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**CHRISTMAS CHEER.**

The Merry Festival and its Observances in the City.

**THE WEATHER OUT NO FIGURE.**

Celebrations in Church, Sunday School and Home—An Event at the Theatre—Santa Claus and His Bounteous Goodness to Treating Little Folks—Fence and Good Will.

While the elements were not in harmony with that which custom and tradition have associated with Christmas, it was celebrated in Rock Island with becoming sacredness, and not without the peculiar happiness, peace and good will among men that does and should prevail at that time. The weather was not favorable to the speedy progress of Santa Claus' reindeer on Christmas eve, but the jolly little ideal, who never fails, made his rounds nevertheless, and the awakening joy of childhood on Christmas morning were not dampened by the copious April down pour of the night before Christmas, as many a confiding little one feared they would be.

**Sacred Observances.**  
Many of the churches of the city held their Christmas observances in connection with the usual Sunday services, and in every instance these were of an impressive and appropriate nature, the Broadway Presbyterian choir presenting a delightful program of Christmas music, while at the Central, First, M. E. First Baptist and United Presbyterian, the greatest festival of Christendom was duly celebrated. At the First Baptist Rev. N. G. DeWitt, of Fresno, Cal., preached an able discourse, as did Rev. C. L. Mann, of Birmingham, Ala., at the First M. E.

At Trinity midnight mass was celebrated by Rev. R. F. Sweet, assisted by Rev. Mercer, of Geneseo. Christmas morning the services consisted of matins and celebration of the Lord's supper. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreen and holly.

At St. Joseph's church masses were celebrated at 5 o'clock and 8 o'clock, and 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The church was handsomely decorated.

At the Christian a young people's sunrise prayer meeting was held at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C.

**In the Sunday School.**  
The annual Christmas festival of Trinity parish was held at the church last evening. There was a beautiful Christmas tree laden with gifts for the children of the school. The service, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Sweet, was responsive in its nature, and included a short address by Mr. Sweet.

The exercises of the First Methodist Sunday school were held on Saturday evening, and brought out about 400 people, the church being filled. The exercises were given by the different classes, and were highly interesting. The "Angel Chorus," given by Miss Battles' class, was exceedingly well rendered. The number by Miss Henderson's class was very interesting, indeed, the participants being costumed, and rendering several dialogues and marches in a manner complimentary to their teachers' efforts. The last number was given by the Boys' Brigade, and proved a surprise to all, especially to the pastor, Rev. F. W. Merrill.

Capt. John McConchie, in behalf of the brigade, presenting the pastor with a superb upholstered easy chair. Mr. Merrill, although surprised greatly, in a neat speech thanked the boys for their kind remembrance. After the distribution of presents the little folks went home in happy anticipation of the morrow.

The exercises at the First Baptist church Saturday evening, were equally interesting and well rendered. A rendition of "Santa Claus' Delight" was given in a most agreeable manner by the children. The choruses, dialogues in songs, short recitations and a confab between three grumblers, may be mentioned among the well rendered, but the fan drill by 12 little girls was superb, and mirth knew no bounds when the little folks appeared as the "Brownies" of Palmer Cox fame, and executed some of their funny antics. After the exercises, Santa Claus appeared and presented each of the children with a present.

The Sunday schools of the Central Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Trinity Mission and South Park chapel will hold their Christmas exercises tonight.

**Home Observances.**  
There were quite a number of family reunions and other social gatherings, Christmas trees, etc., as well as many quiet family celebrations. Above all, Christmas, like Thanksgiving, is essentially a home day, and Rock Island yesterday again demonstrated this fact.

**The Lecture Association.**  
The Rock Island Lecture association furnished as its Christmas entertainment to its patrons and friends at Harper's theatre last evening—and was rewarded by one of the largest audiences the popular course has drawn out—a delightful concert by the Oberlin College Glee club. The club, with Prof. W. K. Breckinridge, is composed of 19 members, and the program presented was one of rich and artistic merit, and the appreciation manifested by the audience was the best expression of the spirit with which it was received. The stage was neatly decorated with the college colors of crimson and gold.

**THE LAST SIGNAL.**

John Lesley a Popular Conductor Announces His Death.

John Lesley, for many years a conductor on the Rock Island road, died at his home, 2730 Seventh avenue, at 5:15 yesterday morning, of consumption, with which he had been a sufferer for some time.

Mr. Lesley was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Nov. 23, 1841, and began his railroad life in 1868, with the Rock Island road, to the service of which he gave so many years, being for many years a freight conductor on the Iowa division, from which position he was obliged to resign, Sept. 12, 1891, because of ill health. He was injured in an accident Aug. 20, 1881, but he continued faithfully to discharge his duties while he was able to do so. He was a member of lodge 106 O. R. C., and had the respect and good will of all his railroad associates, as well as many who knew him in other walks of life. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

The funeral will occur from the Broadway Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**Mrs. David H. Blouet.**

Mrs. Louisa E. Blouet, wife of David H. Blouet, died at her home on Fifteenth street at 4:13 this morning. The lady was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson, and was in her 24th year. She leaves with her grief stricken husband, two children. She was possessed of a sweet disposition, and was beloved by all who knew her.

The funeral will occur at 2 p. m. Thursday.

**Other Obituaries.**

Mrs. Lizzie Bowly died Thursday evening at 8:25, at the home of her parents in Lincoln, Neb., aged 42 years. She is survived by one son, Sam T., of Rock Island, and one daughter, of Lincoln. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon.

David Swanson died Sunday evening at 10:30, of typhoid fever, aged 35 years. Mr. Swanson was an employe of Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann's saw mill, and besides the bereaved wife, he leaves two children. The funeral occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the late residence, 425 Fourth street.

The funeral of the late Henry Heller, of Dubuque, was held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence of his nephew, Monroe Kohn, 609 Eighteenth street. The services at the residence were conducted by Rev. Kahn, of Davenport, and at the grave by Rev. Fall, of Davenport, on behalf of the B'nai B'rith society, of which Mr. Heller was a member. The interment was at Chippinnoek, the pall bearers being: H. Deutsch, I. Fall, I. Comet, J. Raphael and B. Raphael, of Davenport, and I. Bamberger, of Rock Island.

**THE ICE MOVES.**

One of the Earliest Breakups of the River on Record.

The ice in the river made a break on the rapids at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and by evening the main channel above the Rock Island bridge was practically clear. Below the bridge the ice gorged, and between the two cities the mass of crumbled ice remains.

**The Ferry Still Safe.**

So far the ice in the slough remains unbroken, and there is no disposition on the part of that gorged so far to back up into the slough. The colder weather may put a check to the final break up, but should there come a rush from up the river and a further gorge in front of the city, the ferry, Spencer, now imprisoned near the waterworks, would be in great peril.

**Christmas Weddings.**

The Christmas wedding, heralded by THE ARGUS on Saturday evening, was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 4:30 at the residence of Justice H. A. Weld, who performed the ceremony and united for life Walter S. Lancaster, of Davenport, and Miss Amelia Cohn, of Rock Island. The groom was attended by his brother, Lyle D. Lancaster, and the bride by Anna Lempe, of Davenport. After the ceremony the bridal party were driven to the bride's home, 224 Thirtieth street, where a delicious wedding supper was served and an evening of pleasantries spent, celebrating the occasion. Miss Cohn is a graduate of the Rock Island High school, and has been employed for a number of years as clerk in McCabe Bros' store. The groom is also well known in Rock Island, he having for a number of years worked in McCabe Bros. as salesman, but is now employed at the Rock Island arsenal. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster will go to housekeeping at once at 1024 Harrison street, Davenport. Their many friends wish them much joy in their new life.

"Squire Hawes at his office yesterday morning at 10 o'clock married Edward W. Hicks, of Agency, Iowa, and Miss Lizzie B. Dowell, of Hamlet. The groom is at present a blacksmith of Reynolds, and the bride one of Hamlet's fair daughters.

**Holiday Excursion Rates.**

The C. & Q. railroad will sell Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, and Jan. 1, 1894, at greatly reduced rates to all points on its line within a radius of 200 miles of selling station, tickets good to return Jan. 3, 1894. For further particulars apply to H. D. Mack, Div. Pass. Agt., Rock Island, Ill. M. J. Young, Agent.

**FOUND DEAD.**

Shocking Termination of the Life of Miss Lucy Barnes.

**SOME MYSTERY AS TO THE CAUSE.**

Coroner Hawes Holds an Inquest Over the Body With the Result That Death is Attributed to an Overdose of Some Drug—Details of the Discovery, Etc.

Miss Lucy Barnes, a domestic in the employ of J. H. Beselin, 845 Seventeenth street, was found dead in a bed room at the number mentioned, at about 6 o'clock Sunday morning. At the hour stated, Mrs. Beselin went to the door of the room, and found it locked. She immediately called her husband, and he, in company with a neighbor, went to the door and forced it open. The body was found lying on the floor near the bed. Mr. Beselin at once called a doctor, and upon examination found that the young woman was dead, and had been for several hours.

Coroner Hawes was summoned at once, and he went up and empaneled a jury, and held an inquest. Miss Barnes had been in the employ of Mrs. Beselin about seven weeks and always appeared to be of a cheerful nature. She was born in Rock Island, and was 21 years of age. The remains were taken to the home of her father, George Barnes, 608 Eighth avenue, from whence the funeral occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the remains being interred at Chippinnoek.

**The Coroner's Inquest.**

The jury, composed of Charles Hodgson, foreman, J. H. Cleland, W. J. Ranson, W. W. Eggleston, George Lamont and F. C. Homenway, held an inquest over the body on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Irene Meyer was the first witness called, and testified to being an aunt of the deceased, and that three years ago she had suffered an attack of typhoid fever, and since then had been troubled with rheumatism and shortness of breath, indicating heart failure, and that sometimes she complained of pain in her lungs. She also said that she had not seen deceased for several weeks, and therefore didn't know her condition.

George Barnes, father of the deceased, was called, and testified as to being called to Mr. Beselin's house Sunday morning, and there found his daughter lying on the floor, face downward, with her chin resting on a small tin bucket. He also stated that his mother had died from heart failure in 1882, and his eldest sister in 1878 of the same cause, and expressed, as his opinion, that heart disease was in the family.

W. A. Swallow, a moulder, testified as to having known Miss Barnes for two years, and that during that time her health was fairly good.

Mrs. Beselin was called, and her testimony is corroborative of the facts appearing in the beginning of this article.

Dr. Ludewig was put upon the stand and testified as to being called at 7:30 Sunday evening to the house of John Beselin by Mr. Glockhau, asking him to come and attend a young lady, found on the bedroom floor after the door had been forced. He then told how the body was found lying face downward, with her head elevated by a small tin bucket, and the right arm outstretched, while the left was rather bent under the prostrate form. The fingers were in a normal and easy position, as were the lower limbs, and he could discover no marks of violence upon the body nor any signs of blood, and the clothes were not damaged, but were wet, and evidences of vomiting were apparent upon them. On looking around the room nothing of a poisonous nature could be found except an empty one-ounce bottle marked "Oil of Tansy."

"It is my opinion," said he, "that the cause of death was an overdose of some drug."

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict, "That the deceased came to her death by an overdose of some drug at about midnight on December 23, 1893."

**Theories as to the Cause.**

"Squire Hawes, in speaking of the case this morning, stated that while the evidence looking to heart failure as the cause of death was rather strong, yet it seemed to him that the drug must have been used. Shortly after Miss Barnes went up to bed she descended to the kitchen, and taking some hot water with her, she returned to her room again, and from the fact that a cup and spoon were found near the body, it is to be supposed that she took some drug, though maybe without suicidal intent. A post mortem examination was refused by the father of the girl, unless the jury could not agree upon a verdict, and then, of course, an examination would have to be held.

**An Overt Coat.**

An overcoat that will cost the tidy little fortune of \$200 is now being made for a mysterious individual by a Chestnut street tailor. The tailor does not know who his lavish customer is, and never sets eyes on him until he strolled into the store one day recently and ordered the garment, leaving a deposit of \$500 as a guarantee of good faith.

The coat is lined with seal skin and the trimmings are of the finest known to the trade. It has huge collar and cuffs, also of seal skin, and the pockets are lined with the costly skin. The rich fur is only about an eighth of an inch long, and is entirely from seal pups.—Philadelphia Record.

**ROBERT DOWNING.**

The Famous American Tragedian to Present "The Gladiator" at Harper's.

Robert Downing, the favorite American tragedian, has won his way to the front rank of heavy tragedians by the force of his native talent, and in the face of the tradi-



ROBERT DOWNING.

ditional prejudices of those who were educated in the older schools of the drama, for Mr. Downing is an originator, and not an imitator. He belongs to the school of today, and not to any school of the past. In his interpretations of the great heroic characters there is much that is new, and yet he as surely makes his points and carries his audience with him as did the older and more venerated artists in the same plays. Mr. Downing has achieved the first place among legitimate actors for this very reason. He is now on his annual tour of the west, and will visit this city, producing that great play, "The Gladiator." It is to be presented by this sterling actor at Harper's theatre tomorrow night.

**POLICE POINTS.**

An Exciting Ride on Second Avenue and the Outcome.

The reminiscences of early days and Paul Revere's ride were vividly brought back to mind on Sunday morning about 1 o'clock, when Mel Tauchan, a Belgian, was driving up Second avenue and making more noise than a political ratification gathering. Officer Ryan heard the noise and laid hands upon the offender and brought him to grief and to the police station, and when Magistrate Schroeder opened court this morning both "Bill" and his culprit were on hand, and the latter was fined \$10 and costs for raising a disturbance.

Officers Etzel, Crompton and Mulqueen made a raid on a box car near the Rock Island roundhouse yesterday afternoon, and secured nine bums that were doing the juggling act with bottles of whisky and darning "Ta-ra-ra-bum," and generally celebrating Christmas. Seven of the nine left to play some place else this season, but two, who seemed to be short-stops or stop-shorts, could not imbibe as much as the others, and in consequence became free-brewery-ated, and this morning "Squire Hawes" sent them down to the county jail for 30 days under the vagrancy ordinance, and under the names of Tom and Charles Conner.

**Other Police News.**

George Lewis and George Wilkes were before Magistrate Schroeder this morning on the charge of raising a disturbance Saturday evening, after the dance at Armory hall, and Lewis' fun cost him \$5 and costs, while Wilkes was assessed \$3 and costs to serve the same good purpose.

William Ansenberg celebrated Christmas the best he knew how, and the consequence was Officer Hayman landed Bill in the police station, and it will cost him \$3 and costs to regain his freedom, but he still languishes in jail.

**Mr. Cable's Illness.**

THE ARGUS referred last week to the illness of Hon. Ben. T. Cable, but it now appears that his condition was much more serious than was imagined. He is now convalescent, however, a fact which his numerous friends in this city will be pleased to learn. The Chicago Herald of today contains the following:

Ex-Congressman Cable has been seriously ill for several days at the Richelieu hotel. He came to the city just before the election and went around visiting his friends. Many callers went to see him at the Chicago club, where he was staying for a time. He accepted an invitation to dinner Sunday of last week. On his return he caught a severe cold which developed into a mild fever with symptoms of pneumonia. His strong constitution, however, resisted the disease, but at one time his condition was considered critical. He was taken from his room at the Chicago club to the Richelieu. His wife came from Rock Island Wednesday to take care of him, and since then he has rapidly recovered. For the first time he was able to get out of bed yesterday. Many of his friends called upon him to congratulate him on his recovery. Should no relapse occur he will be able to leave for his home Wednesday.

**One Will and One Law.**

A dispatch to the London Times from Berlin says The Germania declares that the emperor, in his address to the recruits recently, said:

"I want Christian soldiers who say the Lord's Prayer. Soldiers are not to have a will of their own. You must have but one will, and that is my will; one law, and that is my law."

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Men's slippers, worth \$2.75, going at	2 03
Men's slippers, worth \$2.50, going at	1 75
Men's slippers, worth \$2, going at	1 60
Men's slippers, worth \$1.75, going at	1 25
Men's slippers, worth \$1.50, going at	1 03
Men's slippers, worth \$1.25, going at	90
Men's slippers, worth 75 cents, going at	60
Boys' water proof shoes worth \$2.50 going at	1 75
Misses' high cut shoes, worth \$2.50, going at	1 80
Misses' high cut shoes, worth \$2.25, going at	1 65
Misses' high cut shoes, worth \$2, going at	1 50
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