

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print It. Omaha General Hospital, Dong, 155. Gas. Elee. Fictious. Burgess. Omaha. Egyptian Chocolates 30c. Myers-Dillon. Burglars Rob Grocery Store—Burglars entered Purvill's grocery store at 151 South Fourteenth street Saturday night and besides securing \$5, they carried off ten pounds of summer sausage and ten boxes of 50 cigars. They gained entrance by unlocking a rear door.

CHRISTMAS AT THEATERS

Unusual Holiday Attractions Offered Omaha Patrons. COMEDY RULES AT EACH HOUSE. Spirit of the Season Reflected in the Hills, Which Afford Merriment to the Last Degree. ATTRACTIONS IN OMAHA. American—'Sauce for the Goose.' Boyd—'The Wall Street Girl.' Brandeis—'Get Rich Quick Wallingford.' Gaiety—Burlesque. Krug—Burlesque. Orpheum—Vaudeville.

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Excellent opportunity is afforded for the employment of the little merriment and tricks of acting which have made Miss Lang's success. Austin Webb as John Constable renounces the role splendidly and plays it with a genuine realism that makes one forget that it is merely a part in a play. DeForest Dawley is the man Mrs. Constable uses to win back her husband's waning affection. He makes himself thoroughly despicable, which means that he acts the part well. Miss Brenda Fowler is the intellectual villainess. She acts her part artistically, but does not overact it, something which very easily could be done.

and Ethel Hall in songs and dances make the olio a first class one. A series of living pictures with some comedy effects, which closes with a serious and effective portrayal of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden is the climax of the show. The serpent appears, tempts Eve and induces her to eat of an apple, plucked from the tree. Gaiety's show is different. 'Passing Parade' Presents Much that is Novel to Patrons. Different. The one word will suffice to describe the program offered as the holiday's entertainment in 'The Passing Parade,' the bill which began the week at the Gaiety yesterday. The lines are different; the scenic effects are different; the costumes are different; the musical numbers are different and the chorus, in a way, is different.

ORPHEUM HAS VERY GOOD BILL. Vaudeville House Offers Unusual Christmas Attractions. An unusually good bill is at the Orpheum this week, opening with Richard and Herce. This act is the best of its kind that has ever been here, and it seems almost impossible that any animal could be trained to perform as they do. They look as though they were carved out of stone and not living beings. 'A Romance of the Underworld,' one of Paul Brown's plays, is the chief offering of the week. Though the play is well acted, the author, it would appear, has seen very little of the proceedings that daily come up in the police courts. He has overlooked many things that come up in court every day that would add to the humor and the tragic side of the act. In spite of this the little play is well acted and staged, and shows the class of people the police courts have to deal with. Though the act is mostly of a tragic nature, there is just enough comedy mixed in to offset this.

PILGRIMS PROGRESS SCORED. C. M. Burgess Says it is a Demoralizing Piece of Fiction. MISS TOBITT STARTS STORM. Her Paper on Use and Abuse of Modern Fiction Opens Argument Before Philosophical Society. Miss Edith Tobitt presented a remarkable paper on the 'Use and Abuse of Modern Fiction,' before the Philosophical society Sunday afternoon. Owing to the fact that Miss Tobitt is the Omaha public librarian and an authority on such subjects as 'fiction,' the occasion was one of more than usual interest, and a large and enthusiastic audience greeted her. Her address dealt chiefly with the subject from the standpoint of the librarian, but in doing so she touched some vital places in the subject that brought forth a lively discussion from the members when the floor was declared free for their use.

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CONNELL'S PLAN TO SAVE CITY FUNDS TO BE HEARD

Dr. R. W. Connel, health commissioner, has planned a change in the dairy inspecting department and believes that by purchasing an automobile for the milk inspector assistants could be dispensed with. He has made request for the auto but the city council has referred the communication to the committee of the whole for discussion and it will come up tomorrow afternoon, the committee of the whole meeting on Tuesday instead of Monday, which is Christmas day. Dr. Connel has prepared figures to prove his assertion that the city would save money by investing in the automobile.

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MISS LANG IN SPARKLING ROLE

'Sauce for the Goose' at the American a Decided Hit. A comedy drama, whose story is that of a witty woman who saves her home from ruin, is 'Sauce for the Goose,' the offering for Christmas week of the Woodward Stock company at the American. The plot is well constructed, the play is well written, and the lines are rich in humor. There is enough comedy to be pieced to make the auditor think he was laughing. 'Sauce for the Goose' is one of the best plays the Woodward company has produced so far this season. It strikes that happy mean between tragedy that is depressing and farce comedy that is silly. When John Constable, who hasn't truly measured his own wife's intellect, seeks the mental society of another woman, who wants his love, Mrs. Constable sets about thwarting the plans of the schemer, Mrs. Alloway. She succeeds on the theory that 'what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander,' and deliberately encourages love-making from a society man of questionable character, whom her husband despises. The result is that Constable regains his senses and all ends happily. The role of Kitty Constable is one that Miss Eva Lang is well fitted to play.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft Escape from Guard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—President and Mrs. Taft were lost for two hours yesterday and there were 130 minutes of uneasiness in the White House as a result. In the face of a driving rain the president and Mrs. Taft at 4:30 this afternoon left the White House and sought the guardian Major Butt and the secret service men, and for two hours tramped together through the streets dropping in at the homes of friends to wish them the compliments of the season. Secretary Miles was the first to discover that his chief was missing. He desired to consult him and was astonished to learn that the chief executive had escaped from under the vigilant watch of his special guard. A search of the White House and vicinity was without result. At 6:30 the anxious searchers were surprised to find the president and Mrs. Taft trudging up the walk, dripping with rain, but apparently thoroughly delighted with their afternoon's escapade. The president in the morning addressed the children of All Saints church, taking for his text the precept that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Joker's Bear Gives Fifth Avenue Fright

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Some practical joker gave a crowd of several hundred people of fashionable Fifth avenue a bad scare and brought policemen with drawn revolvers running to the scene, last night, when the sight of what appeared to be a big bear at the sidewalk along the Central park edge excited belief that a grizzly had escaped from the park menagerie. The furry object of about a man's height was rocking back and forth and giving out a low growl. A policeman leveled his weapon to fire, but had no sooner done so than the growling ceased and the bear toppled over. There was general relief when the 'bear' proved to be an ingenious toy, which upon winding, would rock back and forth and emit a low growl at regular intervals. About the neck of the big toy was a ribbon with which was attached a card inscribed 'A Merry Christmas from Uncle Tut.'

Notes and Gossip from Omaha's Suburbs

people who are the families of Henry J. A. Johnson, J. P. Peterson, W. E. Johnson and J. A. Tamm. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Simons will have a Christmas tree party at their home tomorrow at the Clarkson hotel. Miss Edmonds of Fremont and Mr. and Mrs. James Edmonds of Omaha will be dinner guests tomorrow at the W. D. Edmonds' home. The young women of the Degree of Honor lodge gave an invitation dance at the W. D. Edmonds' home last evening and a good time was reported. The Methodist and Presbyterian churches have their Christmas exercises this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The others give theirs tomorrow evening. Misses Olga and Ella Peak entered into dinner last Sunday for Misses Verdie Pryor of Benson, P. Murray of Omaha, and Mr. Arnold Sherry of Nebraska. The Benson Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. William Zimmerman last Thursday afternoon when 'Edgar Allan Poe' was discussed with much interest. Mr. and Mrs. O. Meisinger will spend Christmas in Plattsmouth. Misses Ella and Olga Peak left on Saturday for Brainard, Neb., where they will spend the holidays. Mr. Theodore Anderson of Benson and Miss Martha Mott of Omaha were married last Wednesday and Miss Mamie Chase of Lincoln was the bride with Albert Malmborg of Minneapolis. The Woodmen of the World elected its officers last week, the officers were secretary, J. Bielek, W. L. Langford, W. L. Edmonds, P. L. Borer, C. L. Master, A. A. Wilson, Tapp Morton, Frank Christensen, Dr. Leonard J. Jones, H. H. Moran, J. J. Mangel; trustees, G. Hill, Dr. Parsons, C. Mortenson; physician, Dr. W. W. Parsons. The Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge elected the following officers at their last meeting: Messrs. W. C. Tindell, E. H. Tindell, E. H. Millire, Roy Culver, W. Power, H. Schroeder, O. Gustafson, S. D. Quinn, H. A. Snow, E. Parsons, C. C. Williams; physician, Dr. J. W. Parsons. The Benson Girls' club had a Christmas celebration last Friday evening at their meeting. A Christmas tree was decorated by them during the evening and on it was a gift for each one, brought by another. A Christmas tree was decorated by them during the evening and on it was a gift for each one, brought by another. The teachers of our schools will spend their vacations in different places, Misses Mary Johnson, A. Beate, Sheppard, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Hedell, Mrs. Miss How, Misses G. J. Grove; treasurer, Mrs. Sheppard; secretary, Mrs. J. E. Dodds; 6011 1st, June Grove and Lester Lund; teachers, Mrs. Whistler, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. E. H. Hake and Mrs. Killion, the leader, and a jolly good time had by about twenty young women members of the club.

Chicago-Florida Limited

Of course you are going South this winter—it's just a question of the date, for the train will be the Chicago-Florida Limited. The quickest service to Florida. The latest night train from Chicago, insuring comfort with trains of all other lines from the North and West. A solid through train, Chicago to Jacksonville, without change, serving breakfast in the morning before reaching Jacksonville. Lv. Chicago 11:55 P. M. Ar. Jacksonville 8:30 A. M. Second morning following. New York Central Lines. Big Four Route in connection with the Queen & Crescent Route and Southern Railway. Ask your local agent for tickets and all information, or call on or address Omaha Office: 323 City National Bank Bldg. J. S. Willebrands General Agent Passenger Department.

CITY COUNCIL WILL CLASH OVER REPAIRS TO VIADUCT

When the city council meets in committee of the whole tomorrow afternoon the tranquility of the holiday season will be again disturbed by the clamor of war. Councilmen and citizens and legal learning is arranging lines of opposition and support in the Eleventh street viaduct controversy. The railroads want to repair the viaduct at an expense of \$40,000. The citizens assert that they want to do so only because their fight in the courts against the construction of a new viaduct, which has dragged for a long time, is about to end against them. Councilman Davis introduced a resolution at the last council meeting giving the corporations the right to repair the viaduct, but an attorney for the property holders in that district was present and fought it bitterly.

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