

ELKS EXTEND AID TO SANTA CLAUS

Local Lodge Donates \$50 to Help in Providing Christmas Cheer.

IS AN ANNUAL CUSTOM

Antlered Ones Always Considerate of Those Who Are Friendless—Committees Named.

Many a Rock Island home will be made happy on Christmas day as a result of the magnanimity of the local Elks, who last night presented to various charitable institutions in this city the sum of \$50, to be used in bringing joy to many poor people, who would not have much of a Christmas were it not for help of this nature. The donations were each \$10, checks being mailed to The Argus Santa Claus fund, the Associated Charities, West End Settlement, Bethany home and Visiting Nurse's association. The "good fellow" spirit has always been a predominant one with the Elks who yearly expend hundreds of dollars in unostentatious charity. The custom of giving to the poor at Christmas time is an annual one, with the local lodge, and one which is worthy of the highest commendation.

PLAN MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN. Plans for a monstrous membership campaign were discussed at the meeting last night, as a result of which 40 men were appointed on four separate committees. A contest will be conducted and a trophy awarded to the team bringing in the most candidates for membership.

The date for the annual banquet has been set for the last Monday in January on which occasion the state convention committee will be present and final arrangements made for the meet in June. Excellent speakers will be secured and the occasion promises to be one of the most elaborate in recent years.

A minstrel show will be given some time in February and preliminary arrangements are now under way.

The automobile committee expects to set a date for the awarding of the car in the near future.

COMMITTEES NAMED. The following committees were named:

Automobile—L. M. Gasteel, chairman; Karl Montague, Louis Long, Caleb Carpenter and Walter Yerbury. Minstrel show—J. J. Hasley, chairman; O. B. Hampton, Maurice Cook, Samuel R. Davis, Carl Farnburg.

Membership committee—H. W. Cozad, chairman; George W. Ackley, Robert Adams, Carl A. Anderson, E. P. Ames, Fred Aster, Ben Baben, C. Beardley, Maurice Bloch, H. W. Crawford, Paul Bruner, Albert Ehleb, Robert Fullerton, H. C. Glenn, N. B. Gosline, G. S. Hubbard, C. N. Isaacson, Fred J. Kellertrass, Frank H. Kreim, E. E. Lamp, J. J. Lerch, John L. Loudon, William Montgomery, Jesse Kerns, George H. Richmond, Frank H. Skinner, Harry C. Stahl, E. E. Wright, Ed Kroll, Lee Kaupke, M.

ONLY 6 MORE SHOPPING-DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

B. Morrison, J. A. Waddell, Arthur Mosensfelder, William Paulsen, Arthur Harms, Will Roth, Frank R. Weiss, J. F. Dindinger, Carl Zwicker, Will Griffith, George Schneider, Jr.

MAJOR C. KELLER ATTENDING MEET

Commission of Engineers Named to Experiment With Tow Boats Gathers.

Major Charles Keller of the local United States engineers' office is in Baltimore, Md., attending a meeting of various engineers and government officials who have been conducting experiments in order to perfect a new type of tow boat. About a year ago, a committee appointed from this board, made a trip to Europe to investigate conditions there, and since that time an effort has been made to incorporate the ideas of the old and the new world as regards tow boats, with a view to securing a craft which will be a model of utility. It is understood that some new and startling ideas will be advanced, which may revolutionize present methods.

Personal Points

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beman left today for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the winter.

R. W. Kopt returned last evening from Sterling, Ill., where he attended to business matters.

Mrs. James Wrenworth of Elgin, is visiting with Mrs. C. H. Hall, 1310 Forty-fourth street for several days.

Mrs. Kate Jensen, Frank Coffin, of Chicago, Mrs. Blanche Guthrie of Des Moines, Henry Schneider of Tamasee, Ill., and Charles Schultz of Keokuk, Iowa, are in the city to attend the funeral of Henry Trefz.

Mrs. M. I. Boughton of Spokane, Wash., left this morning for her home in that city after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. E. Robbins near Taylor Ridge. Mrs. Robbins and daughter, Miss Nora, accompanied Mrs. Boughton home and will visit with her in Spokane during the remainder of the winter.

NEGROES' QUARREL IS AIRED IN COURT

Garfield Grable, colored, has a marked antipathy towards churches. He believes in the old motto, "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you may die," and opines that if one must waste valuable time in various sanctuaries to be happy when you die he will take a chance on the brimstone diet, in the vast hereafter. Because his almost mother-in-law, who made her home with him, insisted that her daughter accompany her to divine service, while Grable desired the companionship of the said daughter, Bessie Moss, his housekeeper, during the dull Sabbath evenings, a strain of dissatisfaction crept in upon the scene of blissful domesticity and subsequently wrecked the old homestead.

Grable secured the services of Bessie Moss as housekeeper, and finally sent for his caretaker's mother, who has for some time past made her home with the couple. The trouble started when the church proposition was broached by mamma and ended in police court this morning. Last Saturday mamma took her daughter and left the Grable manor house and found new accommodations, according to mother-in-law's story, Grable last night sought out the ladies in their new home, and upon being denied entrance, raised such a disturbance that sleep was out of the question. The arrest followed.

Mrs. Moss told the court that years ago Grable had raised a disturbance because she expected to go to church to attend a funeral and that before she could get away from him she had to secure the services of a policeman.

"Are you married to this housekeeper of yours?" asked the judge.

"No, thank God," responded Grable with fervor.

"Case is dismissed," said the court. "You people go about your business and do not molest one another in the future."

TRAIN CREW HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Eight Freight Cars of Extra on Burlington Crash Through Bridge.

The train crew of a northbound extra freight had a narrow escape from death yesterday noon when a defective rail on a high railroad bridge near Ophim, Ill., sent eight freight cars crashing through the bridge. The engine and tender had just cleared the bridge when the crash came. No one was injured. The wrecker was hurried to the scene and traffic was resumed this morning. In the interim trains were detoured.

Police News

Bill Hasper is in hard luck. He had been staying with a very dear friend, James Francoia, and when he came brought his bed with him. He moved a few days ago, and when he went back to get his bed, he was informed that he could not have it. In addition the friend hit Bill in the face, causing him much pain and discomfort. This morning Francoia was arraigned in police court on an assault and battery charge. He paid a fine of \$3 and costs and was informed that he must relinquish the four-poster.

A man, giving his name as Sam Camp, is being held by the police as a suspicious character. He is believed to have been implicated in an overcoat theft. The arrest was made by Detective Herman Sehnert.

William Schulzke, arrested Saturday for exceeding the speed limit, was fined \$10 and costs this morning. Schulzke's attorney, James Johnson, appealed the case to the circuit court. According to the officer's testimony, Schulzke was running his car at a rate of 30 miles an hour on Seventh avenue, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets.

G. Towes, a Mexican, imbibed too freely of the pale face's fire water yesterday and this morning was fined \$2 and costs for drunkenness.

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received at the office of the mayor, 9 a. m., Dec. 21, 1912, for the improvement of Thirty-eighth street from the south line of Eleventh avenue to south line of Eighteenth avenue, by paving with brick.

Plans and specifications on file at the office of the city engineer. Contractor will be paid in bonds bearing five per cent interest.

All bids must be accompanied by cash or a certified check payable to the president of the board of local improvements and in the amount of 10 per cent of the bid.

H. M. SCHRIVER, President of the Board of Local Improvements.—(Advertisement.)

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa: Will you please give me a train of cars and a troop of tin soldiers, a clown and if you don't care I would like to have a real Indian suit. Goodby, dear old Santa Claus. EUGENE.

Dear Santa: Please send me a cowboy suit and a fire wagon and a train of cars. Goodby Santa, from BURTIS.

All the news all the time — The Arena.

Famous for COATS and SUITS
Lundt & Co
FIFTH AVENUE — ON THE BROADWALK —
MOLINE, ILL.

Starting Wednesday this store will open for business at promptly 9 A. M. and close promptly at 9 P. M. From now until Christmas.

The whole store in glittering holiday attire bids you a cheery, merry welcome tomorrow

Tomorrow will be a record breaking day in Handkerchief selling—a vast amount of Christmas Boxed Handkerchiefs, dainty ones for women, substantial ones for men. The complete collection of superb Christmas Handkerchiefs, priced the lowest in years

Linen Hand Emb. Hdkfs., 6 for \$1.93.
Fresh new linen handkerchiefs for women, dainty hand embroidered corners, 6 in holiday gift box, per box **\$1.98**

Dainty Hand Emb. Hdkfs., 6 for 98c.
50 dozen women's handkerchiefs, "made in Ireland," real hand embroidered, all neat designs, fine Swiss, 6 in fancy Xmas box, per box **98c**

Women's Hand Emb. Initial Hdkfs., 6 for \$1.49.
Fine pure Irish linen handkerchiefs, hemstitched with hand embroidered initials in corners, 6 in holiday box, per box **\$1.49**

Women's Sheer Flaxon Hand Emb. Hdkfs., each 15c.
Over 25 dozen fine white sheer flaxon handkerchiefs, neat Madeira hand embroidered corners, each **15c**

Hand Made Hdkfs in finest linens, up to, each \$2.00.
Dozens of dainty squares of linen, hand made lace edges, others with fine hand embroidery, etc., in Xmas boxes, each **\$2.00**

Men's Linen Hdkfs., 6 for 89c.
Pure linen handkerchiefs, with narrow or wide hemstitched; six in Xmas boxes, per box **89c**

Men's fine Swiss hdkfs., embroidered initials corners, all with hems, each 15c

Men's Hand Emb. Initial Hdkfs. 6 for \$1.49
Men's fine Irish linen handkerchiefs, hand embroidered initials, all width hems, 6 in Xmas box, per box **\$1.49**

Men's Emb. Initial Hdkfs., each 15c.
Fine quality embroidered initial handkerchiefs, put half dozen or dozen to fancy Xmas box, each **15c**

Children's Xmas Kerchiefs, box. 15c.
Children's fancy Xmas kerchiefs, embroidered, fancy corners, hemstitched, per box **15c**

Men's Finest Linen Hdkfs., 15c to 50c each.
A complete selection of men's pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, boxed if desired in lots of 6, 15c to, each **50c**

Free Lessons—in the Art Needlework Section (Main Floor)
We are fortunate in securing the services of a thorough and experienced teacher in the art of crocheting and fine embroidery work. Lessons are taught free under her personal supervision. You are invited to join the class. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, 2 to 5 p. m.

Suggestions for Gifts from Our Jewelry Section.
Complete assortments of the popular white ivory articles, priced from \$10.00 down to **250**

Manicuring sets, put up in folding leather cases, complete, either in silver, ivory or pearl mountings, 98c to \$7.50 per set

Handsome silver or white ivory toilet sets, in attractive leather covered boxes, ranging from \$3.98 up to \$15.00

Dozen's of beautiful silver mesh and fancy beaded hand bags, all new and exclusive styles, 98c up to \$15.00

Gloves that are warranted and fitted make pleasing gifts
Women's fine imported French kid gloves, 2-clasp styles, complete color and style range the famous Rosard make in gift boxes, a pair **\$1.00**
Women's silk lined mocha gloves, tans, browns and grays, fitted and guaranteed, per pair **\$1.50**
Women's 16-button doe skin gloves, finest quality imported kid, all sizes in dainty holly box, pair **\$3.25**

Christmas Boxed Hosiery Makes Practical Gifts.
Women's pure lustrous silk hose, high spliced heels and toes, with lavender wide garter tops, 3 pairs in box **\$2.95**
Women's pure thread silk hose, spliced double heels and toes, lisle elastic tops, 2 pairs in Xmas box **98c**
Men's fine lisle socks, double heels and toes, all colors, boxed 2 pair in a box, per box **49c**
Men's fine pure silk socks, high spliced heels and toes (2 pairs in Xmas box, per box **98c**

THE BIG ROOMY BASEMENT TOYLAND—Beaming With Brightness
Santa Claus—the big, fat, jolly fellow, greets the little folks and has candy for them all—Santa's home in the basement

Acetylene or electric postal card reflectors, ready to operate, \$2.50, \$4.50 and up to \$10.00

Magic lanterns and moving picture outfits, made to operate with oil lamps or electricity, 98c \$2.98 and up from

Little red wooden wagons on four wheels, with built-up racks, each 25c

Shoofly rockers with upholstered seats, 49c and 98c

Rocking horses, painted and natural hair, with saddle and bridles, priced from 98c up to \$10.00

Sale of Cut Glass
Heavy cut glass pitchers, many new exclusive designs, clear, white glass, perfectly cut, each **\$3.98**
Glasses to match pitchers, each **49c**
Neat little cut glass bon bon dishes, each **98c**
Handled nappies, 5 and 6 inch size, each 98c and **\$1.25**
Large cut glass bowls, exclusive patterns, \$1.98, \$2.98 and, each **\$3.98**

SALE OF TOILET ACCESSORIES
The best selected and most completely equipped toilet goods department hereabouts.
All the famous and well known manufactures of fine toilet preparations are found in this section.
Hundnats, boxed or bulk perfumes, powders and toilet waters
Vantines' fine perfumes in attractive gift packages.
Woodworth's well known preparations, boxed for gifts.
Complete stock of Colgate's and Sanitol powders, pastes, soaps, etc. (Drug dep't, main floor).

FIND BUG POISON IN MAN'S VISCERA
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Discovery of 30 grains of arsenic and 30 grains of other parts of a bug powder in the viscera of Frank Raud, 55 years old, a retired merchant of Lyons, Ill., caused county and city officials to begin an investigation of the death. Raud's widow, Mrs. Marie Raud, and her two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Lewis of Indianapolis, and Miss Addie E. Elkins of Chicago, were interrogated by Coroner Hoffman, Assistant Chief of Police Schuettler and State's Attorney Hoyle.
Mrs. Raud returned to her home last night and promised to return to Chicago for further examination on request. Detectives were sent to Lyons to search the Raud property for any receptacle which might have contained the bug powder.
Raud died last Friday. The following day Coroner Hoffman received a telephone message asking that the death be investigated. According to Coroner Hoffman's story he ate heartily on Wednesday night, dining with his wife and several relatives at his home and was taken ill the following day. Dr. Arthur McNeal of Berwin attended Raud and later issued a death certificate in the case assigning myocarditis as the cause.
Raud's estate was valued at \$4,000,000, including \$12,000 in life insurance. Coroner Hoffman caused preparations for the funeral to be stopped and ordered the viscera removed. The inquest was continued until Dec. 23.
Mrs. Raud declared that she did not believe her husband died of arsenical poisoning. She admitted that she and her husband had quarreled over a saloonist and when questioned regarding the cause of the quarrel she replied:
"My husband told me I might go out and have as good a time as I wanted to."
Mrs. Raud told the coroner she saw her husband searching his trousers pockets for something after he had been taken ill. His will also is said to have contained the statement that his health was poor and he feared his death was imminent. The document also contained the request that it be laid on his casket.

HELP For The Housewife
BLACK SILK STOVE POLISH
"A Shine In Every Drop"

A "MERRY XMAS"
has no real meaning to the dyspeptic. His stomach is bad, liver torpid, bowels clogged. No wonder he feels "blue."
HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS
before meals will help wonderfully in overcoming such ills. Try a bottle today. All druggists.

New York—Suit against Henry Clay Pierce, head of the Waters-Pierce Oil company of St. Louis, brought by Mrs. Allice G. Rycroft to recover \$171,000 in securities which she alleged Pierce had converted to his own use was withdrawn by Mrs. Rycroft on stipulation, the terms of which counsel refuses to divulge.
The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all druggists.—(Advertisement.)

GIFTS FOR HER
In This Newman Fur Sale

Rich Elegant Furs and Fur Coats—Moderately Priced.

Fur Sets \$3.00 to \$150
Fur Muff \$2.95 to \$40
Fur Coats \$25 to \$75

Special Reductions Throughout the Fur Section.

OTHER GIFTS
Women's and Misses' Suits—½ Price.
Women's and Misses' Coats—Reduced.
Party and Evening Gowns—Specials.
New Spring Waists—Now on Sale.
Petticoats—Wonderful Selection.
Millinery—½ Price.
Silk Hose (Special), 3 Pair \$1.00.

This store will remain open until 9:30 the following nights: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday—Tuesday until 6 p. m.

207-209 West Second Street Davenport, Iowa.