ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

St. Magdalen's Catholic Church Has Double Reason to Celebrate Christmas.

SOMETHING OF ITS HISTORY AND WORK

How Omaha Churches Will Today Begin the Festival of the Nativity—Elaborate Programs Prepared—St. Barnabas Sunday School Trouble.

The congregation of St. Magdalen's Catholic church will have double reason to celebrate this Christmas day. Aside from commemorating the birth of the Savior, the occasion will mark the silver anniversary of the institution of the church. The St. Magdalen's society was organized on Christmas day, 1868, and its first quarter of a century of existence ends with a flattering record of progress and usefulness. The church is the oldest of the Catholic faith in the city, with the exception of St. Philomena's, and it is the parent stock from which two other churches have sprung.

The church was organized under the management of Rev. Father O'Groenebaum, who remained its active pastor for twelve and one-half years. It originally included only twelve members, but at the close of Father O'Groenebaum's pastorate its membership had increased to over eighty families. Father O'Groenebaum was succeeded by Rev. Father G. H. Glauber, who is still the pastor. Under his energetic supervision the church has made rapid strides and after deducting the portions of the congregation which have been incorporated into new churches nearly 100 families still worship under its spire. Under Father Glauber's administration the membership of the church increased so rapidly that it was found necessary to divide the congregation, and a new site was purchased at Seventeenth and Center streets, where what is known as St. Joseph's church was erected in the following year. This church now includes about 200 families and is in charge of Father Charles Breitkoph.

The congregation of St. Magdalenes church included a number of German Poles, and their number was increased until it was deemed advisable to provide them with a church of their own. This was erected at Twenty-ninth and Walnut streets, where nearly 150 families now worship under the direction of Father Jackimowsky.

The records of the church, which have been carefully kept by Father Glauber, show that there have been 1,332 baptisms in the congregation. Marriages have been celebrated to the number of 244 and the sacrament has been administered to 350 first communicants. There have been fifty converts and 403 burials have been attended from the altar.

The St. Magdalen's parochial school was founded simultaneously with the organization of the church. Here have been educated 1,400 children and 150 pupils are now entered on its roster. The school is also under the direction of Father Glauber, to whose exertions much of its success is due.

The services today will begin with a solemn high mass at 5 a. m. The low mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock and at 10:30 the second high mass will be followed by the sermon. The masses will be celebrated by Rev. Father Glauber, assisted by Rev. Father A. M. Colaneri, deacon, and Rev. Father McLaughlin, subdeacon. The music will be rendered by the usual choir.

CHRISTMAS PRAISE AND PRAYER.

Detailed Programs of the Churches for Christmas Services.

The celebration of the Christmas anniversary in the churches of the city will be general, and in many of the churches especially elaborate programs have been prepared. The main services will be held today, but a number of Christmas trees and other entertainments will be given on the tollowing day. The Christmas music will be a special feature of the services, and some of the choirs have prepared programs of exceptional interest.

First Presbyterian.

At the First Presbyterian church special prominence will be given to the music. The decorations will also be elaborate, and an artistic souvenir program will be given to each attendant. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Patterson, will preside at both services. The morning topic will be "Echoes from Bethlehem." Evening topic, "The Star of Bethlehem." The public is cordially invited. Following is the musical program:

MORNING.

Organ Voluntary—Offertoire of St. Cecilia, No. 2 ..... Batiste
Anthem—O, Zion, that Tellest Glad Tidings ..... Buck
Double Quartette.
Anthem—The Birthday of a King ..... Neidlinger
Solo—The Watchful Shepherds ..... Williams
J. M. Treynor.
Organ Postlude—Torchlight March ..... Gullmant

EVENING.

Organ Prelude—Christmas Pastorale ..... Whiting
Te Deum in C ..... Dressler
Double Quartette.
Solo—Nazareth ..... Gounod
Mr. Paul Beresford.
Anthem—Christmas ..... Shelley
Double Quartette.
Organ Offertory—Romance ..... Tours
Solo—A Child's Dream of the Christ-Child ..... Anderton
Mrs. C. M. Wilhelmi, with organ and violin accompaniment.
Male Quartette—Sleep, Holy Babe ..... Fleming
Sentence—Now the Day is Over ..... Barnby
Organ Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus ..... Handel

The following musicians will aid in rendering the program: Sopranos, Mrs. C. N. Wilhelm, Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, Mrs. Warner Welsh; altos, Miss Neola Ogden, Miss Minnie Routzong; tenors, Mr. James Hodge, Mr. J. M. Ferguson; bassos, Mr. Paul Beresford, Mr. L. B. Copeland. The instrumental accompanists will be Miss Edith James, organist; Mrs. M. L. Parrote, violinist; Mr. Fred Stocking, euphonium; Mr. C. L. Shook, cornet.

Chimes at Trinity.

The Christmas music at Trinity cathedral will be of an exceptionally high order this year and will be given by the full strength of the choir of sixty voices, under the direction of Mrs. Cotton. The Sunday evening (Christmas eve) program will be of particular interest, embracing, as it will, such a wide variety of choral work, in addition to attractive solos by Mrs. Fitt, soprano; Miss Bishop, alto, and Mr. Wilkins, tenor. The following are the programs:

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Organ prelude.
Processional hymn
O, Holy Night—Tenor solo and chorus ..... Adam
Gloria in Excelsis—Second mass ..... Mozart
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (chant form).
..... Smart
It Came Upon the Midnight—Soprano obligato with chorus ..... Sullivan
Offertory, O, Thou that Tellest—Alto solo and chorus (Messiah) ..... Handel
Sing O Heavens ..... Tours
Recessional hymn
Organ Postlude

MONDAY (CHRISTMAS) MORNING, 11 O'CLOCK.

Organ prelude
Processional hymn
For Unto Us a Child is Born (Messiah) ..... Handel
Festival communion service ..... Whitney
It Came Upon the Midnight—Soprano obligato with chorus ..... Sullivan
Offertory, O, Thou that Tellest—Alto solo and chorus (Messiah) ..... Handel
Recessional hymn
Organ postlude

Westminster Church.

The Christmas services at Westminster church will be held this afternoon and evening. The regular morning service will be held at 10:30 a. m., when the pastor, Rev. John Gordon, D. D., will preach the Christmas sermon. His subject will be "Christmas in Bethlehem. B. C. 4, and in Omaha, A. D., 1893." At 7 p. m. the Sunday school will have its celebration. The music will be rendered by Mrs. Ford, organist; Miss Roeder, contralto; Mr. Northrup, tenor, and a chorus of twenty-five voices. The program will be:

MORNING SERVICE.

Organ Offertory on Two Christmas Hymns
..... Guilmant
Anthem, Behold I Bring You Good Tidings
..... Peel
Solo, The Birthday of a King ..... Neidlinger
Postlude, And the Glory of the Lord ..... Handel

EVENING SERVICE.

Prelude, O Thou that Tellest ..... Handel
Solo and Chorus, O Holy Light ..... Buck-Adam
Duet, Hark My Soul ..... Shelley
Carols, The Christmas Bells are Ringing, The Angles Song, The Christmas Time is Como Again, Rejoice with All Gladness, Sing the Happy Carols, The Message of the Bells.
Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus ..... Handel

St. Matthias Church.

The services at St. Matthias will continue for four days. The principal service will be held this evening, when the sermon will be delivered by Bishop Worthington. A Christmas service will also be held on Christmas morning, when the discourse will be delivered by the rector, Rev. A. W. Macnab. On Tuesday at 4 p. m. there will be a Christmas tree for the Industrial school under the direction of Miss Kountze, and on Wednesday evening the regular Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be had. The choir prizes will also be distributed at the latter service. The holy communion will be administered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a. m. The musical programs are as follows:

SUNDAY EVENING.

Organ Prelude—The Palms
Processional Hymn No. 19
Magnificat } Gadsby, D Major.
Nunc Dimittis }
Office Hymn No. 233
Offertory Hymn No. 22
Anthem—I Bring You Good Tidings ..... G. Simper
Recessional Hymn No. 24
Organ Postlude—Festival March ..... Smart

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Organ Prelude—Christmas March ..... Merkel
Processional Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Venite ..... Chant
Te Deum ..... D. Barnby
Benedictus ..... Chant
Office Hymn—Adeste Fideles
Introit—Psalm viii ..... Gregorian Chant
Communion Service in E flat ..... Fischer
Anthem—O, Zion that Bringest, etc ..... Stainer
Nunc Dimittis ..... Stainer
Recessional Hymn No. 24
Organ Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus, From Messiah

All Saints Church.

The Christmas music of this church will commence on Sunday at 7:30 o'clock. Services on Christmas day will be as follows: Plain celebration of the holy communion at 8 a. m, morning prayer and sermon at 10 a. m. The musical program will be:

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Te Deum and Jubilate ..... Smart in F
Anthem—Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord ..... Garrett
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ..... Barnby
Anthem—The Hallowed Day ..... Stainer
Solo by Mr. D. H. Wheeler.
Offertory anthem—Break Forth Into Joy ..... Vincent

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Venite ..... McFarren
Te Deum and Jubilate ..... Smart in F
Anthem—Nazareth ..... Gounod
Solo by Mr. Arthur Potter.
Mr. W. S. Marshall—Organist and choir leader

Hanscom Park Church.

The following musical program will be rendered at the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church Sunday:

MORNING SERVICE.

Organ Voluntary—Reverie ..... Whiting
Anthem—Christians Awake ..... Warren
Gloria Patri—Festival ..... Fairbanks
Offertory, Organ Solo—Communium ..... Batiste
Anthem, Solo and Quartette—And There Were Shepherds ..... Williams
Mrs. Edith Urquhart and Choir.
Postlude—Postludium in C Major ..... Whiting

The organ selections will be played by James Hamilton Howe, M.B., dean of school of music of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

EVENING SERVICE.

Anthem—Messiah is King ..... Warren
Anthem—Behold I Bring Good Tidings ..... Danks
Offertory, Solo—Night of Nights ..... Beardsly Van De Water
Mrs. G. W. Johnston.
Anthem—Hark! the Herald Angls Sing. Warren
Mr. R. T. Allen, Organist.

Trinity Methodist Church.

The subject of Rev. W. K. Beans' discourse this morning will be "Christmas Lessons." In the evening there will be a Christmas concert for which an interesting program of music and recitations has been prepared. On Tuesday evening a Christmas entertainment will be given at which the cantata, "The Toymakers of Wonderland," will be rendered by fifty boys and girls in costume. The cantata is under the direction of Mrs. S. E. Clappe and Miss Grace Pike will be the accompanist. Following is the cast of characters:

Kris Kringle ..... Harold Williams
Madam Kringle ..... Agnes Weller
Lieutenant Heip ..... Harold Dengler
Grumbler ..... Theodore Robinson
Jumping Jack ..... Corey Moore
Noah's Ark ..... Walter Mathews
Tin Horn ..... Lester Harmon
Picture Book ..... Laura Crandall
Wax Doll ..... Stella Sanford
Sunshine ..... Verna Wentz
Little Tot ..... Vivian Rector
Red Riding Hood ..... Ethel M. Rector
Babes in the Woods
..... Sadie Sanford, Foster Wentz

Other Christmas Services.

Immanuel Baptist Church—North Twenty-fourth and Binney streets. Rev. Frank W. Foster, pastor. Sunday services will be of special interest. In the morning a "Christmas Sermon" and in the evening the "Baptist Boys' Brigade" will be mustered into the service and officers' commissions given to them, and a special service, in which the boys will participate, will be followed by a sermon by the pastor.

St. Barnabas Church—Nineteenth and California streets. John Williams, rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Plain celebration of the holy eucharist at 7:30 a. m.; literary and choral celebration, with sermon on the Christian doctrine of heaven, at 11 a. m.; first Christmas vespers at 7:30 p. m. Christmas day services—Plain celebration at 7:30 a. m.; matins and choral celebration at 11 a. m.; children's carol service, with distribution of Christmas cards, at 4 p. m.

The pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, Twenty-sixth and Seward, will preach Sunday on the following topics: Morning, "The Unspeakable Gift." Evening, "No Room in the Inn."

Castellar Street Presbyterian Church—Sixteenth and Castellar streets. Rev. J. M. Wilson, pastor. Christmas service at 10:30, "The Mystery of Godliness." Evening topic: "What is Saving Faith?" Entertainment Monday night.

Seward Street Methodist Church—Twenty-second and Seward streets. D. K. Tindall, pastor. Morning theme, "The Visit of the Wise Men to Jesus." Evening theme, "What Think Ye of Christ."

Unitarian Church—Seventeenth and Cass streets. Rev. Newton M. Mann, minister; service at 10:45; "Sermon of Christmas." Sunday school at noon, Christmas tree in the evening. Unity club lecture Friday evening.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church—Twenty-sixth street, between Poppleton and Woolworth avenues. Rev. Luther M. Kuhn, the pastor, will conduct divine services at 11 a. m., and preach on "The World Wide Christmas." At 7:30 p. m., The Christ-Star, a responsive Christmas service. Friday evening the Sunday School Christmas services.

Services at St. Philomena's cathedral will begin with pontifical high mass at 5 a. m., Rt. Rev. Bishop Scannell celebrating, assisted by Rev. Fathers Carroll, Galvin and Kelly. La Hache's Missa Pro Pace will be said at 9 and 10:30 a. m., the last being a solemn high mass.

Koontz Memorial Lutheran Church—corner Sixteenth and Harney. Rev. A. J. Turkle, pastor. Will observe the Christmastide season with appropriate services on Sunday and Monday. On Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The Joy of Life," and in the evening on "The Virgin Mary." The choir, under the efficient leadership of Prof. L. G. Kratz, has prepared special music. It will render "How Lovely Are the Messengers," from St. Paul; "There Were Shepherds," with tenor obligato by Rogers; "Jesus is King," with soprano obligato and male chorus by Kratz; baritone solo, "Nazareth," by Gounod. The regular Christmas festival service entitled the "Hope of Israel" will be rendered by the Sunday school on Monday evening.

Evangelical Lutheran Church—Twenty-eighth and Parker streets. Christmas services Sunday, 7 p. m., Monday, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, 8 p. m.

The Gospel Prohibition association of Omaha will meet in Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church at 3:30 p. m. for prayer and conference.

The choir of the First Christian church is making extensive preparations for the Christmas music on Sunday. In the evening an unusually fine musical program will be rendered. "What Comes of a Bad Marriage" is the subject of Rev. T. E. Cramblet's sermon Sunday evening. Morning subject: "Meaning of Christmas."

A Gratifying Record.

The First Christian church has just closed a very successful year's work. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Cramblet, has entered upon his fourth year as pastor of the church. During the three years of his pastorate 316 additions have been made to the church, making the present membership 461. The congregation raised $4,100 during the year, and closes the year without a deficiency in the treasury. Besides this work the congregation, during the present pastorate, has established two other churches in the city, one of which, the Grant Street Christian church, has been established in a neat church building and is in a very flourishing condition. The church under the pastoral care of Rev. Cramblet has been more prosperous than ever before, and is now united and hopeful. It is expected that soon a new church building will be erected.

BLAMES THE PARENTS.

St. Barnabas Church Will Discontinue the Sunday School.

On the first Sunday of the new year a change will be made as to the religious instruction of the children in St. Barnabas. For many years the rector has felt the utter inadequacy of the Sunday school with its one short hour for both the study of religious faith and morals and for recitation. His experience has taught him that many parents throw off the sense of their own responsibility, for the Christian education of their children, upon the Sunday school, a responsibility of which no church and no Sunday school can possibly relieve them. Moreover, he has noticed that parents get rid also of the obligation of bringing their children to church with themselves to worship, because they have either already been at Sunday school or are going to attend after church service. The Sunday school in such cases becomes a positive injury in relieving Christian parents of their positive obligation to train their own children in their own faith, and to train them in the Christian duty of devout church attendance. In the present day the one short hour of Sunday school is made to attempt an impossible thing—to make good the lack of home religious culture, and to make good for the utter absence of Christian teaching in the day school. And so hereafter the Sunday school will be abolished in St. Barnabas parish, and responsibility will be thrown back on parents and sponsors to train their own children in catechetical instruction.

On the first Lord's day of each month the rector will call for the children of the parish to catechize and instruct them publicly, at the 11 o'clock service. This instruction will take the place of a sermon on that day. Catechisms and instruction books will be placed in the hands of the parents for use, and sponsors will be asked and expected to exercise an oversight of the children for whom they have given a solemn promise of oversight.

The young men of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in St. Barnabas, have commenced regular Sunday afternoon services at the county hospital at 4 o'clock. For a year or longer, one of their number, Mr. Will Brown, has visited the hospital every Sunday afternoon, supplying the inmates with healthful reading, papers and the leading magazines. This year they have gone another step. Two or three of their number go out each Sunday for a public service. Rev. Irving Johnson, as a rule, takes the clerical duty to conduct the service and preach. When anything interferes to prevent him, the rector of St. Barnabas church takes the duty.

The inmates of the hospital take a warm interest in the coming of the young men, and Mr. Stryker and the others in charge seem interested also, and they certainly are very courteous and helpful.

Told in the Churches.

A recital will be given in the First Congregational church Christmas afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Mr. W. T. Taber, organist, assisted by Miss Neole M. Ogden, contralto, and Mrs. W. H. Wakefield, soprano. By request Mr. Taber will, among other numbers, render the "William Tell Overture" and Handel's celebrated "Hallelujah Chorus." Admission free. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Young People's society, which has charge of the church music.

The Christmas festival of the Sunday school of All Saints church will be held in Metropolitan hall, on Harney street, Friday, December 29, from 2:30 to 8:30. The Christmas music at All Saints church will be rendered by the large vested choir of women, boys and men. The choir is the only one in the state having vested women choristers, and the result of the experiment is most gratifying. Under the skillful leadership of Mr. W. S. Marshall the All Saints choir has constantly improved and is now one of the noted choirs of the west.

Jericho Road Gospel.

What Rescue hall is doing for men will be the theme Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at Young Men's Christian association hall. Rev. A. W. Clark, Dr. Duryea, Mr. A. J. Penfold and others familiar with the work that is being done at Rescue hall will speak briefly of that work. A fine musical prelude will be rendered, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Mr. Thomas J. Pennell will sing "Lord, Now We Greet Thee," by Rodney. The orchestral selections will be: "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord," by Mozart, and a voluntary by Calkins. Mr. A. W. Schepp, the zither soloist, will render a selection and also sing. The service of song will be conducted by Mr. McGuire. Mr. Fred C. Stocking will play an euphonium selection from "Tannhauser." The association invites ladies to this service. Judge Faucett, who was to speak, is ill and cannot be present. The bible class usually held at 3 p. m. will meet at 2:30 and will be conducted by Secretary Ober.

Mr. Willson's Accident.

Friends of "The Willsons," who are so favorably known as gospel workers, will regret to learn that Mr. Willson met with an accident recently in South Omaha which has disabled him entirely from doing his work. He fell through a manhole in the sidewalk, injuring his right leg severely and shocking his nerves so that his physicians ordered him home, with the intimation that he might be "tied up" for the winter. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

LUBIENSKI IS HOPEFUL.

Believes Satisfactory Arrangements for a Beet Sugar Factory Can Be Made.

Count Lubienski of Warsaw, Poland, will hold a final conference with the Douglas county citizens' committee at the Commercial club next Tuesday. It is thought that definite action will be taken at that meeting and the beet sugar factory project will be settled.

The committee met the count twice during the past week. At the first conference a proposition was submitted to him. The committee took it under consideration and held another session Wednesday afternoon, at which the proposition was thoroughly discussed. The committee again met Count Lubienski at the Commercial club last Friday and presented a counter proposition which was partially agreeable to him.

Count Lubienski expressed his views to a BEE reporter yesterday as follows: "I have just returned from a trip in the Elkhorn valley and have decided to establish a Polish colony at Neligh. With relation to the proposed beet sugar factory in this county, I desire to state that I prefer to locate it near Omaha, because the name of this city is well and favorably known in the financial marts of Europe, and has the confidence of foreign capital. They all seem to know where Omaha is and are fully aware of its commercial importance. If the farmers of this county will become interested in sugar beet culture, and the business men of Omaha will give me a guaranty that 4,000 acres of sugar beets will be raised annually, the factory is an assured fact. At first I wanted a guaranty of 6,000 acres, but the committee suggested 4,000 and these figures are acceptable to me, provided that a guaranty is made which will warrant an investment of the capital which I represent.

"The farmers should attend the meeting at the Commercial club next Tuesday at 2 o'clock. I prefer to have the farmers' guaranty to cultivate beets for not less than five years. Ten years would suit me better, but I will be satisfied with even five. I stand ready to put up a forfeit or cover any amount for faithful fulfillment of contract. The bounty, of course, cuts some figure but I sincerely hope that satisfactory arrangements can be completed for the erection of the proposed plant, as I mean business and my time is limited. I go to Europe in a few weeks and will establish a colony of seventy-five Polish families at Neligh in March. I feel friendly toward Nebraskans and hope to succeed in my desire to put up a factory here. I have received a number of letters making offers and bonuses from other cities, which are seeking diligently to secure the location of the factory, but I prefer Omaha for reasons I have specified."

FORETASTE OF CHRISTMAS

Kindergarten Celebrations in Many City and Country Schools Last Friday.

HOW LITTLE ONES ENJOYED THEMSELVES

Play Games and Sing Songs Around Gaily Bedecked Trees Which Shower Down Bonbons—They Get Glimpses of Santa Claus.

In many of the city and country schools Friday afternoon Christmas celebrations by the kindergarten departments were had. The character of the programs and the enjoyment of the children justify to increasing popularity of this feature in the public schools.

At Kellom School.

The kindergarter at the Kellom school was the scene of a happy expectation and joyous realization Thursday and Friday afternoons. The attendance is so large that the pupils have to be divided into two sections, one attending in the afternoon and one in the morning.

Thursday afternoon section 1 carried out its program; Friday afternoon was devoted to section 2.

Miss Shields and her assistants had been very enthusiastic and untiring in their efforts and the result was a Christmas tree of unusual proportions bedecked with all the colors of the rainbow—paper chains, gilt air castles, cornucopias and many other devices all made by the little hands of the kindergarten children.

The following program was given:

Prayer, Hymn, Once There Was a Birdie. Song, Good Morning, Merry Christmas. The Morning Fair. Thumbkins says, I'll Dance. In the Branches of the Tree. Birdie in Gray. If You Wish to Keep in Time. Car Driver. Jack Frost. Recitations. Hymn. Hear the Bells. Come, Let Us Be Joyous. Santa, Dear Santa! Circle.

The room was thronged with the parents and friends of the children, who expressed their delight and approval of the performances. Each child had made a present, a letter case, handkerchief box or other little article for its parents. They were made of the gaily colored paper which plays such a frequent part in the kindergarten work, and as the tokens were handed to the ones for whom they were intended, it would be difficult to determine which was the most pleased, the giver or the recipient.

The "circle" mentioned in the program is the playing of games by the little ones and formed one of the most enjoyable numbers.

The room was decorated with flags and the traditional holly, while a figure of Santa Claus on the blackboard looked indulgently down on those assembled.

"Dinner day," once a week, is a notable part of the work. Each child brings its own little lunch which forms a part of the dinner served out on real dishes. The influence of this part of the course is not to be estimated. Children who come into the kindergarten selfish, ill-mannered and cross, in a few weeks learn to be polite and willing to share with each other.

There is a marked contrast between the first dinner day and those that follow a month later. The inaugural day produced a general scramble and reaching for what was best, but the ensuing discipline in a short time brought order out of chaos and made the dinner day a much desired time.

Good Time at Lake.

The first term of the kindergarten of the Lake school closed with appropriate exercises last Friday afternoon, with a goodly number of parents in attendance to watch the antics of the seventy-four little cherubs who had commenced laying the foundation for the future.

This school is the pride and joy of the residents of the north end of the city, and consequently has attracted much attention, being pointed to as a model institution of learning. The entire school, with an enrollment of nearly 4,000 pupils, is under the direction of Miss Whitmore, who is assisted by a large corps of able teachers. The kindergarten is under the general supervision of the principal of the school, but is conducted by Miss Torrey, director, and Miss Hamilton, both ladies of long experience in this line of school work. In addition to the two regular teachers, there are four cadets from the training school, who are assigned to the Lake kindergarten, in order that they may become familiar with this particular branch of the profession of teaching.

Friday being the closing day of the term a large number of parents had been invited to witness the carrying out of the program, which, in part, consisted of the regular everyday exercises. During the afternoon the little boys and girls sang their songs, played their tracks games and went through their calisthenics with a grace that was the envy of their elders. They were in no wise disconcerted on account of the large number of visitors, and in performing their duties everything was in such a matter-of-fact way that the little fellows were the recipients of several hearty rounds of applause.

With the close of the school exercises a beautiful Christmas tree was uncovered, and from its branches a genuine Santa Claus picked off sacks of candy, fruit and popcorn, which he distributed with a lavish hand among his little friends.

Pacific Children Surprised.

The children of the Pacific school kindergarten had a celebration Friday so gorgeous and unexpected as to almost take their breath away. During their absence at noon a beautiful Christmas tree was placed in the center of the circle and laden with the children's work. Dainty chains were festooned about it, and dangling from the green boughs were lovely cornucopias, gilt puffballs, tiny calendars and needle-books.

But when the curtains were lowered and the candles lighted the effect was dazzling. After playing their favorite games around this magic wonder they one and all wished they might telephone to Santa Claus to come and see them. This was easily done, and soon he was ushered in by the principal, Miss McCarthy, and looking as jolly and fat as ever. Each child made the most of this memorable opportunity, and told Santa Claus confidentially what they wanted, even giving their addresses correctly. However, he had come prepared to a certain extent, for now some bags of bright tarlatan were distributed, each holding its load of candy and popcorn, to be taken home and enjoyed at leisure. In this part of town there are many little ones who will have no Christmas happiness except this so kindly furnished by their instructors, and it will be long remembered by them.

At Leavenworth School.

In their own room, trimmed with evergreen and holly, with light of day excluded, seated in a circle about a tree reaching from ceiling to floor, which was laden with bright and pretty Christmas tokens, the work of the children's own hands, for their parents were over fifty, awed and hushed little tots. They were early visited by all the grades of the building, marching in twos, escorted by their respective teachers.

After a welcome spoken and one sung to the parents present, several bright and cheery songs appropriate to the season were heartily rendered. The children were then told that though Santa Claus loved the kindergarten and such busy little bodies as they had been, he could not be with them that afternoon, but knew they would be glad to aid him by helping their parents to have a pleasant time, and he would have more opportunity to look out for all the little people. Each child received as a surprise a fancy stocking of nuts and candies.

With happy hearts, beaming faces and loaded arms, they started for home, many wishing their teachers a "Merry Christmas" and saying they had "had such a nice time."

Gala Day at Castellar.

Friday was a gala day for the children of the Castellar kindergarten. Besides the other appropriate decorations of the room, there was a Christmas tree laden with little gifts which the children had made for their parents, together with a bag of candy for each child. The parents were invited in the morning to witness the games and hear the Christmas songs of their little ones. In the afternoon three primary rooms united with the kindergarten in an entertainment. Mrs. Shiels of the Trinity cathedral choir, sang a selection in her best style, and Miss Armbruster rendered a piano solo. The teachers having charge of this entertainment were: Miss Etta Smith, Miss Armbruster and Mrs. Mickle of the primary, and the Misses Boutelle, Neese, Davis and Hutchinson of the kindergarten.

In the Country Schools.

In the country districts nearly all the schools closed the fall term last Friday afternoon, and in a large number of them appropriate Christmas exercises were held. There were several Christmas trees, from which candy and presents were distributed.

In speaking of these exercises, Superintendent Hill yesterday remarked that the custom of celebrating Christmas in the country schools was becoming much more general. Within two or three years he predicted that every school in the county would have its Christmas tree.

Instead of attending the closing exercises of the schools, Mr. Hill remained in his office last Friday and attended to school business. This was due to the fact that he wanted to treat all of the schools alike. He had received twenty-four invitations to attend that number of schools and in addition thereto he had been invited to go out and play the part of Santa Claus in nine of the sixty-three districts. Being unable to divide himself into so many portions, he concluded that the best policy was to refuse to accept any of the invitations.

King of Siam's Illness Serious.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Bangkok says that the condition of the king of Siam is serious.

No. 3516.

REPORT of the condition of the UNION NATIONAL BANK, at Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business, December 19, 1893.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$343,644 36
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		31 80
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		3,000 00
Stocks and bonds		20,000 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		6,003.07
Other real estate and mortgages owned		6,163 69
Due from other National banks, (not reserve agents)	15,196 71	
Due from state banks and bankers	34,539 88	
Due from approved reserve agents	64,065 59	
Checks and other cash items	1,592 85	
Exchanges for clearing-house	8,176 28	
Notes of other National banks	8,590 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	1,640 53	
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK—		
Specie	37,871 15	
Legal tender notes	15,000 00—	186,573 98
Due from U. S. Treasurer other than 5 per cent redemption fund		2,250 00
Total		$819,663 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 250,000 00
Surplus fund		2,000 00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid		9,748 57
National bank notes outstanding		45,000 00
Due to other National banks	83,133 84	
Due to state banks and bankers	143,561 07	
Individual deposits subject to check	258,394 50	
Demand certificates of deposit	23,952 94	
Certified checks	383 89	
Cashier's checks outstanding	4,556 07—	512,913 31
Total		$819,663 84

STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss.
County of Douglas, }

I, Chas. E. Ford, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS. E. FORD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of December, 1893.

[Seal.] N. P. FEIL, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
WM. FLEMING,
G. W. WATTLES, } Directors.
W. W. MARSH,

No. 3611.

REPORT of the condition of the SOUTH OMAHA NATIONAL BANK, at South Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business, December 19th, 1893.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 455,100 04
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		25,000 00
Premiums on U.S. bonds		2,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc		*50,678 26
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		25,229 63
Other real estate and mortgages owned		9,411 83
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	$ 9,213 11	
Due from state banks and bankers	8,377 02	
Due from approved reserve agents	181,644 72—	$ 199,234 85
Checks and other cash items	111,008 23	
Notes of other national banks	1,281 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	61 80	
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	43,573 00	
Legal tender notes	7,000 00—	164,926 03
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		1,125 00
Total		$ 941,705 64

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 100,000 00
Surplus fund		4,000 00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid		20,555 82
National bank notes outstanding		22,500 00
Due to other national banks	118,944 29	
Due to state banks and bankers	9,801 27	
Individual deposits subject to check	591,057 83	
Demand certificates of deposit	10,300 00	
Time certificates of deposit	1,015 00	
Certified checks	1,115 00	
Cashier's checks outstanding	208,391 45—	680,639 82
Notes and bills re-discounted		50,000 00
Total		$942,705 64

State of Nebraska, County of Douglas—ss.

I, H. C. Bostwick, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. C. BOSTWICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of December, 1893.

ROBERT KERR, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
J. H. MILLARD,
TRUMAN BUCK, } Directors.
CHAS. H. BROWN,

No. 3163.

REPORT of the condition of the COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK at Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, at the close of business, December 19, 1893.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$328,688 65
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		514 11
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		5,531 00
Stocks, securities, etc		1,400 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		175,245 05
Other real estate and mortgages owned		4,757 03
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)		18,143 74
Due from state banks and bankers		11,570 05
Due from approved reserve agents		116,216 17
Checks and other cash items		8,589 53
Exchanges for clearing house		41,086 07
Notes of other national banks		14,976 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		283 14
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	105,906 00	
Legal tender notes	35,000 00—	141,006 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2,250 00
Due from U.S. treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund		3,000 00
Total		$ 1,124,777 43

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 400,000 00
Surplus fund		4,000 00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid		10,397 83
National bank notes outstanding		45,845 00
Due to other national banks		155,609 89
Due to state banks and bankers		124,746 57
Individual deposits subject to check		288,029 42
Demand certificates of deposit		9,777 03
Time certificates of deposit		99,819 75
Certified checks		4,781 45
Cashier's checks outstanding		32,301 49
Total		$1,124,777 43

State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, } ss.

I, Alfred Millard, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. ALFRED MILLARD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1893.

[SEAL.] R. F. FAGAN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
CHAS. TURNER,
E. M. MORSEMAN, } Directors.
O. E. BAYLISS,

No. 4652.

REPORT of the condition of the UNION STOCK YARDS NATIONAL BANK, at South Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business, December 19, 1893.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$516,678 93
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		12,769 50
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		50,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid		14,098 05
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		1,885 35
Other real estate and mortgages owned		1,189 23
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)	$24,392 79	
Due from state banks and bankers	54,013 18	
Due from approved reserve agents	221,840 41	
Checks and other cash items	57,188 22	
Notes of other National banks	9,215 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	10 03	
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	53,001 00—	415,640 53
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2,250 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer other than 5 per cent redemption fund		2,392 50
Total		$1,293,774 77

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 200,000 00
Surplus fund		50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		61,554 92
National bank notes outstanding		45,000 00
Due to other national banks	42,861 54	
Due to state banks and bankers	71,121 44	
Individual deposits subject to check	228,550 08	
Demand certificates of deposit	1,157 00	
Time certificates of deposit	62,376 45	
Cashier's checks outstanding	361,167 21	767,234 32
Notes and bills rediscounted	