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ALL OMAHA TO JOIN IN CHRISTMAS CHEER AROUND GREAT TREE

Glee Clubs and Churches to Join in the Public Fete.

LEADING SOLOISTS TAKE PART

Court House to Be Blaze of Light for Event.

TREE BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED

Plans Completed for Municipal Christmas Tree and Celebration at Court House.

MANY CHOIRS TO SING CAROLS

Chimes of Trinity Cathedral and Bells of Many Churches Will Ring Upon Arrival of Christmas Morn.

All Omaha will join in a good old-fashioned musical celebration around the municipal Christmas tree on the court house square Christmas eve. Church quartets and choirs, glee clubs, bands, public school singers and Mrs. Mabelle Crawford Welpton as the soloist, will participate in the entertainment, which will continue from 8 o'clock until midnight, when the church chimes and bells will ring out their Christmas cheer all over the city.

A reception by the Board of County Commissioners in the court house will commence the festivities at 7 o'clock, and the whole building will be brightly lighted and open to visitors. The singing that will follow will be from the north steps of the building, where the band will also take its position. The immense Christmas tree, handsomely trimmed and lighted, will occupy the center of the square in front of the building, and the crowds of listeners will gather around it.

Mrs. Welpton will sing about 10 o'clock, when the stores will close and their employes may attend the celebration. The quartet from Creighton university will come attired in the costumes worn by English Christmas "waits" of the sixteenth century, doublet and hose. Following is the program, subject to minor changes:

Carols by the children of the public schools, under the direction of Miss McCune.

Grand March—Green's band.

Chorals by the choir of Hanscom Park Methodist church, under the leadership of Lee G. Kratz.

"Dolorosa," by the band.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," the people, led by the band.

Overture, "From Dawn to Twilight," band; (a) "Adeste Fidelis," (b) "God of Might."

Roman Catholic choirs of the city, led by the band: (a) paraphrase, "Jerusalem the Golden; (b) "Agnus Dei," from the Twelfth Mass, band.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," the people, led by the band.

Intermezzo, "The Wedding of the Rose," band.

Chorals of the choir of Kountze Memorial church, under the leadership of Mr. Heilgren.

Valse, "Eternelle Ivresse," band; (a) carol Brothers "Carol;" (b) "Gather Around the Christmas Tree;" (c) "Stille Nacht."

Choir of the North Side Christian church, under the leadership of Mrs. Kirschstein.

Overture, "Celestial," band.

Solo, "Christmas Song," Mrs. Mabelle Crawford Welpton.

(a) "Joy to the World," (b) "Angels From the Realms of Glory," Young Men's Christian association glee club and Henry Cox's choir, led by Miss Blanche Sorenson.

"Once in Royal David's City," the people, led by the band.

Instrumental serenade, "Fantasia" for baritone, Mr. Chaloupka.

"Old English Carols," choir of Trinity cathedral, led by Mr. Stanley.

(a) "The Lost Chord," cornet solo by Dr. A. D. Laird; (b) "Ave Maria," cornet solo by H. Lotz.

Quartet from the Creighton Glee club (dressed as English waits), (a) "It Is the Day of the Lord;" (b) "You are Mine All;" (c) "Evening Song," the German and Danish Singing societies.

Grand selection of national melodies, by the band, concluding with "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," in the singing of which all the people will join.

Midnight, the chimes of Trinity cathedral, followed by the bells of all the churches.

"Love" and "Obey" Cut Out of Ceremony

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—When Charles M. Maier of St. Louis and Miss Mary E. Stewart of Paola, Kan., appeared before Justice Werremeyer at Clayton, Mo., today to be married they asked the justice to omit the words "obey" and "love" from the ceremony. The judge complied with the request.

Maier, when asked why he wanted the word "love" left out, said:

"Well, in this case it is not necessary. The love will come later."

When the justice asked Maier if he had a ring, Maier produced a fine diamond, saying. "This is neither an engagement ring nor a wedding ring. It is a present."

The Weather

For Nebraska and Iowa—Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	32
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	32
8 a. m.	33
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	34
11 a. m.	38
12 m.	41
1 p. m.	43
2 p. m.	44
3 p. m.	45
4 p. m.	44
5 p. m.	42
6 p. m.	41
7 p. m.	40

Comparative Local Record.

	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.
Highest yesterday	45	54	45	44
Lowest yesterday	30	30	27	28
Mean temperature	38	42	36	36
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	28
Excess for the day	10
Total excess since March 1	874
Normal precipitation	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	23.52 inches
Deficiency since March 1	5.32 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912	3.84 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911	14.12 inches

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

FLANSBURG'S FEE IN DOUBT

Mahoney Says Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars Due.

KELBY PUTS IT AT $15,000

Expert Testimony in Federal District Court Appears to Differ as to Services for Tri-State Land Company.

Expert testimony was invoked in the federal district court in Omaha to determine what C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln should receive from the Tri-State Land company as attorney's fees in a case he handled for them three years ago in western Nebraska. Flansburg is suing for $200,000 attorney's fees. What his services were actually worth was a big question with the court.

So T. J. Mahoney, attorney in Omaha, was called on the stand to testify as to what Flansburg's legal services should be worth for handling the case involving the water right of the Farmers' Canal company in western Nebraska, should be worth. Mahoney was called because he is a lawyer of wide experience and should know what fees should be charged.

Mahoney estimated the services of Flansburg should be orth $150,000. That was cutting Flansburg's claim $50,000 already.

But the opinion of one lawyer on the witness stand was not enough. James E. Kelby, formerly of Omaha, now of Los Angeles, was called to the stand to say what he thought the services were worth.

Kelby said they should be worth at least $15,000.

"Some difference in expert opinions," mused several of the lawyers in the court room. "Still Kelby is looked upon as a competent witness, and if he did not estimate Flansburg's services highly enough, Kelby should worry. Does he not know what the work was worth? He had charge of the work under Flansburg when the the big case involving the water right was on. Kelby, working under Flansburg, did most of the work on the case. And now when Flansburg asks for $200,000 in attorney's fees, here comes Kelby, the man who did the real work, and says it was worth but $15,000."

The case awaits the deliberation of the court.

Declares He Had No Accomplices in the Theft of 'Mona Lisa'

FLORENCE, Dec. 14.—Vincenzo Perugia, from whom Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece "Mona Lisa" was recovered, declared absolutely to the police today that he had no accomplices, either direct or indirect, in the theft of the painting from the Louvre. Nobody knew of his plan before its execution; nobody saw him when he abstracted the picture and nobody knew he had the picture in his possession.

"I did not take the painting through a desire for gain," he said, "but wished to accomplish a good and holy work by returning to my country one of the many treasures stolen from it."

While working in the Louvre, he continued, he was overcome with shame on hearing visitors indicate the best works as Italian. One day he took this oath:

"I will be unworthy of Italy if I do not return to it one of these masterpieces."

The idea obsessed him and the "Mona Lisa" was ever before him. When he could delay no longer he found he could accomplish his purpose without great difficulty, as he was already known by employes about the building. After the theft he was interrogated by the police, but his frankness and his request that they search his room disarmed suspicion.

Similarly, when he crossed the French frontier, he so readily opened his workbox for the authorities that they neglected to search it. Apparently it contained only a few rags and his tools.

Perugia declared that he did not intend to sell the picture to the government, but he thought he ought to have adequate compensation for the "great service rendered Italy."

Shift Boss Saying He Saw Lopez Won't Enter Mine Again

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 14.—Shift Boss Sam Rogers resigned his position today and left Bingham. Not for the world, he said, would he ever again enter the Utah-Apex mine, the stronghold of Ralph Lopez, unerring gunman.

Halted by the objections of mine owners, the sheriffs and deputies who seek the slayer of six men, after a day of idleness, tonight resumed searching the workings. The process of searching a section of the mine and then bulkheading it up, so as to eliminate that part from further consideration is beginning to halt mining operations and this the owners opposed. After a legal conference, however, the company withdrew its objection late today.

Rogers told early today of having talked with Lopez twice in the Andy tunnel during the last two days, and of the desperado remarking they would meet again today. But when the time came for the shift boss to enter the tunnel, he was well on his way to Salt Lake City.

"I did not see his ghost, I saw Lopez—Lopez, smiling but with eyes like coals of fire," declared Rogers, whose shoulders are bent from years in low roofed stopes.

Not a man in Bingham doubts his word, but there are many who are willing to bet he saw a ghost.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CHOIRS REHEARSE FOR CHRISTMAS

About 100 members of the various Catholic church choirs of Omaha assembled Sunday afternoon in the Creighton university library, where there was a rehearsal of the "Adaste Fideles," which the choirs en masse will singe around the municipal Christmas tree Christmas eve.

A similar rehearsal at the same place will be held next Sunday evening and all singers belonging to Catholic choirs have been requested to be present.

"Is This a Pretty Picture?"

NO. But it's a picture that will be realized in thousands of instances if you put off your Christmas shopping until the last moment. SHOP EARLY and give the girl behind the counter a chance to enjoy the holiday.

ROASTS TO DEATH ON TOP OF A LIGHT POLE

George Wallin, Civil Engineer, Whose Parents Live in South Omaha, Killed in New York.

HUNDREDS SEE HIM PERISH

Youth, Recently Graduated from University of Iowa, Employed by Pittsburgh Iron Works Constructing Armory Frame.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—In sight of 100 workmen powerless to help him, George Wallin, a young civil engineer, whose parents live in South Omaha, roasted to death yesterday on top of an electric light pole in Jerome avenue, near King's Bridge road. The body hung across two wires for more than fifteen minutes until the current was turned off and a ladder was raised.

Wallin was employed by the Pittsburgh Iron works, which has the contract for constructing the steel frame of the immense new Eighth regiment armory at Jerome avenue and King's Bridge road. He was 24 years old, out of the technical school only a year.

During the preliminaries of the work Wallin had been living at 12 East King's Bridge road. He was in charge of placing the frame and this was the biggest morning of his career, for the first one of the great arches was to be hoisted into place under his supervision.

On Job at Daybreak.

He was on the job at daylight this morning and rushed here, there and everywhere among his men until all was in readiness at 10 o'clock. When the signal was about to be given to hoist, it was found that a guide line on the Jerome avenue side would be of value. Wallin might have sent a man to handle the line, but he concluded that the task was important enough to warrant his personal attention. The better to observe the work and manipulate the line, he shinned up the tall electric light pole carrying wires of 6,600 voltage.

In his eagerness to get things started Wallin crowded his way through the nest of wires at the top at the cross arms and in some way disconnected two of them. His body formed a current between the wires and the immense current shot through him.

The Edison people say he was dead in a second. But his body writhed and twisted on the wires and his clothes caught fire. The workmen rushed to the foot of the pole and several fought to be the first to climb up.

Death to Touch Him.

"Don't go up there," warned one who knew electricity. "The boss is dead. It will be death to anyone who touches him while the current is on. The thing to do is reach the electric company and get the current switched off."

This was done by telephone, but it took fully fifteen minutes. All that time the workmen and a crowd of curious persons, gathered by the excitement, watched the body scorching on the wires.

Soon after the current had been turned off employes of the Edison company arrived and with the aid of hook and ladder company No. 37 brought the body to the ground.

Both of Wallin's hands were burned

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Mail Clerk Shoots and Kills Two and Takes His Own Life

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Emanuel Harner, a railway mail clerk, divorced a year ago, this afternoon shot and killed Lewis F. Nieman and Mrs. Nieman, probably fatally shot Mrs. Harner and then committed suicide.

Mrs. Harner's life was saved by a steel corset stave, which deflected the bullet.

The shooting took place in Nieman's millinery store on the West Side, with crowds of Christmas shoppers nearby. Nieman and his wife had supplied the funds which enabled Mrs. Harner, after she had divorced her husband on grounds of drunkeness and cruelty, to open a confectionery store. Harner was 53 years old. Mrs. Harner is 43 years. She has a daughter 18 years old and a son 15 years old.

Harner, according to Mrs. Harner, today first came to her store, which adjoins that owned by the Nieman's. He attempted to upbraid her and pleaded for a reconciliation. She fled for protection to the Nieman store. When Nieman and his wife tried to interfere and ordered Harner to leave he gave way to rage and shot both of them. He then pursued his former wife into her own store and shot her down. Evidently thinking she was dead, he went into her bedroom and there fired a bullet into his own brain.

TARKIO BOARD AWARDS FIFTEEN LETTERS

TARKIO, Mo., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—At its last meeting the Tarkio college athletic board granted the official Tarkio letter to fifteen players of the 1913 foot ball squad. A total of eighteen men played in games for Tarkio during the season that has just finished. The men awarded the letter are as follows: Harry Luckhardt, captain; Chris Lunan, North Bend, Neb., manager; K. Peterson, A. Montgomery, E. Osborn, L. Coe, L. Moorhead, R. Long, D. Thomas, B. McPherson, F. Logan, L. Ewing, F. Lunan, North Bend, Neb.; W. Peterson, Red Oak, Ia., and J. Graham. Graham is a sophomore in Tarkio college, entering from South Omaha High school. While light, he was a hard line plunger, good defense player and an excellent punter. On account of his punting and defensive playing he received two votes for All-Missouri collegiate fullback, and undoubtedly would have received the honor had he not been retired in mid season by an injury.

WRECKAGE OF ANCIENT SHIP CAST UP FROM OCEAN

SANTA BARBARA, Ca., Dec. 14.—A submarine disturbance which has kept the ocean along the south coast in fury for several days cast up the wreckage of an ancient ship near here today.

A few miles southward part of a mastodon's skeleton, which apparently had been brought up from a great depth, was washed ashore. The skeleton fragments included about thirty-five feet of vertebrae and the skull with eight-foot tusks intact.

The ship's wreckage bore indications that it had lain on the ocean bottom for perhaps 100 years. It was thickly armored with barnacles.

Bull Moose Chiefs Ask Johnson to Run For the Senatorship

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Governor Hiram W. Johnson, progressive vice presidential candidate last year, will be asked by the executive committee of the progressive state central committee to run for the senatorship next fall.

The executive committee so decided today and appointed a delegation to wait upon the governor.

If the governor accepts, a contest for the nomination as his successor as governor probably will be started immediately by Francis J. Heney, who has the backing of Congressman William Kent, a man of wealth and influence, as against John M. Eshelman, president of the State Railroad commission, who will run if the governor advises him to do so.

Deputies Steadily Search for Lopez

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 14.—The Andy level of the Utah-Apex mine, in which Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men, took refuge on November 27, was bulkheaded off today from the remainder of the mine. It is believed by the sheriffs that Lopez is in this section of the mine and that tonight he is securely sealed up.

The posses made no attempt to search the Andy level because the network of connecting corridors would have made it easy for the desperado to elude them. If Lopez is in this level he will be starved out.

At the spot where the gunmen killed two deputies on November 29, a bulkhead was placed in the Andy incline, which connects with the upper levels. Another barrier was built at the tunnel's ortal. Only shafts connect the Andy with the lower levels.

Searching the lower levels was continued today and tonight without any sign of the outlaw being found.

WORSHIPERS IN CHURCH STOP MASS TO FIGHT FIRE

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—St. Patrick's Catholic church was damaged by fire to the extent of about $5,000 this morning during the hour of service. Pastor Rev. Luke Donlon was reading mass, when a woman rushed in crying, "This church is on fire."

Worshipers looking up, saw a blaze creeping around the ceiling. The fire was under the metal roof, which had to be torn off to save the structure. It originated near a chimney from a defective flue.

Thirteen thousand dollars insurance was carried on the church.

BURGLARS GET ENOUGH FOR PROTRACTED SPREE

Anthony Powell, 1516 South Twenty-fourth street, discovered Sunday morning that during the night burglars gained entrance to his saloon by breaking a rear window with a piece of lead pipe, and carried away a dozen bottle of champagne, several cartons of tobacco, 300 cigars, six cases of whisky, one case of wine, and fourteen bottles of wine and gin. Beside this the cash register was rifled of 100 pennies.

STEALS RATHER THAN SHATTER CHILD'S JOY

Mexican Section Hand Lifts Toys When Tot Discovers "Santos Claus."

TAKEN DOWN TO CRUEL JAIL

Whole Family Behind Bars, but It Is Likely that Law Will Be Lenient Because of Children's Plight.

"Eet ees dose Santos Claus! Santos Claus! Maria! Ferdinand! come queek, Santos Claus!"

Four-year-old Juan Ramirez danced happily before the beaming, jovial figure of a local department store's Kris Kringle Saturday. Maria, aged 7, and Ferdinand, aged 6, broke away from their parents who were in the store shopping and came in double quick time to see the big attraction in answer to Juan's ecstatic scream of discovery.

Ho, Santos Claus! Santos Claus!" the little ones reverently confided to each other.

Maybe it was the first time the store's Santa Claus ever saw a group of little Mexican children in almost complete native costume. At any rate he hurried over to the group and gave each little Mexican boy and girl a separate and distinct hug and caress.

"And if you're good little children, I'll fill your stockings full of toys and candy and choo-choo cars on Christmas," he said. He said it plainly. Juan heard it. Maria heard it. Ferdinand heard it.

Little Tots Delighted.

Glorious! The Americano tongue was inadequate to express their delight and four little tongues burst into a chorus of wild Spanish thanksgiving. It was true, these tales of the little Americano boys and girls. There realy was such a person as Santos Claus!

Had they not seen Santos Claus himself—nay—even been promised good things if they were real nice until Christmas!

Why, then, should father, who worked every day on the section near Council Bluffs since he left Mexico, tell them that for little Mexicano girls and boys there is no Santos Claus? And why should the mother say so, too—mother, who usually is so truthful?

Well, there are ways to find things out, and that is by asking, thought little Maria, who was quicker than the rest. She would ask.

Quickly running to an aisle where her mother, an aunt, grandmother and father stood, she asked. But as she did so, a store detective seized something from her father's hands and said an Americano curse word.

All Joy Eclipsed.

The next thing that little Maria knew was that papa and mamma, and aunt, and grandma, and little Juan, Ferdinand and herself were quickly shoved out of the store, away from the brilliant toyland and the jovial Santos Claus. She whimpered because it was too soon to go, but a man in a uniform pushed and there was naught else to do. Then there was a ride in a big wagon, and the next thing her papa was locked up and her mamma and aunties and grandma and little brother and sister were put to bed in a strange room. She wondered what was

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FLEEING SPANIARDS TELL OF LOOTING BY THE REBEL SOLDIERS

Refugees Bring Tales of Despoiling Church Treasures and Robbing of Nuns and Priests.

ARE BANISHED FROM MEXICO

Send Protest from El Paso to Washington and Madrid.

PROPERTY IS CONFISCATED

Cathedral and Convent Looted by Warriors of Villa.

REPORTS FROM TAMPICO VARY

Mexico City Hears Attacking Force Routed and in Flight, While at Vera Cruz It Is Thought City Will Fall Soon.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Rear Admiral Fletcher, under date of 3 p. m. Saturday, cabled the Navy department from Tampico, via Vera Cruz, as follows:

"Firing has ceased. One Mexican federal gunboat below city and another above. Water works shut off from city by constitutionalists. Number of refugees, Americans and foreigners, aboard American battleships, 195 men, 106 women, 114 children. Number in city not yet ascertained. Battleships Rhode Island, New Jersey and Virginia, gunboats Tacoma and Wheeling and scout cruiser Chester at Tampico. Other ships at Vera Cruz."

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 14.—Stories of wholesale looting by General Francisco Villa's rebel army on its entrance into Chihuahua, of the despoiling of church treasures, of the robbery of Spanish priests and nuns, of the confiscation of property and demands for exorbitant sums of money, were brought here today with the arrival of 478 citizens of Spain, who had been banished from Mexico by the rebels.

Eighteen Catholic priests and nuns of Spanish origin were among the refugees. They joined with the other exiled Spaniards in sending to the Spanish ambassador at Washington and to the minister of foreign relations at Madrid a protest against what they asserted was an outrage of their rights.

The priests said General Villa had demanded $5,000 from each of them and after they had given all they possessed General Villa's army looted the cathedral and churches and the convent of all the gold and jeweled chalices and sacred vestments. One priest said he paid over to the rebels $5, which was all he had, another said he gave $155 and the nuns gave all but their personal belongings.

Vouch for Truth of Story.

Among the priests, who vouched for the story of church looting were Father Superior Jose Morales, of the Community of the Holy Family, Father Manuel De Francisco and the mother superior and six sisters of the order of the Virgin Mary.

Other Spaniards reported that in addition to threatening them with death if they remained in Chihuahua longer than ten days, General Villa demanded from merchants $1,500,000 in gold as a tribute to the revolution in exchange for which he would pay them in socalled constitutionalist currency.

United States Consul Marion Letcher was appealed to in vain, the refugees said, because Mr. Letcher was denied the privilege of forwarding a code message to the American government.

General Villa's enmity towards Spaniards was regarded as so grave that other rebel leaders at a meeting in Juarez to be held today telegraphed to General Carranza, now at Hermosillo,

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Make Your Window "Bark" For You

There are still a few places where shopkeepers employ men to stand out in the street "barking"—in other words, describing the goods to be found within the shop and urging possible patrons to enter.

Human "barkers" are extremely efficient in certain places and cases, but probably you, Mr. Retailer, would not consider hiring one.

You can have a silent "barker" that is just as efficient a "puller-in" without unpleasant drawbacks.

This silent "barker" is your window.

Make a study of what you put into it.

Remember the articles the public already knows about are already one-half sold.

Without doubt you have in your shop articles that are advertised in this newspaper.

If you put them in your window you will find they exert a strong "pulling-in" influence for you.

The manufacturers, through us, have done additional "barking" for you.

By displaying these nationally known articles in your window you can "cash in" on the advertising done for your benefit.

The Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers' association, World Building, New York, is eager to be of assistance to manufacturers who have national advertising problems to solve.