Great Festival Celebrated with Character

istic Solemaity in Omaha churches.

From Early Morning Until High Noon Large Armies of Faithful Go to Worship Savior of World.

With all the brilliancy of lights, lavish ness of decoration and impressiveness of ceremonial for which the Church of Rome is noted throughout the world, the Catholic churches of Omaha celebrated the Christmass festival. Beginning at 5 o'clock in the morning, and continuing until high noon, the various parish churches were filled to the doors with ever-changing mui-

titudes of the faithful. The high note of rejoicing was struck from cheir loft, pulpit and altar. Bishop, priests and deacons were arrayed in their to do devoted bonor to the living Son of academy, God. Contrasted with wreaths and festoons of green, wide-spreading across aisle in myriad profusion. Incense, harmony, lov, high acciaim of the immaculately con- Neola. ceived Redeemer permeated all the shrines wherein the children of the old church gathered from darkest dawn to sun-brightened noon time.

Paithful by Hundreds.

The faithful approached the communion rails at the early masses virtually by the itation on the blessed significance of the ted to enjoy. day. Children and adults renewed their stranger and old parishioner alike. gladdened the hearts of pastors and gave living example of their hearts' convictions. the true religious spirit.

"He was incarnate, born of the Virgin Mary, and was made man."

So rang sweetly and clearly the keynote from the gladsome throats of concelebrants of the mass prostrated themselves in lowly devotion before the illuminuted and flower-bedecked altars. "Venite Adoramus." In all its beauty of sentiment vaulted arch and filled listening souls with

Bishop in the diocesan cathedral and pastor in parish church took delight in reciting again the gospel lesson of the world-stirring event that transpired in the manger of the stable attached to the inn in ancient Judea when Caesar had ordered the great census.

there a more beautiful scene pictured; none more sublime or filled with a grander promise. As the shepherds kept the lonely night watches on the hills they little dreamed of the wondrous favor they were to receive. But their hearts were filled with peace that a good conscience never fails to bring and in speechless wonder received the glad tidings of great They heard the vital, glowing message and they beheld a multitude of the heavenly host, glory on glory. They heard a new song sang for the first time on earth that first Christmas night.

"Happy, thrice happy shepherds, to whom the angel message was given that after 4.000 years of waiting a Savier was bern who would sweep away the misery and would undo the work of the serpent.

"The work of a divine Redeemer is a livgone before and for those who are to come

Heaven's Most Copious Graces.

"May heaven's most copious graces and most bounteous blessings come to all with the advent of this new Christmas; may the loving greetings of friends be fulfilled in most generous measure."

At. St. John's the officiating priests at the 5 o'clock mass were: Celebrant, Rev. M. P. Dowling, S. J.; deacon, Rev. M. Bronsgeest, S. J.; subdeacon, P. Lomasney,

and 9 o'clock. At the solemn high mass at 10:30 the officiating clergy were: Cele-Rev. D. J. Curran, S. J.; subdeacon, M. by Father Kinsella, S. J. Bishop Scannell sang the pontifical high

of the birthday of the Savior at 5 o'clock. The assistant priest at the bishop's throne was Very Rev. William Kelly; deacons of honor, Father M. Luersman, S. J., and deacon, Fathers James W. Stenson and P.

nating the deep meaning of the holy na- magnates dispensed. They elected W. J. tivity, and at its close gladdened the hearts | Burgess and Carl Reiter honorary members of the husbed multitude of worshipers with of the club and presented each with a the papel blessing. The music consisted badge which entitles him to sell papers of the choral mass in C and was superbly on the streets. Mr. Burgess will hererendered by the junior choir, the clear after be known to the boys as No. 109,

CHRISTMAS WITH CATHOLICS votces accentuating the harmonies most white Carl Roller will answer to the call beautifully.

At the Cathedral.

At the solemn high mass at 10:30 at St Philomena's Rev. William Kearns was cele brant. He was assisted by Rt. Rev. Mgr. columeri as deacon and Rev. R. L. Mc Namara as subdeacon. Father Stenson was THOUSANDS ATTEND ALL THE MASSES naster of peremonies and preached an effective sermon, of which the keynote was optimistic Christianity. The full senjor hoir added impressiveness to the service singing Marzo's Messe Solenette, Solemi benediction of the blessed sacrament con cluded the ceremonies at St. Philomena's.

A special orchestra assisted at the high mass at St. Mary Magdalen's. In all the other Cathelle churches, both in Omaha and South Omaha, in Benson and in Flor ance, there were masses almost every hour from a o'clock to 10:30. The edifices were ing the deserving poor of the city. Over taxed to their utmost to accommodate the

thronging congregations. Very few of the Jesuitz fathers were a Father Copus preached at Beatrice, Father O'Kelley at Columbus, Father O'Connor at sisting of a chicken or a ham, celery, po-Lincoln. Others sang the masses at various local convents, Father Ryan for the Poor Clares, Father Curran at the Good Shepbrightest vestments and robes of splendor herd's, Father Luersman at the Casa Street

Father Stritch officiated at Creston, Ia Father McNeive at Missouri Valley, Father and have and transcut, were blazing lights | Whelan at Sloux City, Father Conshan at Council Bluffs and Father Rigge was at

SANTA CLAUS VISITS THE SICK Good Snint Nick Dispels Gloom of

Afflicted. Christmas services were held Sunday afternoon at Clarkson hospital. When the children awoke yesterday morning a beauscores of hundreds. Singly, in twos, by tiful tree was lighted and a present for all groups of families, they reverently trod was found to have been left by Santa Claus, the Broad aisles, humbly received the bread A splendid Christmas dinner was served at of life and with clasped bands and down- 12:20, with plum pudding and all of the gifts were raised on the streets, although cast eyes retired to silent prayer and med- delicacies who a the patients were permit-

Santa Claus was most generous at the early vows devoutly and with edifying Methodist Episcopal hospital. He remempiety. Mothers and daughters, fathers and bered all of the nurses and the nice things which were sent in by loving friends of th institution were more than double in amount any previous year. All former The sight was beautiful and the atmost nurses of the institution were invited in phere of the whole proceeding fragrant and a general jollification was held. The tree was lighted at 6:30 and presents were found for all.

The Presbyterian hospital receives private patients, and Miss Graham, the head nurse, said Santa Claus never did remem traito, tenor, soprano and bass, as the ber them as well as he did the hospitals which were doing charity work. nurses, however, and the patients all received some nice presents and a Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all. The Swedish and wealth of holy meaning, resounded hospital reported nothing special was done with swelling cadence through every for Christmas. At the Central hespital the nurses and all the patients were rememthe benison and living hope from far bered, a tree was loaded with presents and when he did arrive his sunny presence before and after the Christmas trade was and nurses.

At the Wise Memorial hospital dinner was served and an effort made to make the and of the present prosperity of the compatients feel the joy of the season as much | monwealth. as possible. Nothing especial was done at the other hospitals except that a good din- looking at the good as well as the ner was served and those away from home | bad side of a man. were made to feel the Christmas spirit.

said Father Bronsgeest at St. John's, "is lices at which Right Rev. John Jennette during which time thirty-six offenders was celebrant. At 5 and 6 o'clock there were discharged and told to sin no more. was morning services for those unable to The bunch was lined up before the judge, be at the midnight service. Vespers were | who, with a wave of his official arm, proread at 4 p. m. Santa Claus was good and nounced the discharge and offered a Yule. the best they had ever had. at \$ o'clock-Frank Dunlop acting as Santa | you, judge. Claus-all patients who were able to come out were permitted to see the tree. Pa- ous offenses were retained in the city jall tients were given slips with numbers on, for hearing in police court Tuesday mornand as their numbers were called received ing. a present. The sisters said Santa was good to the internes and sisters.

HAPPY DAY FOR THE NEWSBOYS Rev. and Mrs. E. Comble Smith Re-Grand Feast, Good Words and Theater

Party Cheer Them. Nowhere did the real Christmas spirit prevail yesterday more than at the newsthe wretchedness of a hopeless world; who | boys' dinner given at the Chesapeake restaurant on Howard street, at which covers were laid for 150 of the little fellows. ing fact today, for all the people of the Good cheer ran riot and from the time world. Jesus is the same today, yesterday Mogy gathered the little ones off the and forever; a Savior for those who have streets and marshalled them into the home on Farnam street until the curtain rang down on the last act at the Orpheum it was one grand, hilarious time. The dinner which was sandwiched in between a serenade given Rome Miller and the theater party tendered the boys by Carl Reiter. consisted of those things that little fellows

'like so well and so seldom get." To show that they were not a haughty set just because there was enough money in the association treasury to give the dinner the chaps marched in a body to the Her Grand hotel and by making noises peculiar to newsboys succeeded in diverting Low masses were celebrated at 6, 7, 8 Rome Miller from his dinner table, and he came forth and made them a talk But Mr. Miller was not satisfied with that. brant, Rev. M. Bronsgeest, S. J.; deacon. He followed the boys back to the restaurant, and when one little urchin said "let's Milligan, S. J. The sermon was preached give some presents," and the little fellows began to chip in their pennies, a was once a newsboy. Then he told the boys he was never so happy in all his

The presents consisted of boxes of candy Father William Kearns; deacon and sub- and they were sent with the compliments of the boys to Mrs. Draper Smith, Mrs. Rome Miller and Mrs. W. J. Broatch. But The bishop delivered the sermon, illumi- that was not all the joy these coming

Christmas greetings W. S. Balduff sent them over enough candy to last them far Trade Largest in Omaha Fver Known by into the night. It was one glorious day Big Retail Mercitants. for the newsboys and no one objected

when No. 63 cleared up his platter and made a feint to get away and land on an- SUPPLY NOT EQUAL TO THE DEMAND

> Some Cases Sales | Amount to One Hundred Per Cent Increase Over Those of last

Year. It was the largest Christmas trade in the history of Omaha, say dealers in all lines.

ments of any charitable workers for seach-They tell, one story; the crowds that swarmed their stores were so large that 200 postal cards were sent out notifying it was almost impossible to take care of families to call at the barracks on Seventhem, and they bought such a quantity o teenth and Davenport streets and receive home at Creighton college Christmas day a basket of provisions. In these baskets goods that stocks were sadly depleted. were provisions for a family of dve, conthought they laid in a generous supply of goods, found their stocks gone in some tatoes, apples, coffee, sugar, half a pound lines a day or two before the end of the of butter, two loaves of bread and two senson. Christmas goods of all descriptions were largely sold out.

The percentage of increase over last year's business is variously estimated by the retailers at 55 to 100. The latter esti- vate dining rooms being used. A specia mate is made by jewelers, who say they menu had been prepared for the occa-Guy Barton sent \$50 and A. L. Mohler \$10 never knew a time when people had so much money to spend for gold and jewels. An average of the estimates of a number of large dealers would make the general increase about 50 per cent.

shoes were given to girls of the city, tograde of goods has been sold than usual, ent at the dinner. gether with candy, nuts, an orange, an Many merchants credit the largest part apple and a toy to all children who atof the increase in their business to the tended. Today clothes will be given to sale of high class articles. J. E. Baum of the Bennett Company

many, including warm, new cloaks for There is only one way to describe the busi-A large share of the money for these Christmas stock was all cleaned up. I me was that the people bought more high grade goods than ever before.

Business is Doubled

Albert Edholm-Our business was double what it was last year. This is not a guess, but our books show It. It was impossible persons went away without having been the people's bar, the same as it comes waited upon. Nearly every bit of stock at other places, though not quite in the we bought especially for Christmas has same manner. Nevertheless the spirit of been disposed of. I never saw anything

Hugo Brandels-Our store had more peoing into the police court room and had a ple in it and sold more goods than ever softening influence on the hearts of those before in its history. We will have to who from day to day throughout the year carry over scarcely a single Christmas arhave come in close touch with the sordid ticle. Every toy we had in stock was

Mr. Brandt of Orchard & Wilhelm-We getting to court Christmas morning, but had a bigger Christmas stock than ever a Christmas dinner was served to patients permeated the court room. The judge over it was lower than ever before at this walked from his home to court, meditat- time of year. The sale in regular lines ing along the way on the Poys of living has been enormous. I should say the increase in business was 50 per cent.

> P. B. Myers, President of the Myersthrough and through. He believes in Dillon Drug Company-Saturday was the second largest day in the history of our store, the largest being one day of the previous week. The business of the whole season was enormous. Hayden Bros., Browning-King, Berg-

Swanson, the Nebraska Clothing company, Thomas Kilpatrick & Co. and other large stores declared the Christmas business was

DOUBLE CELEBRATION OF THE DAY North Side Christians Have Concert

and Christmas Tree. The North Side Christian church at Grant and Twenty-sixth streets gave two | Christmas entertainments, the first being a Christmas concert by the choir Sunday evening which was very largely attended and well rendered, with Mrs. C. A. Mangum and Mr. H. C. Johnson as soloists, assisted by a choir of sixteen voices. The chorus work was of an exceptionally high order. The recessional, "Jerusalem the Golden," with Mrs. Robert E. Brader, violin; Miss Edith Ewers, plano; Mr. Robert E. Brader, bass viol. and Mrs. H. J.

Kirschstein as organist and director, was in exceptionally fine number. The second entertainment was the Christ nas tree festival given for the children of the Sunday school Christmas night. The church was very prettily decorated with evergreen wreaths, holly and festoons of olored paper chains, with Christmas bells and mottoes appropriate to the Christmas occasion. The chief feature of the decorations was a large Christmas tree beautifully decorated and lighted by small colored incandescent lamps. The program was of a musical and literary character, the participants being members of the Sunday school. Some of the youngsters were overcome with timidity and forgot their pieces, but that gave zest to the entertainment. Most of them were well given and the musical numbers were especially

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP TWENTY-FIVE CENTS A BOTTLE

BUSINESS RECORDS BROKEN | most a Atkins or chestra furnished the ing by the infant classes was exceedingly

On the conclusion of the program a real lice Santa Claus put in an appearance. the church was darkened and the Christmas tree was brilliantly lighted with the tiny colored electric globes. After the song, "Gather Around the Christmas Tree," by the school, every child present was presented with a box of candy and numerous presents were distributed by Santa Claus from the Christmas tree.

The affair throughout was a brilliant success and the wredit for its achievement is due to Superintendent Carmichael and Mrs. H. J. Kirschstein, assisted by Miss Davis, one of the teachers. These were aided by all the teachers, in fact, and all are entitled to a share of the glory for the happy Christman festival.

THEATER PEOPLE ENJOY A FEAST Men of the Woodward Stock Company

Entertain Women. The men of the Woodward Stock con pany, playing at the Burwood theater gave a Christmas dinner to the women of the company and other guests at the Henshaw last night after the performance "The Christian." The appointments were tasteful and novel, one of the prision. Gifts were exchanged between the players and the affair made into a most happy culmination of Christmas. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bur goes who were out of the city and hor A feature generally noted is that a better ried home to Omnha especially to be pres-

Remembers the Newsboys.

H. B. Peters, landlord of the Merchants hotel, did a graceful thing Christmas day by presenting to every newshoy caller a ness: We were simply swamped. Our L-cent piece. The "newsies" soon caught on to Landford Peters' liberality and they estimate the increase over last year at brought their brothers and cousins. The about 50 per cent. One thing that struck result was that upward of \$29 in quarters was distributed before the youngsters would be appeased.



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Christmas comes but once a year at Peace on earth and good will toward like it. all men" found its way Monday morn-

And while the boys were dispensing these

other full plate. The boys said he meant

no discourtesy, but it was just a way he

SALVATION ARMY PERDS THE POOR

Provisions Sent Out in Baskets and

Shoes Given Away.

was that of the Salvation Army, which

organization has the most perfect arrange-

The hams were the gift of the "T. P.

" One hundred loaves of bread were

sent by an invalid woman who has not

left her home for five years and who also

solicited another 100 loaves by phone.

and many other generous presents were

Two trees were lighted at the Armory

last night at 8 o'clock, when 200 pairs of

girls and new underwear for boys.

Probably the largest charity of the

cans of fruit or vegetables.

had when hungry-

side of life. Police Magistrate Berka was rather late The judge is an optimist

The morning's session of court lasted St. Joseph's hospital had midnight serv- just two minutes and forty-five seconds, at the Christmas tree, which was lighted tide blessing to all. Many offered, "Thank

> Only those who were charged with seri-PASTOR AND WIFE REMEMBERED

ceive Prescats. At the conclusion of the Christmas exercises held in the parlors of the First Methodist church Saturday night the Rev. E. Combie Smith was presented with an elegant gold watch, suitably engraved and Mrs. Smith, his wife, was presented with a beautiful case of silver, presentaspeeches being made by T. H. Welrich, superintendent of the Sunday

This surprise to Dr. and Mrs. Smith came at the close of a very successful program given by the members of the Sunday school, under the direction of P. W. Conkling, chorister and assistant super intendent. It was a "giving" Christmas service, and as each class was given an opportunity it responded with such gifts as the members brought with them, the total being measured by the wagon load. On Christmas day these gifts were distributed among the needy people of the city.

UNFORTUNATE ARE REMEMBERED Spirit of the Times Penetrates City and County Jails.

Because a man is in jail it is not be lieved by the authorities that he should not partake of the holiday spirit, at least great big tear dropped down the big man's to some extent. So far as the amenities mass at St. Philomena's cathedral in honor cheek and he remembered that he, too, of the law will permit all prisoners at the city and county jails shared in the enjoyment that was so general on the other side of the prison bars.

Chicken, turkey, roast pork, cold slaw mashed potatoes, coffee, pie and fruit comprised the menu offered at the city jail to about forty prisoners. The dinner was served at about 2 p. m.

At the county jail Jailer Roach had 115 on his Christmas guest list, to whom he fed turkey, cranberry sauce, celery, fruit, cider and cigars. The post prandial exercises were entirely in the hands of the prisoners themselves.

ILLOTTA OBSERVED BY SWEDES Early Morning Service Held at Swedish Methodist Church. Christmas service dear to the hearts

of Swedes everywhere, because it takes them back in memory to their youth and their native land, is the service called "Julotta." It was observed Christmas morning at 5.30 at the Swedish Methodist The Swedish people, Methodists and all other denominations, came from al parts of the city and the little church was full. It was the first Christmas celebration in the new church, which has but recently been completed. The most beautiful part of the service was the singing of the Christmas hymn of the poet Wallin, so common in Sweden that it might well be known as the national Christmas hymn. Rev. Peter Munson preached a short sermon.

PRACTICAL SORT OF SANTA CLAUS Good Man Cleans and Clothes Little Street Gamin. One urchin from the Third ward is a

happy child this Christmastide.

the Young Men's Christian association building by a big. kindly-looking man. "I'd like very much to give Young Amerles a bath," said the big escort. He was told that it would be no trouble at all. The young man who gave him a towel and showed him the way to the bath

wondered what was in the hig bundle the

Dirty-faced and ragged he was led into

man carried under his arm. In about fifteen minutes the boy was led down stairs with shining face and clean hands, and rigged out in a bran new suit. shoes, stockings and all. The unconventional Santa Claus was too modest to let his identity be known.