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\$1.50 PER YEAR

Cresco Theatre

WHERE EVERYBODY GOES

Friday and Saturday LEW CODY December 24 and 25

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"OCCASIONALLY YOURS"

Which opens the question whether Solomon, with all his thousand wives, was a wise man or a darned fool. A piquant story of Love and Loves, filled with all the humor possible and a thousand laughs.

ALSO A TWO-REEL LARRY SEMAN COMEDY
Prices 15c and 30c. Special Xmas Matinee. Two shows—7:30-9:00

Monday Dec. 27 Tuesday Dec. 28

WILLIAM FARNUM in

"Wolves of The Night"

A Western Picture full of love, and romance and happiness

ALSO PATHE SERIAL

Prices 15c-25c 2 shows 7:30-9:00

Incomparable BILLIE BURKE in

"The Misleading Widow"

They found a man under her bed at dead of night and who do you suppose saw the whole thing? Tabitha! (Named from "Tabby", the CAT.) Tabitha took care of the rest!

Scandal? Two men in the home of a young, charming and unchaperoned widow! How's THAT for scandal!

ALSO ROLIN COMEDY
Prices 15c-25c 2 shows—7:30-9:00

DON'T FORGET

"PHANTOM FOE"

A Serial of 15 episodes of love and adventure, starting Monday, Dec. 27th, and every Monday after for 15 weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

W. A. Beckoven, Pastor.

All the regular services of the church next Sunday. The day will be observed as "Christmas Sunday." Morning sermon, "He Came From Heaven". Special Christmas music at this service.

In the evening a full chorus choir under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Thomson will give the cantata, "The Word Made Flesh". No sermon in the evening; the full evening musical.

Morning and evening services at 10:30 and 7:50; Sunday school after the morning service; Junior C. E. at 2:30; Young People's C. E. at 6:30. Y. P. S. C. E. topic, "The Spirit of Generosity"—a Christmas meeting. Leader, Hazel Webster.

Christmas exercises by the Sunday school at the church on Friday evening—Christmas Eve. Parents come with the children and have a good time.

The Colonial Play to have been given by the C. E. young people has been postponed from Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, to Wednesday evening, December 29th.

GRANGER M. E. CHURCH

L. E. Grabau Pastor.

December 26th, services as follows: Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., preaching at 11:00 a. m.—subject, "The Other Cheek". Text in Matt. 5:39-41; study it thoroughly and come to the services. The collection that was to have been taken up last Sunday for famine sufferers will be taken Christmas Eve instead. Come. We love to see, hear and meet you.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. H. M. Norman, Pastor.

Friday, Dec. 24th, Christmas tree program at First Lutheran church, Cresco, at 7:30 p. m. An offering will be taken for the Charities fund.

Saturday, Dec. 25th, Christmas service in Norwegian in the Ridgeway church at 10:30 a. m.

Sunday, Dec. 26th, Norwegian-English service in First Lutheran church Cresco at 10:30 a. m. and in the Orleans church at 2:30 p. m.

Orleans Aid meets December 30. Mrs. Andrew Midthus entertains at her home.

Cresco Lutheran Girls Club meets Thursday evening of next week with Mrs. John Iverson—Dec. 30.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Father J. P. Wagener

Confessions, Friday 2-5 p. m. and 7-8 p. m. Masses on Christmas-day. High mass at 5 a. m., followed by Low Mass and Highmass at 10:00 a. m.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish hereby to express our high appreciation for all assistance, sympathy and prayers for us, also for the many floral offerings at the funeral of our dear wife and mother.

HELP WANTED.

A girl for domestic work. Inquire of Mrs. H. H. Nichols. 16tf

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. C. L. Nye, D. D. Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 26, the pastor will preach at 10:30, a Christmas sermon, on "His Name, Wonderful". In the evening at 7:30 the choir will give a sacred Concert. Sunday school at noon, Epworth League at 6:30.

No Christmas exercises as at first planned on Friday evening. The treat will be given to children on Sunday at the school.

The program of the Concert of the choir at the M. E. church Sunday evening, Dec. 26 will be as follows:

Organ Prelude.
"The Light of Promise"—Choir.
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem"—Alto Solo and Chorus.
"Bethlehem Ephrata"—Mrs. Allen and Choir.
"There were Shepherds"—Hazel Burr and Ladies' Chorus.
"And it Came to Pass"—Chorus.
Intermission—Offering.
Solo—Mrs. Herman.
"Christ our Righteousness"—Mr. Patterson and Chorus.
Duet—Mesdames Allen and Herman
"Glory to God in the Highest"—Chorus.
Postlude—Mrs. Nichols.

CHRISTMAS POSTOFFICE SERVICE.

riers will make delivery as usual, and on Christmas Day the rural carriers will make one complete delivery in the morning, and an effort will be made to deliver all parcels by carrier. The general delivery and parcel windows will be open from 9 to 10 a. m. but no money order business will be transacted.

F. D. Mead, P. M.

NEW PASTOR COMES TO CRESCO

The members of the First Baptist church of this city have called Rev. F. W. Weniger, of Brownsdale, Minn., to become their pastor, his services to begin Jan. 1, 1921.

Rev. Weniger has served in various lines of Christian work, having back of him 26 years of active service, including city and rural work, evangelist work, home and foreign missionary work, as well as years of pastoral work. He, with his wife, did pioneer missionary work in South America, establishing mission stations which have grown to strong religious centers since. Rev. Weniger believes in a whole bible and preaches a full gospel with a clear commanding voice as the prophets of old. He is a singer as well as a good speaker and never fails to interest people in his songs or messages and once you hear him you will want to hear him again.

He comes to minister to the spiritual life of all people regardless of denomination, and to contribute of his ability in every way to the best welfare of the city and community. He gladly offers his services to any who desire it; will visit the sick aged, poor, shut-in ones, read and pray with them, attend to funerals whenever desired, unite loving hearts in the bonds of matrimony. He particularly desires to help so far as possible those seeking the light of Christianity.

If you desire a church home we give you a hearty welcome, we can help you; if you desire to help in church work come and you can help us.

Services of all kinds will be held at the following hours with additional meetings announced from the pulpit: 9:30 a. m.—Sunday school for everybody.
10:30 a. m.—Worship service with sermon by the pastor.
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. meeting.
7:30 p. m.—Evening song service with inspiring evangelistic message.
7:30 p. m.—Wednesday prayer and bible hour.
The church with a welcome for everybody.

MARRIED

Peters-Ratz

The Fred Roth home was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday night, Dec. 21st, at 7 p. m., when their daughter Miss Louise Ratz, became the bride of Fred Peters, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peters.

The bridal couple, attended by Miss Helen Peters, a sister of the groom, and Rudolph Ratz, a brother of the bride, made their way down the stairway to the strains of the beautiful wedding march played by Mrs. John Pless, and took their places under a white wedding bell, where they were met by the officiating clergyman, Rev. Pless, who spoke the words which joined the lives of this young couple.

The bride was charming in a gown of white georgette and satin; she wore a veil and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. Her maid was tastefully gowned in pink organdie.

The house was effectively decorated the color scheme of pink and white being carried out.

After congratulations had been spoken, the bride party, with their guests, were served a delicious supper. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters have grown to maturity in this vicinity and are counted among the best of our young people. They are possessed of a large circle of friends who will wish for them the best, and an abundance of prosperity and happiness in their new life.

They expect to make their home on the groom's father's farm southeast of town, where they will begin house-keeping in the coming spring.

The Plain Dealer extends congratulations and best wishes.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

A surprise, which was a genuine success took place last Sunday noon, Dec. 12th, when Mr. John Bigalk and his honored spouse returned home from church. During their absence neighbors and relatives by the score had taken possession of the entire premises and had converted the home into a regular reception hall. The dining room was prettily decorated and two long tables spread, as for a banquet, were awaiting the arrival of the unsuspecting and unsuspecting couple Mr. and Mrs. John Bigalk, and other guests.

Not until the silver wreath was placed upon the bride's head and a silver sprig placed upon the groom's lapel, did both realize that their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary was being observed.

Before the guests were seated at the tables, their pastor, Rev. Deguine, addressed the honored couple in a few appropriate words. Then an elaborate dinner followed; it was well after 3 o'clock when all the guests were served. A neat little sum in silver was given Mr. and Mrs. Bigalk as a token from their friends. All joined in congratulating and extending hearty wishes to the happily surprised couple, and expressed the hope that they might be permitted to celebrate their golden anniversary, twenty-five years hence.

NO SMALL POX EPIDEMIC.

Cresco citizens were quite a little alarmed last week at the prospect of a small pox epidemic, which was occasioned by the closing of the city schools on Friday morning after the discovery that one of the grade pupils was ill at her home of that disease. Two other cases were found within a day, and rumor quickly multiplied the cases.

The local board of health had a meeting Saturday afternoon and considered it advisable to close all public places until they could determine the best thing to do in the matter. On Sunday Mayor Davenport got into communication with Mr. Griswold, state epidemiologist, and upon his advice the ban was lifted.

Mr. Griswold claimed that a public quarantine would eliminate only about 5 per cent of exposures, stating that vaccination was the proper course to pursue.

Up to this writing there has developed only the three cases of small pox and these are in a very light form. A strict quarantine is being observed in these cases and with everyone taking proper precaution there is not any danger of the disease reaching an epidemic stage.

COMMUNITY TREE

The Community Christmas tree at the Cresco Theatre will be presented to the children promptly at 10:00 o'clock Christmas morning.

OBITUARY.

Phelan.

Robert Phelan has joined the silent majority. In the death of Mr. Phelan, which occurred at his home in Cresco, Thursday night, Dec. 16, 1920, the community lost one of its oldest and best known citizens. Although he had been in failing health for some time because of his advanced age, nevertheless the sad intelligence that he was no more brought a tinge of sadness to those who knew him best.

Robert Phelan was born in September, 1844, at Tipperary, Ireland. He came to America in 1862, and to Cresco in 1863. He was united in marriage to Miss Catharine McCann of Cresco, Aug. 30, 1869, who still survives him.

Mr. Phelan lived to the age of 76 years and for several years past has been in a very feeble condition, just able to get about with the aid of a cane. In his younger and active life he was one of the leading business men of Cresco. He was a public spirited man and always in the lead in promoting projects for the betterment of the community at large. A devout Catholic he was active in defending his religious principles, and gave freely of his time, energy and influence in upbuilding the church and religion which he loved so well.

He has finished his work and the Master summoned him to a higher place. He has gone to the reward promised to those who fulfill the commandments of God.

The funeral was held on Saturday morning from the Assumption church. Mass was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. P. H. Ryan, who also delivered an impressive and appropriate sermon, and paid special tribute to the unusually beautiful faith and submission to the Holy will of God. May his soul rest in peace.

Millett.

Oren Densmore Millett was born in the state of Maine July 13, 1838, and died at the home of his son at Livermore, Iowa, Monday, Dec. 20th, 1920, thus being 82 years of age.

When about seven years of age he moved with his parents to Wisconsin, where he grew to manhood. After spending a few years in the west he returned.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Mary Smith. Two children were born to them, one dying in infancy.

About four years after they were married they removed to Iowa and have since resided here. Mr. Millett united with the M. E. church by letter shortly after moving to Iowa, in 1879, in the pastorate of F. P. Shaffer, but owing to his state of health and defective hearing he did not attend church in recent years. During his life time he was always an industrious worker.

He leaves a wife, one son, three sisters, and other relatives to mourn their loss.

The remains of Mr. Millett were brought to Cresco Tuesday and the funeral services were held from the Bradley undertaking parlors Thursday afternoon, with interment in Oak Lawn cemetery. Rev. C. L. Nye officiating.

Gaskill.

This community was shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Thos. Gaskill in California, where she and her husband had gone about three weeks ago. Thursday, Dec. 16th, Mrs. Gaskill was stricken with paralysis and never regained consciousness.

Her remains arrived in Cresco on Thursday, accompanied by the bereaved husband, and were taken to the Bradley undertaking parlors.

Plans for the funeral have not yet been completed, so we are unable to state when the services will be held.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Adopted by Memorial Post, No. 216, Dept. of Iowa, G. A. R. on the death of Comrade N. S. Durgin, who died Dec. 12, 1920. Resolved, While we bow in humble submission to the will of our great commander in calling our loved comrade N. S. Durgin to the grand army above, yet we feel his loss and as another vacancy is made in our ever thinning ranks let us ever remember and emulate his virtues and noble spirit of love and charity which actuated him, for no appeal from a worthy comrade or any dependent one was ever made to him in vain. Be it further resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the widow of our deceased comrade and that the same be published in our city papers and also a copy spread on the records of the post.

R. R. Rose,
C. B. Ashley,
S. W. Harris,
Committee.

A Merry Christmas

AND

A Happy New Year

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

Grosser's Grocery and Variety Store

FOR SALE

A snap for quick sale by owner. 260 acres, two and a half miles from Sturgeon Lake, Pine county, Minn., on the shore of beautiful lake. One hundred acres under cultivation, fifty acres plowed this fall, balance spring plowing; complete set of buildings, twelve room house, large barn, etc., completely fenced and cross fenced, good roads on three sides, school house on farm, a highly improved farm. For quick sale at \$80.00 per acre with good terms, or will rent on shares, one-third to owner.

L. H. Blacklock, owner.
Mouse Lake, Minnesota.