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—BY—

Mrs. Helen K. Weil

Congregational Church, Monday, Dec. 28.

Auspices Ladies' Societies of Congregational Church.

8 o'clock. ADMISSION 50 CENTS.

—Keokuk is all right. Don't knock just boost. You never helped a town by insinuating remarks. There is no city in the state that has so bright a future as this one—Keokuk.

CITY NEWS.

—Read The Daily Gate City.
—The hopes for a white Christmas went glimmering this morning when the people got up and found another mid day with no prospects for snow.
—The promoters of the New Year's carnival to be given by the young men of the High school were hard at work last night in the assembly room putting the stage on which a part of the performance will be given. The stage will reach clear across the front of the room, and will be given a most attractive setting for the acts which will be put on.
—There are more wild geese along the river at this time than have been seen about here for a number of years. The big birds have delayed their migration south on account of the continued warm weather, and may be seen in twos or threes or in flocks sitting along the edges of the bars opposite town. The Canadian goose, however, is one of the hardest wild fowl to hunt successfully, and up to date few have been killed by Keokuk sportsmen.
—The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, corner Fourteenth and High streets, will commence services at 12 o'clock tonight with special music for the occasion: Processional, "Greenland," L. Laurienti; hymn, "Odesti Fideles," J. Reading; anthem, "Carol," R. S. Willis; offertory, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus," Feavis, by Miss Daisy Ware; recessional, "Herald Angel," Mendelssohn. All are cordially invited to this service. Minister W. A. Bruce

—A meeting of independent telephone managers of this section, was held yesterday at Quincy at which a better connection with St. Louis was discussed, also the question of toll rates. The Kinlock system of St. Louis comes up as far as Carrolton and at present there is no wire between that place and Pittsfield, Ill., but the same is being constructed now and will be completed in a short time. At present the independent toll line from Quincy to St. Louis goes via Jacksonville.

—Students of the High school and pupils from the Grammar school were entertained yesterday afternoon by a brief program given in the High school assembly room by William Lester and J. R. Hayden. Mr. Lester, who is developing rapidly in the Chicago Musical college, played numbers by Grieg and Sinding, and a suite of his own compositions for the piano. Mr. Hayden sang two songs by Mr. Lester, "A Heart Song" and "Violet," both of which showed an unusual degree of talent in the composer.

—The fire department was called out late yesterday afternoon and late last night by burning fires, one of which threatened to develop into something a good deal worse. The first alarm came in at 5:40 p. m. from the residence of N. S. Lowitz, 129 North Ninth street. It was a still alarm, and the apparatus was sent out largely as a precautionary measure, and no damage was done to the house. About 11 o'clock last night the fire of the home of Mrs. Louise Keith at 418 Blondeau was discovered to be burning fiercely, and at 11:10 an alarm was turned in. The department made a quick response, but their services were not needed, the fire burning itself out without damaging the building.

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CITY NEWS.

—"The White Rats," all stars.
—Mr. and Mrs. James Breheny are the proud parents of a baby girl.
—C. L. Vestal is moving into 722 Franklin street where he expects to be settled by Saturday.
—St. Vincent's and St. Peter's schools were dismissed yesterday to remain closed during the holidays.
—"The White Rats" at the Grand tomorrow, matinee and evening.
—Practice will be held Sunday afternoon in St. Peter's hall for the minstrel to be given some time next week.

—Many of the railroad men of the city will not enjoy tomorrow as a holiday on account of having to attend to their regular duties.
—An order was entered in the district court this morning to sell the minor's interest in lot 7, Arch Square, in the guardianship of Christian Ingram Meister.

—Charles Huff started in his Christmas celebration too early, and as a result was arrested about 2:20 last night and locked up in the city jail charged with drunkenness.
—This evening the members of the Congregational Sunday School will enjoy their annual Christmas tree and entertainment. A real Santa Claus will take down the presents, and the usual festivities of Christmas eve will be indulged in.

—The Gate City will observe Christmas day this year and will issue no paper tomorrow, giving the entire force an opportunity to enjoy the holiday. We extend to all Gate City subscribers the heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas.

—On account of the night operator at the union station being ill last evening, No. 13 which is due to arrive here from the south at 7:20 was tied up at Alexandria on account of not being able to get into the block. The night operator had not arrived at the station on account of illness and the day operator was called to the station to open the block for the trains.

—Do not miss seeing "The White Rats" tomorrow. Its worth your while.

—The dates of the annual poultry show of the Hancock County Poultry association have been set for the first and second weeks in January, and the exhibition will be held in Carthage from January 4th to 9th. Reyers' hall has been secured for the purpose, and on this commodious floor there will be room for an unusually large number of pens. The hall has a floor space sixty by eighty feet, and is well lighted. The affair is attracting much attention among fanciers and a large crowd is expected.

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—Mt. Pleasant News: And what is all of this rumor about the diverting of the St. Louis-St. Paul traffic over the K-line through this place. There is a rumor that much of the St. Louis business from the west will be turned south here instead of taking it to Burlington and then south. There is also a rumor that two new trains are to be put on, running in opposite direction to the two now in service, and making passenger, mail and express connections with the trains in the morning and evening. It certainly will be gratifying if something is done with the K-line, and color is given to the rumors by the great expense that is being laid out in relaying the track with heavy steel and the strengthening of bridges.

Special to Men

Just received a late shipment of imported vestings for day dress; also full dress and Tuxedo wear.

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IOWA'S BEST TAILORS.



CITY NEWS.

—Read The Daily Gate City
—"The White Rats" tomorrow. Two performances.

—C. W. Chase has been confined to his home almost continually during the past three days suffering from a growth in his right eye.

—"The White Rats" at the Grand tomorrow matinee and night is one of the biggest and best yandeville organizations in America.

—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Craig, 1127 Bank street are congratulating them upon the birth of an 11-pound girl which arrived last night.

—At 3:00 o'clock this afternoon a novena, which has been conducted at St. Peter's Catholic church during the nine days preceding Christmas, was brought to a close.

—Most of the students who are away attending colleges over the country are in the city to spend the holidays. Most of the students have a two weeks' vacation this year.

—"The White Rats" all-star, arrive direct from Chicago tomorrow morning in their own special Pullman car, which will be side-tracked near the union depot during their stay in this city.

—There will be enough doing in Keokuk tomorrow to keep people at home instead of leaving the city. A matinee at the Grand and at Dodge's, the roller skating rink and several dances in the evening will provide enough amusement for those who spend the day in the city.

—This afternoon being the last opportunity to purchase Christmas presents before tomorrow, the stores were crowded this afternoon with the holiday shoppers who did not have the time to come early and avoid the usual rush that comes at this time of the year or else put off buying until the last moment.

—On next Thursday evening "A Night in Bohemia" will be repeated by special request at St. Peter's hall for the benefit of St. Peter's church. All of the soloists and end men who took part in the performance for the basketball association will be in the production and the play is expected to be more entertaining than ever. In the second part Chuck Jones and Joe Martin will put on a speciality and also Brassill and Miller. Lenke and Hennemann will put on their tumbling stunt and one of the successful features of the St. Mary's minstrel will be presented.

—No. 12 of the K-line was almost two hours late in arriving from the north this morning on account of the heavy express on the line. The mail wagon was loaded to the roof with the several dozen sacks of registered packages and mail, and the regular Chicago mail.

Sullivan & Auwerda's Great Showing of Sensible Christmas Gifts

CLOAKS
Great line of new styles; Cloaks for women, misses and children. Splendid assortment of "Wooltex" coats at special prices during the holidays.

FUR COATS
Beautiful line of those always serviceable and stylish garments. If interested, now is the time to see this line; don't wait until the stock is badly broken.

KIMONAS AND BATH ROBES
We are showing a nice selection of the above garments in Silk, Crepe Cloth and German Blanket Robes.

SILK SKIRTS
A very swell showing in this department; all colors and black. Prices \$5.50 AND UP

HANDKERCHIEFS
The most beautiful line of Handkerchiefs ever shown in Keokuk. We have placed upon our counter the greatest assortment of really dainty, pretty Handkerchiefs at prices that cannot fail to please. Great values at 25c, 35c and 50c.

KID GLOVES
This department is filled to overflowing with the best things the Kid Glove markets afford. Center gloves in black and colors. Dainty gloves for women and children, the best kid glove on earth at \$1.00. Silk lined Mocha and Cape gloves; unlined Mocha and Cape Gloves, 12 and 16 button gloves.

NECKWEAR
Everything in Neckwear; all the new things in the daintiest colorings and prettiest designs; this line must be seen to be appreciated.

COME WITH THE CROWD TO THE BIG STORE

SUITS
A good assortment of suits are still upon our racks. We will make very interesting prices upon this line during the holidays.

FUR SCARFS AND MUFFS
The largest, cheapest and best selected line of Furs ever shown in the city; all the new designs in all the popular furs at prices you will say are reasonable!

HOSIERY
Full stock of the latest "Oxley" Hosiery—cotton, silk, wool or cotton. We can fill your every want.

BAGS AND PURSES
In this line we are showing what we think is the best selected stock of Bags and Purses ever offered in the trade of this vicinity. All the new shapes, in the popular colors and of best materials. Prices range from 25c to \$8.50.

LINENS
Beautiful assortment of linen in Scarfs, Squares, Tray Cloths, Dollies, Lunch Cloths, Center Pieces, Table Covers; in fact, you can find almost anything you may desire in this line.

RIBBONS
Ribbons, Belts and Belting, Belt Buckles and Belt Pins, Hat Pins, Combs—a complete assortment in all departments.

RUCHINGS
Big line of nobby new Ruchings in wide, medium and narrow, white and colors; a select assortment.

SILKS
Large line of the new things in Silks. All the new colorings can be found here in best qualities and at lowest prices. Full line of Messalines.

CITY NEWS.

—Spend the evening at the Roll-a-way. Your friends will be there.

—Catholics of the world will be permitted to eat meat on Christmas even though it falls on a Friday. Because of this fact today is a fast.

—William Penn is not yet dead. He is now a traveling salesman out of Des Moines and was registered at one of the city's hotels this morning.

—The basketball game which Physical Director R. E. Chamberlin expected to arrange for Christmas afternoon has not materialized and the fast Y. M. C. A. team will rest tomorrow.

—A delivery wagon was put on at the post office today to deliver all Christmas packages that were too bulky to be delivered by the carriers. Ed Wustrow and Alfred Patrick were doing the delivery stunt with the wagon.

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 - New York
 - Sherry and Cherry
 - Vanilla Florentine
 - Chocolate Caramel

- Ices**
- Cranberry Creme de Mint
 - Pineapple Lemon
 - Sherbert de Sicily
 - Roman Punch

Kindly get your orders in as early as possible. McGrath Bros. Drug Co.

—The committee in charge of arrangements for the Lincoln memorial to be held on Lincoln's birthday is receiving many letters from men who voted in the elections of 1860 and 1864. The responses are coming from Illinois and Missouri as well as Iowa.

Quality Diamonds



IN DIAMONDS, its quality that counts. Even the smallest stones which are clear and white and finely cut sparkle with the same brilliancy as the large ones. A diamond ring is the Christmas gift ideal and from our stock may be selected only the diamond of quality. Whether it costs \$5.00 or \$300.00—Our Selection is complete as to price and variety of mounting.

A Very Nice Line, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25 and up to \$40 and \$50, according to size.

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