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IS GREAT PRODUCTION

Old Time Costumes Made Their Appearance and Stage Settings Were Most Appropriate for the Occasion.

"I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."—Scrooge.

"And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us every one."

A Christmas Carol, by Dickens, dramatized, was presented last night in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. building, by the young people of the Students Auxiliary of the Monday Music club, with a spirit and a dramatic ability which came as a surprise to the large audience, present to witness the play. The play was put on in three scenes, illustrated by six tableaux. The costumes were beautiful and suited to the period in which the action is supposed to take place. Many handsome old party dresses appeared in the tableaux and Mrs. Cratchit's dress was the traveling dress worn on the wedding journey of one who is now a great grandmother.

The principals in the play, Fred Kirchner, Thomas Gray, Sanford Drake, Marshall Fulton, Miss Helen Palmer Gray, Leonard Matless and Little McDill Ayer as Tiny Tim all did their part with understanding and put into the story the real personality of the characters they represented.

That Mrs. Leonard Matless, Miss Eleanor Hughes and Miss Caroline Baldwin had worked hard to properly stage the play was evident in every scene. Part of the manuscript of the drama was rearranged to suit the stage conditions and peculiar needs of the auditorium here. Mrs. Matless is a master hand at that sort of thing.

Proceeding the play and during the intermissions an orchestra of young people of the auxiliary played popular selections which were heartily applauded. The Christmas carols were very sweetly sung in some of the scenes. Too much cannot be said in praise of this sort of work which is being done by the young people of the auxiliary. Every program which they have presented, whether musical or dramatic has been above the average in excellence.

The Cast and Tableaux.

The cast of characters follows:

Ebenezer Scrooge.....Fred Kirchner
Jacob Marley, the shadow.....Thomas Gray
Fred, Scrooge's nephew.....Sanford Drake
Bob Cratchit.....Marshall Fulton
Tiny Tim.....McDill Ayer
Boy.....Leonard Matless

The Ghost of Christmas Past
The Ghost of Christmas Present
The Ghost of Christmas Future
Helen Palmer Gray.

Scene I—Scrooge's office. The day before Christmas.

Scene II—Scrooge's bedroom. Christmas eve.

Scene III—Scrooge's office. Christmas morning.

Scrooge's Visions—Shown in tableaux. Miss Willey at the piano.

TABLEAUX

Tableau I—Scrooge, a lonely school-boy—Graham McClintock, Woodson Hulskamp, Jewett Fulton.

Tableau II—Fezziwig's dance—Madison Sterne, Mary Harrison, Harry Helwig, Valdimar Higgins, Lydia Rich, Katharine Elder, Elizabeth Howell, Louisa Harrison.

Tableau III—Young Scrooge and his sweetheart—John Hulson, Beulah Weil.

Tableau IV—Bob Cratchit's Christmas—Marshall Fulton, Frances Russey, Ida Ruth Weil, Dorothy Norton, Donald Strickler, Esther Weyer, Leonard Matless, McDill Ayer.

Tableau V—Blindman's buff at Nephew Fred's—Sanford Drake, Mrs. Arthur Edward Erickson, Mildred Rayburn, Florence Little, Emmanuela Flood, Mabel Hinson, Elizabeth Laws, Ruth Matless, David Dysart, Earl Frank.

Tableau VI—A Merry Christmas. Orchestra—Piano, Coral Meador; violin, Marie Moseley; cornet, Jewett Fulton; clarinet, Gregory Meador; cello, Joseph Marder; drums, Madison Sterne.

Carolers—Katharine Montague, Helen Hubert, Amelia Wahner, Helen Pond, Olive Sterritt, Elizabeth Lange, Gertrude Weber, Ruth Ward, Ruth Alling, Georgia Schell, Dorothy Alrich, Helen Kiedaisch, Mary Kiedaisch, Helen Peterson, Elizabeth Loeffler, Louise Sterne, Alice Hinkley, Madeline Connable, Florence Alling, Margaret Hodge, Hayden Wilcox, Carol Joy, George Rollosen, Howard Montague.

The house committee for the evening was Mrs. Ada Jewell Norton and Miss Cora Parsons.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TOMORROW NIGHT

Board Takes Necessary Action to Rescind Earlier Order and One More Day of Vacation is Allowed.

WILL BENEFIT TEACHERS

Several From Out of Town Couldn't Get Home for Christmas, Otherwise—Board Meeting This Afternoon.

Keokuk public schools will close tomorrow instead of Thursday for the Christmas vacation. This was decided upon by the board members this morning, who gave their sanction, and Superintendent Aldrich immediately gave orders to the principals regarding the change. The reason for the granting of an additional day is that the teachers who reside out of the city may have time to reach home for Christmas day. It was found that to close the schools Thursday night would not give ample time.

At the November meeting of the board, the question of vacations arose. The rules of the board covering this was looked up, and it was found that school should adjourn on the day preceding Christmas. This was taken as final in the matter. Since then, however, some of the teachers found they could not get home by Friday, and the change was made.

It is understood that if the school board had not voluntarily consented to make this change, there would have been presented a petition asking them to make the change and allow another day of vacation. All the members when they were notified of the predicament of some of the teachers announced their willingness to change things.

The school board meeting, which was to have been held tonight has been changed to this afternoon at four o'clock in order to accommodate everyone, and to insure a quorum being present.

CITY NEWS.

Blom soap best for general use. Sold by grocers. Made in Keokuk.

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Quincy Journal: The engagement of Ray Pfanschmidt, Quincy man on trial recently at Macomb, and Miss Esther Reader has been broken off, the facts in the case having become known today. Mr. Reader admitted it to questioners at the session of the circuit court on Saturday, when the state's witnesses for the trial were recognized. The girl, it was admitted, shortly after the first trial, wrote Ray a letter in which she broke the engagement and said "it was off for all time."

The cheapest place in town to buy the best grade of electric appliance gifts is at King's.—Open every evening.

Fort Madison Democrat: The persistent rumor that the water had been lowered to prevent the further formation of ice was stamped as a fallacy by a local ice cutter. The informant declared that the water had been lowered two feet, but that the ice dropped with the water and was in no way endangered through the action of the power company. The ice will very soon be ready for harvest and is an especially good grade this year. The fall of snow has retarded the formation of the ice to a certain extent but the temperature has been low enough to practically counteract the white blanket covering.

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GETTING CANTON FERRY RAISED

Quincy Paper Says Lowering of Keokuk Dam Gates Lowered Water So Boat Can Be Raised.

The Quincy Whig this morning prints the following:

What effect the closing of the gates of the big dam at Keokuk can have on the stage of the river here was demonstrated recently when it caused a fall of 9 tenths of a foot in twenty-four hours.

It was known that the river took a big tumble from midnight Friday until midnight Saturday but the cause of it was not discovered until yesterday. Then it was found that the gates had been shut to lower the stage of the river in order to facilitate the raising of the W. L. Heckmann, the Canton ferry, which sank in the local bay a few days ago.

The drop in the river was sufficient to put the lower deck of the boat out of water. Then the raising of the boat was a simple matter and two hours after work was begun the ferry was again floating.

Holes Temporarily Patched.

A gasoline pump was used in addition to a steam pump on the ferry. The steam pump was kept going until yesterday afternoon after all of the holes in the hull had been patched and made water-tight.

The sinking of the boat was due to holes punched in the hull by the ice while the ferry was being brought here to be put in winter quarters in the bay. The holes were temporarily repaired and in the spring the boat will be pulled out of the water and the holes will then be permanently fixed. The damage to the hull is not great.

The ferry last season pined in the Canton-Meyer trade and is owned by James Nelson of Canton. Joe Lloyd of Meyer is pilot and Ernest Pirkey of Canton is engineer of the craft.

Killed by Burglar.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 22.—W. M. Alexander, millionaire attorney, who came here recently from Dallas, Texas, was shot and instantly killed early today by a burglar who had entered his home in the fashionable Wilshire district. W. M. Alexander, Jr., a son, received two bullet wounds when he attacked his father's murderer.

The burglar escaped after a desperate fight, but he is believed to have been badly injured.

As soon as the elder Alexander had been shot down, the son rushed to the rescue. His two sisters, Misses Penelope and Anna Alexander, aided him. The former wielded a silver backed hair brush and the latter was unarmed but their appearance apparently terrorized the burglar who was resisting the younger Alexander with success.

Stock Exchange Rumor.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—There was a report in stock exchange circles here today that the London exchange would be re-opened January 4, under the strictest regulations.

Mrs. Applegate is Dead. MT. PLEASANT, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Mary Applegate, mother of Dr. Applegate, the superintendent of the state hospital here, died Sunday in Chicago, aged 83 years. She leaves six children.

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