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SANTA FIFTY YEARS AGO

Mrs. Thomas B. Cuming Recalls Her First Christmas in Omaha.

DAY ENDED WITH A JOYOUS DANCE

Little Village Contained but Few People and They Spent Time Visiting Back and Forth.

Margaret Cuming, widow of Thomas B. Cuming, who was acting governor of the territory of Nebraska, Monday morning glanced back over the last fifty years to Christmas day of 1856 in the little village of Omaha. Though the flight of years has dimmed the recollection of that Yuletide season, Mrs. Cuming had some remembrance of that particular date, which was her first Christmas in Omaha.

Your Tongue is Coated! Watch for Symptoms!

LOOK in your pocket-mirror! Or inside the lid of your wash-case! Fur coat on your tongue? Bad business. What you been eating? What were you drinking? What kind of Lazy Chair did you take exercise in? Now don't think it doesn't matter! Because, it's your Bowels that talk now, every time you open your Mouth. That doesn't help your Popularity, nor your Earning capacity. Besides, a person with bad Bowels is in bad way. Go and take a Ten Mile Walk, for Exercise! Haven't time? Too Lazy? Well, there is another Way. Take Artificial Exercise for your Bowels. That's—CASCARETS. They rouse the Bowel Muscles, just as a Cold Bath freshens Athletic Muscles. Waken them up, Strengthen them so they Contract and Expand the Bowels and Intestines in a healthy, active manner. That's how these muscles work the Food along, through your thirty feet of Intestines, to its Finish. That's how they squeeze Gastric Juices into the food, to Digest it. That's how they make the millions of little Suckers in the Intestines draw the Nutrition out of Food, and transform it into Blood, Brain, and Bone. One tablet taken, whenever you suspect you need it will insure you against 90 per cent of all other ills likely to attack you. Cascarets don't purge, don't weaken, don't irritate, nor upset your stomach. Ten Cents, at all Druggists. Be very careful to get the genuine, made only by the Sterling Remedy Company, and never sold in bulk. Every tablet stamped "C.C.C."

small settlement and visited back and forth during the day. In the evening there was a dance at the Douglas house and I attended it.

Of the names of some of those she remembered seeing or calling on that day she mentioned those of Hamilton, Poppington, Hansecom, Miller, Goodwillie, Kellom, Kountze, Woolworth, Mossell, Lehmer, Richardson, Horbach, Meredith, Estabrook, Davis, Paddock, Armstrong, Thrall, Patrick, Rogers, Salisbury, Clay, Morton, Lacey, Creighton, Doane, Wakeley, Redick and Bella. Many of these pioneers are in Omaha today and on Tuesday their hearts will go out to each other in silent expressions of good will. Others are in that land where time is naught.

On Christmas day of 1856 Mrs. Cuming lived in a cottage then at the southwest corner of Eighth and Dodge streets. She said the family enjoyed a feast of turkey and partridges.

Memorable New Year.
Mrs. Cuming has a better recollection of New Year's day than Christmas. Christmas day that New Year's day was firmly fixed in her mind through the association of three dozen eggs for which Governor Cuming paid \$1 each, and with which she made Virginia egg nog. Mrs. Cuming being a Virginian. On New Year's morning 1857 Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Cuming's mother, called and suggested the egg nog. Mr. Cuming took a walk down the village road and met a man from Council Bluffs with a basket of eggs. The best dicker Governor Cuming could make was \$6 for three dozen. Later in commenting on the quality of the egg nog to Mrs. Murphy the acting governor said the eggs were extra fine. Mrs. Murphy said she thought they seemed to be just every-day eggs. Then the governor quoted the price.

J. J. HILL ROBBED IN OMAHA

Man with Magnate's Name Relieved of Money by Colored Damsel.

For a long time Omaha has been endeavoring to get the ear and reach the heart-string of James J. Hill.

Saturday night Mr. Hill came to Omaha. His arrival was not heralded by pomp or power, but he slipped so quietly into town that his presence did not become known to any considerable number of citizens until Judge Crawford rapped for order in police court Monday morning.

Mr. Hill had been robbed, robbed of his good purse which contained \$30. And it was neither in stocks nor bonds, but hard, cold cash. Pearl Gray, a youthful descendant of Ham, had the coin and who was neither a stock broker nor a manipulator of tape, but she had the coin, just the same. "Five dollars and costs for vagrancy," was the sentence of the court upon the woman.

But Omaha has another chance, for the victim was Mr. Hill of Omaha and not of St. Paul and Wall street.

The deputy county attorney would not file a complaint against the woman charging her with larceny from the person on the evidence submitted to him by Mr. Hill. Robert Williams, colored, who was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of Hill, was discharged.

In Line with the Pure Food Law. The National Food and Drug act which takes effect January 1, 1907, does not affect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold.

DIVORCES MANY IN OMAHA

Separations Number One to Every Three and a Half Marriages.

CAUSED BY OUTSIDERS COMING HERE

Over Fifteen Hundred Marriages and Over Four Hundred Divorces Up to First of December.

One divorce suit for every three and a half marriages is the starting record disclosed by a compilation of statistics at the court house for the first eleven months of 1906. Up to December 1, 1,586 marriage licenses had been issued in 1906, and in the same period 494 divorce suits had been filed in the district court.

The figures indicate the growing importance of Omaha, with several other western cities, as a divorce center. Starting as they are, however, the statistics do not indicate that of the marriages performed in Douglas county one out of every three or four is a failure. A closer examination of the divorce records will show that a very large percentage of the applicants for legal separation are in reality residents of other states, though for the purpose of securing the divorce they have temporarily established a residence in Omaha. The laxity of the law which permits a legal residence to be established in six months is in a great measure responsible for this. Another reason why Omaha attracts persons seeking divorce is that it is large enough to furnish employment for wives whose husbands have deserted them and who have to rely on their own resources. In numerous cases women who are required by profligate husbands to earn their own living come to Omaha because it is easy to get work. After they have been here the required six months they start suit for divorce. Partly to offset this factor in the comparison is the fact that Omaha is also to a certain extent a marriage center. A considerable percentage of the marriage licenses are issued to couples both of whom live outside the county. They come to Omaha as a substitute for the wedding trip.

MORE RIGID LAW COMING

The increase of divorce suits in the last few years has attracted the attention of persons who are interested in a more rigid law on the subject and it is said an effort will be made before the legislature at the coming session to secure a revision of the law on the basis of the model law recommended by the divorce congress which met in Philadelphia last fall.

An evil very prevalent in Omaha which is condemned by the divorce experts is the custom of withdrawing from the public files the records in divorce cases. Many courts forbid this practice, but in Omaha it is very common. The model law recommended by the divorce congress contains a clause forbidding it and requiring all

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files as well as hearings shall be public at all times.

It is said a number of lawyers in Omaha who make a practice of divorce cases hold out as an inducement to prospective clients that they can secure the decree without publicity. In order to accomplish this as soon as the petition is filed it is withdrawn and taken to the office of the lawyer where it reposes in a pigeon hole until it is time for the case to be heard.

SUIT TO FORCE COAL CARS

Shippers Bring Action to Compel Facilities from the Burlington Railroad.

James E. Woodard and Forest Richardson, doing business as partners under the firm name of J. E. Woodard & Co., dealers in coal, have brought suit in the United States circuit court against the Burlington railroad to compel the latter company to furnish the plaintiffs with cars to haul its coal and to desist from the further appropriation of the coal of the plaintiffs for the defendants' use. A temporary injunction has been granted against the defendants and the hearing has been set for January 2, 1907, before Judge Munsger.

The plaintiffs entered into a contract with the Burlington to haul its coal from Diets, Wyoming, to Billings, Montana, but none of this coal was to be company coal of the Burlington, the coal being the product of the Sheridan mines. The petition asks that the Burlington company be enjoined from further interference with the plaintiffs' business and that it be required to pay for the coal thus far appropriated.

A. B. Huberman, only western direct diamond importer, corner 13th and Douglas, which are retailed at wholesale prices.

BIG DAY FOR NEW BUILDINGS

Nearly One Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars of Permits Issued.

Building Inspector Withnell's office issued nearly \$25,000 in permits Monday morning. The largest permit issued was for the construction of brick and steel paint and wheel shops by the Union Pacific Railroad company, the cost being placed at \$25,000. The other permits issued were: Charles Foster, Porttenth and Harney streets, \$25,000 brick sextette flats; Mueller & Johnson, 1514 Cass, \$5,000 brick shop; Anna H. Partridge, Twenty-sixth and Dewey avenue, \$9,000 brick triple dwelling; O. R. May, 311 South Thirty-third, \$5,000 dwelling; Anna Junek, 121 South Fifteenth, \$1,000.

HAMILTON CASE ANNULLED

Indictment for Stabbing of Al McVittie Dismissed on Relatives' Request.

The indictment against Frank Hamilton, who stabbed Al McVittie fatally in the Merchants hotel bar on the evening of the city election last spring, was dismissed Monday afternoon at the request of Deputy County Attorney Fitch. Fitch said the sister and other relatives of McVittie had requested that this be done. His own investigation, he said, convinced him it was a case of self-defense.

McVittie did not die for a month after the trouble with Hamilton.

Personally Conducted Tour of Old Mexico. A special party for a thirty-day tour of Old Mexico, embracing practically all the important cities and principal points of interest, will leave Omaha January 15. Rate covering transportation, berth and meals only \$20.00. For further information call or address Rock Island City Ticket Office, 123 Farnam St.

RUSH OF CHRISTMAS MAILS

Volume of Business at Postoffice Fifteen Per Cent Heavier Than Last Year.

The Christmas rush at the Omaha post-office has been about 15 per cent heavier than during the Christmas season of 1905. The clerks have successfully handled the big rush of mail, though working on the average of fourteen hours per day. During the last four days over 7,000 pieces of mail have been handled in the registry department by the twenty-two men employed in that room. In addition to the handling of the regular mail coming to the Omaha office, the Omaha clerks have handled three cars of mail that should have been handled at Council Bluffs. The delivery of the mail has continued without interruption by the Omaha carrier force and substitutes.

The transactions of the postoffice during the year 1906 to date have been \$2,215,346.45, as against \$1,776,122.84 for the corresponding period in 1905, showing an excess of \$439,223.61 for the current year.

In the railway mail service the work has been heavier than ever before. A car of registered mail has been handled every

day. Eight extra men are employed on the work, with two extra men at the depots. There has been some delay in the mails from the west, but the emergency of delayed mails has been promptly met at Omaha with the additional force.

OMAHA AND RIVER BENEFITS

City Must Outline What Improvements It Expects from Congress for Kennedy.

Congressman John L. Kennedy's suggestion that the commercial interests of Omaha furnish him with a definite outline of what they would like from congress in the way of Missouri river improvement, will, in all probability, be acted on this week.

Though on account of Christmas the executive committee of the Commercial club will not hold its regular meeting Tuesday, it plans to hold a special meeting later in the week, perhaps Wednesday. Mr. Kennedy will be invited to meet with the committee.

A public meeting at the Commercial club some evening before Mr. Kennedy returns to Washington is proposed, and if decided on the Grain exchange will be invited to co-operate.

After a public discussion of the river

improvement matter, the Commercial club and Grain exchange will be better prepared to frame formal demands on congress.

SPUD FARRISH SENDS WORD

Writes from Virginia Home to Let Friends Know He is Still Alive.

Spud Farrish writes from his home in Griffinsburg, Va., near the old Culpepper court house, that he is still in the land of the living and happy. He sends Christmas greetings to all his old Omaha friends on a postal card, with a huge potato in one corner. Few people know where Spud derived his name. When he first struck Omaha he worked for a commission house and had special charge of the potato department and from that derived his name of Spud.

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