

CHRISTMAS TRADE IS HEAVY

Enormous Volume of Business Transacted in All Lines in Omaha.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLIMAX OF WEEK

Large Stores Literally Jammed with Purchasers Laying in Stores—Prosperity is Evident on Every Hand.

Omaha display windows are brilliant with holiday livery. The spirit of the season appears on every side. It is in the air, it is on the ground, it is in the bustling, good-humored crowds that elbow their way through the streets...

There was a good trade Saturday and the day before, but it reached flood tide last evening when store fronts and store interiors were brilliant with light...

Everywhere windows are decorated in the most alluring manner. The most attractive decoration and the one that seems to appeal to the crowds is the tinsel Christmas tree...

What class of goods do you sell most? a merchant in one of the dry goods stores was asked.

"Step down into the toy department and let it answer the question," was the reply. If it was lively upstairs it was still more so in this children's fairland.

"Our business already is the best we have done in fifteen years," said a jeweler yesterday. "I think the snow brought the people out for while we expected to do a big business today we did just as large a business on Friday. People are buying a better class of goods this year. While we are selling tableware, glassware, printed china and other staples, we are selling more diamonds and watches than we did last year. There are many strange faces, showing that the out of town trade is unusually heavy."

Banquet Hall Cigar advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and woman and the text 'Twice as Good as Its Price' and 'Banquet Hall Cigar'.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Proposition of Buying High School for City Hall Commended.

CONSIDERED GOOD INVESTMENT TO MAKE

Council Will Open Bids Tomorrow Night for City Hall and Park Sites, Several Being in View.

"Speaking from a business standpoint," said a well-known taxpayer last night, "it appears to me the suggestion that the city buy the present high school building for a city hall is a good one. Suppose it does cost \$20,000 to remodel the present high school building for city hall purposes. There will be a saving of money and the city hall will be located where a large number of voters would like to see it."

Monday night the city council is to meet to open bids for city hall and park sites. It is understood that several sites will be offered, but no definite action has been taken by the Board of Education in offering the present high school property. It is generally understood this property can be secured at reasonable price for the city hall building kept north of N street.

Troutman Directs Streets Cleaned. Saturday morning Street Commissioner John Troutman directed the grading on J street to clean the dirt washed on Twenty-fifth street off immediately. The contractors have been hauling dirt from J street to I street and so much dirt has slipped from the carts that Twenty-fifth street for a block is practically impassable.

Superior Lodge Elects Officers. Superior lodge, No. 193, Degree of Honor, met last week and elected these officers: Mrs. Nellie Westcott, chief of honor; Mrs. Allie Royer, past chief of honor; Miss Sybil Richardson, lady of honor; Mrs. Martha Van Slyke, chief of ceremonies; Mrs. Clara Rader, recorder; Mrs. Mary Miller, scribe; Mrs. Sara Tagg, receiver; Mrs. Sadie Holt, usher; Mrs. Mary Poler, inside watch; Mrs. Anna Lucas, outside watch. The trustees are Mrs. Ella Hall, Mrs. Etta Brewer and Mrs. Anna Evans.

Library Nearly Completed. A visit to the new library building yesterday showed the building actually is nearing completion. The mechanics putting up the book stacks expect to finish their work by the middle of the week. Then will come the placing of the furniture. Some of the set furniture is now in the building. This will be located during the first part of the week. Just when the opening will be held has not been decided by the members of the Library board. Miss Jane Abbott, the librarian, has an office in the new building now and is making preparations to place the books on hand just as soon as the stacks are completed.

Redmen Elect Officers. Gyantwaka tribe No. 10, Independent Order of Red Men, met Friday night and elected these officers: Dr. F. W. Faulke, sachem; E. C. Harrison, senior sagamore; C. W. Miller, junior sagamore; A. G. Scott, prophet; John W. Ballard, chief of records; John D. Cook, keeper of war drum. After the election the members of the tribe and visiting members were treated to a social entertainment. On January 6 the tribe will give a dance.

Dolezal Plans Building. A week or so ago Frank Dolezal bought the property at 237 N street. At the time of the purchase he had no plan for any plans for a building. In talking of his new property yesterday Mr. Dolezal said that plans for a two-story brick building were being drawn and that the ground floor would be used for a saloon and cafe. The second story would be occupied by the party that rented the saloon and cafe. It is estimated that this building will cost about \$6,000.

LABOR BUREAU MAN CAUGHT

Agent Gets Thirty Days for Selling Worthless Railroad Ticket to His Victim.

Frank McDonald, an employe at the labor employment agency of R. A. Ball, Eleventh and Farnam streets, was sentenced to thirty days by Police Judge Berka. McDonald was charged with defrauding Robert E. Johnson, a laborer, of six dollars and a worthless railroad ticket from McDonald and was put off the train at Council Bluffs. Roberts alleged he paid \$5 for the transportation, which read from Chicago to Aberdeen. McDonald denied any intention to defraud Johnson, saying that Johnson, who made the arrest, declared in open court that each had received several complaints recently from laborers who paid McDonald labor fees for work at distant points and after they arrived at the destination found there was no work for them and that the R. A. Ball agency was not known to the parties from whom they were supposed to secure employment.

COUNTRY CLUB DIRECTORS

Annual Dinner and Business Meeting Witnesses Election for the Coming Year.

The members of the Omaha Country Club held their annual dinner and business meeting at the Omaha club Saturday evening. After the feast plots had been duly considered the gathering proceeded to the business in hand, which was principally that of electing three directors for the coming year. A resolution was passed endorsing the work of the directors during the past year, thanking them for their efficient services; and trusting to them the work of such improvements as in their judgment may be wise and necessary during the coming year. It was also voted that the clubhouse will be enlarged and other improvements made at the Country Club. The membership is now nearly 50.

Improvements at Swift's

W. L. Selby called at the city offices yesterday afternoon to secure permits for some improvements at the Swift plant. Permits are to be secured for the rebuilding of some of the fire walls and an addition on the south end of the plant. Some new bridge construction sheds over the tracks are being built, but a permit was not secured for these yesterday. George F. Swift of Chicago, who is in temporary charge of the plant, said that no permanent manager had been named, but he thought that very likely he would be relieved of his duties here about the end of the present year.

To the Ladies

Nothing pleases a man more than to receive a present that he can wear and realize the worth of it. Such a present is bound to win his lasting favor. Our "holiday line" is complete and elegant, and you can easily select from it a present for father, brother, husband or "him" that will be most desirable and inexpensive. We are headquarters for men's fashionable togs and cordially invite you to visit us before completing your Xmas purchases. M. Calkin & Co., 440 N. 24th st.

South Omaha's only exclusive men's furnisher.

Harrell Attempts Suicide. E. S. Harrell, 1520 North Twenty-fourth street, attempted to commit suicide last night. Harrell was taken to the hospital in the evening and while his wife was present from the apartment he fired two shots at his heart. Both bullets went wrong, following the ribs, and the doctors have hopes of saving Harrell's life. One bullet was located by Dr. Davis and Dr. Schindler, but the other went in the fleshy part of the back, where it is imbedded in the muscles. Harrell is unconscious, but everything that physicians can do is being done for him. On the streets it is stated that Harrell has been drinking some since the time of the shooting and that he has been dependent ever since that occurrence. Mr. Harrell is one of the best known men at the Exchange and a dozen or more friends called at the house last night to inquire as to his condition. At midnight the physicians said that unless complications set in Harrell would live.

Arrest Japs for Gambling

Acting under instructions from Chief Briggs, the home of the Japs was raided last night and five were arrested for gambling. It was only recently that the agent of the Japanese employed at the packing houses secured a lease on the Haskell building at Thirty-seventh and N streets. There seems to be so much feeling against the Japs that the police have been asked to arrest them for gambling. Not twice a year, and that only on election times, is a policeman seen at the place where the Japs have leased property and propose to live. Bonds were furnished for the Japs arrested and they will appear in police court on Monday morning.

Magie City Gossip

Coal-J. B. Watkins & Co. Tel. 31. E. S. Rose, Thirty-first and J streets, reports the birth of a daughter. From present indications the new high school building will not be completed until spring.

Miss Martha Andrews is recovering from a cold.

Try Godeen's antiseptic barber shop for first-class work. 230 N. Lombard. Herd coal, See Howard Lumber Co., 68 North Twenty-fourth street, Phone 7. There seems to be an increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever in the city.

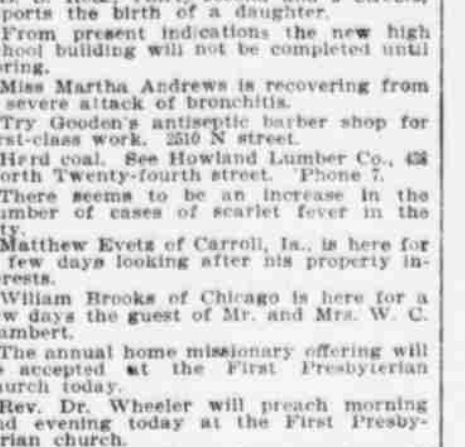
Matthew Everts of Carroll, Ia., is here for a few days looking after his property interests.

William Brooks of Chicago is here for a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lathrop.

TABLE TALK

Experience of Robert Henderson.

The talk that evening began with the fad of the "Vegetarians" and their beliefs. It soon developed that the beautiful Miss Schuyler thought herself a "Vegetarian." "But," said Dr. Smith, "what do you eat?" "All kinds of vegetables and fruit," said she, "then I drink milk, have eggs for breakfast, besides at other meals I eat butter, pudding, cheese and cake, and tell every one they ought to do as I do, I feel so much better." The doctor looked astonished. "And you call that vegetarian? My dear young woman don't you know that butter, eggs and milk are animal foods? Then, too, it is a mistake to urge others to follow you. What is good for you may not be good for others. The Equimo of the Arctic regions couldn't support life on a vegetable diet. Some animal food is necessary to keep heat in his body. On the other hand, besides the individual peculiarities and the climate, the conditions under which each person lives, would make it a mistake for you to recommend to everybody to follow your example." "At the same time," continued the doctor, "I have come to the conclusion that fully one-half of the chronic complaints which embitter life are due to stomach disorders which could just as well be avoided." "Now, Dr. Smith," interrupted Miss Schuyler, "I know you're going to tell us all just what to do and that when our stomach



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ENGLAND'S HALE OLD MEN

Fine and Useful Exemplars Who Have Known the Secret of Long Life.

The secret of long life is a question which the editor of the weekly paper called the Young Man has been asking of a number of well known septuagenarians and octogenarians, and the result of the inquiries is now published. Mr. Archibald, who, notwithstanding a busy life in the realms of commerce, science, literature and politics, is still a hale man at 76, thus replies to the query raised in a clear, steady handwriting: "I believe the secret of health is to eat little, to sleep lightly, to work hard as far as possible, keep the mind from anxiety and the conscience from remorse."

World's Dispensary Medical Association

We guarantee that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does not contain alcohol, opium, or any harmful drug. It is an alternative extract from the roots of most valuable medicinal plants. Persons making false statements concerning its ingredients will be prosecuted.

Table of Burlington Route Holiday Rates. Columns include destination (Chicago, St. Louis, Peoria, Milwaukee, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Hannibal, Quincy, Burlington, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atchison, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Beatrice, Hastings, Grand Island, Deadwood, Hot Springs, Superior, York) and rate.

The above are some of the Burlington's Holiday Rates. Proportionately low rates to thousands of other points. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, and January 1st and 2d; return limit January 4th, 1905. Call on me for further information.

J. B. REYNOLDS, City Passenger Agent, 1502 Farnam St., Omaha.

Problem of Courtship

When does courtship begin? At the moment when a man first meets his affinity? At the time when he realizes that "the only girl in the world" is his affinity? Or at the time when he determines to let her guess his views on the subject?

Make Forest Reserves Self-Sustaining

Commissioner Richards of the general land office thinks a small charge should be made for the privilege of grazing stock on the forest reserves. He points out that it is not just to charge sawmill men for supplies drawn from the reserves when stockmen are not charged for the use of the herbage. He believes that the numerous sawmills, hotels, road ranches, summer resorts and stores now within the limits of various forest reserves should be made to pay a nominal sum for their privileges, all this money being turned toward maintenance of the reserves and the increasing and betterment of the ranger force. Apparently this is a good suggestion.

English as She is Written

Colonel Phil Thompson tells of the trials experienced by a friend of his who recently acquired a new stenographer. The dear little thing is a trifle weak in orthography, but Thompson's friend has been loath to call her down, in view of the fact

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