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CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS

HOW THE VARIOUS DENISON SUNDAY
SCHOOLS WILL CELEBRATE.

PREPARATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS

With Handsome Trees, Songs and Music, The
Giving of Timely Remembrances, the
Evening Will be Spent.

The leaders of many of the Denison Sunday Schools evidently appreciate what is expected at Christmas time by the children and have prepared programs for Christmas Eve, which will make the little hearts glad. When one considers the many plans for enjoyment thought out in the heads of the children for the Christmas time and the disappointment when these are not in part realized, he takes new pleasure in planning for the celebration and seeing that all the little ones have a grand time.

Baptists Celebrate in City Hall.

The Baptist school has rented the big city hall and will have the festivities there. The thought is that this will save the cleaning up of the church carpet, and give full opportunity for fun and frolic, none thinking that this is out of keeping with the sacredness of the church building. The committee having the program in charge has been keeping the full details a secret so to give a surprise to the children. So there is much anticipation in the hearts of the little ones, and the older members of the school too. It is safe to say the city hall will be crowded early and all preparations watched with a view to finding out what is to come.

The Methodist Way.

The Methodist school will have an old fashioned Christmas tree. If one tree will not hold all Santa Claus has for the children another and even another will be provided. There is to be a program of songs, recitations and joyous exercises, which will make the hearts of all present glad. Last year the custom was established of having the classes make gifts toward the support of the home for orphan children located at York, Neb., which is under the patronage of the Womans' Home Missionary society of the church at large. Gifts for the nearly one hundred children in the Home will be received, but a gift in the form of money is encouraged. At this school the children of the primary department will have presents from the church, and all present will receive something good to eat. The Methodist people are evidently not stingy at the Christmas celebration, and it should be so everywhere.

Exercises at Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School will render the sacred Christmas Cantata entitled, "The Children of Bethlehem," at the church on Thursday evening at 7:30. The cantata is divided into four parts. The first three scenes are at the Bethlehem Inn, where the Rabbis and Jewish children are gathered in accordance with the edict of Caesar Augustus to be enrolled.

The last scene is in the Royal Palace at Jerusalem, where Herod receives the Wise Men from the East inquiring concerning the birth of the Christ. May the "Children of Bethlehem" bring the true "Christmas cheer" to the hearts of both young and old. At the close of the cantata Santa Claus is expected to preside over the beautiful Christmas tree and to distribute the presents to the children.

Episcopal Celebration Monday Dec. 28.

The Episcopalians will have a special Christmas service for the children Monday evening, Dec. 28th, (Holy Innocent's Day.) There will be a Christmas tree, also special songs and carols by the children of the Sunday School. The children of this Sunday School have been very faithful throughout the year, so of course, Santa will be sure to remember them nicely with presents and candy.

With the German Lutheran Church.

It is said that the idea of celebrating Christmas with decorated evergreen trees was of German origin. It is certain this is the way the Germans of the later years remember the day for the enjoyment

of the children. It therefore goes without saying that the German Lutheran school under the pastorage of Rev. Freese and the professorship of Mr. Behencke will have a tree and it will be ready by seven on Christmas Eve. There will be songs, recitations, distribution of gifts to all. We note elsewhere further religious services by the church membership on Christmas day.

The German M. E. school will have a fine program on Thursday evening. The program has twenty-six numbers and will be well worth hearing.

VOYAGE OF CHRISTMAS SHIP

The Pupils of Seventh and Eighth Grades in
Common Schools Present a Christmas
Cantata Saturday Evening.

The High School room was filled and overflowing last Saturday evening to see and hear the cantata to be presented by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. A stage with curtains had been arranged and everything put in "ship shape" for was not the Christmas Ship to make its voyage around the world? After a little delay to make sure that every one was on particularly Santa Claus, the ship weighed anchor in command of Ward Tucker and manned by a gallant crew. The sailors sang gayly and with fair winds the ship made a safe voyage around the globe. On reaching different countries the native children came out to meet the ship with songs and cheerful greetings for Santa Claus and the Stars and Stripes. So on the voyage representatives from Siberia, Japan, Germany, Norway, England, Scotland, Ireland and other countries came on board the ship dressed in costumes and sang native songs. We believe the children from Ireland made the best hit, for their music was taking and the words very cute. Fred Leik took the character of Santa Claus, the sailor boys looked fine and kept walking about in true sailor fashion. The costumes were all appropriate. Much credit is due the musical director Miss Johnson and the grade teachers the Misses Raine, Austin, Latchaw and Thompson. It was a great time for the children and their parents and friends.

A RANDALL FAMILY REUNION

Mr. Lon Randall Plans to Have All His Brothers
gather at Denison on
Christmas.

There is a plan on foot to have a reunion of the Randall brothers on Christmas day. A. D. and C. S. have their home here, Mr. P. M. a brother who is here now had not been in Denison for twenty five years. He lives at Lewiston, Idaho and is a contractor and builder. He has been down at Glenn Elder, Kansas to see his brother F. H. Randall and was accompanied back to Denison by his mother. The Kansas brother is expected to follow and the Dr. come from Pleasanton, Neb. and this will make the circle of boys complete. We hope that nothing will come up to mar the pleasure of the fond mother and her sons.

HER MOTHER DIED TO-DAY

Mother of Miss Margaret Statler Died This
Morning at Nevada, Iowa.

Last evening Miss Margaret Statler received a message that her mother was very ill and for her to come at once. This morning Miss Statler wires from the family home at Nevada that her mother passed away this morning. Miss Statler's many Denison friends will sympathize with her most deeply in this great sorrow that has come to her. We are glad to know that Miss Statler arrived in time to see her mother alive.

A Denison Benefactress.

Among the philanthropists who do their good deeds quietly are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jones of this city. We just learn in a round-about way of a recent gift of ten thousand dollars made by Mrs. Jones to Morning Side College at Sioux City.

Skating Rink On Fire.

As we go press, the alarm of fire gave warning that the upstairs of the skating rink was in flames. It appears that an over-heated stove at the north end set the building on fire. The firemen found flames issuing from the rear windows. The water being handy the blaze was soon out, but for a time many thought the opera house in danger. The rink continues business after some repairs.

Mrs. Otto Faul expects to entertain a merry party of relatives from Wall Lake on Christmas Day.

The Weiland's are counting on greeting the Crawford county folks when they go through Emporia, Kansas, on their way to Texas.

LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Pastor Freese Will Held Services at Denison,
Buck Grove and Goodrich.

In observance of Christmas the German Lutherans of this county under the pastorage of Rev. Freese will hold services as follows: On Christmas morning at Denison at which time communion will be administered. On Christmas evening at Buck Grove the children will have a tree and on Saturday morning the church membership will meet for a communion. On Saturday evening the Christmas time is remembered with a tree and exercises by the church in Goodrich.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH AYRES

There were many people in the vicinity of Denison, who heard with interest and regret on Sunday last that Mrs. Elizabeth M. Scanlon Ayres had passed away at three that morning at the home of William Bauman west of this city. She has had her home in this county for thirty-four years although spending much time in travel and visiting among friends at Memphis, California, New York for often years at a time.

Elizabeth M. Scanlon was born in County Clare, Ireland in 1845 and was sixty-three years of age. She came to this county about thirty-four years ago, making her home with Mr. Thomas Griffin, one of the old and honored first settlers of the county. She had come from Memphis, Tennessee, where her girlhood was spent. Having a good head for business, she made proper investments of her means and always seemed to have money to take life at her ease. She was a devout Catholic, a woman with a great heart and her good deeds are numberless. Mrs. Ayres was noted among her friends for her remarkable powers of language. Possessed of a good education, fond of reading, a ready observer, of quick wit, she seemed ever at ease in conversation, and had something to say.

In 1887 she was married to Mr. John Ayres, a rich and aged farmer of Hayes township. They did not live happily and she secured a legal separation with a fine landed property in Hayes township. For the past year she had been at a hospital in New York City for rheumatism, and later went to Excelsior Springs, Mo., but gained no help. On coming to Denison, she was with Mrs. Chas. Menagh for two months and then went to the home of Mrs. Bauman, which she prized very highly. She went to bed seemingly in good spirits, but at one, called to Mrs. Bauman that she was sick and dying. Before medical help came she had passed away. The funeral was held at the Catholic church in Denison on Monday at ten a. m. Martin Hedderman, Pat'k. Behan of near Denison and Mrs. Katie Walsh of Hayes township were her cousins. She had three sisters in America, who live at New York City, New Jersey and California. She was ever a friend to the editors of this paper and they join with others in regret on the death of this remarkable woman.

Eugene Gulick tells us he is figuring on going to Texas with Julia, January 5th.

Geo. Nicholson and family will spend Christmas with his brother, Ross, at Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Temple will visit their daughter, Mrs. Ott, in Sioux City as Christmas guests.

Miss Kusel, after a delightful visit in Chicago, returned last week, accompanied by her sister and two little nieces, so there are jolly times it the Kusel home these days.

Dr. Emma Johnstone goes to Clarinda Thursday to spend Christmas with her mother and daughters. When she returns Monday she expects to bring Estelle and Henrietta with her to attend school in Denison.

Mr. A. C. Swanson formerly, of Kiron is now living at Houston, Texas. Hearing of the Crawford county excursion he has written to invite the entire company for an automobile ride about the Chicago of the great southwest.

The home of Otto Hink and wife was the scene of a quiet wedding on Tuesday Dec. 22 at 11 a. m. The family and immediate relatives gathered to witness the marriage of Miss Anna to Mr. William Beckwith, Rev. Freese of the Lutheran church pronouncing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter who was educated as a nurse at the Samaritan hospital at Sioux City. She is a remarkably good and refined woman. Her husband is a conductor on the Northwestern out of Sioux City which will be their home.

SOME SOCIAL NOTES.

On Wednesday the Fancy work club gave Miss June Romans a delightful surprise at her home. The ten members and ten invited guests gave Miss Romans an elegant baking dish, which will prove to be a useful reminder of her friends' thoughtfulness. Very nice refreshments had been provided and the club and guests enjoyed them, and also Miss Romans' surprise wonderfully.

Thursday, Coterie had a very charming afternoon with Mrs. C. J. Kemming, a pre-Christmas affair. The members of the Coterie had each made some other member a Christmas present and the gifts were given on that day. Mrs. Kemming invited the ladies to the dining room where a large Japanese umbrella was suspended and tied. There on were the dainty useful and pretty gifts. It was a very pleasant innovation suggested by Mrs. Ferguson, who is to be congratulated upon the success of her plan. Mrs. Voss had a surprise of her's to give a club pin for each member in two shades of green enamel. Her gifts were, of course, very unexpected and will be treasured by the members both for the club and the giver. Mrs. Kemming served a very nice supper to her guests and made them all feel delightfully at home.

The P. E. O. s had two surprises Friday evening. One they attended to themselves by presenting Mrs. W. H. Laub with a beautiful cup vase filled with carnations. Mrs. Gulick presented the vase in the name of the club in an exquisite little talk full of love and good wishes. This month was the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Laub and the presentation was in honor of the event. Mr. Laub and the other B. I. L. s thought it was her wedding day too, and so they appeared on the scene themselves fully determined to have some pay for the expense they had recently been to by giving the ladies such a costly banquet. Their coming helped prolong the fun and congratulations to her and husband.

A very cleverly planned shower was given by the S. S. girls Tuesday night in the club room. The club room was brilliantly decorated by the Misses Brodersen and Scriv-

er. The club never looked better and it was wonderful what novel effects the decoration had made. Miss Marion Scriver acted as Santa Claus and Miss Brodersen and Raine as reindeers. Their pack proved to be full of useful, funny and lovely gifts. Miss Romans was of course delighted and very much surprised. Mrs. Goodwin of Sioux City and Mrs. Auracher of Lisbon, Iowa, were present. Miss Bertha Kelly acted as chairman of the menu committee and served light refreshments.

House for Rent—Inquire of Miss Grace Meyers.

W. H. Woolston returned from Ellis Wednesday.

Mrs. G. C. Brandt went to Neola Monday to spend Christmas.

Miss Pearl Woodward returned to Manilla Tuesday after a stay of some weeks in Denison for medical treatment.

Mr. F. H. Bolton tells us that he has about decided to take a vacation and go to Texas with the Crawford county folks.

The city carriers are doing great work. It is hard work for them, but no city is getting prompter Christmas service.

The holiness band will begin a series of meetings with January first, Evangelist Craig leading. The members look forward to good meetings.

Dr. Meyers is expected home from Grand Island, Neb., to spend Christmas with his parents east of town and other friends.

Among the returning students are Miss Martha Hugg of Charles City, Alfred Rohwer and Hugh Nash of Ames and Miss Hazel Laub of Indianola.

Little Norvin Gable felt quite grown up as he started Wednesday morning on his journey to Chicago, where he will be met by his mother with whom he is to spend the holidays.

H. C. Clausen and wife of near Ashton, S. D., are visiting at the Matt. Fry home for the holidays. He likes the Review so well that he came in to have it sent to him for another year.

Death of Mother of Dr. Jones, of Schleswig

Ida Grove Pioneer.—Taken suddenly ill while down town shopping Thursday afternoon in the Williams & Lindsay store, Mrs. Wilson Jones died at 3:30 the next morning, Dec. 11, 1908. Barbara Durst Jones, daughter of Henry and Anna Durst, was born in Lichtenberg, Switzerland, April 22, 1859, and the father and mother, who preceded her to the other world were among the pioneers of Iowa. Her two brothers, Henry Durst of Battle Creek and Albert Durst of Portland, Oregon, and her sister, Mrs. Rose Berger of Seattle, survive her. Deceased came to America with her parents in the early 70's and located in Kansas, moving from there to Battle Creek, where in 1879 she married Wilson Jones. Battle Creek has since been their home, with the exception of two years in Nebraska, until Mr. Jones was elected county superintendent two years ago, when they moved to Ida Grove. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Bessie died in 1902 aged 8 years. The surviving children are: Henry Jones of Schleswig; Chalker Jones of Portland, Oregon; Clyde Jones of Battle Creek and John, Genevieve and Anna at home. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 10 o'clock, the services being in the Presbyterian church at Battle Creek, where the Rebekah lodge was in charge, and the remains were laid to rest in the Battle Creek cemetery. All the children were home for the funeral. Mrs. Jones was one of the best known and most loved and respected women in Ida county, and her sudden death is a terrible blow.

Dr. Bond went to Fond du Lac on business connected with his son's estate.

Miss Hazel Laub and Clara Scriver are expected home from Indianola Wednesday.

August Muller, living northwest of town, had his leg broken last Sunday night by a kick from a horse.

Novelty in New Year's Cards.

By calling at the Knaut Drug Store you can have a handsome New Year's card made to your order. These cards will be mottoed, name, or any greeting put on in tin-

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We are offering for this week, beginning Saturday what are probably some of the greatest values we have ever had in Walking Skirts. This line is made up of about 7 dozen skirts, every one in good styles and good cloths, nothing but the very staple colors will be found in this assortment, blacks, greys, etc.

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