# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1888.

## The Good Work Done by the City Mission.

A REPORTER AMONG THE POOR.

He Accompanies Superintendent Reypolds and Tells of the Sights He Sees-What Was Done at the Churches.

## The Day of Good Will.

Christmas day, the day of peace and good will, dawned on the city with a clouded, chilly and cold aspect. This did not, however, cool the arder of Omaha citizens, who might have been seen welcoming each other with the old, familiar "Merry Christmas," and a hearty shaking of the hand.

The day was observed by the majority in home-like simplicity. Families were gathered together. Friends congregated where new families had been recently established, and the superous men away from home, and and who have not yet made friends, visited places where the impulse of the hour carried

The churches were crowded during the day, and the places of amusement thronged not the Bt night. The city's charitable institutions were not neglected, many generous people remembering the maxim "It is better to give than to receive." The inmates of the jail, the patients at the hospitals, and the poor generally were reminded in some way that Christmas is the season when "good will among men" is paramount.

Max Meyer and his clerks presented T. H Hoyer, the old watchman of the firm, with a sealskin cap, gloves and mufflers for a Christmas box. Mr. Hoyer has been in the employ of Max Meyer for over twenty years, and is highly respected for his integrity, honesty and courtesy by every employe of the firm.

TRONT THE OWNER MURRICH.

Many a boy and girl would have spent a merry Christmas vesterday if they had only known how happy they made the poor child-ren of Omaha bp the gift of their worn out toys, and many a citizen would have felt hap-pier to-day if he had contributed more liberally to the wants of his fellow citizens who are less favorably situated. There were some that did contribute, and

at an early hour yesterday morning the calists Omaha City Mission house, on Tenth street, presented a strange appearance. Beef from South Omaha was there, and with it were piles of clothing more or less worn, but each in its way went to show that there were some, at least, who cared for the wants of

others. And toys! There were lots of them, with the doll predominating. There was the 5-cent doll and the 75-cent doll, there was the brunette and there was the golden-haired slip on the blonde, there were dolls dressed in velvets and in calicos and dolls not dressed at all. And then there were other things that could it be valued at their intrinsic worth, but by the regrets that must have gone with hem from their childish givers. One col of wooden spools, strung together by baby hands, seemed to be a modern edition of the widow's mite and a broken-down toy wagon from Ashiand was valued for the good wishes that sent it so far. If the giver and seen how eagerly it was claimed by one of the city boys he would have been more than satisfied for the sacrifice he had made sending it.

Then the picture books. Thumb marks told how often they had been read before, but they were none the less welcome to the children, who hardly know what a picture book was. And there was some truit among the gifts

Part of it came from the apple stands, and a banann or two told that the strangers of sunny Italy did not forget the poor of the country in which they had found a home. Cakes and candies were in light supply, but none the less acceptable to those who got them.

Ten o'clock was the hour fixed for the distribution of the gifts, and it is to the Rev. W. J. Harsha, of the First Presbyterian church, that the plan must be credited. Wagons and hacks were, on hand to convey them to their respective destinations, and

-- CHRISTMAS DAY IN OMAHA. the solitary chair to the two visitors, while Mr. Revnolds explained their errand. "It's hard to be sick on a Christmas," said the invalid. "But I am feeling better now, she added, and Mr. Reynolds dived one more into his bashet. He brought out of I the same indescribable garments, gave the little girl a doll and fitted her out with i shoes, and, with a few words pair of cheer, left for a moment, only to be calle-back and told that there was another and smaller babe that required a few trilling articles of clothing. He had not seen the other babe, but he was equal to the emer gency, and it is safe to say once more that the donors would have been more than repaid had they seen the light comes into the eyes, and the colo into the checks of the dying mother-the say she is dying-as she saw what her child

But at last all was over, the baskets emp tied and the hack started back to the Mis-sion. The dogs had become acquainted and forgot to bark, and while the blasts of the tin trumpets could be heard throughout the bottoms, there was only one that was down to see Superintendent Reynolds off. That was little Charlie, without father or mother and as the hack drove away he said : "I'm goin' to be down there Thursday and I'll fetch the other kids along."

TRINITY CATHEDRALS

Christmas services eclipsed anything that has ever before been attempted by this very justly celebrated choir of this church. If it is true, as some people say, that the musical services are going to be cut down in the new year, it is quite certain that Mrs. Cotton's efforts yesterday were a fitting finale to her successful direction of the cathedral choir Anything finer than yesterday's music could be imagined. In some respects ritual was marked by an an incongruity seldom evidenced in a cathedral ensemble. With such an abund ance of musical capacity at hand, it is re markable that the psalter, together with the preces and responses in the matins service, were not sung. The order of services for the day were holy communion, 7 a, m.; morning prayer and high celebration, 11 a. m. At the former service upwards of 150 communicants presented themselves, and a congregation that filled the cathedral to its utmost capacity was present at the later service, which was a most imposing function. Bishop Worthington, who was attired in full canonicals, was celebrant. Dean Gardner, of the cathedral, and Dr. Doherty, of Brownell hali, acted as gospellor and preached by Bishop Worthington from the text "Let us now go even unto Bethleham." There was a large choir of surpliced choir isters, supplemented, by the St. Cecelia soci

ety and the regular quartotte composed of Mrs. Cotton, Miss Roeder, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Revel B. France. Upon the latter vo calists the bulk of the musical labor de-volves, and in every respect they acquitted themselves admirably. It would be difficult to pick out of any community four voices that harmonize so perfectly as do the voices of Trinity quartette. In Buck's "Te Deum, written in B minor, the vocalesen displayed plause. was delightful. This number is most elabor ate in its composition, and abounds with some of the closest harmonies ever written; but in no instance was there the slightest part of the choir, if a little ap parent indecision upon the boy choir in their 'attack'' is overlooked. The "Sanctus" passage was superbly sung, and the crispuess of the delivery in some of the plane passages brought out in magnificent relief the exquisite blending of voice, creating a profound impression amongst the congrega tion. Mr. Wilkens had several solos allotted to him, and in each case acquitted himsel splendidly. His intonation was perfect, and and at all times, a cultured vocalist, his duties yesterday fitted him like a giory, with the result that his vocalesin amounted to a genuine triumph. Mr. Rev. France was in good voice, and did good ser-vice. Mrs. Cotton's exacting duties as choir director had evidently not impaired her vocal organs because she sang all of the music apportioned to her perfectly, and her all. solo in Tours' "Sing, O Heavens," was delivered with an intensity of devotional earnest-ness and artistic morit soldom heard in a church choir. Her upper notes were as of manuer peculiar to this singer, her efforts yesterday were a positive musical treat. "Sing, O Heaven" can bear repetition. It is

a wonderful piece of choral work, and its beauties were thoroughly appreciated by all present yesterday. The auxiliary choir were well up to their work, and Prof. Butler made as much out of the wretchedly poor organ at Trinity as it was possible to do. ST. PHILOMENA'S.

beautiful decorations of the church were credited to Mrs. Andrew Murphy, Miss Nors O' Connor and Mr. Thomas Vandeboegarder.

ALL SAINTS. Nowhere more than in the Episcopal church is Christmas fittingly observed. While prethe beauty of the services in that church, it must be admitted that this year witnesses a great advance in every respect over forme periods. None of the churches were clabo rately decorated and such as were orna mented had confined their efforts to the ohancel and sanctuary. Holly, woodbing mistletoe and smilax were the principal fac tors in the ornamentation of the edifices generous offerings were the characteristics o yesterday's sermins. The church of All Saints, of which Rev

service on Christmas eve, at which Miss Pennell and Madame Kellog-Bachert sang appropriate music, assisted by the ordinary church choir, under the direction of Mr. Thomas J. Pennell, Yes-teclay, the services commanced with an early communion, and a second celebratio The eucharistic music was "Tour and the anthem, one selected from the Messiah: "O Thou That Tellest;" solo and chorus. It was carefully selected and very creditably executed, Miss Pennell's solo work

being especially commendable. ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL. Of this little church, Rev. Osgood Pearson, is rector. It secured large congregations yesterday. Under the direction of Doctor Palin Saxby the surpliced choir sang a very delightful service of morning prayer and holy communion, which commenced at 11 a. m. The Sunday school festival will be held in connection with this church on next Thurs-

on and about the altar at the mid-day ser church was crowded ation in the main vice. The a congregation in the main com-posed of ladies. The musical programme was an ambitious one, King Hall's communion service in F being used, with Stainer's "O Zion That Bringest" and Garrett's "Te Deum" and "Jubilate" aternolated. Whatever else it lacked, want of earnestness on the part of the choir could not be noticed in their desires to make a creditable showing. It was very evident, however, that the timber of the choiresters was not equal to the exacting music that required interpretation. The rector preached a short, practical address from the altar steps on the subject of the nativity. FIRST M. K. CHURCH.

The First M. E. church was crowded last night by the Sunday School scholars and

festival. In every respect the meeting was a reat success, and the elocutionary efforts o he various scholars met with generous ap Some of the juveniles displayed marked ability in their recitations, Master Dan Cotton and Miss Blanche Miller fairly captivating the audience by their clover reci There was some good singing during the evening by the scholars, and the enter tainment was brought to a very successful termination by the appearance of Santa Claus down the chimney of a cottage that had been erceted in the northwest corner of the church, and a distribution of Christmas

AT THE FIRST BAPTIST. Christmas evening was celebrated in unique fashion at the First Baptist church. The great feature of the evening was Mr. the intervening sharps and flats, thirteen in all. Behind the screen were thirteen singers and at a given signal their faces an peared in the large openings in the notes and discoursed the sweetest of music The running of the gamut, imitation of pipe organ, solos, choruses and other musica

affair and the excellence of the music brought out storms of applause. Mr. Daniels recommended the use of the homophone in a very

two presents each. Mr. Lamar, the pastor, and Mr. McLead, the superintendent of the

Louis Zahner is rector, commenced the Christmas observance with a special vesper

A connection that being the patron Saints (St. John's) day. ST. BARNADIS. This church, the rector of which is Rev. John Williams, was ablaze with lights in use

their parents, who were assembled to particirate in the annual Sunday School Christmas

gifts all round.

. H. Daniels' homophone, a most happy and ingenious musical arrangement. Stretched across the place usually occupied by the choir was a long piece of white cloth on which was an immense bar of music, with all the notes from lower to upper F, including selections were rendered. The novelty of the

witty speech. This was followed by the advent of Santa Claus who came in on a boat as there has not been enough snow to allow him to come in a sleigh as usual. All the little folks received

AT KOUNTZE MEMORIAL.

Sunday school, both received handsome gifts

stated that she was doing remarkably well Upon the arrival of the hour for luncheon shortly after noon, she partook of the turkey, coffee and other delicacies as heartily as the rest of the prisoners. David Kauffman, the

tobacconist, presented the inmates with some cigars and tobacco. Representatives from the churches conducted religious services in the morning, and wholesome advice was given the unfortunitebeings. Some listened with apparent interest but the majority either gave their attention to something else or received the proffered counsel with an air of stolid indifference." Among the former class were several who came forward after the services, warmly thanked their visitors and promised, when they were once more at lib-erty, to make a strong effort to reform.

AT THE POLICE STATION. Although the police were wont to overlook

Christmas eve, there were numerous indi-viduals who not only abused this privilege but also the use of stimulants, and in consequence they awake yesterday morning to find themselves occupants of apartments at the central station. Those who were held on petty offenses were given a hearing be-fore Judge Berka, and where a prisoner could explain to the court the manner in which he meandered from the paths of dis was discharged. Several of the foundings that had been bagged by the police the night previous were held for crime more serious than intexication, and accordingly were remanded for a hearing to-day.

The inmates of the county poor farm were treated to a special Christmas dinner by Superintendent Mahoney. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney attended personally to the wants of their boarders, and did everything in their power to make Christmas day a benevity nower to make Christmas day a happy one for the unfortunates who happen to be res dents of the county poor farm.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL. The sisters at St. Joseph's hospital did everything in their power to make Christmas a happy one for the patients under their care. The church services were as elabor-ate as the small chapel would afford, and after the ceremonies a special dinner of roast turkey and other concommitants was served to the inmates of the hospital. Christmas tree and other amusements fol lowed the dinner.

VISITING THE CHILDREN. Rev. W. J. Harsha had a very happy Christmas, judging from the smile of gratitude and benevolence which compassed his countenance yesterday morning at 9 o'clock is he sent from his residence, five, carriages laden with toys, clothes, candles and other huxuries for distribution among the poor and reglected children of the city. The contents of the five wagons were given to the rever and gentleman for distribution by me-

chants, tradesmen and others living in the city. Mr. Harsha had divided the city into ernment has not yet been determined. districts and had-set certain portions for each conveyance to visit and distribute the contents of each carriage. Mr. and Mrs Staden had charge of one wagon and visited seventy-five families; Mr. Scott of another, Rev. A. K. Harsha another, Mr. Beck another and Mr. P. J. Qualey, of the fifth. The gifts were intended for the poor children of the city, and from appearances nobody appreciated the kindness of the contributors. nor the energy of the distributors more than the poor little waifes. The receipt to the barefooted of a pair of boots, to the thinly clad of some warm garment, to the hatless a cap and to others a box of candy or at amusing toy was both a source of joy and

a reminder of the peace and good will among men which they had often dreamed of, but had never before experienced. Mr. Harsha isited 500 families in all and to each dis ibuted some slight token of the generosit of the more favored citizens of Omaha. In his rounds the reversid centleman came across several families in dire distress and elieved them as far as he was able. Mr Harsha is very much pleased with the suc cess of his undertaking, and says that his efforts have been met with a prompt and generous response from the people living in the city.

DINING THE FIREMEN. The Water Works company gave to each married man of the fire department a turkey for a Christmas gift. To the unmarried men a dinner was served last night at the Paxton hotel. Chief Galligan brought his twenty-two single men into the hotel at 6 o'clock and marched them into the bar room before supper. It was the chief's treat this time and they all seemed to appreciate it. The Paxton served one of its best dinners to the boys and a most enjoyable time was spent. During the feast somebody whispered "fire."

hotels, as all who could had gone to their homes to eat their Christmas dinner. However, a number of people from the city Bluffs and other neighboring towns, who in not been invited out, took advantage of opportunity to enjoy an unusually good nor. All the hotels presented bills of All the hotels presented for that would make the eyes of an epicure danc for joy. The Murray had a unique menu card in the form of a letter enclosed in an envelope. The guests showed their appreciatio of the splendid dinner and the manner i which it was served by presenting Mr. L. Morris, the head waiter, with a diamon-

Among the guests at the Paxton were the old bachelor fire laddles, who were presented with a magnificent dinner by the waterworks company. A number of employes of the waterworks compane were also present

The Millard, Arcade, Barker and other notels all had their dining rooms unusuall full of guests, who were rominded by th magnificent spreads that the day was an un usual one.

#### They Feasted Mr. Bochme.

At the Hotel Esmond vesterday a number of young men occupying apartments ther prepared an elegant feast complimentary t Mr. Bochme, formerly a clerk of the hotel Tables were filled with good things to cat and drink, and the ladies and gentlemen o the hotel, and a few outsiders, enjoyed a de il ovening, enlivened by music, eggnogg and other good things suited to the occasion

#### Offers to Settle.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 .- A local paper says that a definite offer of settlement with creditors is announced on the part of C. J. Kershaw, whose \$2,000,000 failure was the upshot of the famous Harper wheat corner.

Twenty per cent of the value of claims i tendered, \$200,000 in cash and \$200,000 in Kershaw's notes, endorsed by Eggieston, the wealthy ex-member of the firm, who still maintains, nowever, that he was not a

partner at the time of the failure and was in no sense liable legally. To recover the re maining 50 per cent of accounts Kershaw willturn over \$1,500,000 worth of claim against Cincinnati parties which the Fidbank litigation may make worth something Kershaw is reported to be doing well with his million bushel terminal clevator at Tacoma, W. T.

## The General Was Arrested.

cape observation, and after being trailed a short distance he attempted WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- Acting Adjutant General Kilton has received a telegram from General Stanler, confirming the reports of the prisoner coolly said: the arrest of himself and aide at Austin. Texas, while executing an order of ejectment from toe secretary of war. What further action in the matter will be taken by the gov

## What Boulanger Will Do.

PARIS, Dec. 25.-General Boulanger, in an interview to day, said : "The first act of my government, if the country raises me to the presidency, will be to repeal the laws relating to banishment, readmit everybody and open to all Frenchmen the France I love so well.

### No Ouorum at the Council.

The members of the city council who were not celebrating Christmas met last night at the regular meeting time. There was not a morum present and the meeting adjourned

### Put Money in Thy Purse.

New York Times: Undertaker (to reent widow)-In the death of your husand, my dear Mrs. Hendricks, the community loses a valuable member. Widow-Ah, yes, Mr. Mould.

Undertaker-You will want solid malogany, of course? Widow-1-I think so.

Undertaker-Ever faithful to his du-ties and loyal to his friends.

Widow-Ah, yes, Mr. Mould. Undertaker-Aud the plate must be of pure silver, I suppase.

Widow-Well, er, ch, yes, pure silter.

Utiba Observer: A story is told of a young merchant of Utica, N. Y., who Undertaker-I can recall so many generous acts of your husband. He was went to New York to purchase a bill of a noble nature, Mrs. Hendricks, goods. The young man went to the metropolis with his wife and child. Enter-

Widow-Ah, yes. Poor John was the the soul of generosity. Undertaker—The handles and trim-

and child sat in a chair while the young husbanu selected a bill of goods and mings will have to be first-class in every

piece of woods. A party of six well armed men took the hostler and went with him to the place of rendezvous They all lay down behind the log and waited for Brazelton. By and by he rode out of a thicket into an open space and came slowly toward the unsuspect-He carried his pistol in ed ambush. his hand, as if suspecting that things were not all right. When in thirty yards of the log the whole party ros and fired, killing both horse and rider in an instant.

and take him something to eat. He

was to wait behind a log in a certain

It was one of the most dramatic incidents that ever occurred about Tuscon in those troublesome days. Brazelton's body was riddled with balls.

#### Increase of Wealth in the South

Alabama.

Arkansas. Florida....

oxas, .

Total.

Florida. Kentucky Mississippi North Carolina. South Carolina. Tennessee Virginia. Texas.

Chicago Tribune: The Tradesman, in ts January issue, will give tables show ing the total assessment for 1885 of real estate, personality, railroads, etc. he southern states to be \$3,631,740,945 The following shows the increase of taxable wealth in each of the southers states between 1880 and 1888, together with the per centage of each during the same period:

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The population in the states named

has increased nearly five and a half

Lots of Mysteries.

the other ovening a policeman saw a

man with something hidden under his

coat enter an alley as if anxious to es-

to enter a barn. The officer rushed

upon him and gave hime the collar, but

'Come, now, don't give it away."

"Who are you, sir?

next ten days.'

you heard bad news?"

"My dear sir," was the reply, "the

said:

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millions since the cousus of 1880.

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legs, or feet; which develops ulcers in the

eyes, ears, or nose, often causing blindness or

deafness; which is the origin of pimples, can-

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been troubled with scrofula, my little boy.

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head to feet. We all took Hoed's Sarsaparilla,

and all have been cured of the scrorula. My

little boy is entirely free from sores, and all

four of my children look bright and healthy."

A Devoted Husband at the Play. Philadelphia Record: Wife (at the Phew! Oh, you ---- you heater.) what means that horrible odor on your

breath? Husband-Um --- er ---, you know I stepped outside to see Mr. Smith about a bill he owes me. Well, I missed Smith, and while standing in the lobby made the acquaintance of a very pleas ant gentleman -

"Oh, yes, I know all about ----"

"A very pleasant gentleman, who said he was a personal friend of Worth, the Paris dressmaker." "Dear mel

"Yes, and he took such a fancy to me that he offered to get his friend Worth to furnish you with dresses at 50 per cent off.

"Oh, you darling! How good of you to think of it." "Yes. Well, I was so delighted that

"Mr, —, and this is my barn." "Oh, so you are. Well, you were acting very queer. You don't gener-ally come this way." I naturally wished to do the proper thing, so we adjourned to the Palace ally come this way." "No, I don't, but I don't generally aloon and took a couple of drinks tohave a Christmas present for my wife gether while talking over the latest which I have to keep hidden for the styles and prices, you know.

"I see. Isn't it grand? When will you see him again?"

Bad Attack of Senatorial Dignity. "Well, the fact is, my dear, that after Washington Letter: A good deal of leaving him I was approached by a quiet fun goes on in the senate that the noted detective, who kindly warned me world never hears of. For example, a against the stranger, who he said was a certain senator, who is a candidate for notorious confidence man, just out of the penitentiary." "Oh, dear! How provoking! Well, re-election before the legislature of his state this winter, was sitting in his seat

this afternoon with a very storn and gloomy expression upon his face. One you are not going out again, I hope?" "Only once. You see, it is my solemn of his colleagues approached him and duty, under the circumstances, to go out and treat the detective."

"What's the matter, General? You look as if you were frightened. Have We rec'm'd Kerr's thread. Ha ydenBros

#### \$500 for \$300.

expression you mistake for fright is nothing but senatorial dignity. Three A full size 71 octave, rosewood case, vory keyed piano, new, stool, scarf and influential citizens of my state are sitbook complete, price \$500. Must be sold this week at \$300 on easy payments. ting in the opposite gallery and are watching me with critical eyes. Go J. S. CAMERON, 1519 Dodge.

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#### Twenty Per Cent Less.

more than one society belle felt all the hap pler at the social gatherings of the evening pecause she had spent the morning in mak ing others less fortunate share in the gifts of

It fell to the lot of a BEE reporter to follow in the walk of Mr. Chas. Reynolds, and see how the work was appreciated. Down among the tracks, sand heaps and rock piles that mark the intersection of Seventh and Jones bidden by the sun flowers that shelter them in summer and fence them around in winter It was there the back in which Mr. Reynolds guarded the gifts he was about to distribute first stopped, and it was here that the first vellow dog came out and greeted the reporter But he came in a friendly way, and though his bark was short and business-like, the wag of his tail seemed to say, "Peace and good ill to all men." and the reporter guided the basket he was carrying to the first abode. was a foreigner of some kind that came to the door, and in reply to the question if there were any children in the house he said: "No no speak English." He was left for a while and Mr. Reynolds and the reporter carried their baskets to the next next abode, where some children were made happy by the gift of a few dolls. Then a little boy, who seemed to be a waif, came up and eyed the baskets. He took stock of what was in them and then volunteered his services as to their distribution. He pointed "some kids," and followed the baskets in to see what the "kids" received. They got dolls, picture books and toys, and Charlie, for that was the name of the guide, expressed his admiration for a tin trumpet, which was

speedily gives to him. For a moment or two he disappeared, and then returned with ore boys looking for trumpets. "If I'd known this was Sunday I'd hev

fone to Sunday school," said one of them as he edged up to the reporter, who was crawling through a break in the fence. "But it isn't Sunday-it's Christmas," the

reporter said. "Well, I thought it was somethink like

that. But what are you doin' wid them things givin' 'em away! When are you goin' to have yer dinner! Is it to-day!

By this time the tin trumpets were very generally distributed, and heraided the advance of Mr. Reynolds and the reporter. Dogs took undiadly to them and barked an accompaniment, but expressed the utmost od will to the bearers of the baskets. One freekled faced cat sat on a gate post, and after expressing his disgust at the noise, made an attempt to scratch a curly-hesded urchin that was trying a mouth organ, and then disappeared, only to come up purring and rubbing around the visitors as they eq and rubbing around the visitors as they en-tered the house. Of course it was decential but that fact was lost sight of in the grati-bud carbon and his wife as they received the gifts sent wife as they received the gifts sent them by friends they had never seen. They were foreigners, and watched with wife ppen-mouthed astonishment the lavish dis-play of wealth shown them. A tiny baby in the arms of the mother caused Mr. Reynolds to dive into the depths of the basket he car ried and produce a number of articles which neither he nor the reporter could name, but which were evidently appreciated by mother. So grateful did she seem to be, the the got a fair supply of all that a baby needs, and when a woolen undershirt and a linen dress skirt were alded, her joy was un-bounded. With a graceful bend of the knee, be sourced Mr. Reynold's hand, imprinted a tiss on it, and wound up a rapidly uttered ddress, in a foreign tongue, with "Tank ou." And then her husband came forward ou." And then nor hand and said, "Tank

Once more a cut was made across the tracks, and Charlie offered his help to carry he basket that weighed down the reported He was not hurt when the aid was declined at pointed out a bouse covered with pieces galvanized iron, and, after a blast on his

# "There's a woman sick in there."

And there was. Lying on a tumbled up bed was a woman sick-very sick. The walls of the room-the only one the house contained-were covered with the odds and contained-were covered with the odds and ends of paper that are looked upon as refuse by the city shops. One 8x12 window pane permitted a part of the sunshine to show what want really was, and another small window revealed the bed. There was fire in the stave, scarcely enough to rec-going, and a little three-year-old girl lost berself in the shadows of that one small beca. The husband was there and offered

The programme announced in vesterday's issue was strictly carried out at the cathe dral of St. Philomena. Bishop O'Connor, The Christmas festival of children who at end Sunday school at Kountze Memoria besides officiating as celebrant at the pontifi cial high mass, also imparted the Papal ber church, was celebrated last night at the church. About one hundred children were ediction, which the esteemed prelate, by the present, accompanied by their parents. The courtesy of the reigning pope, Leo XIII, is church was decorated with evergreens. privileged to give on great occasions four times during any one year. The rescript dated December 6, 1885, was read in Latin and then translated by the pastor, Rev. Fr McCarthy. A plenary indulgence was also granted to all those who had complied with

the necessary conditions. The decorations were not elaborate but chaste, simple and suggestive. The side altars were profusely decorated with flowers and evergreens. Mozart's Twelfth mass, with organ and orchestral accompaniment, was sung. Mr. Jules Lombard, basso; Lieu-tenant John Kinzie, U. S. A., tenor, with the regular soloists, volunteers and choir, too modest to claim or seek especial mention, made 1888 memorable in the musical history of the cathedral. Father Carroll should be credited for his pains in drilling, directing and costuming the acolytes, who were attired in purple capes, lace surplices and car-

linal soutanies. The sermon was preached by Rev. F. Kin sella, S. J., from the text "Et Verbum Caro factum est," St. John i:10. Father Kinsella, S. J., enuclidated this theme as only the theo logian can who has the leisure for thought and the training for telling it.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH.

This church, which requires but slight dec-oration to brighten its colors, was resplend-ent with light and beauty. Father Schaefer was the celebrant of the solemn high mass at The choir sung Harrison's and Millard's mass with excellent effect. Father Damen preached the sermon from Isainh, ix:6, "A child is born to us." Miss Mercuchoff presided at the organ. The music was devotional and condusive to plous thought.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC, The throng here was not as great as at the cathedral, but the crib which filled the place ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC. of St. Joseph's altar, the acolytes, the min-isters at the "throne," the flowers, lights, everygreens, the sweet smelling incense, the music (Hayda's first in H), the "Veni Cre-ator" of Novells, the benediction after the mass, Rosmini's "O Salutaris" and Lambillotte's "Tantum Ergo," must have inspired the soul of any christian to sing with the desire to unite with the angels in "Glory to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will." This was the text and substance good will." This was the text and substance of a remarkably beautiful and edifying ser-mon by Rev. M. Dowling, S. J.

"Paganism," said the speaker, "infidelity and materialism despise the manger at Beth-lehem. Faith protests against this disdain. and is able to justify its protest. The prophets and their forecasts of the future point to the Christ as the redeemer, the an-nointed of Jehovah. His birth and life amidst such humble environments, his teach-ings and influence on the race of man and the ages mark Him as the grandest figure in human history.

Mrs. Burkhard presided at the organ, and St. John's Collegiate church choir amply sustained its well-carned reputation.

ST. PETER's. The people of this congregation must have been both surprised and delighted to see their paster, Rev. F. Boyle, celebrating 5 o'clock mass, after a six weeks' confinement on a sickbed. He preached a short sermon, as much as his physical strength would allow him, and tears were as plenteous as smiles-not tears of sorrow, but of joy-to see a be-loved pastor strong enough to make such an effort as he did yesterday. His text was: "Glory to God on high and peace to men of good will." "Glory to God, the object of man's creation, and peace to men of the will good enough to receive the glad tidings." He said, "Adam and Eve fell, so did the angels. One intellectual sin lost haven to the angels. One intellectual sin lost houven to the angels forever. But Christ the Redeemer, saved fallen man, through his exile, his sufferings and death. This is the day we all commemo-rate as His birth. He is the grandest figure of all times, the Christ, the Redeemer, the Man-God. How man should love Jesus the Crucified, and live as if he loved Him." The

Wreaths and large Christmas trees decorated the space in front of the organ. A large space, covered with evergreens and snow, epresented the cave from which Santa Claus was to bring sweet things to the children. The sacred service was conducted by Rev. Detweiler, and the supervision of the children was undertaken by Dr. Leisenring. The children sang some pretty Christmas carols and rendered them well, after which

little Adelaipe Fagan, a beautiful flaxenmired child, three years old, gave a recita tion. Santa Claus next appeared on the scene, to the delight of the youngsters, and he gave every one of the Sunday school attendants a box of candy and an orange. THE SCHWAREN-VEREIN.

The schwaben-Verein celebrated Christ-mas evening at Metz hall in the good old fashion of the fatherland. A Christmas tree, laden with presents, was the main attraction. Everybody present was given a number and was presented with the gift or the tree bearing the same number. In this manner everybody got a present. Dancing nusic and convivial pleasures occupied the remainder of the evening. THE DINNER TO THE BACHELORS.

General Secretary Jenner assisted by his charming wife, dispensed hospitality to nine een bachelor residents of Omaha yesterday afternoon. Dinner was served up at 4 o'clock in the committee room of the Y. M. C. A. building. After a splendid menu had been done full justice to by the company present, Mr. Jouner welcomed the gentlemen in a fow well-chosen sentences expressive of the great pleasure felt by himself and Mrs. Jenner at meeting their guests. Short speeches were made by every gentleman at the table, in which the sincerest thanks were tendered to their host and hostess for the favors con-ferred. After a few hours of social enjoy-

ment the guests dispersed carrying with them the liveliest feelings of gratitude towards both Mr. and Mrs. Jenner. Various professions were represented at the banquet. Doc-tors of medicine and lawyers, mechanics and drummers, with divinity students and news paper men, all met in the most delightful manner to partake of the good things provided.

AT THE COUNTY JAIL.

It was Christmas at the county jail, too, and, as usual, the unfortunate turkey was sacrificed to the hunger of the inmates. For

the muth time on occasions like this, Jallor Joe Miller furnished the Christmas menu at the county bastlle. He was sitting in a little room gazing out in the dreary solitude as the reporter tapped on the huge iron door of the jail. In a moment the heavy lock re-leased its grasp, and the massive iron obstacle swung open. Inside all was quiet. The "register" showed that fifty-eight unfortu-nates, who, through some misleed, were com-pelled to spend their holiday within impregable wails of brick and behind huge bars of nable waits of brick and beind huge bars of steel, against 144 on Christmas 1887. But, strange to say, out of the fifty-eight, but one was thus located on the Christmas of 1887. This one is Louis Berghoff, charged with a new trial by the supromo judicial tribunal of Nebraska. "Doc," as Berghoff is commonly called in the jail, is given the freedom of the corridors during the day time, and by reason of his gentlemanly ways, he has made a warm friend in every reporter whose duty requires him to enter the receptacle of felons. As the re-

porter entared the corridor he grasped the hand of Berghoff and "wished him a merry Christmas. The latter paused for a moment, and then said What, merry Christmas to a man in fuil i" The gloom that curtained the features

the prisoner told very plainly that he fully comprehended his situation. At this point the reporter directed his at-

tention to the cell on the upper tier, within which Elizabeth Beechler is coulined. The prisoner remained silent and did not pose be-fore the iron lattice work of her cell as she children of the parochial school sang several beautiful hymns during the mass. Father St. Lawrence, the newly appointed assistant St. Lawrence, the newfy appointed assistant pastor, sang the last mass at 10:30 and preached a most cloquently appopriate ser-mon. Mozart's first mass was sung. Mrs. M. Howard presided at the organ, and the regular choir sang with zeal and effect. The

The boys started and were about to rush from the table when the chief called them to order by assuring them it was only the lisp ng of a reporter who happened to be dining

at a table in the vicinity. AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

"O, I'm lazy, I'm crazy,

I'm a ---

It was Christmas night in the police cells, and it was midnight. Twenty-eight prison-ers celebrated the eve in their own way, and spent the remainder of the night in the lock-up. One of them sang a Christmas carol as above. Gas burned brightly in the office, and threw the blue-coated guardians into clear relief, while the more quietly disposed prisoners sought the benches furthest in the shadows and vainly at-tempted to sleep. Where the shade was darkest two of them endeavored to spend a portion of a two days' sentence in the forgetulness that the drowsy god always brings nd no movement on their part would show their want of success.

Next to them two sprucely dressed dry goods clerks glowered on each other flercely as they thought of the fight in which they were engaged when the police interfered. One was balled out, and as the other watched him passing through the door the look of hatred changed softly to a far away malarchely one that engles of his first avay melancholy one, that spoke of his first ap-pearance behind the bars, and his first Christmas from home. Then he stretched out on the hard wooden bench, and no doubt ndeavored to dream in his broken slumbers

of the old folks at home. Five inmates graced the adjoining cell, and behind the bars fought their battle o'er again -the same battles that brought them there One could date his history to the old slavery days, and not even the stern surroundings could keep him from "patting" the old plantation melodies of the time "befo' de wah." His cell-mates did not in-terfere, but listened to him amid the snores of a drunken man in the next cell. The drunk had been picked up in the streets with \$227 in his inside pocket, and a soldier and a rinter shared the cell with him. Then came the cage where the soiled doves

peered through the gratings or sank to sleep Detect through the gratings of same to sub-in the far off corners. Only two were there, One was a landlady, decked in fashion's latest styles, but her stay behind the bars was short. The other was a boarder, with dark brown hair. She remained all night, because, unlike the other, she had no friends to bail her out. And so it was that they spent the night in Omaha, although years ago, or perhaps one year ago, they used to fully un-derstand what was meant by the words they so often used, "A merry Christmas to you."

HOW THE GAMINS FEASTED.

"Let 'er go Gallagher." That was the grace a shock headed news-boy said, as he sat down to a bountiful re-past, and gathered in all the dishes within reach. It was at a Christmas dinner given to the newsboys, shoe blacks and messenger boys of Omaha, by L. Danbaum & Co., of the Philadelphia restaurant on Fifteenth street. Eighty or ninety of the boys enjoyed it, and in their own way. The hour for the dinner was set at 2 o'clock, but some of them tried to get the start on their rivals, and were there at 12. They all enjoyed it, how-ever. Some of them liked the soup best, some of them the fricased chicken, or the turkey or the venisor, pld, but they all en oyed themselves. One or two of them enoyed throwing potatoes and bread at the boys who were unable to clean their plates as rapidly as the throwers, but when the proprietor interfered they pleaded guilty with no defense and said: "See the fun we're having." But

they all spent a merry Christmas, and owed it to the generosity of the Philadelphia chop house. They were as well behaved as could be expected, when, as one of them put it, "Christmas only comes three times a year." The messenger boys took the pennant for good behavior. One or two of them even good behavior. One or two of them even went so far as to put down a nickel or a dime for an extra piece of pie which was not on the bill of fare, though it is needless to say the money was refused. Some who were on duty did not put in an appearance till nearly 4 o'clock, but at last, when they all were fee and had left the chop house, it would have been a cold wind that would have chilled the warm corner in their hearts devoted to Danbaum & Co.

The different hosterries of the city did all in their power to make the day a pleasant one for their guests. There were but com-paratively few commercial travelers at the

, of course, and say about twentyfive carriages. Widow-I, er, hardly think co many

carriages will be needed. Undeataker-O, yes they will, my dear madam. Consider your husband's

standing in society and the number of friends he had. It is a serious question if twenty-five will be enough. man inspired confidence, and the goods Widow-Very well, Mr. Mould.

Undertaker-Thank you, Mrs. Hendricks; I believe that is all. Good morning.

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The President's Future Home.

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His decision in favor of New Jersey as a residence, it is said, is in accordance with the wishes of some of the best-known leaders of the democratic party in that state. They waited on him a few days ago and his decision, it is said, was reached after their interview with him. Some of them consider it certain that he will remain in politics.

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#### Stories About Jay Could.

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#### Bill Brezleton.

Washington Post: I want to tell you that the first and greatest lone highwayman in this country lived in Tuscon, and his name was Bill Brazelton. It has now been seven or cight years since he was killed. While he lived he was the terror of Southern Ari zona, and he did all of his work single handed.

He seemed to be here, there and everywhere at the same time. Finally it was suspected that a hostler working in the stable where Brazelton had been employed knew something of him. He was taken out on the edge of the town and hung up till he was almost dead, when he agreed to confess, on condition that Brazelton should be shot outright, as he would kill any man who betrayed his secret at the first opportunity. The hostler said he was to go out to meet Brazelton that very night

sked to have the same shipp Utica. The salesman inquired what security he could furnish- The Utican replied: "I can give you no other se curity than that," pointing to his wife and child. It was rather a unique way of offering security for a bill of goods. but the frankness of the young busines

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ing a large wholesale house, the wife

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"Grand, wasn't it?"

house in the city.

"I don't know about that, but I'm ure you'd never do for a coachman." "Why not?"

were sent. When the time came to pay "You don't handle your lines well the bill the money was sent. enough.



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