

THE DAILY BEE.

OMAHA. Tuesday Morning, Dec. 26.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Ushered in Amid Sweet Carols and Happy Greetings.

The Doings at the Churches and the General Festivities of the Season in This City.

The eighteen hundred and eighty-third anniversary of the Babe of Bethlehem has come, and with it the usual joy and festivity which gathers around the anniversary of that sacred event.

Christmas eve is an hour of rejoicing and merry making wherever the Christian religion is known. It has come down through the ages, and, instead of the interest in this occasion diminishing, it is constantly on the increase and probably will be so until the end of time.

With this glad Christmas tide comes the tokens of love given by one dear friend to another, and this example set by the wise men, as they lavished their gifts of frankincense and myrrh upon the Babe in the manger, is likewise closely followed, and many a heart is caused to leap with joy as the tears of thanksgiving course down the cheeks, as a little messenger of love is received from dear ones far away.

Last night was a season of rejoicing in this city, such as has never before been equaled. The good citizens of this place have been abundantly blessed in the year which is past and gone and never before have they been so able to bestow gifts upon their loved ones as now and right well they have improved the opportunity, as is proven by the enormous amount of holiday goods which have been bought and sold in this city during the past month. Year by year the Christmas gifts improve and instead of light, trashy stuff, which has been sold in such large quantities in former years, more substantial articles were substituted. To be sure there are more or less of those toys sold each year, and always will be so long as there are children, for what would Christmas be to the six-year-old without the little jumping jack or the toy whistle, or the tin steam-boat or locomotive engine. These things are just as essential to complete the happiness of the child, as are air and water essential to the life of man.

In hundreds of houses in Omaha last night there was such rejoicing as is only had upon Christmas eve. There, in one corner of the parlor, stood the beautiful Christmas tree trimmed with long strings of yellow and red, and the twinkling of waxen tapers added a dazzling brilliancy to the scene. In addition to these, the tree was loaded with presents for the various members of the family, and the whole presented a scene which made the children fairly open for joy as the doors were thrown open and they were permitted to gaze upon the beautiful objects, and not alone the children, but the older ones who had been instrumental in bringing about this state of things, were carried back to their childhood days, and they entered into the merry-making with a zest which they would not have believed they were capable of. If there is anything which truly rejoices the heart of the parent, it is to be able to bring joy and happiness to the hearts of the dear little ones, for whose existence they are responsible, and many a heart was made happy in this way last night. A Bee reporter was permitted to attend one of these little family gatherings last night and speaks with every assurance of the joy which is derived from such a scene.

As we looked at the house and wandered up and down the streets we passed many homes wherein like festivities were in progress, and before some of the brightly lighted windows we stood lost in thought and our mind wandered from the gay and festive scene to the lowly cot or the hovel where the lavish had never bestowed its gifts, but it was too sad a contrast and we shook ourselves from the lethargy and drifted away like a weed before the wind in search of another item.

As we wandered along we came in front of the

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, and from within came the sound of merry voices and the glad notes of song as if inviting us to enter. We obeyed the summons, and walking up the steps pushed the large door upon its hinges, and stood looking upon a most happy scene. The church was appropriately trimmed and in the front part stood a large Christmas tree. The children were all jubilant and each one of them was presented with a little pair of candy. The services were both interesting and instructive.

TRINITY CATHEDRAL. At Trinity Cathedral there was the regular carol service and it was attended by a large number of both young and old. The singing was led by a chorus of twenty-two children, who were all perfectly trained and did their part very nicely. The house was beautifully decorated for the Christmas service with ground pine and holly and presented a very beautiful appearance.

ST. BARNABAS. At St. Barnabas church, corner of Thirtieth and California streets, the regular vesper service was presented, and a large crowd was present to participate in the festivities.

THE A. M. E. CHURCH. At the A. M. E. church, corner of Eighteenth and Webster streets, the colored people held a fair, and as they are always given to having a first-class time, last night's entertainment was no exception to the general rule.

THE SKATING RINK. A goodly crowd was present at the skating rink which is now more enjoyable than of a glide over the smooth floor on rollers than in any other way. The hall was beautifully trimmed for the holidays and looked very pretty.

OTHER MODES OF ENJOYMENT. The gambling halls and saloons were all well patronized, as they always are upon holiday occasions, and many a jolly good health was thrown down last night, preparatory to the regular "wearing off" on New Year's day, and yet for all that very little drunkenness was noticeable upon the streets. In some of the saloons elegant lunches were served and all was merry, and Christmas day was ushered in with the tinkling of thick-bottomed glasses.

Conviction of a Rapist. The trial of Dr. Richmond Platts mouth, for attempted outrage on a little girl who was sent to his place of business

on an errand, was concluded Saturday with a verdict of guilty. The punishment for the offense is from two to ten years in the penitentiary.

The people of Plattsmouth were so shocked by the outrage at the time it was committed and since, every legitimate means were employed to prevent the doctor's escape. At first his bail was fixed at \$500, and when it was found he could obtain this amount, it was raised to \$1,000. Then, it is said, the doctor offered two persons \$200 each to go on his bond, but without success. The bail was again raised to \$5,000, and the doctor had to remain in jail. A motion for a new trial has been made.

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YOU BET!

The Barber Asphalt Paving Co. Still at the Front.

A Square Denial of All Charges Made Against It.

Reports having been circulated to the injury of Trinidad Sheet Asphaltum and the integrity of the Barber Asphalt Paving company, having been assailed by parties interested in the paving of Farnam street with Sioux Falls granite, and it having been publicly asserted that as a consideration for their signatures and influence, certain property-holders have been given, or promised a reduction or rebate in the price of their paving; therefore, the Barber Asphalt Paving company hereby offer a reward of one thousand dollars; the same to be paid to any one who can produce good and sufficient evidence that any property holder has been given or promised a rebate or reduction in the price of his paving by the Barber Asphalt Paving company, or its agents, for any pavement now laid or to be laid by that company.

It has also been asserted publicly that the Barber Asphalt Paving company before beginning to lay pavement in this city, gave out the impression that such pavement was to be laid for \$2.75 per square yard, and that after the property-holders had completed their petition designating asphalt as the material they desired on Douglas street, the company presented a bid for \$2.08 per square yard, thus taking undue advantage of the property holders. We desire to say in reply to this unfounded accusation, that Mr. Barber has bid his first estimate of \$2.75 on Washington specifications, but that subsequently the city engineer and board of public works presented specifications, essentially differing from the Washington specifications in the following important particulars, to-wit: The Washington specifications contained a clause requiring the retention of 10 per cent of the total cost paving for 90 days, for the repairing of any radical defects that might develop in such paving during that period. The Omaha specifications require the retention of 20 per cent, for 6 months for a like purpose. In addition this the Omaha specifications require a greater proportion of cement than the Washington specifications. Furthermore a rate of \$35 per car load had been secured from St. Louis to Omaha on paving arrangements between certain lines this rate was abrogated and a much heavier rate quoted, thus increasing the cost of paving material, and these are the considerations which prompted Mr. Barber to add the sum of 23 cents per yard for such paving. These are sufficient reasons in the minds of reasonable men. Again, it is asserted that when the Asphalt company completed their contracts in Omaha and leave the city that it was impossible to procure asphalt and skilled labor for the repairing made necessary by plumbers' cuts—such as are made for water, gas and other purposes. In reply to the foregoing assertions, we invite the attention of the public to the following clause in the contract with the city:

The said party of the second part hereby agrees and guarantees that said pavement shall remain durable and in good and perfect condition for five years from the acceptance of said work, and agrees to maintain the same in good condition and repair for said period. Said party of the second part, for the above purpose, shall keep and maintain at Omaha, material, skilled labor, and proper apparatus, and shall also, without charge, on the order of said city engineer or board of public works, promptly make all repairs, and do all work rendered necessary to keep said pavement in good condition: Provided, that for all work made necessary, by the opening of the street for laying pipe or otherwise, said party of the second part shall be entitled to reasonable compensation not exceeding \$2.98 per square yard.

From the above it will be seen that certain other parties are working on the credulity and gullibility of certain other good business men, and who see in lend a too willing ear to statements that are made simply to accomplish private gain. We have to say in conclusion that our pavement does now and will in future speak for itself and will prove a standing contradiction to all slanders on its quality and durability.

Yours respectfully, THE BARBER ASPHALT PAVING CO., by C. E. SQUIRES and JOHN GRANT.

A Very Remarkable Recovery. Mr. Geo. V. Willing, of Manchester, Mich., writes: "My wife has been almost helpless for five years, so helpless that she could not turn over in bed alone. She used two bottles of Electric Bitters, and is so much improved, that she is now able to do her own work. Electric Bitters will do all that is claimed for them. Hundreds of testimonials attest their great curative powers. Only fifty cents a bottle at C. F. Goodman's."

Express Packages. For the past few days, and especially yesterday, it has been a sight to stand at the depot and watch the express matters shipped and received. Packages of every conceivable size and description were there; most of all kinds, Christmas trees, and what was more prominent than anything else was the vast number of kegs of lager beer which has been shipped into the neighboring towns to help enlighten the holidays, and as we stood and gazed upon the array of kegs we tried to compute just how many plain drunks, how many light-headed fellows, how many thumping old headaches the pills contained, but as all stomachs are not like ours, we were obliged to give it up.

A GRAND TIME.

The City Mission Xmas Tree, Dinner and Concert.

The Grandest Time Yet—Four Hundred Children to Set Down to Dinner.

The City Mission Christmas festivities will exceed anything of the kind ever given in Omaha. The school, which is non-sectarian, and connected with no church, has now four departments, viz.: Two Sabbath schools, a girl's sewing school, and a relief department. The main Sabbath school has 250 scholars, the branch 50 scholars, and the girl's sewing school 144 girls learning to sew. This school is devoted to children who have no church connections, and is supported by contributions from any who desire to give.

There is great need of larger and better quarters and a large building has been secured if means can be raised to hire it. The school, in all departments, is in a most flourishing condition and is managed by the following officers: Mrs. S. H. H. Clark, superintendent industrial school; Mrs. Jardine, superintendent relief department; Warren Switzer, Esq., superintendent main Sabbath school, and N. W. Merrill, superintendent branch Sabbath school. They are aided by an able corps of teachers.

Thursday noon next the annual dinner will occur at the Y. M. C. A. hall and about four hundred children will sit down at once. It will be a grand sight. Come and see them and send your contribution in the way of provisions as there will be great quantities of hungry children to feed. Come to the help of the teachers, and give the children a grand time. It will require a large quantity of food, and it is hoped the response will be generous. The dinner occurs at noon.

In the evening 7 o'clock a grand concert and xmas tree will occur at the same place. Tickets at 25c will be offered for sale, and every cent thus realized will go to aid in getting a better place for the schools and to buy shoes and clothing for many children who are destitute. Buy a ticket or several tickets, and come to the dinner and to the concert. Provisions may be sent to the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday, or to the following place: Mrs. Ross, Twenty-third and Burt; Mrs. Knight, Twenty-second and Webster; Mrs. Colpezer, Twenty-second and Webster; Mrs. Switzer, Twenty-fifth and St. Mary's avenue; Mrs. Kennedy, Twenty-third and Dodge; Mrs. Charlton, Seventeenth and Davenport; Mr. Merrill, 1013 Harney; Mrs. Jardine, Twenty-third and Dodge; Mrs. Merrill, 2114 Dodge; Mrs. Gardner, Twenty-third and Pierce; Mrs. Gilmore, Twenty-third and Pierce; Mrs. Dr. Graff, Park Wide avenue; Mrs. S. H. H. Clark, Twentieth and Dodge; Y. M. C. A. hall, Fifteenth and Farnam.

An Editor's Tribute.

Theron P. Keator, Editor of Ft. Wayne, Ind., "Gazette," writes: "For the past five years have always used Dr. King's New Discovery for cough and croup, and have found it well as for those of a milder type. It never fails to effect a speedy cure. My friends to whom I have recommended it, speak of it in the same high terms. Having been cured by it every cough I have had for five years, I consider it the only reliable and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, etc." Call at C. F. Goodman's Drug Store and get a Free Trial Bottle. Large Size \$1.00.

Obituary of Frank P. Hoover.

He had been suffering for some months past, and died December, the 11, 1883, aged 31 years, 2 months and 10 days. He leaves a wife and two children, Sarah Ann, his wife, William Clide, and Elizabeth Hoover. He was married to Miss Sarah A. Stokes near Syracuse, Neb., December 23, 1880.

He leaves them a fair and reasonable support for their maintenance. The beloved brother, gave every assurance of his gaining the portals of eternal bliss by his warnings to those that witnessed his dying hour of meeting him in the Kingdom of his Father, which he has gone to first.

Ever may he rest free from pain and care, enjoying the associations of that throng that are singing their songs around the throne of God.

He was a faithful member of the order of Odd Fellows. His membership until recently was with the Prairie Lodge, No. 25, at Weeping Water, Neb.

Those that have been in his association will know they have lost a friend indeed. The funeral services were conducted by Father Savage, father of the Hon. Judge Savage, deceased. Text: Acts 10th chapter. The funeral was well attended by his numerous friends to show the last respects in this world, felt that this was an hour that we will all have to pass through, and may we have the same assurance of our acceptance in the home of the soul.

I cannot tell what form is his, what looks he weareth now. Nor guess how bright a glory crowns his shining seraph bow. Whence comes that fill his angelic soul, the bliss which he doth feel. Are numbered with the sainted things, which God will not reveal.

But I know, for God doth tell me this, that now he is at rest. Where other blessed Christians are on their Saviour's breast. I know his spirit feels no more the weary load of flesh. But his soul is blessed with endless dreams of joy forever fresh.

I know the angels fold him close beneath their glittering wing. And sooth him with a song that breathes of heaven's eternal things: And I know that we shall meet again, that dear friend and angelic soul. When God for aye shall wipe away all tears from every eye.

When I muse on that world's perfect bliss, and the world's misery; When I think of the bliss that I feel, and the bliss that I see; O! I'd rather go to be with him, than have him back again. —[James H. Edmister.

Sunday school Sunday.

Rev. Copeland not being able to attend. Service next Sunday as usual. The literary programme at the Lyceum Saturday evening was a very good one, the feature of which was the charade, "Agility," which was well done. Miss Annie Craig gave a recitation in good style, also recitation by Miss Edith Mealey was well executed. The tariff question was discussed at length, including an eloquent address by E. D. McLaughlin. Cuckoo.

OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Closing the Public Schools.

Five Thousand Children and One hundred Teachers Given Breathing Spell—Exercises and Incidents of the Last Day of School.

The public schools of the city closed Friday afternoon for the holidays. At 3:30 one big hurrah went up from the throats of 5,000 children, and 100 weary, jaded and careworn teachers said amen with a deep sigh of relief. In nearly all the grammar and primary schools some attempt was made to vary the routine work and celebrate the closing of the term and the ending of the old year with appropriate exercises.

At the high school, which is presided over by efficient teachers, special programmes of literary, musical and vocal selections were carried out in all the rooms. The little folks in many instances rigged out in their Sunday frocks and clean pinafores, and their admiration and affection for their respective teachers were demonstrated by the loads of glucose confections, rosy apples, and little gifts found on all the school room tables.

While the Third ward school was evacuating at the rate of 200 children per minute, a couple of young pugilists laid down in the dirt two armful of books, and two dirty little hands clutched two grimy, skinny little necks, while the remaining pair of hands busied themselves, one in a thick head of hair, and the other in well-aimed blows in the region of a big heavy eye glaring with malice and anger. The melee lasted just three minutes and forty-two seconds, according to the tally of a Tenth street officer. When that dignitary brought the issue to a close, one of the warriors had his left eye closed for repairs, while his opponent, much more demolished, had a badly battered nose, and his mouth torn down on the left side so that the warm blood gushed out in profusion and down his gingham, collarless shirt. "Great events hang on little things," according to the exile of St. Helena, and the cause of this conflict was based on a jumping-jack, surreptitiously won by the weaker youth.

Now for a vacation of two weeks, during which time the children of our city will enjoy themselves as only children can and then with happy hearts return again to the school rooms to conquer the three "R's."

CENTENNIAL.

George Washington's Resignation One Hundred Years Ago Yesterday.

One hundred years ago yesterday, George Washington, whose great name is spoken with all due reverence by every true American, resigned his position as commander-in-chief of the American army.

Through the instrumentality of this great and honored chieftain we are permitted to-day to sit beneath the shadow of our own vine with none to molest or make us afraid. His farewell address to his noble comrades on the occasion of his retirement is known to almost every school boy in our land, and if ever there was a model of rhetoric and oratory, this speech was one.

Yesterday morning, in accordance with a proclamation issued by the president of these United States, cannons were fired at the fort this morning in honor of the memory of George Washington.

Order Dalzell's Neoplatin Ice Cream for Xmas. 15th and Capitol Ave. 18-cod-1w

No Admittance.

The Sunday school of the South Omaha M. E. church will give their annual Christmas tree entertainment this (Christmas) night in the church, corner Tenth and Pierce. Presents have been provided by the Sunday school for 250 scholars and as parents and friends will bring in presents for others it is expected that the tree will bear upwards of 400 different kinds of fruit. The tree, eighteen feet high, is being brought from Utah, and the church will be very tastefully decorated. General O. O. Howard will make the principal address and Mr. T. W. Tibbally leads the singing. The parents and friends of the children are expected to be present. Extra seating has been secured, so we can take care of 600 to 800 people. The exercises will begin at 7:30 prompt, and the doors will be closed at 7:45, so those intending to be present please come before that time. Admittance free.

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