

Christmas was very generally observed in Worthington. The weather was all that could be desired, the day being sunny and bright and not too cold. There was no snow on the ground, so people had to dispense with the luxury of sleigh rides, but everything else seemed to conduce toward making the Christmas season this year a merry one. The several churches held Christmas doings on Thursday night, a detailed statement of which will be found below. On Christmas night most of the stores closed at an early hour, and everybody seemed determined to drive dull care away. A pleasant little dancing party was held at Masouie hall on Christmas night, which was an entirely impromptu affair.

A METEOR.

On Thursday night about 7:30 o'clock after nearly everybody had gone to church, a meteor was observed coursing through the heavens in a southerly direction. It was visible for a number of seconds, when it apparently exploded and was consumed. It had the slowest motion of any meteor ever seen by the observer, and was also one of the largest, the light of the celestial visitant being sufficient to cast a shadow. Such a scene on such a night brought vividly to mind that other scene eighteen centuries ago, "when shepherds watched their flocks by night" and beheld the heavenly visitors that proclaimed the birth of the child Jesus; and that other scene when the wise men discovered a new star in the east—the star of Bethlehem.

AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Probably the most elaborate celebration of Christmas was at the Swedish Lutheran church. On Christmas eve numerous lighted wax candles were placed in every window, which made a brilliant illumination in contrast with the darkness of the night outside, and the inside of the church presented a fine appearance indeed, with a mammoth Christmas tree heavily laden with a large quantity of holiday fruit, and glittering with lighted tapers, tinsel and colored paper, and long strings of popcorn. The gifts were so numerous that it was found impossible to hang them on the tree, large though it was, and so they were piled in stacks about the platform. An address was made by the pastor, Mr. Franzon, appropriate to the occasion, and other addresses were also made, both in Swedish and English, numerous songs were sung and other literary exercises were had. There was no Santa Claus, but the little ones were made happy by the beautiful gifts bestowed, as were also the many of the older ones. On Christmas morning services in accordance with the Lutheran ritual were held, commencing at 5 o'clock, and which, no doubt, brought vividly to the minds of the older ones former celebrations of Christmas in the old home across the sea.

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Christmas eve the Congregational church was packed full with a happy crowd of Sabbath school boys and girls and older people restored to youthful days again. Upon the platform were two elegant Christmas trees laden with all manner of seasonable fruit, and overshadowing a pretty dwelling from which in due season the Good Fairy came forth to greet the audience and summon Santa Claus.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

After preliminary exercises, a recitation was given in good style by Warren Rose, followed by a sweet song by Miss Hewitt, her first and most successful appearance on any stage. Walter DeWolf executed with great credit a solo on the organ. Thereafter came a dialogue appropriate to the season entitled the "Three Pocket-books," in which the principal parts were taken by Messrs. W. Lewis, F. Herron, A. Buchan, C. Hanaford, Foster Moore, and Misses Nellie Barber, M. Humiston, Julia Van Luvan and Molly Peterson. The piece, which was interspersed with singing, was well received. In addition, the choir rendered the anthems "There were Shepherds Abiding in the Field," and "Holy Night," the solos being sung with good taste by Mrs. Dr. Origer and Miss May Crane. There came the grand distribution of gifts by Santa Claus, consisting of an elegant basket of candy, a ball of popcorn, and a Christmas card from the Enchanted Well to each scholar, besides a pretty present from the Christmas trees. Santa Claus wore a long, flowing white beard, and had on a coat and cap completely covered with cotton batting, and having a string of sleigh bells around his waist which jingled merrily at every step he took. Santa Claus is believed to have been personated by Mr. W. Lewis. Mr. B. Prince, a Santa Claus of former years, kindly furnished the trees to the Sabbath school.

AT THE M. E. CHURCH.

The Methodist people made a new departure in their Christmas exercises from the ordinary Sunday school entertainment. Each class had collected what money they could among themselves, and brought it to the church. After a short concert, under the direction of the superintendent and the

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COUNTY NEWS.

ELK.

A good many remarks are made about the weather at present, some threatening to make garden, and all stand ready to dodge an expected blow. Christmas passed off pleasantly but was the cause, we are told, of bringing to light a great many "family jars" that had been kept in the dark for some time previous; that is, "Jars of jelly, jars of jam, Jars of pickled beef and ham. An easy winter, easy times, nothing much to do and easy scores.

DEWALD.

They had quite a pleasant party at Mr. Klingensmith's on Christmas eve. The winter so far seems to be a failure. Flooding continued until Dec. 4 since then it has been frozen too hard to plow. J. H. Maxwell and Mr. Toby are hauling their hay to Mr. Call's. Baird and McKenzie are hauling their hay to Rasmussen.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On the side of the rear end of the church was the motto "St. Nicholas," and on the other side appeared the words "Happy Xmas." The exercises consisted of a responsive chorus, reading, prayer and remarks by Rev. Mr. Hartzell, the reading of a beautiful Christmas poem by Miss Crandall and the singing of a number of appropriate hymns. After the preliminaries, a curtain was drawn revealing Santa Claus standing by a Christmas tree well laden with presents. On each side of the tree was a large flower stand containing oranges, apples, candies and nuts. Santa Claus appeared at his best and distributed with a lavish hand a present to every scholar in the Sunday school except members of the two bible classes. An orange, apple and box of candy and nuts was given to each person present. A "thank offering" of \$2.51 was taken, of which \$2 was given for foreign missions, and the balance for the German theological seminary at Dubuque, Iowa.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

What did you get in your stocking? Christmas is over, and now comes New Year. Mrs. L. Wright was the recipient of a beautiful card from her class in painting, as a Christmas gift. About eighteen couples enjoyed a nice dancing party at the residence of Mr. T. Brown in Exington township, Jackson county, on Wednesday night the 23rd inst. There was a pleasant dancing party Christmas night at the residence of Mr. S. Edwards, in Round Lake township, Jackson county. There were about thirty couples present, and enjoyed the party immensely. A little 4-year-old resents the insinuation that the Santa Claus at the Presbyterian church on Christmas eve was Mr. Lange and not the genuine Santa. She says "It wasn't Mr. Lange, was it, mamma? Mr. Lange hasn't got long whiskers like Santa Claus had, has he, mamma?" And that settles it in her mind.

A CERTAIN PUBLISHER.

A certain publisher of a musical journal at Philadelphia offers to send a copy of his publication (the regular price of which is \$1 a year), in payment for three insertions of an 8-inch advertisement and \$12 worth of local notices, say \$18 worth of advertising altogether. The ADVANCE is watching to see if that publisher catches any snafers. A bill was passed by congress before they adjourned for the holidays, placing the name of Mrs. Grant on the pension list as the widow of an ex-president. This was promptly signed by President Cleveland and timed so Mrs. Grant received the news of it as a Christmas present, which was a very graceful thing to do.

THE ANNUAL ISSUED BY THE ADRIAN GUARDIAN.

The annual issued by the Adrian Guardian for the year 1886 is a good production, and reflects much credit upon the enterprise of Bro. Haislet, the proprietor of that paper. It is profusely illustrated and contains much valuable reading matter, and also advertisements of Adrian and its business houses. The ADVANCE is in receipt of a very unique Christmas card from the pen of E. L. Wemple, of Rushmore. It represents a grotesque figure, with his back to the audience, perhaps from excess of modesty and saying, "Please hold my hat while I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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and just imagine if you can, its editor standing with his hat in hand and saying: "Wish you all a happy New Year; may the coming year be one of unbounded blessing to you all, and may the golden northwest enjoy unexampled prosperity. Isn't it funny the St. Paul fellows employ teams to haul their ice palace—Lake Crystal Union. It seems as though we had seen that some's before. The St. Paul Globe issued a Christmas number of twenty-four pages on tinted paper with an illustrated cover, that is indeed a creditable production. The Beaver Creek people feel so sure of getting the county seat that they are already talking of the cock that is to surmount the county house. The Prince of Wales eats small game with his fingers—Exchange. Most people eat game as they do everything else—with their mouth. It is rumored that F. H. Lawrence, of the Tracy Republican, contemplates starting a new paper in Worthington. The Rock Rapids (Iowa) Reporter is four years old.

WILLMONT.

John Mock will put up a feed mill next week in Willmont. Mr. Schroy was lately on the sick list but is getting better now. Farmers are complaining about the low price of fax this fall. Several children in this town are troubled with whooping cough.

BORN, ON THE 18th INST., TO MR. AND MRS. J. V. HOLTMAN, A GIRL.

Mr. Brill started last Monday for the old country (Germany). He will be back some time in March. School closed in district 18 about ten days ago, after a three months' term. Mrs. Haley, the late teacher, gave very good satisfaction. After a long spell of threshing we resume a charge of the Willmont items, promising to be more regular in the future than we were of late.

TO JUDGE BY THE WEATHER WE THINK MINNESOTA HAS MOVED A GOOD DEAL EAST.

John Mock finished up threshing for this fall on Tuesday, threshing in all 17,688 bushels of grain. Good enough for a new hand. Hartman & Holman and Luckensmeyer have also put their threshers in winter quarters. Fred Park & Co. are running in full blast, having about twenty threshers at work.

ADRIAN.

From the Guardian: School begins again Monday, January 4. Mrs. A. Libaire started Monday for a visit to friends in Belle Plume, Ill. Several farmers in this vicinity were dragging their fields on Monday and Tuesday.

Wm. C. Briggs was married on Friday last to Miss Mary Grono, who is well known here. We wish them much joy in their married life.

Wm. Stokes is going to teach in the Young Men's school in Exington, where he will be getting a school. The school house was moved on Thursday on one corner of Vosburgh's land, where it will hereafter stand.

ELLSWORTH.

From the News: Christmas tree tonight at the school house. D. C. Holmes of Worthington was a caller at this office yesterday. T. G. Bandy is in charge of the station at this place while A. J. Yorker is taking a lay off. Quite a number of the young people of this place attended the dance at Adrian last Friday evening. All report a good time.

A PLEASANT PARTY OF YOUNG PEOPLE MET AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. Wm. Peck last Tuesday evening in honor of the birthday of Miss Curtis, an eventful and enjoyable evening was passed in singing, games, etc.

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Sam Jones has put a new plank fence around his farm near Cartersville, Ga., and is otherwise improving the place.

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The Minnesotians residing in Santa Cruz, Cal., have organized a state association.

RUSHMORE.

Parties holding sacks of A. G. Seney's will please return immediately. E. L. WEMPLE.

Miss Grace Wemple is spending the holidays at Sioux Falls with friends.

Did you get anything in your stocking? If you didn't, hurry up your boot New Year. Maybe he forgot you.

Quite a party from Rushmore spent Christmas at Sioux Falls and had a merry time of it, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Bedford have returned from a two months' visit with their children, and are looking well and happy. We thereupon judge they must have had a pleasant time.

On Christmas night about 9 o'clock sweet music in the quiet without awakened the drowsy ones and before we had recovered from our surprise the door opened and with the clank of the symbol and roll of the drum the surrender of all cake, turkey and other eatables was demanded, which were

[FOR THE ADVANCE] NEW YEAR.

We're entering on another year, We bear the bells their welcome ring, With many a hope and many a fear, Of what the coming months may bring. We cannot see their lights and shades, For know what joys may come and go; From what bright eyes the light may fade, We fall another winter's snow.

THE PURPOSES OF HIS TO DEEP

To be searched out by human ken, Wisdom divine, sees fit to keep them hidden from the eyes of men. Much of good this day reveals, Farther than this we cannot see; We pierce the darkness which conceals, The secrets of the yet-to-be.

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