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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Hospital Reception Planned for Opening Day of the New Year.

BIG DAY'S BUSINESS IN POLICE COURT

Big Dog Which Was Accompanying Two Women Defeats a Holdup Man by Getting into the Game.

The final arrangements for the New Year's reception in honor of the formal opening of the South Omaha hospital have been completed. The guests will be welcomed from 2 p. m. until 9 p. m. A reception committee of the association will be present to receive the friends and make things comfortable. It is suggested that the guests do, as on former occasions, donate something for the good of the hospital. Any kind of fruits which are put up or dainties are most acceptable. Other articles of utility and ornament can be easily made use of.

The building, which has been in process of construction since last August, is now practically finished. The furniture from the old hospital will be used as far as it will go toward furnishing the present building. Much new furniture will be provided.

Good Business at Jail.

Yesterday the South Omaha city jail was overcrowded with inmates of all kinds and descriptions. Most of them were in for indulgence in the cup that obeys. A long list was tried before Judge King and given short sentences or fined. Frank Grove, Viola Wood, Anna Jensen, Doc Elliott, Gus Crell and Hattie Smith were fined for vagrancy, having been found occupying rooms over Mosher's barn. Arthur Smith was given ten days on a petit larceny charge. Four Greeks, F. N. Snyder, Sam Gurus, George Dalls and Mike Arenske, were fined for gambling on West Q street. Emil Dovel and Bonnie Dillrek were fined \$5 and costs each for disturbing the peace. Last night the police arrested over a dozen men for being drunk. Christmas eve was the probable occasion of so much celebration. One man was found with \$2 worth of whisky under his belt, \$1 worth in his pocket and a Christmas present of 3 cents worth of candy to be divided among seven children. He pleaded with the officers to let him go home so that the children might not be disappointed.

Fire from Christmas Tree.

A brisk blaze occurred at the Jones novelty store last evening. It started in the

store of a Christmas tree in the show window. Soon the whole front of the store was ablaze and the firemen were called. Their prompt arrival saved a severe loss.

Dog Defeats Holdup.

Mrs. Wells of Fourth and N streets reported to the police last night that two men had attempted to hold up herself and companion as they were returning home from a shopping trip down town. The men wore masks and it was plainly their intention to commit crime. The women were, fortunately, accompanied by a large dog, which disrupted the progress of the rascals so well that they gave up the attempt and the women escaped to their homes and reported the matter to the police.

Magie City Gossip.

Orrin Nixon of Clarinda, Ia., is visiting his uncle, A. A. Nixon.

J. D. Ringer and wife have gone to Lincoln to spend the holidays.

The South Omaha postoffice will be open until 11 a. m. for the delivery of mail on Wednesday.

The estimated real estate transfer for the past year in South Omaha will run up to \$250,000.

Mrs. I. N. Schovitz, twenty-eight, a number of young people last Saturday evening at the district court, brings into the city treasury above \$1500.

The Packers' National bank paid its taxes yesterday, amounting to \$134.43. This is one of the larger items for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Francis left last evening for Hutchinson, Kan., where they will be the guests of Max Foose and family during the holidays.

Mrs. Addie Lowery gave a party to a number of young people last Saturday evening. She lives at Thirty-first and V streets.

About thirty guests were present.

Miss Mariana Hubbell has asked leave of absence from the South Omaha High school for the balance of the year. She may attend her mother, who is ill in health.

The city council voted the salaries of the police department, amounting to \$1,200, but the men have not been paid because the chief refused to turn in his pay roll before the end of the month.

Jack Curran has been employed as salesman and bookkeeper for the Iowa Commission company. He comes here from Kansas City. He was employed formerly by this company and his return is welcomed.

Frank McCarthy of the Packers' National bank stated that the deposits from the local merchants were heavier this year than ever before during the same season.

The past week has showed a very large holiday trade.

Several of the pavers who worked on Missouri avenue visited the city clerk's office inquiring anxiously as to when they would receive their pay. They may not receive it at all if the case now in court is decided against the city.

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POLICE PICK UP A GOOD MAN

Has Been Identified by Captain Dunn as a Well Known Crook.

Two arrests were made by the police early Tuesday morning, which it is believed will prove to be important in the work of subduing criminals. Patrolman Herald noticed a man tampering with the door of the Karbach restaurant, 43 South Fifteenth street, but when he approached the fellow started away on a run. Herald followed the chase leading toward Howard street, where, at the corner, the fugitive tried to hide in the doorway of a newspaper company. Herald overtook and arrested him there, sending him to the station.

The man gave the name of George Peterson, but when Captain Dunn looked at him in the cell room he was recognized as a well known crook and thief, "Dad" Clark, alias Bill McElrath. Dunn had not seen him for ten years, when he was in jail in Kansas City. Sergeant Renfrow also recognized him, and identification was made more complete from the records in the police's gallery.

On the man's person when arrested was found a chisel which Renfrow said is the same size as the tool used in breaking open the front doors of F. G. Irliau's commission house, 23 South Thirtieth street, and Barklow Bros' book store, 23 South Sixteenth street, a few nights ago, when \$15 in cash was stolen. The police are certain the prisoner is the man who committed those burglaries and that he may be guilty of other recent jobs.

The other arrest was that of Dan Mulligan, who is charged with having taken a tool kit from a blind piano tuner named Wade of Council Bluffs in the alley in the rear of the Diamond saloon, 1313 Douglas street. Mulligan and Wade went out of the back door of the saloon together, the latter being on his way home and carrying his case of tools. Just as they reached the alley, it is charged, Mulligan grabbed Wade's case, and ran. Wade reported the matter to Patrolman Wilson and a short time afterward the officer picked Mulligan up on Douglas street with the case hidden in an overcoat under his arm.

WOMEN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

Mrs. H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln, chairman of the reciprocity committee of the General Federation of Women's clubs, has announced the following committee members: Mrs. Stella Marie Stutenworth, Watertown, S. D.; Mrs. Samuel White, Baker City, Oregon; Mrs. Allan Sanford, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. William Hampton Scheen, Cousshatta, La.; Mrs. Priscilla S. Kitchum, Montana; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Compton, San Francisco; Mrs. Harrison Roberts, Jr., Danville, Va. Mrs. Bushnell is planning to assign certain states to each woman over which she shall have supervision and for which she shall serve as corresponding member with the general federation secretary of each state. By this system each state will be in touch and feel an interest in the reciprocity bureau of the general federation.

December 30 has been definitely announced as the date for Miss Marie Brehm's lecture in Omaha. Miss Brehm will spend two weeks in Nebraska under the direction of the Nebraska Woman's Christian Temperance union, coming to be one of the speakers at the meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association. She will speak in Omaha next Sunday under the auspices of the local Woman's Christian Temperance union in one of the churches, but the place has not yet been announced. Miss Brehm is one of the most prominent women in the Woman's Christian Temperance union work of the country, having recently served her fifth year as president of the Illinois organization. She is now a temperance lecturer in the Presbyterian church. During her stay in Omaha she will be the guest of Mrs. Fred Patterson, recording secretary of the state union.

Considerable disappointment resulted Monday afternoon from some misunderstanding regarding the meeting of the Omaha Woman's club. The regular meeting day, Monday, was skipped owing to the holidays and the next regular meeting will be held January 7, when the program will be presented by art department. It was voted in the club a few weeks ago to hold a New Year's reception this year, the details to be announced later.

The household economics committee of the Iowa Federation of Women's clubs is calling the attention of club women to the short course in domestic science to be given at the Iowa State college, Ames, January 3 to 11, inclusive. The work will include lectures by Mrs. Alice Dwyne of the faculty of Bradley institute, Dr. Margaret Jones, Prof. L. S. Ross and Prof. Michael. Demonstrations in cooking will be given each day by Miss Mary Rauech, who is widely known over the state. Full information may be had by writing to Miss Georgia Ditter, domestic science department, Iowa State college, Ames, Ia.

The seven ages of women afforded the unique theme for the annual bazaar of the Denver Women's club this year, which closed last week and proved very successful from every standpoint. Seven booths represented the seven ages and everything was sold from the infant's things through the school girl, bride and matron stages to the grandmother age. The bazaar was largely attended.

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES

"The Mountain Climber" at the Boyd.

Francis Wilson and company in "The Mountain Climber," a farce in three acts, by C. Kraits and M. Neal, under direction of Charles Frohman. The cast: Montague Sibsey, Francis Wilson, Samuel Midgum, Joseph Allen, Dr. Charles Midgum, Frank Goldsmith, Arthur Lybrook, George Irving, Sidney Kaiton, Sidney Rice, Victor Bennett, Joseph Brennan, Oscar Rheinthal, Ernest Baxter, Tomi, Augustus Duncan, F. J. Greene, Charles J. Greene, Mrs. Montague Sibsey, Miss May Robson, Alice, Miss Edna Burns, Betty, Miss Ellen Mortimer, Lena, Miss Jane Gordon, Miss Nina Garrett.

"The Mountain Climber" is enjoyable for three reasons. First, it doesn't offer anything new; same old story of doting wife deceived by husband, with a garnishment of rich humor and genuine wit. The other two reasons are Francis Wilson and May Robson. It is too bad the theatre machine will not allow these names to be bracketed, for they deserve to go side by side. Nor is it a case of "the rest nowhere," for the others in the company fit in remarkably well to make each character essential to the action and each to stand alone as a fine specimen of the actor's art.

Mr. Montague Sibsey goes over to Paris to have a time in "Bohemia," and while there gets hold of a book of mountain climbing adventures. He conceives the brilliant idea of writing letters to his wife in London, describing his experiences and hairbreadth escapes in the Alps. She conceives the equally brilliant idea of publishing these letters in book form, to surprise him on his return. He is surprised all right, and is forced to go to the Alps to undertake a particularly difficult climb.

He succeeds in bribing a guide to make the climb and let him get the credit, and he lives a hero to his wife. But the man who wrote the book isn't so easily deceived and makes a lot of trouble. The youngest of two step-daughters of Sibsey happens to be the apple of this young man's eye, and his mouth is finally closed, as are also those of the others who know of the deception, and the closing scene witnesses the renunciation by Montague Sibsey, at the earnest entreaty of wife and daughters, of his passion for mountain climbing.

Mr. Wilson is in his element in this sort of farce. He has a drollery that is unique and a fund of humor that seems inexhaustible. His efforts to extricate himself from the predicament into which he has been plunged by his deception and, at the same time to escape from making an effort to climb a mountain, are ludicrous at all times and now and then screwingly funny, and his final adventure with a London cobby is recounted in so delicious a way that it would convulse a grovener's image.

Not one whit behind Mr. Wilson is the work of Miss Robson. As the ambitious woman who dotes on her husband and who has absolute confidence in his courage and daring skill, she almost dominates the action of the play. A fond mother, a devoted wife and a thorough woman, she is consumed with the idea that her husband is a hero and never knows him for a plain liar. She enters upon the part with a zest that is a real delight. Her entrance in the third act is almost the funniest feature of the whole evening. Miss Burns is good in the role of a rather silly girl.

Miss Mortimer is sweet and engaging as Betty and Miss Gordon is charming as a Swiss machine, breeches and all. The company is an excellent one and the piece is well staged.

It was not a very large audience at the Boyd last night, as was to be expected.

PARLOR THEATER IT IS NOW

Name Chosen by Committee for the Stocker Playhouse on Douglas Street.

The "Parlor theater" was the name selected yesterday afternoon by a committee of newspaper representatives for W. F. Stocker's "No Name" theater at 1428 Douglas street. The winner of the \$50 prize is Mrs. R. J. Scheer of 906 Twelfth street, Milwaukee, her post card being stamped at the Omaha postoffice at 10 a. m. November 18 while a card from T. Roy Barnes of Cincinnati, bearing the same name, was stamped at 3 p. m. of the same date.

The committee, comprising Miles Greenleaf, Miss Dewey and Ed Black, of the World-Herald, News and Bee, respectively, had to select from nearly 1,500 cards offered. The name "Parlor" was thought particularly appropriate in view of the size and interior appearance of the Stocker playhouse. The new name, with prize winner, will be announced from the stage today.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 24. At New York-Arrived: Kronland, from Antwerp; Dora, from Naples. At Halifax-Arrived: Sardinian, from London.

At Hamburg-Arrived: Pretoria, from New York via Plymouth. At Manchester-Arrived: Caladonia, from Boston.

At Havre-Sailed: Pomeranian, for New York. At Liverpool-Arrived: Cymric, from Boston.

At Bremen-Arrived: Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from New York. Sailed: Mainz, for New York.

Police Board Adjourns Meeting.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners met at the usual time on Christmas eve and decided the occasion rather inappropriate for the transaction of business as was expected to arise. Adjournment was therefore taken until Wednesday evening.

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