

Sacred Christmas Concert. The First Presbyterian church choir will give a Christmas concert on Sunday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Francis Huffree will have charge of the concert and be assisted by a choir of twenty-five voices. The music will consist of up-to-date Christmas music.

At the morning service several numbers of Christmas music will be rendered by the choir, and the subject of the sermon by the pastor will be "Looking Backward." The church is opposite the postoffice at the corner of Church and Center streets.—Committee.

THREE ESCAPE DEATH BY NARROW MARGIN

NORTHWESTERN ENGINEMEN AND WRECKING FOREMAN HAVE CLOSE CALL.

TRAIN GOING FORTY MILES MEETS WITH QUEER MISHAP

Back of Wrecker Hoisting Engine on North Track, Falls to Clear South Track, and West-Bound Train Is Struck as It Passes—One Engineer Thrown From Cab, Other From His Seat.

Two Chicago & Northwestern locomotive engineers, and one wrecking crew foreman, were enabled to present themselves as Christmas presenters to their wives and families to-day, as the result of a special act of Providence, which saved their lives from the very jaws of death at 8:45 Thursday night.

While speeding forty miles an hour, with two big passenger engines attached to a single empty coach, Engineer Anthony J. O'Hara, 504 Tenth avenue, Clinton, and Engineer John W. Lea, 439 Eighth avenue, Clinton, met with the most peculiar mishap of their long careers as enginemen. Their engines were struck by the rear of the hoisting engine of a wrecking derrick, at work on the east-bound track. Just as the west-bound train reached the spot where the wrecker was at work, it was engaged in swinging out its crane to pick up a refrigerator car that had been ditched the afternoon before. The rear of the hoisting engine swung out over the west-bound train, failing to clear it when the train approached.

Accident Without Warning. Three miles west of this city, at about the foot of the "Four-mile hill" on the Lincoln highway, without any warning at all, the two engines were hurled from the tracks. O'Hara was thrown from his cab, and was picked up unconscious several feet distant from where the accident occurred. Lea was thrown on the deck of his engine. The right side of each engine was completely stripped, and the steam escaped so rapidly that the engines died after going about a block.

Whistle Alarms Countryside. The whistle of No. 1549, a big Class E locomotive which Lea was driving as the second of the doubleheader, was broken by the terrific blow of the hoisting engine. A long, loud, blood-curdling screech on the still night air aroused the countryside for miles around, and a crowd had gathered in a short time.

Word received in this city by telephone from people of the neighborhood was to the effect that two passengers were killed and several injured. Two ambulances were summoned to the station to receive the injured, and Dr. G. E. Hermance, the company surgeon, Coroner A. R. Lynn, and Dr. G. W. Harris, were in waiting to care for them.

Escape With Minor Injuries. But there was no need for ambulances, although O'Hara did consent to use one because of a badly sprained right knee, the only thing he had to show for being knocked thirty or forty feet on the frozen ground out of a fast-moving locomotive. Lea suffered a fracture of the middle finger of his right hand, just back of the knuckle joint. The injuries of both men were dressed by Dr. Hermance at his office.

L. Haller, of Boone, foreman of the wrecking crew, also was injured slightly, receiving a sprain and bruise of his right knee when he was struck by the hoisting engine as it was swung about after hitting the locomotive. It was also a wonder that he too was not killed.

The damage to the engines was confined to the right side as they were going west, and the two firemen were unable to realize that there had been an accident until after it was all over. W. E. Meeker was O'Hara's fireman, and F. C. Myers was with Lea. Both are from Clinton. Both engines were struck by Boone this morning for repairs, and will be hurried thru the shops, as the road is short on passenger motive power. All of the windows of the coach were broken and the steps torn off.

Cause Not Ascertained. The cause of the accident has not been announced officially, but it is more than likely that some one of the wrecking crew will be held responsible. It was surmised at the wreck that failure to observe the signals for the west-bound train was responsible for the wrecker not being in the clear.

The west-bound train was running as the second section of No. 13, the Pacific limited, due out of here at 6:09, but twenty minutes late Thursday evening. The second section, which was deadhead equipment for the second section of No. 22, the east-bound passenger, due here at 11:55, and No. 26, the east-bound fast mail, due at 12:24. The train was running about five minutes behind the regular train.

Flagman Acts as Tho Crazy. When the flagman for the wrecking outfit came into the way car in which Lea and O'Hara were brought back to this city, he appeared to have lost his reason temporarily. The man thought that the wreck was of No. 13, and that many passengers had been killed. His condition was pitiful until he finally realized that no lives had been lost, and that the men hurt were not injured seriously.

First Time Ever Hurt. O'Hara and Lea, the two enginemen who were so fortunate as to escape anything more than minor injuries, were hurt for the first time in their long railroad careers in this unusual accident. O'Hara, who is 44 years old, has been railroading thirty years, and Lea, who is 47, has been in the service 28 years. The men both left for Clinton on No. 22, early this morning. Lea is a brother-in-law of Mrs. A. Rice, 514 Bromley street.

"Within the Law." "And isn't it a shame," remarked playwright James Forbes, speaking of his friend, Bayard Veiler, whose "Within the Law" was being presented throughout the country, "isn't it a shame

to think that boy has been going around all these years with that punch in his eye?" It is indeed. We are delighted and relieved at its release. But Mr. Forbes need not have referred specifically to "that punch." He might have said "those punches." For "Within the Law" has a "punch" for every act. It is the liveliest crook drama and the best police play of its period. "Within the Law" will be seen at the Odeon Theater Christmas, matinee and night. Odeon.

JOHN PETERSON DEAD.

Former Resident of Garwin Succumbs at Daughter's Home.

Organic heart trouble and the infirmities of old age caused the death at 4:45 Thursday afternoon of John Peterson, aged 82, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Smith, 9 South Twelfth street. Mr. Peterson had been failing for some time owing to his advanced age, and the end was not unexpected. John Peterson was born May 11, 1832, in Batavia, Genesee county, New York, and came west in 1855, settling in Tama county. On Feb. 22, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ferguson, who died Oct. 21, 1912. He is survived by two children, Ross C. Peterson and Mrs. Smith, both of this city. Two other children, John and Mrs. A. H. Conant, are dead. There are two sisters, Mrs. L. N. Burt, of Garwin, and Mrs. Maria Farrow, of Eldora. Mr. Peterson was a member of B. P. O. E. lodge, No. 312, of this city.

Funeral services will be held from the Smith home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

"PEG O' MY HEART."

The Attraction at the Odeon For Monday Night.

Oliver Morosco, producer, and J. Hartley Manners, author, of "Peg O' My Heart," one of the most phenomenal successes of the present day which is announced for reappearance at the Odeon Monday evening are reaping another golden harvest from the wonderful success of this play this season after dividing the profits of nearly half a million dollars which this attraction netted last year. This wholesome play has caught the fancy of playgoers wherever it has been presented, as its humor and love interest are so compelling that it holds the attention of the auditor from the beginning to the final fall of the curtain, while its characters present types that are wholly appealing to our human instincts. For those who like plays which excite the emotions from laughter to eye mistiness, they will find just what they want in this truthful comedy "Peg O' My Heart," which proved the most entertaining of all the attractions witnessed here last season. Kitty O'Connor is announced in the title role. Odeon.

OLD TIME FAVORITES.

Al Gorrell and His Company Coming to the Odeon Sunday Evening.

Patrons of the Odeon will have an opportunity Sunday evening to see the old time favorites once more and this will be the last chance to see them for a long time, so don't miss seeing Al and the others at the Odeon, Thursday Sunday evening for the one night only. Mr. Gorrell's route was so arranged as he had to pass thru this city Sunday and he couldn't resist a call upon his old friends, so it took only about two minutes to arrange for the offering for Sunday evening will be "Just Me and Ma," a three act comedy drama of life in the New England states. The cast includes all the old time favorites and Al is expecting to see at least 1,000 of his friends present at this visit. Prices: the lower floor reserved, 25 cents, balcony and gallery unreserved 10 cents. Seats on sale Saturday at 10 a. m. Buy your tickets early. Odeon.

BUSINESS COLLEGE CELEBRATES.

Big Christmas Program and Decorations Make General Good Time.

Teachers and about seventy-five of the students of the Central Iowa Business College had a big Christmas program in the rooms before the close of school for the holidays. The rooms were prettily decorated in red and green, and a Christmas tree, all aglow with candles, ornamented one end of the room. A program was given by the students. Mrs. Margaret Frazer Henderson gave readings, and Emily Gilbert some Mother Goose selections. Refreshments were served and every one received a present. The college closed for a ten days' vacation. The teachers will spend their vacations at their homes, Miss Wilma Hanger going to Lincoln, Neb., and Miss Ione Ruel to Green Bay, Wis. Mr. Gilbert goes Saturday night to Elgin, Ill., to visit his parents, and they will go on to Chicago to attend the National Commercial Teachers' Federation convention.

Local Weather Record.

Thirty-eight and 29 were the extremes of temperature Thursday, compared with 42 and 10 Wednesday, 25 and 6 a year ago Thursday. At 7 o'clock this morning the temperature was 20, compared with 23 at the same hour Thursday morning.

Here's Study For Housewives—This Dinner, 20 Cents

Here is food for thought for the housewife. How can a dinner, made up of the best the season affords, be served for 20 cents? It can't be done in the private home, but in the Iowa Soldiers' home this fine Christmas dinner will cost 20 cents per plate. Quartermaster H. J. Bennett has made up the menu for the annual Christmas dinner for veterans, other members of the home, and the civilian help, at which roast turkey will be served. The turkey, 700 pounds of which are used, cost the state 25 cents a pound, or \$175. Two meals are served, however, from this much turkey. The menu for the Christmas dinner follows:

- Roast Turkey, with Dressing
- Giblet Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cabbage Salad
- Cranberries
- Wheat Bread
- Jellies
- Graham Bread

- Mince Pie
- Pumpkin Pie
- Cheese
- Fruit Cake

- Apples
- Oranges
- Bananas
- Assorted Candies

- Coffee
- Tea
- Milk

Nine hundred sixty people will partake of this big meal. In addition to the 700 pounds of turkey the dinner is made up of 100 quarts of cranberries, six bushels of potatoes, 144 three-pound cans of peas, 200 pounds of cabbage, 100 three-pound loaves of bread, fifty-pounds of butter, 500 pounds of fruit cake, 200 pies, eight bushels of apples, seven boxes of oranges, nine dozen bananas, 200 pounds of candy, twenty pounds of coffee, five pounds of tea, 250 pounds of milk, and seventy-five pounds of sugar.

The jellies used for the dinner were given to the members of the home by the different women's relief corps of the Ladies of the G. A. R. circles of Iowa.

DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

William C. Brown, New Resident of City, Succumbs After Brief Illness.

Pneumonia and uremic poisoning caused the death at 3:45 this morning at the Deaconess hospital of William C. Brown, aged 40, who came here about two weeks ago from Chicago to take charge of the lunch room at the Northwestern station. Brown was taken ill of pneumonia Wednesday, and grew steadily worse. He was removed to the hospital Thursday morning.

Mr. Brown was a native of Virginia, and was born in Richmond forty years ago. He leaves a wife, who has been helpful with him, a mother, Mrs. Alice Brown, and two sisters, Mrs. Margie Pressena and Mrs. Davis, at Richmond. The body left for Richmond at 1:10 this forenoon, accompanied by Mrs. Brown.

Postoffice Holiday Hours.

The postoffice will close Saturday morning at 10:30 and remain closed until Monday morning. The general delivery window will be open on Christmas day from 8 to 10:30 in the morning. Carriers will make one complete business and residence delivery. Morning and evening collections will also be made.

There will be one complete rural delivery on Christmas day, this being the only holiday of the year the rural carriers are compelled to work.

The ODEON--Mon., Dec. 27

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Christmas Eve

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