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Xmas Festival at M. E. Church

Appropriate Program to Be Rendered and Dainty Gifts Will Be Distributed Among the Little Folks.

The Beach Methodist Sunday school will give its annual Christmas celebration at the Methodist church on Christmas Eve (Friday), beginning at 7:30 p. m. A nice, large Christmas tree and a wholesome treat in dainty new boxes has been provided for the little folks. The decorations and entertainment will be appropriate for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The chief decorative feature is a large background, "The City of Bethlehem and the Shepherd."

Following is the program that will be rendered:

Violin solo--Tracy Bartholomew.

Invocation--Rev. Hammer. "We Welcome You"--Six children.

Recitation, "The Spelling Season"--Lenore Wolf.

Recitation "Daddy's Purse"--Jimmy Sprague.

Song by Choir, "The Starry Skies."

"Message of the Bells"--First year beginners.

"Hanging of the Stockings"--Second year beginners.

Lullaby--By children.

Recitation, "Christmas"--Marguerite Sprague.

"Christmas Arithmetic"--Four boys.

Fairies' Festival--By eight girls.

Song by Choir--"Tis Heaven's Reply."

Recitation, "A Little Girl's Troubles"--Florence Kastien.

"Jesus, the Unspeakable Gift"--Seven boys.

Song by Children, "Sleep, Little Baby."

Recitation, "A Stupid Book"--Forrest Sharp.

Recitation, "The Best Claus"--Harold Eide.

"Bethlehem"--Male quartette.

"For Somebody's Stocking"--Seven children.

Recitation, "A Progressive Santa"--Willis Nicols.

Recitation, "A Christmas Secret"--Irvin Mills.

"The Christmas Story"--Seven children.

"Judea Fair"--Male quartette.

"Christmas Candles"--By eight girls.

Duet by the Young sisters, miliphone accompaniment.

"Star Drill and Tableau"--Seven girls.

"Bethlehem"--By choir.

"Christmas Wishes"--By three children.

Pantomime--"Hark, the Voice of Angels Calling."

TAKES PICTURES DAY OR NIGHT

During the week the Welch & Johnson photo studio installed a very novel light cluster which will enable them to take pictures at any time of the day or night. Inasmuch as there has been a large demand for service of this kind recently, the managers of the studio have arranged a cluster of arcs, the rays from which are focused in such a manner as to afford a light that is bright as day. The innovation has already been tried out with excellent results.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Haugen arrived in the city from Killdeer on Monday and will spend the holiday season in the city.

CONSIDER PACKING PLANT PROPOSITION

Fargo, Dec. 23.--At a meeting called by Secretary Hardy of the Commercial club, the matter of securing the packing plant that Equity Exchange people are planning on building in North Dakota for Fargo was taken up and discussed at some length.

It was the unanimous opinion of those present that something should be done immediately in the way of offering inducements to get the plant located here. If a packing plant is to be built in North Dakota, it was felt that Fargo was the logical place for it, and various sites were discussed with regard to their adaptability for such an institution.

City Commissioner Blake more stated that he thought that conditions ought to be investigated thoroughly before any definite action was taken. It was his opinion that a committee should be appointed to gather data as to how much stock would be available in case a plant were started and how much of a demand there would be for the products, so that a plant could be put in that would be on a paying basis.

Several others spoke briefly and the matter was discussed pretty thoroughly from different angles. It was finally decided to appoint a committee to investigate conditions and find out just what Fargo had to offer as an inducement for the plant to locate here. The committee will hold a meeting soon and will make an investigation and report back to the Commercial club.

COWBOYS GO INTO THE SHOW BUSINESS

Watford, N. D., Dec. 23.--Believing the show business is more lucrative than being a cowboy on the ranges of western North Dakota, Jack J. Breyer and Charlie Daniels, who have been ranching in the Little Missouri country, are now in Watford organizing a wild west show company.

They have assumed names of "Powder River Jack" and "Bad Lands Jim" for theatrical purposes. They plan to give their initial performance in Watford next week and announce that after that they expect to take company of stars and Indians on a theatrical tour of North Dakota. Later on they will go east.

Rocky Butte S. S. Social

The Rocky Butte Sunday school gave the first of a series of socials Friday evening at the church. The weather being bad, there was not as large an attendance as was expected, but all those present enjoyed themselves to the limit, games being played and a short program given.

Mrs. A. J. Castner in her usual pleasing way recited a selection entitled "Mighty Peculiar." A. J. Beiers proved himself a good story teller, while Lewis Raisler did well singing a solo, after which a chorus of eight voices sang a number of old-time songs.

Refreshments were served by the committee and plans were laid for another social in the near future. Watch for announcement later.

Miss Burnetta Witzig returned on Wednesday from Jamestown, where she has been attending school. She will spend the holiday season in the city.

Drama of Love and War in Movies

Several Scenes Taken on the European Battle Front to Be Shown at the Beach Opera House.

The scene of the Esseny 6-reel feature, "The Crimson Wing," which will be shown at the opera house, this city, on the evening of December 29, was laid on the battlefield of the present conflict in Europe. Several good war scenes are depicted. A huge Zeppelin is seen fully prepared to go into action under heavy fire. General Joffre, who until recently was commander-in-chief of the allied armies, appears to advantage several times.

E. H. Colvert, who plays the leading role, is well fitted for that part, having had 14 years' experience as a regular army officer. E. H. Gronell, who plays the part of a German officer, served five years in the German army. Miss Stonehouse, who plays the lead, needs no eulogy, as the fact that she is playing lead for Esseny is ample.

Exceptional interest is attached to this photo play because of the national and world characters appearing in the parts taken in this country. Actual scenes were taken here, among which are pictures of the homes of some of the wealthy citizens of Chicago. Mr. Moore, vice president of the Chicago & Rock Island railroad, takes the part of a chauffeur in one scene in which he drives his \$5,000 car.

Insurance Co. Fails to Settle

Bismarck, Dec. 23.--Attorney General Linde and Insurance Commissioner Taylor will hold a conference in Fargo regarding the affairs of the Des Moines Hail and Cyclone association. It is claimed there are losses in the western part of the state in the sum of \$22,000 which have not been settled. The company has \$25,000 deposited with the state as security, and the matter of a settlement of some kind is to be disposed of at this meeting.

A. L. Martin of Sentinel Butte was a business visitor during the fore part of the week.

Beach-Kramer Nuptials.

On Wednesday afternoon, at the Lutheran parsonage, Rev. Tranklein officiating, Troy Beach and Ella Kramer solemnized the bonds of holy matrimony. Herman Kramer, brother of the bride, and Dessa Prouty acted as sponsors at the ceremony. The groom is one of the prominent business men in the town of Ollie, being the proprietor and manager of the opera house at that place. The bride has resided in the past with her parents, who are numbered among the prominent citizens of the Stuart country. The young lady is of pleasant personality and one of the most popular young ladies in the Golden Valley.

The young couple will reside in Ollie. Aside from a party which was given in their honor on Wednesday evening, on Saturday evening a ball will be given in the Ollie opera house. Invitations have been extended to their many friends in this locality. The Chronicle joins with their many friends in expressing sincere congratulations.

Mann-Holland Nuptials.

On Tuesday afternoon, at the home of the bride, Miss Clara Holland and Paul Mann were united in matrimony. Justice Horn officiated at the ceremony. Lily Holland and Frank Koeck acted as witnesses for the occasion.

Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served the bridal pair and the friends and relatives who were in attendance. The nuptials were made the recipients of several valuable presents.

The bride is the daughter of very prominent parents from the south Wibaux country.

The groom has been in this section for several months, coming here from the east. The newly married pair will in all probability continue to reside in this section. The best wishes of a host of friends attend them.

Pat Birmingham, who was formerly in business in the city, but who is now ranching near Loyal, N. D., returned to the city on Tuesday. He left on Wednesday for Waterloo, Ia., where he will visit with friends and relatives during the holiday season.

Woman Thrown From Wagon

Mrs. Johnson Seriously Injured as Wagon Tilts at a Bad Place in the Road Near Medora.

Medora, N. D., Dec. 23.--A serious accident befell the Johnson family. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Harry Cohee were on their way to town by way of the Rasmussen place, driving a wagon with a double box. They approached a bad place in the road and the wagon was stopped for fear it would tip over. While standing perfectly still the wagon tilted, throwing the occupants out. Mrs. Johnson was seated on a spring seat on top of the box and was thrown headlong from the wagon. She caught Cohee's coat as she fell and broke the force of the fall somewhat, but on alighting, struck her head on a stone and either broke or ruptured an ear drum and sustained injuries to the skull. She was unconscious for about four hours after the accident occurred and upon reviving was brought to the Lawson home in Medora. Dr. Bowen of Dickinson was called and came immediately by auto. While he did not pronounce Mrs. Johnson in immediate danger, he found her in a very serious condition and at times delirious and requiring the care of a nurse.

EQUITY LOCAL TO HOLD MEETING

The wide-awake local of the American Society of Equity will meet on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Prairie Jew school house. All farmers in the country tributary are requested to be present, for a rousing meeting will take place. Subjects which are of interest to farmers will be discussed at length.

Oscar and Marcus Leland, farmers in the vicinity of Squaw Gap, left on No. 2 Tuesday for Ontario, Wis., where they will spend the winter visiting friends and relatives.

Several cars of grain were shipped to the Equity in St. Paul from near Wibaux during the past few weeks. The results were very satisfactory.

NORTH DAKOTA'S CROP PRODUCTION

Crop production in North Dakota this year aggregates in quantity about 58 per cent more than last year. Prices on December 1 averaged 10 per cent lower than a year ago, making total value of crop production on this basis, about 42 per cent more than last year. The estimates are based upon those crops whose values in the last complete crop census represented 93 per cent of all crops.

For the United States production this year aggregates in quantity about 9 per cent more than last year. Prices December 1 averaged 1 per cent lower than a year ago, making a total value of crop production on this basis about 8 per cent more than last year. These estimates are based upon crops whose value in the last complete crop census represented 85 per cent of the value of all crops grown and may be regarded as representative of all crops.

AUTO MANUFACTURERS FAVOR NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 23.--Advance information from automobile manufacturers indicate the fact that North Dakota is to be especially favored by them this season, as many of the best makes are to be shown at the fifth annual automobile show, which will be held at Grand Forks in the great Auditorium on February 8th to 11th, 1916. The automobile show has become an annual feature of the trade. The show gives prospective buyers an opportunity to see many of the models of the best cars and note and compare improvements before buying. This year's show promises to surpass all previous ones in point of cars shown and attendance, as many North Dakotans will purchase new cars this spring.

Praises North Dakota Schools.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 23.--An educator of national repute, Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston, editor of the American Journal of Education, stated recently that North Dakota, with all its wonderful possibilities and great resources will stand foremost among the states of the west if her citizens continued to bend energies to reach the highest possible state of development and civilization.

Dr. Winship has made a tour of several counties of the state, visiting many towns and preaching the gospel of practical education. He was delighted when he saw the progress which has been made by the boys' and girls' industrial clubs of our state. This teaching of things which are practical, in addition to the giving of the regular school subjects, he declares, will make much better men and women for North Dakota, assuring a bright future. They will be far better equipped to meet the demands of life, he says.

Mrs. Bradley Insane.

Alexander, N. D., Dec. 23.--Mrs. C. H. Bradley, who has been suffering several months of mental trouble, was yesterday committed to the state hospital for the insane and will remain there until such time as Mrs. Bradley's condition is not of a violent nature and is particularly satisfactory to her family. Physicians believe she will recover.

Germans Retake Mountain Top

Greece May Proclaim Martial Law--Submarine in Mediterranean Sinks a Japanese Liner, but All on Board Are Landed at Port Said.

Berlin, Dec. 23.--The war office has announced that the summit of Hartmanns-Wielerskopf, captured earlier in the week by the French, has been regained by the Germans.

London, Dec. 23.--The proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the forces which clashed with Greeks in Epirus has been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

The recrudescence of the submarine in the near East is signaled in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Although there was no loss of life, marine insurance men declare the property loss to be the heaviest incurred in any maritime disaster of the war. The nature of the cargo remains undisclosed.

British Loss at Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 23.--Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to December 11 totaled 112,921. This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed were 25,279, in addition to total casualties of 96,683 sick admitted to hospitals. The losses are distributed as follows: Killed--Officers 1609, men 23,670. Wounded--Officers 2969; men 72,222. Missing--Officers 339; men 12,114.

Sunk Without Warning.

London, Dec. 23.--The new Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, was sunk in the Mediterranean Tuesday afternoon by a submarine while the steamer was on her way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard. All those aboard the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine was not mentioned by agents. The reports, however, referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submarine. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said on Wednesday.

Stults Best Corn Grower.

Dickinson, N. D., Dec. 23.--Fort he third successive year at the Stark county corn show, P. F. Stults of Dickinson won the \$50 Northern Pacific silver cup offered for the best bushel of ears of Stark county corn. The cup now becomes the personal property of Mr. Stults.

Postoffice Inspector Hill of Bismarck spent several days the first of the week in Beach and visited the new town of Golva, where he looked over the postoffice situation. It is almost certain that Golva will soon have a postoffice.

