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XMAS TREE DELIGHTS

THE YOUNG FOLKS

The public Christmas Tree and program given in the church Friday evening under the auspices of the Sunday School was well attended. The program was rendered and those who took part deserve praise for their excellent work. The speaking by the little folks was enjoyed by all as

was also the singing. After the program was completed Santa Claus appeared through the window and after extending the greetings of the season to all he proceeded to distribute the presents which his tree was loaded down with. The following is a copy of the program rendered.

Prayer.....	Rev. Mrs. Bohr
Xmas Acrobat.....	14 Little Girls
Song.....	Choir
Santa Claus Inquest.....	Arthur Speelman
A Star, A Song, A Child.....	Florine Ewalt
Come Again Santa (Dialogue).....	Boys in Mrs. Taylor's Room
Xmas Greetings (Song).....	Sunday School
The Doll.....	Elizabeth Taylor
Hard Times for Georgie.....	Harry King
Xmas Everywhere.....	Opal Lane
Lost on Xmas Eve, (Dialogue).....	Seven Pupils
Xmas Time.....	Roy Owens
Xmas Questions.....	Roy Ewalt
New Santa Claus.....	Laura Parks
The Round Year.....	Dan Hedges
Drive Your Reindeers Santa.....	Gladys James
Kris Cringle.....	Lena Crosby
Happy Xmas (Song).....	Sunday School
Doll Hospital (Dialogue).....	Five Little Folks
Merry Bells.....	Iva Lane
Just a Little Empty Stocking (Song).....	Laura Yokley
A New Bonnet.....	Barbra Olsen
A Plan That Failed (Dialogue).....	Orville Speelman and Alman Hall
Song.....	Choir
Spanish Serenade (Instrumental Music).....	Misses Anna and Stella Olsen
Over The Hills of Bethlehem (Pantomime).....	Girls in Miss Markin's Class

FIRST ANNUAL

BALL A SUCCESS

The First Annual Ball of the Ekalaka Fire Department which was given in the I. O. O. F. hall on Christmas Eve was well attended and proved a success in every way. The boys were greeted with a full house and those who attended feel well repaid for the time spent. The dance commenced immediately after the program at the church where the public Christmas tree was held and continued until 4 o'clock. The receipts from the sale of tickets were \$146 which amount will be used for the maintenance of the department.

The fire boys were indeed gratified at the result of their effort and wish to thank all those who attended for their support. The music was furnished by the Ekalaka orchestra and supper was served by Mrs. Wesley Thompson.

THE ORPHANS

HOME DINNER

A party of young folks went out to Geo. Boggs, ranch Saturday and their enjoyed themselves partaking of a sumptuous Christmas dinner. The feast, which was prepared by Mrs. Boggs, consisted of nearly everything one would wish for on such an occasion and will long be remembered by the participants. Among those who attended were Messers Geo. Herndon, Lacy Speelman, Geo. Baker, F. L. Funkenbusch, Matt Carey, H. H. Hedges, A. E. Dague, O. A. Dahl Misses Alice Newbary, Nellie Sharp, and Lowe Patterson. All expressed themselves as having a good time and many were the praises of the hospitality shown by Mr. and Mrs. Boggs.

MORE SHOOTING ON THE RIVER

Sheriff Hugh Wells returned Wednesday from the Powder river country, where he went to take into custody Will Schmalse nephew of Fred Scamalse, of this city, who was reported to have killed Tom Bell, one of the old-timers of Custer county, as a result of some altercations which had arisen between them. There were all sorts of rumors regarding the incident floating about the city and the impression got out at first that it was a cold-blooded murder. There was a report to the effect that Schmalse had telephoned the sheriff's office giving himself up.

When Sheriff Wells reached the scene he found that a coroners jury had already exonerated young Schmalse and upon further examination ascertained that the old man had died presumably of heart failure. The incident took place at ranch of Fred Fritz.—Independent.

DR. J. P. HEDGES

IS RECOMMENDED

A special meeting of the commercial club was held Wednesday evening. The meeting was called for the purpose of selecting a resident of this part of the county to fill the unexpired 6 year term of County Commissioner caused by the death of J. W. Stith of Terry. A motion made to recommend Dr. J. P. Hedges to Judge Sanner who has the appointment of this office, was seconded and unanimously carried. A committee was appointed to take this matter in hand and if possible secure Mr. Hedges the appointment.

Dr. J. P. Hedges who has been a resident in this part of the country since 1882 is a capable gentleman to fill the position and will serve the people of the county in the capacity of commissioner to the best of his ability. Mr. Hedges is well and favorably known throughout the country and is well acquainted with the county and it's needs.

That these needs will be earnestly looked after, it is safe to say and we doubt if a more suitable gentlemen to fill this position can be found. His appointment which is more than probable, will be a source of pleasure to his supporters and that he will soon act in the capacity of county commissioner is the earnest desire of his many friends and acquaintances in this part of the county.

J. W. STITH

DIES IN MILES

County Commissioner J. W. Stith of Terry passed away at the Miles City hospital on Monday of this week from paralysis of the bowels. Mr. Stith was first taken ill at his home in Terry on Saturday the 17th instant and gradually grew worse until a week ago Tuesday when he was removed to Miles where he underwent an operation which was performed by Drs. Andrus and Buskirk. This operation was of no benefit to him and he soon was claimed by death.

Mr. Stith has been one of the county commissioners and in this extent he served the people to the best of his ability. He had a host of friends throughout the county who will regret the news of his sudden death.

COURT TROUBLES.

Another imitation of a trial was held in Judge Lambert's court Tuesday afternoon. The arguments of the defense in the case were uncalled for, and unbecoming, to any person claiming to belong to the better element of society. Judge Lambert after hearing the abuse, insults, etc. offered soon rendered his verdict, discharging the defendant and retaining his reputation as being just and right in his capacity as Justice of the peace. Such cases as this one, could in our opinion be better settled at home thus saving the publicity etc. which is acquired when entered in court.

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