced as soon as the necessary material arrives. As soon as disposing of the well matter the council provided for the re-issuing of the city ordinances by the city attorney, his compensation for the work being fixed at \$175. When this work is completed, the council will then be in a position to ascertain the cost for printing them, and should it be within the reach of the appropriation, this will be done.

B. M. Garfield's "The Girl that all the Candy" played before a good house at the Academy last night. In the language of the poet, it was some show. Hans Saitzel, played by Edward Niner was the main mauler and Hans did his duty. His big hit of the evening was the song "Paradise" in the last act. Aramute by Miss Juliette Niner was the girl who peddled the candy, her big feature being when she tossed a big basket full of Candy Kisses to the audience. George Clark played Adolphus Busch the retired brewer. H. L. Richardson played the minister, and Miss Pansy Waldin played Kathryn Busch. The attending chorus was more than pleasing. Saginaw Courier Herald, Sept. 23. North Theatre Monday Dec. 27.

An order has been received by Postmaster Kramer from the department directing the rural carriers to make a report of all unsalable packages carried by them during the month of January, 1910. This will be done by all the carriers in the service, and it is quite probable that the data obtained will be used in connection with proposed parcel post legislation. And in connection with the rural service, another order has been issued regarding the penny nuisance. This is one thing the department is trying to put stop to and instructs the carriers and postmasters to see their efforts to induce patrons to place postage on their mail instead of depositing pennies in the boxes.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. S. C. Gray met with a very serious and painful accident. She had walked over to the home of her son, C. G. Gray, and was stepping up on the back porch, when she slipped on some ice and fell, dislocating and fracturing her hip. As there was no one at home at the time, but Mrs. Vallier, who lives across the street, came to her assistance, and succeeded in getting her home. On account of her advanced age, she being about seventy years of age, the injury is all the more serious, and at present she is confined to her bed, and it will be quite a while before she will be able to be out again.

In a few days the new mail box for the Union Pacific depot will be installed, and it will be in accordance with the request of Postmaster Kramer that one be provided so clerks on passing mail trains could take out the contents. The boxes are provided with two locks—one for the city carriers and the other for the postal clerks on the trains. Notices will be posted on the boxes telling what trains take mail from them and also what hours city collections are made. These new boxes will be appreciated by the depot employes, direct the person with a letter to the box, and give the assurance that it will be the quickest way for the letter to get started on its journey.

V. L. Redlund, who has been extra conductor on the Union Pacific out of this city for some time, resigned this week and goes to Genoa to take charge of his father's coal business at that place. Mr. Redlund has been in the employ of the Union Pacific for ten years and leaves a clear record. He commenced as a station helper and later entered the train service, and two or three years ago was promoted to be a conductor.

Attend the auction of Chinaware at Gray's every afternoon and evening until Christmas.

Holiday gifts at Leavy's.

Dr. Neumann, Dentist 13 St.
For Xmas cigars.—Magill's.
Dr. Morrow, office Lasechen building.
Last call for Xmas photos.—Davis studio.

People who get results advertise in the Journal.

Useful Christmas presents at Gray's.

Four room house for rent. Elliott, Speice & Co.

You can still have photos for Xmas at the Davis studio.

For Sale—A small cash register.—Phillips a Radat.

Dr. C. A. Allenburger, office in new State Bank building.

See the big doll in the east window at Leavy's Drug store.

Dr. Carstenson & Hyland, Veterinarian. Both phones 212.

See the Columbus Hide Co. before you sell your iron and junk.

Dr. W. R. Netmarker, office with Dr. C. D. Evans, west side of Park.

Diamond rings, \$10, \$12, \$18, \$25, up to \$200, all specially priced.—Niewolner's.

Friday the city schools close for a two weeks' holiday vacation, until January 10.

Box candy, cigars, perfumes, toilet sets, stationery and drug sundries, at Leavy's.

For fine watch, clock and jewelry repairing, try Carl Froemel, the Eleventh street jeweler.

Get your best girl one of those nice net rings at Carl Froemel's, Eleventh street, Columbus.

It pays to sell your hides where you can get the most money from them. See Columbus Hide Co.

The Misses Marie Magill and Emma Sayers of Monroe were Columbus callers Friday and Saturday.

Buy your cut glass at Gray's auction afternoon and evening until Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Deck left Tuesday for Clarinda, Ia., where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Found—A Highlander pin, gold. Owner can have same by calling at Journal office and paying charges.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Foster left last Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives at Kansas City and Sedalia, Mo.

Any man who will stop and look into Hart's windows can see some Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes that he wants.

A neat and tasteful line of watches, clocks and jewelry, suitable for Christmas presents at C. Froemel's, Eleventh street, Columbus.

Mrs. Wm. Terrell was taken suddenly ill Tuesday morning and is now under the care of a physician. At this writing she is slightly improved.

A carload of apples on sale in basement of building occupied by Columbus Automobile Co. Price, from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.—Easton & Bennett.

On account of the holiday rush, Postmaster Kramer requested the department to grant extra help for that time, and H. J. Brian, substitute city carrier, has been assigned to that work.

This week Judge Rattaman issued a marriage license to August G. Hulsebus and Miss Hulsebus, both of Platte Center. They are distant relatives, the names being the same, but are not cousins.

Continued cold and storms is something quite out of the ordinary for Nebraska at this time of the year, in fact it has been a good many years since the record for December of this year has been equaled.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Echols arrived last Friday evening from Excelsior Springs, Mo., and will spend the holidays in this city, returning after January 1. They will remain at the Springs for some time for the benefit of Mr. Echols' health.

Mrs. Louis Brunken entertained about twenty young folks, in honor of her sister Matilda Schneider, who helped her celebrate her birthday last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in playing cards, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Last Friday evening the Columbus High School basketball team played the Central City High school team at that place, winning by a score of 22 to 4. Saturday they played the Omaha High school team and were defeated, the score being 44 to 5 in favor of Omaha.

Columbus Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, elected the following officers at their meeting last Tuesday evening: J. T. Boyd, venerable consul; W. R. Seel, worthy adviser; G. W. Phillips, banker; John Braunig, clerk; Clarence Shaw, escort; Fred Drummond, watchman; Carl Kramer, secretary; Leopold Plath, manager; Dr. C. D. Evans, D. T. Martyn, jr., and L. C. Voss, camp physicians. Past consul A. L. Rollin was appointed installing officer for the annual installation in January.

Every Family

Pays for a home, at least once. If you pay for your home through

The Equitable Building, Loan and Savings Association

you pay for it but once and it is yours. If you continue to rent, you pay for a home every few years but it still remains the property of the landlord. If you are paying for a home for your landlord, call at our office and we will explain to you how you can pay for a home of your own.

The Equitable

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Office with ELLIOTT, SPEICE & CO.

P. O. Block

Dr. Paul and Matson, Dentists.

Try Leavy's Lavative Laxative 10c.

See those beautiful dolls at Leavy's.

Dr. Vallier, Osteopath, Barber block.

Dr. G. A. Ireland, State Bank bldg.

Buy your Christmas cigars at Magill's.

Dr. W. E. Slater, veterinarian, phone 95.

First-class printing done at the Journal office.

Buy your Chinaware at Gray's auction.

Dr. Chas. H. Campbell, oculist and aurist, 1215 Olive street.

Crushed rock salt for hides, and for stock.—Columbus Hide Co.

Still time for your Xmas photos.—Elite Studio, successor to Saley.

Don't let this Christmas go by without securing a Victor talking machine at Carl Froemel's jewelry store from \$10 up.

Doll buggies, go-carts, shoofties, rocking horses, tool chests, magic lanterns, all kinds of electric and mechanical toys at Braun's.

For the Holidays—A nice jug of our choice wines or liquors at the right price, at William Bacher's.

Large assortment of albums, photo and postal cards, toilet, manicure, shaving and smoking sets, cuff and collar boxes at Braun's.

Lost—East of the city, a time book containing \$15 in bills, postage stamps and two aluminum cards. Finder please leave at Journal office and receive reward.

In district court Joseph Zaroski has filed a petition asking for \$1,900 damages for injuries received from being struck by passenger train No. 15 on August 30 last. He was struck by the engine and thrown over to the fence, his nose being broken, besides other painful injuries. He alleges that sheds obstructed the view so that he could not see the approaching train.

Workmen are busy remodeling and enlarging the Burlington depot. The present structure will be extended twenty-one feet to the east, and this part will be used for a freight room. The present baggage and express room will be the office and the waiting room enlarged by the addition of the present office space. It is expected to have the building completed by February 1, should the weather be favorable.

H. S. Elliott and David Thomas returned Monday evening from Idaho, where Mr. Elliott was injured by the overturning of the stage, having two ribs broken and being considerably bruised. He was seventy-five miles from a railroad at the time the accident happened, and as soon as possible was taken to the railroad, and brought home. His injuries are not serious, however, and he expects to be able to be out again in a short time.

C. G. Sheldon has offered to pay the expenses to the next state boys' convention of the boy who is most regular in attendance at the Y. M. C. A. bible classes this winter. It looks as though a number of fellows will win the right to that prize. Last Friday evening 44 fellows sat down to the bible class supper at 6 o'clock and went to their class rooms at 6:30. Almost all of these boys have been in their classes every Friday evening since the classes began in the fall and expect to be there just as regularly until the classes close in the spring.

In The Theatre.

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The Doxey's Indicted for Murder.

A St. Louis dispatch of December 18, tells of the last step in the Doxey case, as follows: Charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the death last July of William J. Erder, Dr. Loren B. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., and his wife, Dora E. Doxey, are tonight held in the city jail. No communication may pass between them except in writing and that only after the jailer has approved the messages.

They are charged with responsibility for the death here on July 10, of William J. Erder, who died after a brief illness. Mrs. Doxey, it is charged, was married to Erder a few weeks before his death.

Analysis of Erder's viscera revealed considerable arsenic therein. The information of the circuit attorney upon which Mrs. Doxey was brought here from Nebraska charged that Erder was given poison in his food.

The court's action was taken on the application of Harry Roskopf, assistant circuit attorney, who appeared in open court and announced that indictments had been found against Dr. and Mrs. Doxey.

He then asked that the warrants be issued, adding that the indictments would be returned into court as soon as they had been drawn up and verified. This will take several days.

Both prisoners today asserted their innocence of the charges lodged against them. They added that their attorney had instructed them not to discuss the case.

As the Missouri statutes do not recognize accessories to crime as such, Dr. Doxey is charged with being a principal although he was not in St. Louis when Erder was taken ill.

The circuit attorney's office asserts that evidence will be produced to show that he was in communication with Mrs. Doxey while she, according to the charges was ministering to Erder as the latter's wife.

Miss Kate Erder, sister of the dead man, asserted that her efforts to solve the mystery of her brother's death will not cease.

"I will do all in my power to furnish evidence needed by the prosecution," said Miss Erder. "When I first reported the matter to the police I was told that the burden of proof was on me. I have produced the proof that far and I will still take part in the case."

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Mr. Kienzel is putting the baskets up in the gymnasium, getting ready for basket ball. Better get in on it if you are not already a member of some team.

The social committee is planning a big time for New Year's Day in the Y. M. C. A. The physical committee is making arrangements for something special for men in the gymnasium on New Year's day.

A large number of memberships are due at this time. Those who know that their membership has expired and wish to renew would do a great favor for the membership committee as well as the employed officers by notifying the office of their desire to renew. Let us all join hands in working for renewals and new members.

The men's meeting last Sunday was addressed by Alex Anderson and M. Brugger. Next Sunday afternoon the men's meeting will be a Christmas service. This will be special and Rev. D. L. Roush will bring us the Christmas message. The service begins at 4 o'clock. We extend a very cordial invitation to all the men in the city to attend this meeting and bring your friends.

C. C. Sheldon spoke to the boys last Sunday at their Sunday meeting. They profited very much by his sympathetic talk with them. We only wish that more boys, both members and those who are not members could come to our Sunday meetings. It does a boy good to think seriously about himself and others at least once a week. Our meeting next Sunday will be something special. G. W. Phillips is the speaker and we will have special music. The meeting begins at 3 o'clock. Be on time.

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Route No. 4.

Iossi Bros. are building a new ice house on the Carrig farm.

D. F. Donoghue has been putting some new gates on his farm.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Randall was very sick Sunday night.

Chas. Mayberger and Herman Alver were transacting business in Columbus last Saturday.

Donoghue Bros. are shelling corn for a number of the farmers on the route who live in the valley.

There was a surprise party last Friday evening on Louis Minkoh, given by the young folks of the neighborhood.

August Harns loaded a car of wheat Monday and Henry Phillips a car of corn Tuesday from the Winslow branch.

L. F. Phillips has bought the old Merry traction engine, which is being fitted up, and he will use it for a saw mill. Dan Bray brought it to town, and he had plenty of grief on the trip owing to slippery roads.

Congregational Church.

Next Sabbath the Congregational church will continue the Christmas themes in their worship. There will be special music and readings at each service. In the morning the pastor will speak from the theme: "The World's Greatest Benefactor—Jesus." Of the evening the following program will be rendered:

Organ prelude
Gloria
Invocation
Hymn—"Oh, Worship the King"
Hymn—"Let Us Crown Him"
Hymn—"In the Shadow of His Wings"
Prayer
Anthem—"O Chime Again"—Girls' Choir

Announcements
Violin Solo—Selected—Miss Pohl
Offertory
Solo—"Slumber Land"—Gertrude Fauble
"The Joy of Christmas"—Pastor
Solo—Selected—Mrs. Olsson
Anthem—Choir
Benediction
Postlude
We invite you to these services.
WILLIAM L. DIBBLE.

Route No. 3.

Miss Mary Lange is spending a few days in Columbus.

Miss Anna Becher was shopping in Columbus Tuesday.

Henry Rhodehorst, sr., is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Cal.

Monday of this week Ollie Newman shelled and delivered about 2,500 bushels of corn to Henry Buss.

One of our patrons received a letter from New South Wales, Pa., which reports a drought in that section. The wells are going dry and drinking water is at a premium.

An old straw stack on the J. F. Gooden farm toppled over and buried a cow that was standing near. The animal was not discovered for three days, but when she was taken out was seemingly none the worse for the experience.

Route No. 5.

Miss Anna Bonner is on the sick list.

Master Will Flax has the chicken pox but is getting along nicely.

School in district No. 4 will close Friday for a two week's vacation.

Miss Mary Lewis will have a Christmas program next Friday at the Houser school house.

Miss Jennie Cookson left last Monday for Galhoun, where she expects to remain about a year.

The Last of His Race.

With all its wealth of special scenery, gorgeous costumes, bright and catchy specialties, is the attraction at the North opera house Christmas afternoon and night. This piece, which has attained such an enviable reputation and secured such a hold on the hearts of theatergoers from one end of this broad land to the other—is from the pen of Mr. Clarence Bennett, author of the "Holy City," another notable success. Mr. Bennett has located his scenes near the city of Mexico and based the fabric of the play on events which actually occurred during the brief reign of the unfortunate Emperor Maximilian.

The great pleasure—the secret of which was so loyally and jealously guarded by El Agulita (The Eagle) who although a surf, traced his lineage from the royal Montezumas—is founded on fact. The success of this piece has been so phenomenal in America that the firm has decided to present it next year in England.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending December 22, 1909:

Letters—G. Anderson, Walter B. Bebe, Albert Fraker 2, Miss Goldie Noble, Tom Salfaris, Joseph Strait, Mrs. John A. Shaper, Miss Estella White, Miss Margaret Wright.

Cards—Miss Maud Bauman, Miss Annie Brutel, Mrs. E. Fitzner 2, John T. Gentry, Miss Mary McAfee, Miss Estella White.

Further calling for any of the above will please say advertised.
CARL KRAMER, P. M.

Route No. 2.

Wm. Banning shot a coyote last Thursday that weighed twenty eight pounds.

Just a reminder that

Xmas is coming and that a

Gillette Safety Razor

is the ideal gift for "any man" with "any kind" of a beard

THINK IT OVER

POLLOCK & CO.
The Druggist on the Corner
Columbus, Nebraska

Practical Christmas presents at Gray's.

Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Martyn and one Homer left Monday for Chicago, where they will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Rhodes.

Last Saturday Gene Tiffany took charge of the Gooch brokerage wires in this city, succeeding Mr. Boyer, who formerly had charge, the latter going to Louisville.

At their last regular meeting the Sons of Veterans elected the following officers: A. O. Boone, commander; C. E. Devlin, junior vice commander; Geo. H. Grab, junior vice commander; Bert J. Galley, secretary; L. A. Jenkins, treasurer; D. Burr Jones, chaplain; D. Burr Jones, W. E. Westbrook and Chas. Wurdeman, camp council. D. Burr Jones was chosen delegate to the state encampment, which meets in this city next February, and W. E. L. Ruse, alternate.

Hauling mail trains with two engines is quite common in the west, where there are heavy grades to climb, but in this level country it is something out of the ordinary. But the Christmas mail handled on the Union Pacific has been so heavy that during the last week double headers on the mail train have been used to haul the heavy train, some of them consisting of over ten cars. And in addition to this it has been almost impossible for the trains to make time, from one to three hours late being common.

Saturday evening, January 1, the members of the Y. M. C. A. will hold their second annual open house at the building. The entertainment will consist of orchestra music, contests in the gymnasium and other programs and refreshments will be served in the various parts of the building by the young ladies. These annual events of the association are intended to be special and an invitation is extended to the general public. The "Open House" of the association last year was a very pleasant and enjoyable event and no doubt all those who were present last year will avail themselves of the opportunity to again be present this year.

Over half of the steel girders are in place for the new double track bridge of the Union Pacific, west of this city. The girders are being riveted together, and when complete will be slid into place on the track they are now resting on. All but the west pier or abutment is finished, and this work has been delayed by the water. At present a temporary cofferdam is being constructed around the work with the hope that it will shut off enough water so the balance can be pumped out and give them a sufficiently dry place to work in. Every effort is being put forth to complete the structure so the false work can be removed before the ice breaks in the spring to avoid heavy damage to the bridge.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We kindly ask you to do your buying early in order that the merchants may live up to their agreement in keeping their stores closed Xmas and New Years.

Underwear

UNION SUITS

We have the agency for the famous Munasing Underwear, the best popular priced Union Suits on the market. Prices in men's from \$1.50 to \$4.50. Prices in boys' from 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.

Underwear

TWO-PIECE SUITS

In two piece garments we have a special line ready for your inspection and ranging in price from 50c to \$2.50 a garment. Buy early while the sizes are complete.

GRAY'S