

INSTALL ITS NEW PASTOR

Castellar Presbyterian Church the Scene of an Impressive Ceremony.

REV. WALTER S. REYNOLDS IN CHARGE

Presbytery of Omaha Cements the Bond Between the People and the Preacher Who is to Be Their Leader.

The impressive ordination service of the Presbyterian church was observed last evening when the presbytery of the city of Omaha assisted in the installation and formal ordination of Walter S. Reynolds as the new pastor of the Castellar Street Presbyterian church.

Seated upon the rostrum were the pastors of the churches of that denomination in this city. Rev. Daniel Greider of the First German Presbyterian church presided as moderator and opened the installing exercises with an invocation.

He took for his subject "The Beginning and Ending of Right Character," and for his text Hebrew 11:25. He pointed out the fact that true and righteous living are characterized and result from three facts, choosing, striving and enduring in the Christian religion.

In the absence of Rev. Matthew B. Lowrie the installation prayer was offered by the moderator, who also conducted the examination of the candidate who received the sanction of the people when he is to agree.

The charge of the congregation was delivered by Rev. Clarence G. Reynolds, pastor of the First church of Joliet, Ill., who bade the newly installed pastor a hearty adieu and entered the ministry, but may be born into it. He bespoke the consecration of the new pastor's whole strength to the service and admonished him to practice what he preached and to live the word at all times.

The charge to the people was delivered by Rev. Edwin H. Jenks, D. D., of the First church, who urged the members of the church to stand strongly and firmly by their new pastor.

After the benediction by Rev. Walter Reynolds a short reception was held at the close of the services, that all who were present might meet and greet the newly installed pastor.

Mr. Reynolds came to Castellar church last September, since when he has served that people. He is a graduate of Wooster university and the McCormick Theological seminary. His early ministerial training was received while acting as assistant pastor of the Third Presbyterian church in Chicago.

COLD WAVE FOR CHRISTMAS

Zero Weather is Predicted to Greet Santa Claus in Omaha Tonight.

It is quite probable that Santa Claus will not be put to the annoying inconvenience of bringing his own weather with him when he comes to Omaha on his Christmas eve rounds. Weather Forecaster Welch has promised to do this much to lighten the burden of good old Saint Nick, and so the frosty bearded old fellow may be expected to bring a lighter load of presents.

ELKS' NIGHT AT THE ORPHEUM

Omaha Wonders of the Antlers Pay a Little Tribute to Manager Retter.

Omaha lodge No. 39 of Elks tendered Manager Retter of the Orpheum a testimonial last night in the shape of a fraternal visit. The members occupied seats in a body on the first floor. Just after the interlude by the orchestra, Mr. Retter was called before the curtain. He responded with a little speech, thanking the brothers for the pleasure and honor, and told several of his latest stories, which elicited enthusiastic applause.

SWINDLED BY A BAD CHECK

Cuming Street Merchant Suffers and Two Men Are Held at the Station.

J. N. Nelson, who conducts a dry goods store at 2222 Cuming street, was victimized yesterday to the extent of \$30 in money and \$5 worth of merchandise through the medium of a forged check. A man, a stranger to the shopkeeper, bought a bill of goods amounting to \$35 and in payment presented a check for \$35 drawn by W. L. Seabrook of 104 North Sixteenth street, the payee being

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Power Canal Ordinance as Amended by Hascall is Passed.

FIVE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE CHANGES

Mount Moves Ten Amendments Designed to Render Franchise Useless to the Promoter and They Are Adopted.

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The triumph which was accorded to Miss Mary Munchoff at the Boyd last night, when she appeared in her first home concert after a year of foreign study, was a triumph of which she is assuredly proud, and the memory of which will last until she has sung her last song on this sphere, which heaven grant may be very many years distant.

Miss Munchoff has been somewhat unfortunate, since her arrival in this country, in having a press agent (whoever he may be) whose idea seems to be that she should be "circused," to use an advertising phrase. It is not necessary to boom her as "America's greatest soprano," nor is it prudent to advise the public that she is a second-rate singer, or the superior of Melba or Senhlich, that she taught Germany what coloratura singing is, etc.

Such statements are intrinsically and historically incorrect and are absolutely unnecessary. She is the "first Mary Munchoff," and her place is here and now, and it is an enviable place, which she herself has made, and it can stand on its own merits absolutely.

Critics have differed and will differ as to Miss Munchoff's classification, most of them regarding her as a pure example of coloratura singing, of which Emma Nevada is a splendid type, and of which many discerning ones consider Mme. Nevada the absolute monarch.

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MINNEAPOLIS MILLER HERE

W. H. Dunwoode Says Coal Supply is Important Question in the North.

W. H. Dunwoode, one of Minneapolis' prominent millers, and his wife passed through Omaha yesterday enroute to Colorado Springs.

The matter of coal supply, Mr. Dunwoode said, was one of great interest just now in the frozen north, and yet, he said, the big business of the north is not in coal.

DEATH RECORD

Senator Dwight M. Sabin.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Former United States Senator Dwight M. Sabin of Minnesota died suddenly early this morning in his apartment at the Auditorium annex.

Mr. Sabin had been a guest of the hotel since November 2, being accompanied by his wife and daughter. He was stricken with heart failure about 11 o'clock last night and a physician was summoned. He found Mr. Sabin in a dying condition and beyond medical aid. The patient remained unconscious until he died at 12 o'clock.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Brokers Appear at High School to Discount Teachers' Warrants.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS EXHAUSTED

Turkeys Selling on Local Market at Very High Price—Christmas Mail is Exceedingly Heavy—Magic City Gossip.

Salary warrants for the teachers in the public schools were closed yesterday afternoon, the schools closing for the usual holiday vacation. Some unusual incidents were witnessed at the high school building when the teachers emerged from the office of the secretary, where the warrants for December were given out.

Some of the members of the Board of Education are not in favor of the action taken by warrant brokers yesterday, and a stop will doubtless be put to the practice of permitting money lenders from frequenting the high school grounds on teachers' pay day.

The teachers who cashed their warrants at the city treasurer's office were not charged any discount, as there was enough money on hand to pay off the few who called.

The school district fund is entirely exhausted and from this time on it will be necessary for the people to pay a high rate of interest for all salaries and expenses contracted by the Board of Education. There will be another big overlap in the high school funds in evidence to anyone who has looked into the affairs of the board.

An advertisement is now running in one of the local papers asking for bids for additional steam heating apparatus for a four-room addition to Lowell school. Plans of the apparatus desired may be seen at the office of the architect of the board and all bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$100. As usual, the board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. These bids are to be turned over to the board not later than 5 p. m. on Monday, January 5.

The installation of this heating plant at this time will only tend to increase the overlap and thus increase the amount of interest now being paid on the school debt.

Turkeys Cost Money.

First-class turkeys are scarce and are selling for from 21 and 22 cents a pound. Some frozen stock held over is being sold at rates less than those mentioned. Hotel keepers and proprietors of restaurants are wondering what to do for Christmas. With turkey at 25 cents a pound they say that no money can be made by serving meals and many of the restaurants will provide the usual weekday menu for guests.

Heavy Christmas Mails.

On account of the heavy mails Postmaster Etter has been compelled to put on additional help. This additional help, however, is allowed by the postal department during the holiday season without a special requisition, as it is customary. All of the carriers going out from the central postoffice are loaded down these days, and in many instances it is hard work to complete the delivery in the time allowed, as two trips over one route are frequently necessary on account of the weight to be carried. With all the extra mail to be carried few complaints are being made and the service here is considered excellent.

Does Not Make Bluffs.

An Omaha fellow known, through its South Omaha representative, has seen fit to state in his paper that Joseph Koutsky, brother of Mayor Koutsky, is making a bluff when he offers a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of anyone selling diseased meat at South Omaha. When shown the item last evening Mr. Koutsky said that he meant exactly what he said, and he again stated that the money was

FAVORITES FIGHT FOR RACES

Insiders Outside Win by Head, Only One First Choice Scoring Victory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Racing at Ingleside today was marked by close finishes and the defeat of favorite, only one first choice getting home in front. The weather was fine and the track was fast.

First race, seven furlongs, selling: Hungarian won, Hutch Miller second, Nanette third. Time: 1:30.