

TEN AUTO LOADS OF PRESENTS FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Argus Santa Claus Committee Finds Distribution a Big Undertaking.

MANY HELP IN THE WORK

If Any Are Overlooked the Plan is to Remember Them at the New Year Holiday.

Ten automobile loads of Christmas gifts were distributed among the children of the city today by the Argus Santa Claus committee. When the work was started in the morning there were 535 names on the list, with more being added hourly. Several contributions to the fund came in during the day, among them being \$5 given by Camp 26, M. W. A.

With the Association house on Seventeenth street as the center of distribution and every possible advance arrangement to facilitate matters the committee had a busy day to it. Four automobiles, the use of which was generously offered by the owners, together with a hired machine, helped greatly in the effort to reach all the families during the day, but at that there were few idle moments, as may be guessed by anyone who has had experience in playing Santa, even to a relatively small number of little ones.

HOW MACHINES WERE USED.
Miss Margaret Giles, chairman of the Argus Santa Claus Fund committee, together with a representative of the Argus, utilized the hired auto in the morning and in the afternoon worked in the machine of Harry Knox.

Harry Knox's machine in the morning was used by Mrs. Charles Dugard, who was assisted by Harry Pratt.

Sam Kenworthy's machine was used by Miss Mary Knox and Miss Kenworthy.

Strecker & Lewis' truck, driven by Mr. Strecker himself, was used under the direction of Miss Dina Ramser, Marc Koenig and Paul Dahien doing the delivery work.

W. McLean Stewart's auto was used by Miss Damsler in making special trips to out of the way places and to places which were overlooked on the first trip.

DINNER FOR THE WORKERS.

Mrs. W. W. Taylor spent a part of the morning in the kitchen at the Association house, and at noon the workers were invited to have their dinner there. Needless to say all took advantage and enjoyed a fine repast, which put them in trim for the afternoon's work.

The task of wrapping up the parcels, which was completed yesterday, was no small one. When completed there was a formidable stack to be tackled by the distributors this morning.

GREATER THAN EVER.

The number of children receiving presents is greater this year than ever before, but the funds were ample to provide for all. If any are missed the Argus should be notified. The committee plans to make another round the day before New Year's for the purpose.

It is especially urged upon those who have assumed the role of good fellows to fulfill their obligations without fail, for those whose names have been given them will not be looked after otherwise. A record is kept of the names thus given out and in case failure is reported the committee will eventually learn where the responsibility lies.

CREDIT DUE COMMITTEE.

Great credit is due the committee which has assisted The Argus in this work. Miss Margaret Giles has given the undertaking much of her time for several weeks, while Miss Dina Ramser returned home from Chicago for the express purpose of helping direct the purchase and distribution of presents. Others working with these two include Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Taylor; Mesdames Dugard, Stanton, Paulsen, Hensley, Rinck, Beemer, Switzer, Hoskinson, Fredericks, Stener, Steffens, Duffin, Barker, Arnold, Muse, Schroeder and Knox, and Miss Mary Knox.

Good Skating on Canal.

Good skating is now being enjoyed on the canal, the recent cold spell freezing an admirable surface. The canal is thronged daily and tomorrow will doubtless see many out enjoying the sport.

Your Christmas Dinner

will be something to remember with pleasure if you eat at this restaurant. We have prepared an unusually tempting menu, and if you can think of any delicacy not included in it you will be a wonder.

TURKEY DINNER 50c.

Dinner will be served from 12 to 9 p. m.

ROCK ISLAND HOUSE CAFE

MEMBERS OF THE ARGUS SANTA CLAUS COMMITTEE WHO BOUGHT AND DISTRIBUTED PRESENTS FOR POOR TOTS



Lower row—Miss Georgia Turnbull, Miss Dina Ramser, Miss Margaret Giles, Mrs. William Arnold. Top row—Mrs. Wirt Taylor, Miss Tunnis, Mrs. Harry Knox, Miss Mary Knox, Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, Mrs. Dugard, W. S. Parks, Mrs. Stanton.

BRADY GETS NEW LOCATION; LONG FIGHT NEAR END?

Junk Dealer Buys Morris & Lewis Property on Twenty-fourth Street.

PAYS \$15,500 FOR A YARD

Says He Will Remove to It Within 30 Days and Let His Old Neighbors Rest in Peace.

After months of futile endeavor to get a new location for his junk yard, Charles Brady has finally been successful. He has completed a deal whereby he takes possession of the Morris & Lewis junk yard, located near the viaduct, on Second avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, the price paid being \$15,500. He will establish his business on the new site in a period of 30 days. Neighbors have raised a strenuous protest against the present location of the junk yard, and although Brady had made numerous attempts to secure a new site, his efforts have been unavailing.

Brady this morning stated that he disliked the notoriety attached to the fight which has been made against him in the past. He has attempted to avoid trouble and it has been his desire to comply with the wishes of the people to the best of his ability, but the handicaps have been numerous. Some months ago he purchased a site at Twenty-first street and Third avenue, but citizens registered a protest, and finally bought the land from him. "I do not like to make enemies and have tried to do the right thing, but have been unable to get a suitable location," said Brady this morning.

WILL IMPROVE PLACE.

At the new location the proprietor will install two shears and up to date machinery. The place will be remodeled at an expense of over \$3,000, giving the yard every facility possible for the handling of the various kinds of material. Twenty-fourth street, at this point has been closed, but Mr. Brady hopes that the city will re-open this thoroughfare, in the near future. Brady's financial rise has been rapid. Three years ago he made a humble beginning at the old Taxman place. Since, his business has grown until at the present time his rating is among the best in its line in this community.

MOTHER LEAVES BABE IN ALLEY

Wrapping her 2-week-old babe in a blanket and leaving it in an alley to perish or, if found, to be brought up an orphan of uncertain parentage, a hard-hearted Moline mother last night boarded a Burlington train and left town. The police think they know who she is and expect to be able to bring her back.

It was about 9 o'clock when a pedestrian passing the end of the alley near the Burlington station on Nineteenth street heard the wails of the child and found it suffering from cold and hunger. It was taken to the city hospital where it is now being cared for.

Police News

"Judge, remember it's Christmas eve," volubly began John Moore, arrested for drunkenness as he talked his way into police court this morning. "Please be lenient with me at this merry yuletide season. I want to get out and borrow \$10 so I can send a

CHILDREN FIGHT; PARENTS IN COURT

Family Feud at Coal Valley Leads to the Arrest of John M. Price.

MRS. LAWSON COMPLAINS
Says Defendant's Son Frightened Her Daughter and Father Took Up the Quarrel.

A neighborhood feud has developed at Coal Valley, following a school children's squabble which has been taken up by the parents, and which threatens to lead to bloodshed if radical measures are not taken to quell the uprising. Accused by Mrs. Kate Lawson of attempting to choke and murder her, John M. Price was today held into Justice Clarence Schroeder's court and placed under a peace bond. Price threatens legal action against Mrs. Lawson and the trouble appears to be but fairly started.

According to Mrs. Lawson's story, last spring Mr. Price's son locked her 12-year-old daughter, Mary, in a room and then threw a snake into the place. The little girl, screaming with fear, begged to be liberated, but her captor refused. The mother states that the girl then went into convulsions and has not recovered from the ill effects to this day.

Mrs. Lawson states that she reported the matter to the school trustees, but claims that they would take no action.

FATHER AS WRATH.
She further avers that Price, Sr., became highly indignant when the school authorities were apprised of the affair and last Wednesday night came to her door, pushed his way into the room and when requested to go, shouted "You can't put me out. Can't you see the blood in my eye? I will murder you." She then alleges that Price jumped upon her and seized her by the throat, attempting to choke her, when relatives, who had arrived on the scene put a stop to the affair.

HIT BY PLASTER, HE SUES FOR DAMAGES
Through his attorney, H. M. McCaskrin, Alphonse Metz of Moline today filed in the circuit clerk's office a damage suit for \$5,000 against Mrs. Myra Walker, also of Moline. Metz rented a house located on Fifth avenue and Twenty-fifth street, Moline, from Mrs. Walker on June 9, plaster, alleged to have been green, fell from the ceiling, breaking Metz's collar bone and crushing his hand.

Santa at Court House.
Following annual custom the employees of the county and probate clerk's offices today remembered the engineer, janitor and elevator boy at the court house with Christmas gifts.

Bids Will Be Received
At the mayor's office in the city of Rock Island until 9 a. m. Dec. 27, 1912 from banks in the city of Rock Island for interest on the city's deposits on monthly balances.

H. M. SCHRIVER, Mayor.

Notice.
Christmas ball at Rock Island Industrial hall Dec. 25, 1912, given by Rock Island Industrial Home association. Gents, 50 cents, ladies, free.—(Adv.)

Licensed to Wed.
William Seams Hillsdale
Miss Rilla Filbert Port Byron
Frank Roe Andalusia
Miss Nellie Fuller Rock Island

French Painter Dead.
Paris, Dec. 24.—The French battle painter, Jean Baptiste Detaille, is dead aged 64.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Obituary

P. A. JANSEN.
P. A. Jansen, a former well known resident of Rock Island, is dead at his home in Council Bluffs, according to word received in the city this morning by friends. Mr. Jansen moved to Council Bluffs five years ago and had made his home there. The funeral will be held in that city Wednesday afternoon.

SHEEHAN FUNERAL.
The funeral of Gerald Sheehan will be held Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home, 505 Fortieth street, with services at 9 at Sacred Heart church. Rev. J. F. Lockney will officiate. Interment will be made in Calvary cemetery.

MUGINN FUNERAL.
Funeral services for William McGuinn were conducted this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's church by Dean J. J. Quinn. Many friends attended. Those who acted as pallbearers were M. H. Ben and Thomas Sexton, Wilfred O'Hare, Thomas Green and A. McDonald. Interment was made in Calvary cemetery.

KREPLIN FUNERAL.
The funeral of Henry Kreplin, who died Sunday morning as the result of injuries sustained in a fall off a wagon, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home on Twenty-fourth street road, with services at 2:30 o'clock at the German Lutheran church. Rev. Ph. Wilhelm will officiate.

The pallbearers will be W. H. Horst, N. Juhl, Henry Lange, John Schoens, Julius Pickron and John Roehr. Interment will be made in the German Lutheran cemetery.

New term 'at Brown's Business College, Rock Island, opens Jan. 6.

POSTAL FORCE IN BATTLE WITH BIG STREAM OF MAIL

Seven Extra Men and Fifteen Express Wagons Pressed Into Service.

ALL WORK LONG HOURS

Estimated That 75,000 Postcards Alone Were Sent Out of City This Morning.

With a force of seven extra men assisting the regulars at the postoffice and with 15 express wagons pressed into the delivery service, the battle with the enormous stream of incoming and outgoing post cards was on today in full blast. Approximately 75,000 outgoing post cards were handled this morning and, according to the postoffice officials, this class of mail matter forms the greater bulk of the "stuff" handled this year. The extra force, together with the regulars, was busied last night until 10 o'clock and this morning the mail stood mountain high, flooding the main room.

The business is the largest in the history of the local postoffice. A hurried business trip was made at 7 o'clock this morning by the carriers. The second trip is usually begun at 9:30 but today the men did not get out on their routes until 11 o'clock, this being the first trip of the day for many of the carriers in the residence districts.

SEVEN HANDLE CARDS.
Seven people were busied this morning handling post cards alone. The express wagons, which are being

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WEST END SALOON IS VISITED BY THIEVES

It was learned today that the saloon of Leo Schyvens, 439 Eighth street, was burglarized Saturday night. The loot did not amount to much, only \$2 in cash and a small quantity of tobacco, cigars and whisky and a silver watch being taken. The police were notified and are working on the case. The place was entered about the same time and in much the same manner as the Cook & Beck grocery nearby, which was also broken into Saturday night. It is not unlikely that the same parties committed both crimes.

Would Set Aside Judgment.

A motion was made in the county court today to set aside judgment in the case of the State bank of Sherrard vs. H. F. Roseberry of this city. The sum involved is \$625. The case was continued for the taking of evidence, Searle & Marshall represent the defendant, while Murphy & Larson appear for the plaintiff.

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A few days later, Robert H. Lovett of Peoria called at The Argus office to state that he had found the chain and brooch and desired to know if it had been advertised. Informed that it had, he took the notice and comparing it with the found article at once wrote The Argus to communicate with the loser. The Argus apprised Mr. Mitchell and he communicated with Mr. Lovett who wrote him to send on the reward and the property would be returned. Mr. Mitchell forwarded his check for \$20 and so recovers the lost brooch.

Sues for Divorce.

Through her attorneys, Shallberg & Harper, Mrs. Emelle Delemetre today filed in the circuit court suit for divorce against her husband, Philip Delemetre, cruelty and non-support being the alleged grounds for action. The couple were married Sept. 2, 1911, and lived together on a farm in Zuma township until April 22 of the present year. Mrs. Delemetre asks for alimony.



Merry Christmas

Our trade has been immense
THANKS!

All Holiday Goods
MUST GO
Regardless of Cost or Value

All Toys that are left this evening will be sold—nothing carried over. Cost or value not considered, but marked to close out.

\$1.00 banks	25c	15c tin horse and wagon	5c
75c banks	19c	25c tin horse and wagon	10c
\$3.50 Accordians	50c	25c doll chairs, white enameled	5c

Burnt Wood, HALF PRICE. All Mechanical Toys HALF PRICE.

OPEN THIS EVENING

YOUNG & McCOMBS

CO OPERATIVE STORE CO. WE SAVE YOU MONEY