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Sweet Voices of Omaha Singers Will Be Uplifted Today.

PROGRAMS ARRANGED FOR THE CHURCHES

Carols and Anthems in Which the Spirit of Christmas Will Find Utterance—Notes and Rests in Local Musical Circles.

It is a beautiful idea that makes the celebration of the Christmas festival in the various churches an occasion of music and song. The historic words, "Peace on earth, good will to men," will ring from every organ loft in Omaha today. They will echo from the arches of the great cathedrals and from the low rafters of the mission chapel, and who shall say that there is not more of the celestial inspiration in the harmonious strains of Christmas anthems than the most able effort from the pulpit could afford.

The music that will be rendered in the churches of the city today will bear evidence to the progress that has been made in choral music during the past year. In all the leading churches the Christmas services will be supplemented by musical programs consisting of selections from the compositions of the best sacred composers. Many o the choirs have been augmented for the occasion and the music this year will no doubt surpass any which has been given on any previous festival.

At Trinity cathedral a most elaborate service has been prepared. At the morning service the full choir will render the communion service in C, "Kyrie," and Whitney's "Agnus Dei." The morning anthem will be "Sing O Heavens," by Tours, Adam's "O Holy Night," arranged by Dudley Buck, will be sung for the offertory. At the evening service the morning anthems will be repeated and the choir will sing Gade's beautiful oratorio, "Chistmas Eve." The latter is one of the most pleasing of sacred compositions. Its melody is of a peculiar character with a slow, rythmic movement that suggests the harmony of celestial music. The choir has had the music in rehearsal for several weeks and a Christmas evening could hardly be spent more pleasantly than in listening to its rendition.

At the First Methodist Church.

The First Methodist church has now one of the best mixed quartets in the city, and the worshipers at that sanctuary will listen to some exceptionally inspiring music. The choir comprises Mrs. Martin Cahn, soprano; Mrs. G. W. Wickersham, alto; R. W. Breckenridge, tenor; Winfield Blake, basso, and Thomas J. Kelley, organist. The following program has been arranged:

MORNING SERVICE.

Prelude—Festal March ..... Tellman
Festival Te Deum in B flat ..... Shelly
Anthem, with bass solo—The Birthday of a King ..... Neidinger
Solo for soprano—The Holy City ..... Adams
Postlude—Improvisions on Themes of the Te Deum ..... Kelley

EVENING SERVICE.

Prelude—Pilgrims chorus (arranged by Clarence Eddy) ..... Wagner
Anthem—Nativity ..... Shelley
Solo for basso—Nazareth ..... Gounod
Anthem—Angelic Voices ..... Gounod
Postlude—Christmas march ..... G. Merkel

At St. Philomena's Cathedral.

The Christmas services at St. Philomena's cathedral will begin at 5 a. m. when the pontifical high mass will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Scannell. At this mass the junior choir will sing Melgand's mass. Low masses will follow at 7, 8 and 9 a. m., and the festal exercises will conclude with solemn high mass at 10:30, celebrated by Rev. P. F. McCarty. Cimarasod's grand military mass by the choir with full orchestral accompaniment under the direction of Mr. Bert Butler. The music is under the management of Miss Margaret Swift, who intends to make the musical features of the mass superior to any hitherto rendered at the great festivals at the cathedral. The full choir will participate, as follows: Sopranos, Mesdames McCaffrey, Fitzmorris and Downey, and Misses Brady, Flannery, Gallagher, Swift, Lowry, Myles and Croft; altos, Mesdames Mahar, Lumbeck and Ritter, and Misses Hogan and Cotter; tenors, Messrs. McPherson, Mahar and Mullen; bassos, Messrs. Pennell, McCormick, Swift, Baumer, Stowe and Ritter.

At All Saints.

At All Saints church the regular choir will be reinforced by an auxiliary chorus of female voices from the Apollo club. These will include Mesdames Urquhart, White, Kennedy, Williams, Jester and Cross and Miss Duryea. The following program will be rendered under the direction of Mr. Marshall:

MORNING SERVICE.

Te Deum Jubilate in D ..... Florio
Anthem—Adestes Fideles ..... Novello
Arranged for solos and chorus.
Offertory—Drop Down, Ye Heavens ..... Barnby
Arranged for tenor, solo and chorus.

EVENING SERVICE.

Magnificate and Nunc Dimittis ..... Calkins
Offertory ..... Christmas Carol

At St. John's Collegiate.

The joyous season of Christmas will find its outward expression at St. John's Collegiate church in the beautiful and tasty decorations of the altars and church and the attractive musical program. Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 5 a. m., and will be followed by low masses every hour until the 10:30 high mass, which will be the principal service of the day. Especially appropriate at this service will be the arrangement of the "Venite Adoremus," the hymn sung the world over Christmas day in Catholic churches. The arrangement is for three choirs as follows: An "angel's choir" (high soprano) with harp accompaniment, will be placed in the belfry, the students' choir, with trumpets, will be hidden in the sacristy, and the choir proper will occupy the organ loft.

The order of services is as follows:

Solemn high mass, 5 a. m., Rev. James Hoeffer, S. J., celebrant; Rev. J. L. Motbery, S. J. deacon, Prof. D. Johnson, S. J., subdeacon. Louis Selle's mass will be sung at this service, with the "adeste fidelis" for the offertory by Miss Creighton, Mrs. F. J. Burkley, Captain Kinzie, Mr. P. J. Braum and choir.

At 10:30 a. m. solemn high mass will be celebrated by Rev. P. J. Boyce, S. J., assisted by Rev. W. T. Kinsella, deacon, and Prof. D. Johnson, sub-deacon.

Rev. James Hoeffer, S. J., will deliver the sermon. Pacinis Missa Solemnis, revised by Gilsinn will be sung as follows:

Kyrie Eleison
Mrs. A. F. Bethge, Captain Kinzie, Mr. P. J. Braun and choir.
Gloria ..... Chorus
Duet ..... Domine Deus
Captain Kinzie and Mr. P. J. Braun.
In Gloria Dei ..... Mrs. Bethge
Adeste Fidelis ..... Chorus
Cant et Nunc Io—Solo ..... Miss Creighton
With quartet and chorus.
Credo ..... Chorus
Et in Unum ..... Miss Creighton and Mrs. Lange
Deum de Deo ..... Mr. Burkley and Capt. Kinzie
Et in Carnatus est ..... Miss Lange
Crucifixus ..... Captain Kinzie, Miss O'Rourke and choir
Venite Adoremus ..... Chorus
Assisted by students' choir, harp accompaniment by Miss McShane, cornet by Mr. Frank St. Clair.
Sanctus ..... Captain Kinzie, Miss O'Rourke and choir
Benedictus ..... Mrs. Schenk, Mrs. Lange and choir
Agnus Dei ..... Captain Kinzie and choir
Organist and director, Mr. J. A. Schenk.

Vesper service will be at 3 p. m.

At Kountze Memorial church the Christmas anthems will be sung by the following choir: Sopranos, Mrs. Koch, Misses Pelle and Green; altos, Misses Jones, Specht and Green; tenors, Mr. Payne and Mr. Griffith; bassos, Messrs. Allen, Dinn and Hoffman; organist, Oscar Goodman; director, Lee Kratz. The following program will be rendered at the service this morning:

Organ Voluntary—The Heavens Are Telling ..... Haydn
Anthem (with tenor solo)—Sing, O Heavens. ..... Emerson
Christmas Carol, for solo and male chorus. ..... Kratz
Benedictus ..... Ramsberg
Solo, quartet and chorus—Ring the Bells ..... Schilling
List to Those Bells, arranged for solo and duo, with cornet and bell accompaniment ..... Porter

The following program will be rendered at the Church of the Good Shepherd:

Te Deum in F ..... Stainer
Kyrie in G ..... Mendelssohn
Jubilate in F ..... Jackson
Offertory anthem ..... Behold, I Bring You ..... Good Tidings of Great Joy
Evening anthem ..... Sing O Heavens

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The Oakland Times comments as follows on the concert at that place last Tuesday evening, in which a number of Omaha musicians participated: "The concert at the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening was excellent. Mr. Gahm is one of the most inspiring piano players it has ever been our lot to hear, and his selections held the audience spell bound. Miss Myrtle Coon has an excellent soprano voice of reaching range and desired sweetness. Her selections always called forth the merited applause. T. J. Kelly's rendition of humorous songs was well received. Mr. Hans Albert held the attention of the audience throughout his entire performance on the violin and was greeted time and again by a storm of applause. Mr. Albert Wallerstedt, manager of the concert company, is a former Oakland boy and is always well received here. Mr. Wallerstedt's baritone solo was very good and the future for Albert looks promising. The concert is the best thing of the kind that it has ever been the lot of Oakland people to hear in their own town. A royal welcome will be given to these musicians should they ever return to Oakland."

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The first of a series of winter recitals was given at the Conservatory of Music Thursday evening. The program included selections from the works of a dozen of the best known composers and was rendered in a manner that testified to the excellence of the instruction that the pupils had received. A soiree will be given for pupils at the conservatory every alternate Saturday afternoon during the winter and a public recital will occur once a month. Thursday evening Mr. Kronberg consented to sing in addition to the regular program and sang "The Gay Hussar" by Spindler. His effort was enthusiastically receive and he was obliged to respond to two encores.

The program as rendered by the pupils was

Saltarello ..... Mendelssohn-Heller
Emma Jones.
Lascia Ch'io Pianga ..... Handel
Marian Turner.
Six Variations Uber Nel. Cor ..... Beethoven
Anna Nordwall.
Robert of Lincoln ..... W. C. Bryant
Miss Brone.
Heinzelmannchen ..... Reinecke
Nettie Blake.
Non fu Sogno ..... Verdi
Louise Holtorf.
Minuett ..... Jansen
Lulu Smith.
The Doctor's Story ..... Bret Harte
Katie Swartzlander.
Legend ..... Raff
Mable Seward.
Faust Fantasie ..... Singelee
Birdie Frank.
a Valse Allemande ..... Schumann
a Aveu ..... Schumann
b Morning Serenade ..... Henselt
c Papillion ..... Grieg
Louise Holtorf.
In the Catacombs .....
Lucy Harding.
The Chase ..... Rheinberger
August Borglum.

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The Apollo club has secured a superior attraction for its next concert, which will be given January 13 at Young Men's Christian Association hall. This is the Ovide Musin Concert company, which is justly considered one of the strongest musical organizations that can be brought to Omaha. The club has been in correspondence with Mr. Musin's manager for some time, but was unable to fix a date until last week.

The company includes the following musicians who names are all familiar to the public. Ovide Musin, violinist; Mrs. Annie Louise Tanner Musin, the "American Nightingale"; Mme. Inez Parmater, mezzo soprano; Mr. Edward Scharf, pianist, and Mr. Pierre Delasco, basso. The program will be announced later.

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There is a good deal of truth in the idea of a well-known local vocalist, who, in commenting on the improvement of the church choirs of the city during the past few years, remarked. "There is one respect in which the efforts that are being made to improve the music in our city churches does not meet with the encouragement it deserves. The organization of a superior choir involves a considerable expense. Good singers are in demand and their services command a good salary. There are now several churches in the city who pay their organist a large salary and pay at least four vocalists. The musical features of the services cost more than the salary of the preacher. The result is that the audience listens to music every Sabbath which is hardly inferior to that which they might hear at a concert to which they would pay an admission fee of at least $1. These same people will go to the various churches week after week and drop a nickel in the contribution box or perhaps nothing at all. If good music is worth paying for at one place it is at another and the church-goer should be willing to pay his church a least one-fourth as much as he would give an out of town organization for a similar entertainment.

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In a recent interview Mrs. Jessie Bartlett Davis, the distinguished prima donna, who was formerly celebrated for her success in sacred music, offers some interesting advice to young singers whose ambitions soar far beyond their present musicial station. She says that the first axiom that every young singer should learn is that it is much better to reach the human heart than high C. "If I was running a conservatory," she adds, "I would tell the pupils of ability to get one song, no matter what; ballad, hymn, serenade, cradle or topical song, and study it until they could make it all that the composer and author intended. My song is "Sweet Genevieve." I sing it better than anything else and it got me every good engagement I ever had."

Mrs. Davis asks what the musical committee of a church cares for operatic music, and advises applicants for choir positions to sing "Go Bury Thy Sorrow" and "Rock of Ages" and leave those to their fate who insist on doing the mad scene in "Sonnambula" and the "Ave Maria" until they are black in the face.

The speaker might have added that her system had proved a success outside of business engagements, for her husband asserts that Mrs. Davis' rendition of "Genevieve" and "Little Buttercup" was what won his heart and opened the way for the courtship that resulted in their marriage.

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The singing of Miss Myrtle Coon at Oakland last Tuesday night was a revelation to some of her friends, who scarcely imagined that such capabilities lay within the limit of her voice. She sang "To Seville" by Dessaur and Mattei's more familiar melody, "Dear Heart," and was obliged to respond to enthusiastic encores. Mr. Joseph Gahm and Hans Albert also participated in the entertainment and Mr. Albert heard Miss Coon's voice for the first time. He remarked that her voice and school were remarkable and predicts for the young lady a brilliant musical career.

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The chorus of 1,100 voices which W. L. Tomlins drilled for the World's fair dedicatory exercises has been reorganized and will be known hereafter as the Chicago Columbian chorus.

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Teresa Carreno, the pianist who married Eugene D'Albert, has presented her husband with a little girl. In the meantime D'Albert has composed a new piano concerto.

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The queen of Roumania has written the libretto of an opera. The music is said to have been written by the duke of Edinburgh.

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A London correspondent tells an interesting story of the origin of Sir Arthur Sullivan's celebrated composition, "The Lost Chord." One night the author after watching for hours at the bedside of a dying brother, went into an adjoining room where there was an organ. Upon seating himself before it he found the words to which he has given the noble setting and finished the music before he arose from his seat.

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A private subscription has been opened for Balfe, the composer, who is a pauper and has been compelled to enter a London refuge. His father left him a good estate. His sister, Victoire, died the wife of a Spanish grandee. It is a mystery how the son became a pauper and was deserted by his friends.

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The admirers of Richard Wagner and those who value his relics as among the most precious things on earth, are much agitated over the announcement that Oesterlein's Vienna collection of souvenirs and relics known as the "Richard Wagner Museum" is in danger of being sold by piecemeal and carried off to the United States. There is some talk among Wagner enthusiasts of raising the necessary $23,000, and buying the museum outright, and so placing it beyond the reach of the enterprising and ubiquitious relic hunter.

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A number of local musicians will participate in a program to be given at the opening of Ford & Charlton's new music store in the McCague building, Friday evening. Mr. Winfield Blake, Mr. Martin Cahn, Mr. Copeland, the Reinecke quartet and the Apollo club will appear on the program. At the close of the program light refreshments will be served.

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Those who send musical programs to the musical department of THE BEE for publication should be careful to write the names of selections and composers plainly. Foreign names and technical terms are apt to be misspelled by the compositors unless they are perfectly legible.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Short Session of the Board—East Omaha's Assessment.

The county commissioners held a short session yesterday afternoon to dispose of what business there was on hand, and leave them free to enjoy their Christmas dinner.

Bills, including jurors' and witness fees in district court, to the amount of about $5,000, were allowed and ordered placed on the next appropriation sheet.

Sheriff Bennett asked for the following assistants for the ensuing year: One head deputy at $125 per month, one bookkeeper and cashier at $150 per month, one office deputy at $100 per month, and three general deputies at $75 each per month. Referred.

A communication from Attorney General Hastings stated that Douglas county was indebted to the state in the sum of $12,690 for caring for the insane. The amount is overdue and delinquent. The claim was referred.

The matter of East Omaha assessments for taxation was taken up. Mr. Carter stated that the White Lead company would be satisfied with an assessment of $6,000, and it was fixed at that figure.

A representative of the Omaha Box factory didn't ask for anything lower than $1,000 and went away happy.

The East Omaha Land company had a kick coming, and protested that inasmuch as nearly all its property was real estate and in plain sight and sure to be taxed, it was not a square deal to hit them again for the street car line with machinery and cars. It said that the assessors of both the Fourth and Fifth wards had taken a whirl at it and it wanted to be allowed to get out alive. The matter was referred.

Mr. Stenberg said that others had been notified of the meeting and of the opportunity to protest. Their absence indicated that they were satisfied with whatever the board might do, and on his resolution the board assessed other property there at these figures:

Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance company	$1,373 05
Insurance Company of North America	2,822 95
London & Lancashire Insurance company	750 40
Adamant Plaster company	1,000 00
Silicon Plaster company	1,000 00

An adjournment was taken until next Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

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In addition to the daily service the Santa Fe Route runs special excursion parties with an agent of the company in charge, using these tourist sleeping cars, and leaving Kansas City every Sunday noon.

For further information and time table of the Santa Fe Route and reserving of sleeping car berths, address E. L. Palmer, passenger agent, 1316 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

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No. 3 carries sleeping, dining, reclining chair and smoking cars, is vistibuled from end to end, and arrives in Denver in ample time to connect with all fast morning trains for Salt Lake City, Ogden and the Pacific coast.

City ticket office, 1223 Farnam St.. W. F. Vaill, Agent.

Low Railroad Rates for the Holidays.

Tickets on sale at one and one-third fare for the round trip via the Chicago & Northwestern railway, December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1 and 2, good returning until January 3. City ticket office 1401 Farnam street.

G. F. WEST, C. P. & T. A.
R. R. RITCHIE, General Agent.

Change of Time.

Commencing Sunday, December 25, the St. Paul limited will leave the Webster street depot at 5:45 p. m.

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Notice to Clergymen.

Clergymen resident in Omaha and South Omaha, who desire to obtain half-fare permits over Burlington lines during 1893, are requested to make application for same at the city ticket office, 1223 Farnam St. J. FRANCIS,
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Water rents due January 1, payable at company's office, BEE building; 5 per cent discount allowed if paid on or before January 1. Office open Wednesdays and Saturdays till 8 p. m.

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SANTA CLAUS HOLDS HIGH CARNIVAL

Beautiful Customs Which are Observed—A Paradise for Children—A World of Toys and Good Things Displayed on Every Hand.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—[Correspondence of THE BEE.]—In no Christian country is Christmas celebrated with more festival spirit and enthusiasm than in Germany. Here the preparations commence several weeks in advance. Shops decorate their windows with evergreen and holly, and display in tempting groups dolls and every conceivable variety of toys. These come, for the greater part, from Wuremburg, whose extensive workshops furnish the world with mechanical toys that carry out the practical ideas of the day. There are miniature narrow and broad gauge railroads with comfortably fitted up cars which run at full speed for twenty minutes or longer; ships and steam yachts with complete sets of machinery; gymnasts that perform with great skill on the bar; bleating lambs and barking dogs and birds that sing like living harbingers of spring. Instead of Punch with his pointed hat and crooked back, we have here a theater disclosing a cave in the heart of a dense forest—a storm gathers, lightning flashes, the wind sweeps through the forest, and we realize that the dolls in traditional costumes are enacting a scene from "The Valkyr." A little farther on is a second theater with the "Ring of the Nieblung" still on, with Siegfried clad in a wild forest garb. A silver horn is thrown over this and he leads the bear he has just captured. The animal makes a dash at a stiff little doll, presumably "Mime," who flees terrified. In looking at the scene we almost expect to hear the graceful phrase where Siegfried tells how he blew his horn, a phrase full of youthful snap and dash. Assuredly we are in the atmosphere of Wagner! Fancy a Nuremburg artist of the dool species attempting to sing "Cavalleria Rusticana" or a French opera!

In the next window we see a party of stylishly dressed dolls sitting at a small table drinking tea at a fashionable "four o'clock." The hostess looks charming in her blue satin gown and lace, but we notice that her eyes are closed. She has assuredly fallen asleep. This state of things seems unpardonable, at first glance, but let us not condemn her too severely for this breach of etiquette. Some of us, I am sure, would under similar circumstances avail ourselves of the same privilege, did we not lack the moral courage to do so.

The week preceding Christmas the annual fair is held in the market place for the sale of evergreens, toys and sweets. Peasants in quaint costumes form picturesque groups beneath mammoth red and green umbrellas. Snow falls in soft clouds and a winter crispness fills the air, which no one seems to mind. The Christmas bag must be filled and the tree bought, for poor indeed must be the home in Germany that cannot show its evergreen with tiny lighted tapers on Christmas eve. It is then that the Christ child has come and gone, and Vincelt Rupreilt (Santa Claus) has visited the homes of the good children and deposited his gifts on the tree. At about 7 o'clock in the evening the fire in the big high porcelain stove, which stands in one corner of the drawing room, is noticed making great efforts to attract attention to itself. There is a violent crackling and popping of the hickory wood within, and has not its beautiful tiled face and big brass door been scoured and polished every day for a fortnight, that it might look new and bright on this night! Dear old Brachtvogel—what would a German home be without you, I wonder! Gradually the room begins to fill with children on whose fresh, young faces expectancy and happiness are written. Accompanying them are the older members of the family, including the grandparents, on whose heads the snows of many winters have fallen and left their seal. But they are made young again for the event. Chairs have been arranged for the company in front of the folding doors, now closed, but soon to open on the Christmas dream, now become a reality. A bell sounds and the doors, with a heavy sound, are thrown open, disclosing a picture which one could look upon each year of his life and always find pleasure in it.

A room brilliantly lighted, in the middle of which stands a tall tree with wide-spreading branches, loaded to the ground with toys of every description, presents for the old, and sweets, big and little. Hundreds of tiny wax tapers of every hue sparkle like so many stars among the green; garlands of bright ribbons are festooned from branch to branch; bouquets of artificial flowers are scattered about at frequent intervals, and there are beautiful gifts for both old and young—gifts for every one; no one has been forgotten; the servants also come in for their share of the good things.

Santa Claus does not arrive in Germany from his home in Iceland; neither does he come in his famous sledge and six high-spirited reindeer, which one invariably associates with him in England and America. He comes here direct from Russia and is said to walk the entire distance. This is a task few men would undertake, but jolly old Kris Kringle is not an ordinary man by any means, as we all know. He has been known to accomplish some wonderful things. He wears on this journey a great fur coat and cap and a pair of high top boots which possess the remarkable power of covering seven miles each step he takes. Hence the popular name by which he is known in Germany as the Sieben Meilenstiefel Weihnachtsmann. Children hold him in great reverence, and rightly, too, for he is their great friend and his generosity is boundless.

The cake par excellence made and served here at Christmas is the marzipan, a delicious heavy paste made of powdered almonds and elaborately decorated with flowers composed of candied fruits in their natural colors. The companion piece is a brown pepper cake, suggesting honey and ananes seed.

With snow in the air and ice on the ground and Christmas cheer on all sides, gouty, indeed, must be the man who complains of indigestion after Christmas sweets have been partaken of. NETTIE W. COLLINS.

Draw Your Own Conclusion.

Mr. J. O. Davenport, manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., Ft. Bragg, Cal., has this to say of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I used it for a severe cold and cough and obtained immediate relief. In the Fort Bragg Redwood Co.'s store we have sold large quantities of Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by druggists.

LOW RATE EXCURSION.

To Houston, Tex., and Return.

Tuesday, January 3d, 1893, my third special party will leave Omaha, bound for Houston, Tex.

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Dr. Campbell, homœopath, 306 N. Y. Life.

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Coasting Carnival at Plattsmouth.

Plattsmouth is to have a coasting carnival tomorrow night, and extensive arrangements have been made to insure a pleasant time to the participants. The railroads have made special rates to that point and a number of Omaha people are expected to take advantage of the railroad concessions to have a good time. The carnival is in charge of the citizens of Plattsmouth, and the entertainment and reception of visitors will be a special care. It ought to be a jolly crowd and there should be plenty of fun.

TOYS FOR BABY RUTH.

They Have Been Sent to Her Without Number.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—President-elect Cleveland's residence in West Fifty-first street has been decorated with Christmas greens. Wreaths have been placed at each window, and the dainty little drawing room has been trimmed with mistletoe, pine boughs and evergreens.

It is intended by Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland to observe Sunday as Christmas day. They will partake of a splendid turkey sent by an admiring Long Island farmer. Already enough toys and other things to stock a store have poured in for Baby Ruth. There are enough dolls alone for a dozen children, while of jumping jacks, jack-in-the-boxes, baby carriages and other playthings there are too many to count. The presents kept the butler busy all day. Mrs. Cleveland will leave for her visit to Buffalo Wednesday or Thursday next. Her daughter is to accompany her. During her absence the president-elect will make preparations for removing to Lakewood for the winter.

It is said by an intimate friend of Mr. Cleveland that he will probably go to his Lakewood cottage before January 10. Mrs. Cleveland will join him there on or about that date. The cottage is almost ready for their reception. The Clevelands will remain at the "little white house" until they go to Washington in March.

Another Fake Exposed.

One of the fakes recently printed in the World-Herald has caused F. L. Cotton of the Cotton Ice company any amount of annoyance. Some days ago a sensational story was printed to the effect that Mr. Cotton would take his supply of ice from the Mercer lake in Walnut Hill. In the first place there was never a word of truth in the published statement. Early in the season Mr. Cotton thought of cutting ice from the lake for the use of some of the cold storage houses, but one week ago he looked the lake over and decided that the ice was not fit for packing purposes. He at once abandoned the idea and has leased the reservoirs of the water works company. From these he will take his entire supply for both commercial and domestic use. This has cost him considerable money, but always having had the reputation of furnishing the best quality of ice in the city, he considers the expense a small matter when compared with his reputation.

Parties who are desirous of contracting their ice for next season can rest assured that if they deal with Mr. Cotton they will get nothing but the pure article.

Regarding the story published in the Fake Factory, Mr. Cotton said that the whole matter was a malicious lie; that his foreman never told a reporter that there was ice being cut from the lake and that it was for the cold storage houses; that Dr. Somers never told a reporter for that sheet that ice had been cut from Mercer lake and that he had ordered it stopped; that there was no ice piled on the bank of the lake and that at the time when the reporter worked his fertile brain, no arrangements for cutting ice at any point had been made.

Having nailed the lie, Mr. Cotton desires to assure all of his old customers and the public generally, that he will continue to furnish in the future, as he has in the past, nothing but the best and purest ice that can be obtained.

In accordance with our usual custom of closing our store on all legal holidays, our store will not be open on Monday next, Dec. 26.

THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO.

Change of Time.

Commencing Sunday, December 25, the St. Paul limited will leave the Webster street depot at 5:45 p. m.

Pullman buffet sleepers Omaha to St. Paul without change.

City ticket office 1401 Farnam St.
Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.

Holiday Excursions.

The Burlington will sell round trip tickets to points within a distance of two hundred miles at one and one-third fare.

Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st, 1892; January 1st and 2nd, 1893, good to return until January 3d.

W. F. VAILL, agent,
1223 Farnam street.

Peacock is the best soft coal. Sold only by Jones, opposite postoffice.

Holiday Rates.

The usual holiday rates will be in effect via the Missouri Pacific railway, December 24, 25, 26, January 1st and 2d. Good returning January 3d. Depot 15th and Webster streets. City offices, Merchants' National bank building, 13th and Farnam.

THOMAS F. GODFREY, P. & T. A.,
J. O. PHILLIPPI, A. G. F. & P. A.

Try "Tea Leaf" or "Tea Blossom" brand of tea, kept by all grocers. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Samuel Burns reports his thirty-first Christmas business in Omaha the best he has ever had and desires to thank his many friends who have assisted in making it so, and wishes them one and all a "Merry Xmas and a happy New Year."

A Sensible and Generous Christmas Gift.

Through the generosity of a wealthy gentleman interested in temperance work, we are enabled to treat, at a greatly reduced price, ten liquor patients who may enter for treatment before January 1. Now is the time to turn over a new leaf and take advantage of this generous Christmas gift.

Houston Cure Institute, Sheely Block.

Handsome furnished residence for rent. To desirable party will rent my private residence, furnished, for four or six months. R. C. Patterson, 425 Ramge blk.

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Ladies artistic hairdressing, Ideal Hair Store, Karbach Bl'k, 209 S. 15., Tel. 1618. French hairdresser in attendance.

A Perfect Train

Is the Burlington's No. 2 for Chicago.

It leaves Omaha at 4:45 p. m., reaches Chicago at 8:25 the next morning and carries magnificent sleeping, dining, reclining chair and smoking cars.

City ticket office, 1223 Farnam street. W. F. Vaill, agent.

Dr. Larimer, room 203 Karbach block.

Frescoing and interior decorating; designs and estimates furnished. Henry Lehmann, 1508 Douglas street.

W. T. Seaman, wagons and carriages

Sleigh Bells.

Fresh arrival of sleigh bells at C. D. Woodworth & Co., 1316 Farnam street.

Counterfeit $2 Silver Certificate.

A fourth issue of the counterfeit $2 silver certificate, series 1886, check letter B, plate number 2,235, W. S. Rosencrans, register, James W. Hyatt, treasurer, has made its appearance. The United States secret service says: It differs from the other three issues, only in that this new issue bears the small round carmine red seal, while the others had the large red spiked seal. The public are cautioned to handle all $2 silver certificates bearing the Hancock portrait with care, as these counterfeits are likely to appear with other seals.

MRS. POTTER'S DEBTS.

She Offers to Place Her Acting Against Them as an Offset.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Cora Urquhart Potter, also known as Mrs. James Brown Potter, summoned for examination in supplementary proceedings, went to the county court house yesterday, accompanied by her counsel, Congressman-elect Franklin Bartlett, and a young man. She wore rich furs. She extended her gloved hand to Lawyer A. A. Hummel, who had been awaiting her in the corridor with the intention of putting questions to her about her salary, her jewelry, etc., as soon as he had her under oath.

The first effort made on behalf of the actress was to compromise with her creditor, Henry Clay Miner, through his lawyer, Mr. Hummel. Mrs. Potter did not offer to pay the $3,000 she owes Mr. Miner. Her services are valuable, she says, and she was willing to put up her acting against Mr. Miner's judgment.

She proposed to play at the Fifth Avenue theater for a week, but Mr. Hummel said it was either cash, notes endorsed or supplementary proceedings. So Mrs. Potter went before Judge Lawrence of the supreme court chambers.

Mr. Hummel took a seat in the council chamber, while Mrs. Potter, the young man who accompanied her and Mr. Bartlett stationed themselves a short distance away. Ex-Judge Dittenhoffer darted from one side to the other bearing the olive branch but Lawyer Hummel refused to make peace.

Mrs. Potter's season under John Stetson's management ends in May and the following day—one of the best in the season, she said—she was willing to act for Mr. Miner. She said she would even condescend to appear at his People's theater in the Bowery. All Mr. Miner needed to do was to say the word and pay her hotel bill—a trifle of $100—and her carriage hire between the hotel and theater.

An Invaluable Remedy for Colds.

Sheriff Hardman of Tyler county, West Virginia, was almost prostrated with a cold when he began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. In speaking of it he says: "It gave me almost instant relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for colds." For sale by druggists.

AGAIN IN THE TOILS.

Cashier Martin of the Defunct Euporia Bank Placed Under Arrest.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—B. J. Martin, president and acting cashier of the defunct Euporia bank, who was given his liberty a few days ago, was arrested today near Memphis and taken to Euporia at the instance of some of the depositors.

Martin claims the assets are sufficient to pay off all the liabilities. The depositors claim a discrepancy of $17,000. Nothing in financial affairs ever created so much local excitement as the failure of the Wenster bank at Euporia. Martin was well known in this city. He left Euporia on Monday night, November 21. On the following Wednesday the bank was closed.

Two weeks before the bank closed a safe in the storehouse of Wiggins, at Emporia, was blown open and Martin's bond for $10,000, signed by the Central Guarantee company of New York, was extracted. Money and other valuable papers in the safe were left intact. After Martin's disappearance, and following the bank's failure, a reward was offered for his capture. The agent of the guarantee company, Mr. Laurant, came to Memphis from new York, and after a consultation with the stockholders the chase for Martin was continued. He returned to Memphis, had an interview with Mr. Laurant, was placed under arrest, but gave bond. Then the stockholders dropped the case, satisfied of Martin's innocence. The depositors were not so easily satisfied, and hence the arrest.

From Newberg.

C. F. Moore & Co., prominent druggists of Newberg, Ore., say: "Since our customers have become acquainted with the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy we sell but little of any other kind. Chamberlain's medicines all give good satisfaction." For sale by druggists.

Were Thankful at That.

Christmas came once this year for the convicted federal prisoners, but it didn't bring much cheer. Judge Dundy passed sentence upon half a dozen.

J. W. Sullivan will go to jail until the first of the new year for confiscating a letter and cashing a check it contained belonging to another man. He was also fined $100 and costs. For forging final discharge papers and attempting to cheat the government out of $69 Issac Blake, an ebony hued descendant of Ham was fined $1,000, the minimum sentence allowed.

Frank Baughman passed counterfeit money and was fined $100, as did Charles H. Halden. Dave Enslow, an old-time "shover", and maker of the "queer," was let down easy with a $100 fine and confinement until the June roses bloom.

Sherman Tullis forged his friend's name and went to jail for thirty days in addition to being fined $100.

Began a Counter Suit.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—Recently the big book publishing firm of Rand, McNally & Co. began suit against Charles R. Williams, a former employe, charging him with the embezzlement of $15,000. Today Williams began a counter action, alleging he worked up the bankers directory and engaged with Rand, McNally & Co. to publish it. Williams to receive a salary and part of the profit. The firm claimed to be losing money on the venture, and paid him none of the profits and reduced his salary. He claims a large profit was made and sues for $400,000 as his share and $50,000 back salary.

Something Good.

I have sold and used in my family for several years Chamberlain's, Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhœa remedy, and have found it one of the most useful and satisfactory remedies I ever handled. C. H. Lewis, druggist, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Two Women Claimed Him.

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