

AN OPEN LETTER

To the People of Omaha and Vicinity.

A. Hospe Decides to Remodel His Entire Building.

'Twill Be a Music and Art Palace, Recital Halls, Art and Music Studios, Elevators, Etc.

In Order to Make Room for the Extensive Alterations

One Hundred Pianos and Organs Will Be Closed Out

Regardless of Cost or Former Prices.

This Will Be an Opportunity That Piano Buyers Cannot Afford to Miss.

The Best Makes Most Reliable Pianos at About One-Half Retail Prices.

The Sale Begins Tomorrow and Closes April 15th.

To the Public: We believe the public in general, and the musically inclined people in particular, will be thoroughly interested in our plans for remodeling our entire building...

While the general public will be interested in all this, those wanting pianos or organs will be still more interested in the extraordinary proposition we have to make...

Beginning tomorrow, the 3rd, we will inaugurate a piano sale here that shall be a record-breaker in the way of piano selling in Omaha.

We have marked every piano and organ in the house in plain figures, regardless of cost, at prices that will insure their sale in two weeks or less.

This will be a special sale of good pianos; the best, the oldest and the most reliable makes, such as "Knabe," "Kimball," "Krausich & Bach," "Hallet & Davis," "Steinway," "Whitney" and numerous other makes...

As an example of how all the pianos are plainly marked to sell at this sale, we quote the following: Splendid "New England" made piano, four feet eight inches high, roll off board, three pedal, ebony case, usual retail price \$265, Alteration Sale price \$125.

Brand new "Baldwin" piano, full size and scale, three pedals and dust rest, former price \$275, sale price \$150. Elegant "Hallet & Davis," "Whitney" and other good pianos that retail the world over at from \$225 to \$400, plainly marked to sell at this sale for \$187, \$208 to \$263.

Terms of sale: \$25 cash, \$10 per month buys any piano in the house. \$15 cash, \$7 per month buys many of them. We will ship pianos to reliable people anywhere on these terms and guarantee satisfaction.

No discount for cash from the sale price. We have a number of inexpensive cashed pianos of reliable New York manufacture, made to retail at \$175 to \$225; take your choice for \$120.

We offer the highest possible grade of cabinet grand pianos, with marquetri fronts, hand carved panels, dust rest and patent soft stop, regular retail price \$450 to \$550, alteration sale price \$287, \$298 to \$387.

Twenty-five dollars cash, \$10 per month buys them. We desire to mention specially parlor grands, of which we have a number of very fine ones, in several of the best makes. They have exquisite tone and action, as well as most beautiful cases. They will be closed out at cost and less.

Good square practice pianos will go at about your own price and terms. No reasonable offer refused for these squares. Good second-hand uprights will go at \$75, \$80 to \$110.

Ten dollars cash, \$6 per month buys them. Brand new \$75 to \$125 organs, with mirrors, will go at \$37, \$42, \$58 to \$68. \$6 cash, \$4 per month buys them. Used organs, \$8, \$10, \$15 and \$20. \$4 cash, \$2 per month takes them. They are everywhere at the sale. 1513 Douglas. A. HOSPE.

ASSEMBLY IS APRIL FOOLED

Beguiled the Whole Day Long by Mysterious Messages from Washington.

MOST MEMBERS FAVOR DISSOLUTION

Reluctant to Give Up Hope of Getting More Money from Uncle Sam, the Cubans Hold Off for Other Proposals.

HAVANA, April 1.—Beguiled by mysterious telegrams from Washington, the military assembly did not dissolve today, as the Americans and many Cubans had been expecting.

Twenty-three members present were unwilling to vote for dissolution because they still believe in the ability of the assembly to raise a large loan with the help of the United States government. The session opened with the reading of the resignations of the members of the executive committee, action on which was postponed until the next meeting.

A motion was offered providing for the appointment of a new executive committee to close up the affairs of the assembly after its dissolution. A motion was also made to concede the military grades and insignia to the civil representatives of the Cubans in arms. During the argument of the motion it appeared that the future payment of officers by a possible Cuban republic was being considered, and hence the matter of grade is important.

General Sanguilly favored paying many Cuban generals of today, who have never seen a day's fighting, declaring that among the civil members of the Cuban party were the most devoted men he ever knew. The motion was carried. It means the admission to payment, according to concealed military grades, of many men who have not been recognized before. The day for the payment of officers ever comes.

Batch of Strange Telegrams. General Andrade, president of the assembly, read telegrams from Senores Hevia and Villalon, the delegates sent to Washington by the assembly to secure more money for the Cuban troops. The first telegram was as follows:

"Andrade, Havana. No hope at present. Hay received us officially. Transmits president today our request. Said would convey answer short time. Hay orders president will not authorize loan. 'VILLALON, 'HEVIA'."

The second read: "President answers impossible increase amount offered or authorize loan. We accept resolution to dissolve. We leave Sunday. 'VILLALON, 'HEVIA'."

General Sanguilly then requested a secret meeting of the assembly, but the request was voted down. Then Sanguilly suggested that the assembly should wait until Senors Villalon and Hevia returned and made a fuller report than was possible by cable.

Majority Favors Dissolution. During the discussion it developed that at the last secret session of the assembly, held March 24, a majority of the members favored immediate dissolution, but the minority insisted that they would not concur until a committee went to Washington and made a final effort to obtain a larger sum than the \$3,000,000 offered by the United States for the payment of the troops. If the committee reported unfavorably they said they would agree to dissolve today. The majority insisted that the minority fulfill this compact. General Sanguilly then read the following cablegrams, saying he had received them from a man with whom the assembly had negotiated a loan during the secret sessions, and declaring that the receipt of these messages made it impossible for him to vote:

"The first dispatch was as follows: 'Sanguilly, Havana: Complete revision favorable to assembly. Entire cash ready. Have assembly and in Spanish and in English. Hereafter use exact code; important information; warning.'"

The second read: "Would be crime soldiers and assembly dissolve. Villalon foolishly following track of old committee by calling secretary pompous manner without our assistance. Was necessarily turned down. Previously understood if contract was signed all would be presented to president today. If assembly orders contract signed and authorizes Hevia and myself whole matter will be received by president. Everything most favorable. Press more favorable to assembly.'"

Another Proposal in Sight. The third read: "See cable Farres. Villalon's departure assures success. Money ready." The above cable dispatches were in English and had every appearance of legitimate messages from the Havana cable office. Sanguilly read them in Spanish and in English, with the interpretation that the news had already been communicated to a majority of the members present.

The Farres referred to is the man who some weeks ago called to the assembly from Washington advising that he had accepted the \$3,000,000 and saying he was bringing a better proposition. Farres is now in Havana.

Sanguilly declined to give the name of the sender of the three cables which were signed with a code word, but they are generally believed to have been sent by a man named Cohen, who made the original proposition of a loan to the assembly. Cohen, however, is not argument, and facts are stubborn things.

Stomach troubles are so common and in most cases, so obstinate to cure that people are apt to look with suspicion on any remedy claiming to be a radical, permanent cure for dyspepsia and indigestion. Many such people themselves in activeness in never being humbugged, especially in medicines.

This fear of being humbugged can be carried too far, so far, in fact, that many people suffer for years with weak digestion rather than risk a little time and money in faithfully testing the claims made of a preparation so reliable and universally used as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Now Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are vastly different in their important respects from ordinary proprietary medicines for the reason that they are not a secret patent preparation, no secret is made of their ingredients, but analysis shows them to contain the natural digestive ferments, pure aseptic pepsin, the digestive acids, Golden Seal, Bismuth, Hydrate of Iron. They are not cathartic, neither do they act powerfully on any organ, but they cure indigestion on the common sense plan of digesting the food eaten thoroughly before it has time to ferment, sour and cause the mischief. This is the only secret of their success.

Cathartic pills never have and never can cure indigestion and stomach troubles because they act entirely on the bowels, whereas the whole trouble is really in the stomach.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets taken after meals digest the food. That is all there is to it. Food not digested or half digested is the cause of gas, acidity, flatulency, palpitation of the heart, loss of flesh and appetite and many other troubles which are often called by some other name.

They are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package. Address P. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., for little book on stomach diseases, sent free.

THEY RIDICULE IT. Many People Ridicule the Idea of an Absolute Cure for Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles.

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while in Havana, kept secluded and did not make himself known, and he is not likely to learn if he has actually returned to the United States. The fact that he was here two weeks ago has been established, he having been seen and recognized by members of General Brooke's staff.

After considerable argument, President Andrade said it was useless to wait for the return of the commission if the only object was criticism of their conduct while in Washington and the appointment of others to return there on the same mission. It was finally decided to suspend action as to the dissolution of the assembly until the commission to Washington shall have returned here, which will probably be four days from now.

General Alger in Santiago. SANTIAGO, April 1.—Secretary of War Alger arrived here today and was received by a guard of the fifty regulars and a party of officers and soldiers. He visited the Venus cafe, the secretary visited the improvements made in the city and neighborhood and expressed himself greatly pleased with the sanitary conditions prevailing. He held a reception tonight after dining at the Hotel de Ville. He will visit San Juan, El Caney and other places tomorrow.

Quaint Savings. It is interesting and instructive to read bright and well constructed advertisements. Messrs. C. I. Hoel & Co., of Sarsaparilla fame, must have been at a great feast and taken everything home with them. They are pleasing the general public with a very bright selection of quaint old sayings and proverbs (from over 2,000 on hand), as the starters in a series of very well written advertisements, changing frequently, wherein the proverbs are neatly turned and paraphrased to fit the subject matter. The public like this sort of breezy advertising, as it constantly reminds them of other proverbs and opens up subjects for discussion.

Have you read The Bee's great wheel of fortune? A wheel without costing you a cent.

Dividend to be Declared. Fifteen Per Cent More for Trans-Mississippi Exposition Stockholders.

The directors of the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition association met Saturday afternoon at the Millard hotel to take action regarding a resolution adopted at a previous meeting, authorizing a distribution to paid up stockholders of 10 per cent of the assets.

With reference to the matter of a 10 per cent distribution, Thomas Kitzpatrick offered an amendment, increasing it to 12 1/2 per cent, offering as an explanation the statement that a dividend could be declared under the higher rate and still leave an ample fund to meet liabilities.

A memorandum of funds on hand showed that the proposed distribution could be made and the amount in controversy with the Rock Island railroad was retained, still leaving a balance of \$18,787.18. This is the memorandum in detail:

Amount of Cash on Hand. Cash in hands of treasurer, \$24,482.18. Deposited in the Rock Island bank, \$35,000.00. Cash in the hands of A. L. Reed, 1,800.00. Deposited in the Citizens' bank, 16,255.00.

Total, \$77,537.18. Rock Island railroad claim, \$15,000. Proposed 12 1/2 per cent, 49,750.

Balance, \$18,787.18. The amendment contained a further provision that the amount of the distribution be not paid until April 10. This was in accordance with a previous recommendation of the executive committee.

A rider to the amendment was offered by A. L. Reed, stipulating that the dividend be not paid until an agreement can be secured from the United Real Estate and Trust company, trustees for the Kointze tract, releasing the exposition association from its contract to restore the grounds to their original condition. Otherwise a greater balance would be necessary. The amendment was carried and the motion as amended was passed. G. W. Wattlew and Frank Murphy voting aye.

Rehearsal of the Most Common Disease. The most universal disease that affects the human body is rheumatism, the cause and nature of which is known to a very limited extent even by the best informed physicians. There are several forms of it and nearly everybody is afflicted with it in some form. When in the back and loins it is called lumbago; in the hips, sciatica; in the face, neuralgia. While there is some doubt as to the origin and nature of this disease, there is none whatever as to the best treatment. Many years of experience has fully proven that there is nothing so good as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application relieves the pain.

Charges Malicious Prosecution. In the suit that he has now instituted Mr. Bechel contends that his arrest and prosecution constituted an unexcused and unnecessary effort to blackmail his character and that he has been permanently damaged in health, reputation and business prospects. He asserts that Erastus Young was a director and general auditor of the express company and in that capacity had full authority to institute criminal proceedings. He asserts that May 29, 1898, Mr. Young, acting for the express company, falsely and maliciously made and filed a complaint and information, charging him (Bechel) with the embezzlement of \$1,893.25 and that a warrant was duly issued at his instance. This warrant was turned over to Detective Chapin and it is asserted that his service was purposely delayed until late at night, when he (Bechel) was at home with his family and suffering severely from illness. It is stated that (Bechel) could be found at any time, that he had no intention of leaving the city and that the delay in serving the warrant was a part of an scheme to make a criminal case in order to compel the plaintiff to turn over certain mining stock that he owned to the express company.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Blisters, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

HYMENEAL. Grover-Balding. TRENTON, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Gus Grover and Miss Elva Balding were married at the residence of the groom's parents, one mile south of town, yesterday. The parents of each are prominent farmers in this vicinity.

Successful Musical Entertainment. The concert given by the Men's club of Hanson Park Methodist Episcopal church on Friday evening was a pronounced success in every respect.

Next Thursday evening the Women's club of Hanson Park church will repeat their "Old Time" concert at Trinity church, corner of Twentieth and Binney streets.

Have you read The Bee's great wheel of fortune? A wheel without costing you a cent.

Good Morning—

Have you on a pair of our Easter shoes—Ladies shoes with the welt soles, the kinds we've been selling all week at \$2.00—These are all new shoes—that is new this spring, they must be new or they wouldn't have the masculine or modified welt sole, as well as all the new wide coin and full round toes. This is a great shoe value and we are awfully proud of the shoe—so are all the many that have on a pair this bright Easter morning. They will be a good time to come and see them at the store.

Drexel Shoe Co.,

Omaha's Up-to-date Shoe House, 1419 FARNAM STREET. New Spring Catalogue now ready—Sent for the asking.

Today We Introduce You—

To another sale—a sale the like of which was never before seen in Omaha, not even at our former sales, and we've had sales before that were hummers—in another part of this paper you will find under the head of an Open Letter a few particulars about the sale that we are going to have, that will be of particular interest to you—Remember this is at Hospe's and Hospe is back of it all.

A. HOSPE,

We celebrate our 25th business anniversary Oct. 23rd, 1899. Music and Art. 1513 Douglas.

BECHEL ALLEGES DAMAGES

Ex-Auditor of Pacific Express Company Brings Suit.

FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS SUM ASKED

Plaintiff Charges that the Continued Prosecution Has Injured His Reputation as Well as His Health.

The anticipated damage suit of William F. Bechel against the Pacific Express company, on account of his recent arrest and unsuccessful prosecution for alleged embezzlement, has been filed in the district court. Mr. Bechel places his damages at \$40,000 and sues the express company for that amount and the costs of this action.

Much of the subject matter contained in the petition has become familiar during the successive prosecutions that were instituted by Erastus Young while he was acting as auditor and temporary general manager of the express company. Early in 1898 there was a general reorganization of the company, in the course of which nearly all the old officials and many of the employees were dismissed. Rumors of alleged irregularities in its financial affairs and of probable criminal proceedings circulated from assessment to assessment.

Bechel's money order for \$14,723.85 are shown. This is a big increase over the first quarter, as compared with 1898, but the figures are not available on account of the statements having been misplaced in the vault by the former postmaster.

Explains his vote. Mr. Wattlew said he preferred to have a quorum pass upon the question, believing this proceeding necessary to make the action binding. C. F. Manderson expressed the same opinion and after a discussion of the point it was decided to let the matter rest until the next regular meeting, Friday, April 7, when the action can be ratified by a quorum.

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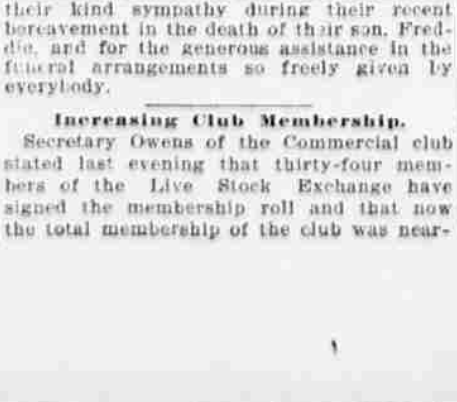
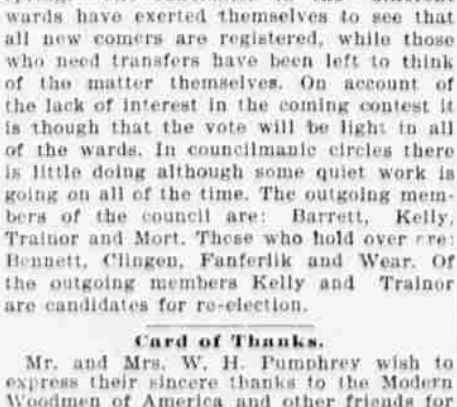
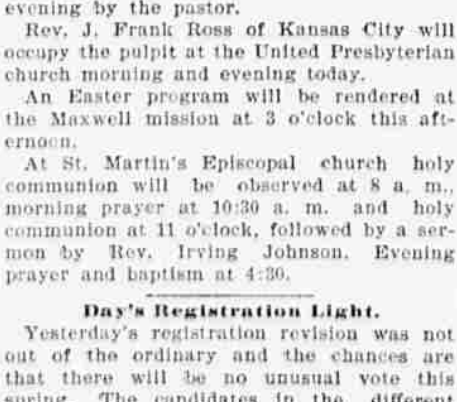
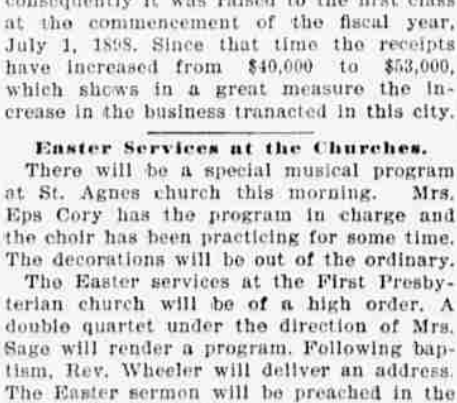
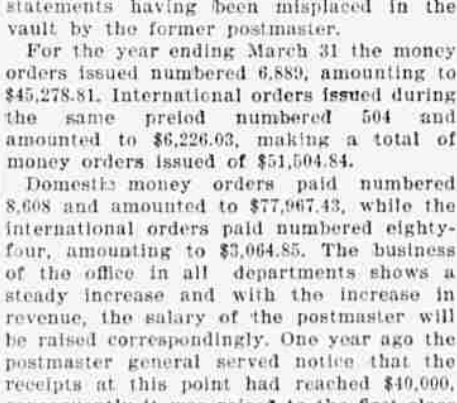
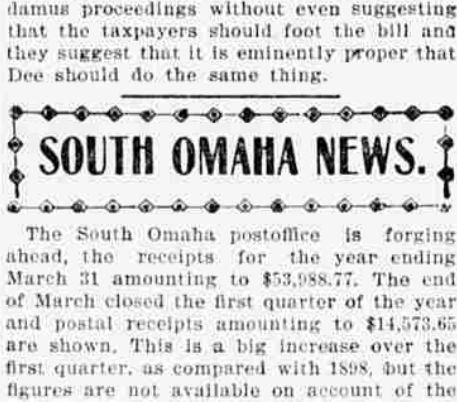
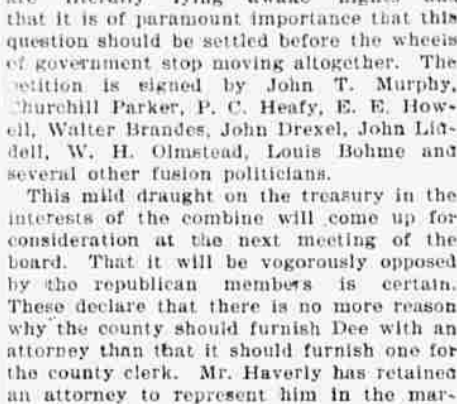
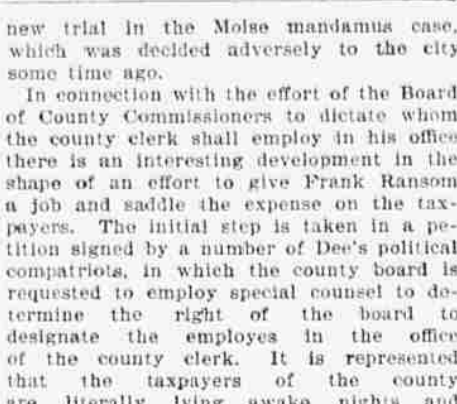
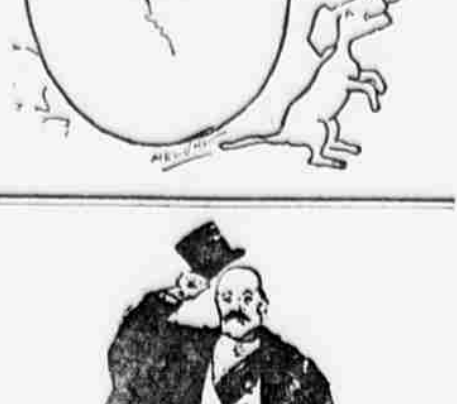
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After the Easter Rush—

We feel like taking a good rest, but we're not going to do it—for we're going to do a little extra work and fill up about those little barrels of ice cream—three flavors in each barrel—full size barrels holding enough for eight people only 40c—half barrels 20c—frozen hard and stay frozen for hours, perfectly safe to put one in your pocket and take home to the family.

Monday, luncheon at 11:30, half-rates with Balduff's usual excellent service.

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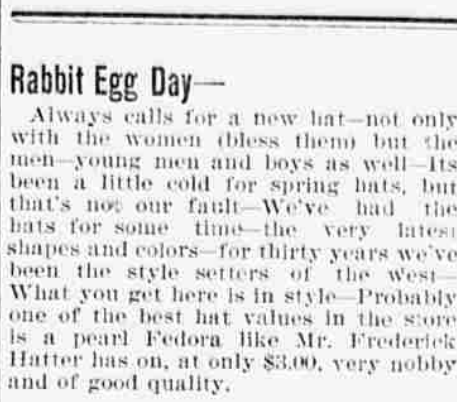
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Did you know that three-fourths of the headaches come from over-taxed eyes—Eye relief in the properly ground and fitted glasses soon cures headaches—Back of our optician, who is an expert, we have a complete plant for the grinding of lenses that enables us to furnish glasses with an exactness obtained only by having the entire work under one's own supervision—As much care is taken in the adjustment of the frames as in the grinding of the glasses—Examinations free.

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ing the 200 mark. A meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday evening at the council chamber when it is expected that President Flynn will appoint his committee and an executive committee will be selected. More than this it is expected that permanent officers for the secretary will be chosen in order that letter heads may be printed. The packers and stock yards are becoming interested and it is possible that a certain sum may be subscribed by these corporations to assist in the maintenance of the club.

Watkins & Co., lumber. Tel. 31. Melcher's Instant Headache cure, 10 cents. Brinkhoff Old Continental whisky. Sold by J. Kleck.

If you want to own your own home call and see me. P. J. Persons. See Ed Munshaw & Company for lumber and feed, 27th and L streets. Tel. 285.

Why do you rent when you can buy property on such easy terms. P. J. Persons. List your property with H. M. Christie, 2420 N. St. I have cash customers for you.

Some very choice lots for sale in South Omaha on monthly payments. F. J. Persons. The Easter services at the First Presbyterian church will be of a high order. A double quartet under the direction of Mrs. Sage will render a program. Following baptism, Rev. Wheeler will deliver an address.

The Easter sermon will be preached in the evening by the pastor. Rev. Frank Ross of Kansas City will occupy the pulpit at the United Presbyterian church morning and evening today.

An Easter program will be rendered at the Maxwell mission at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. St. Martin's Episcopal church holy communion will be observed at 8 a. m., morning prayer at 10:30 a. m., and holy communion at 11 o'clock, followed by a sermon by Rev. Irving Johnson. Evening prayer and baptism at 4:30.

Day's Registration Light. Yesterday's registration revision was not out of the ordinary and the chances are that there will be no unusual vote this spring. The candidates in the different wards have exerted themselves to see that all new voters are registered, while those who need transfers have been left to think of the matter themselves. On account of the lack of interest in the coming contest it is thought that the vote will be light in all of the wards. In councilman circles there is little going although some quiet work is going on all of the time. The outgoing members of the council are: Barrett, Kelly, Trainor and Mort. Those who hold over are: Bennett, Clingen, Fanterick and Weaver. The outgoing members Kelly and Trainor are candidates for re-election.

Card of Thanks. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pumphrey wish to express their sincere thanks to the Modern Woodmen of America and other friends for their kind sympathy during their recent bereavement in the death of their son, Freddie, and for the generous assistance in the funeral arrangements so freely given by everybody.

Increasing Club Membership. Secretary Owens of the Commercial club stated last evening that thirty-four members of the Live Stock Exchange have signed the membership roll and that now the total membership of the club was near-

ly 200. A meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday evening at the council chamber when it is expected that President Flynn will appoint his committee and an executive committee will be selected. More than this it is expected that permanent officers for the secretary will be chosen in order that letter heads may be printed. The packers and stock yards are becoming interested and it is possible that a certain sum may be subscribed by these corporations to assist in the maintenance of the club.

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