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SANTA WAS THERE

Did Not Forget Children at Reform School.

Two Large Christmas Trees Were Revealed.

ALL ARE REMEMBERED

Candy and Gifts Showered Upon the Children.

For an Hour They Are Then Given Freedom of Play Room.

There are hundreds of children in the great state of Kansas who fared not so well, this Christmas Day, as did the 175 boys in the Kansas State Reform school. This cluster of buildings that lie compactly together in the fields northwest of North Topeka, was ablaze with light last night, when the inmates were given their annual Christmas treat. At noon today, in the great mess hall under the chapel, the same 175 waifs of humanity attacked 40 fat turkeys, provided for their Christmas fare, and hid them bit by bit under their gray jackets.

These little fellows are an interesting lot of youngsters. At the tender ages of 10 to 16, as they variously range, the majority of them have seen more of the seamy side of life than many persons encounter in a lifetime. If the brief life-story of each is known, there is a big heart-ache drawn from every sympathetic soul. So many of the set drawn faces are of the degenerate type that the task of making good boys out of bad undertaken by the state is an enormous one. Every other seat, almost, holds its contorted face that is kept still hardly a moment, showing this and that little fellow the victim of nervous diseases as well as other abnormalities.

But last night was a proud and happy occasion for them. For a week or more the Christmas entertainment has been the uppermost thought filling in their routine of work, study and play. For several days the Reform school team has been sent scurrying in and out from the school to the city, over the hard, frozen roads and around 15 corners carrying in the packages and parcels that distinguish Christmas tide. These 15 corners to turn in the road from Kansas avenue to the school are said to be the least tortuous route. The driver says he can do worse and dizzy the clearest head that attempts the journey. But the boys cared not whether there were 15 turns in the road or 50. Perhaps never thought of it. Under discipline they had little to say, but the anticipation aroused by those mysterious packages, who can measure?

In the school chapel last night, the fruit of all these preparations were made evident. At either corner of the platform stood a tall Christmas tree. They glittered with silver bells and tinsel, and their branches were loaded with the gifts of books, pictures, neckties, kerchiefs and all the toys and knick-knacks that delight the heart of a boy. Ropes of evergreen and holly stretched overhead. On the walls in white and evergreen were the usual mottoes, "Peace on earth, good will to men," "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

First the school band played several overtures while the preliminaries were being arranged and the visitors seated. Then the boys that had been drilled for choir singing and the ones who had recitations, marched to their places on the platform and the programme of exercises was carried out.

As the choir sang the opening Christmas carol the front row boys held high their singing books before their faces. They sang the words by rote and peeped under the bottom of the "joyous echoes" at the great wash baskets full of peanuts and candy that stood at their feet. One little fellow's bump of curiosity seemed insatiable. He was plump-faced and large-eyed. His gaze was riveted on the heaped up goodies at his feet the greater part of the evening.

How those boys with declamations did recite. They intoned their dialogue, piping a shrill falsetto for the female parts, with head turned to one side, and talking gruff and husky with lowering look when it was the "old man" that spoke. When the Arkansawer shrieked "Sal! Sal!" to his love and drew himself up into a comical gesture, a burst of hysterical and appreciative giggles rewarded his efforts.

The last number of the programme, which was marked by its popular and varied selections throughout, was a cake walk on a limited scale. Ten little darkies lined up and sang that tuneful ditty of the minstrel man's, woes with the "googoo eyes." It was suspicious how the boys crowded off into one corner, but when the chorus came around it was explained. They made a double circle of the stage in the cake walk step. The enthusiasm they threw into it and the merriment were infectious and it secured a big hit.

The distribution of presents followed. There were candy, nuts, oranges and a necktie for each boy, provided by the institution. Then the mysterious packages that had been coming in for days yielded up their treasures. There was everything that a boy usually gets from Santa Claus, except noisy toys and dangerous ones. One little chap received a soap box as big as himself, containing at least $15 worth of gifts. Every youngster received two or more presents. There were not so many pairs of skates this year, because ice has been scarce, perhaps. Every boy in the institution is supplied, however, because such treasures are handed down from the outgoing to the incoming. There was a patent top for each member of the A family, or youngest group, and a crokonole board and various other boxes of games for each of the four "families" for joint and common use.

Laden with their candies and gifts, there was no bell for the boys for an hour after the exercises ended. They were taken to their several play rooms and given free play. Off came their heavy shoes and in bare feet they pattered over the warm tiled floor, gorged their sweetmeats, idled with their toys and took account of stock.

The choir singing by the boys was pleasing to hear and was entered into with keen spirit. Mr. E. H. Shumway gives the little fellows their musical drill right along. One of the songs that every inmate joins in most heartily is Mr. Shumway's arrangement of the popular war time song "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." The song is as follows:

We're a band of jolly fellows and we're staying here just now
To get an education and to learn to dig and plow.
We don't propose to "monkey" when we know 'tis best to be
A truthful, happy set of boys as ever you did see.

Let us all, then, do just what is right,
Strive for honor, work with all our might.
Then when free, and loved ones are in sight,
There'll be a hot time in the old town that night.

Don't think because in uniform you see us every day,
That we have to work forever—never have a bit of play.
Don't think we're the only ones that ever went astray,
For we know that "there are others" who will come when we're away.

Now, we don't propose to murmur, and we don't propose to sigh,
And we don't propose to grumble, and we don't propose to cry,
For we know if we are better, and for this we'll surely try;
There'll be happy days a-coming in the sweet by-and-by.

In preparing and carrying out the Christmas treat Superintendent W. S. Hancock, Assistant Superintendent E. M. Misner, Matron Mrs. Fanny Lowe, Mrs. J. C. Lowe, the teachers of the institution and the Y. W. C. A. workers from the city who assist in the Sunday school were diligent. Their efforts were repaid by the evident enjoyment that accrued to their charges. Messrs. Hornaday and Vincent of the board of charities made generous personal responses to Superintendent Hancock's general request for Christmas cheer for the boys. Mr. Hornaday donated $10, Mr. Vincent the same amount in presents and the state set aside $25.

Superintendent Hancock and Assistant Superintendent Misner were not forgotten by Santa Claus, either. They received each a handsome lamp, the gift of the officers and employes. Mr. Shumway was remembered also with a gold watch, given by the same and the boys.

The programme of exercises rendered was as follows:

Invocation by Miss Koontz.
Song—"Angel Hosts Adore Thee."
Recitation by six little boys.
Declamation—"Too Utterly Utter," by Lee Thompson.
Song—"Shout Aloud in Wildest Joy."
Recitation—"The First Christmas" (Lew Wallace), by Claude Debault.
Recitation—"An Arkansawer in Love," by Charley Caton.
Song—"Mother Doesn't Know I'm Coming Home." Frank Weatherly.
Song—"Pickaninny Lullaby."
Story—"On the Other Train," Frankie Dumont.
Song—"Earth's New Born Savior."
Selection—"So Was I," Fletcher Williams.
Recitation—"Night After Christmas," Harry Dillon.
Song—A Medley.
Recitation—"The Farmer and the Wheel," Fred Lambert.
Song—"Goo! Goo! Eyes."

DINE ALONE.

President and Mrs. McKinley Eat Dinner Privately.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas day was generally observed here all of the churches holding special services. At the White House the president and Mrs. McKinley dined alone and spent a good part of the day together in their private apartments. In the afternoon several personal friends called, but remained only a short time. The government departments were closed and until late in the day the streets presented an almost deserted appearance.

A FOGGY CHRISTMAS

But It Is Being Celebrated to an Unusual Degree in England.

New York, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the World from London says:

London is luxuriating in a foggy, damp and miserable Christmas. Nevertheless, not for many years has Christmas business of all kinds been so brisk or expenditures so lavish among the well-to-do classes, despite the war and the heavy taxation, indicating that the wave of industrial prosperity is still mounting.

Queen Victoria has a large family gathering at Osborne, including many of her great grandchildren. The queen has not benefited appreciably by the change in the mild air of the Isle of Wight, and she only takes one short drive before lunch each day in a closed carriage.

At Windsor Castle has just been carried out the three centuries old custom of roasting a 200-pound baron of beef from time of the queen's prime steers. It takes ten or twelve hours to cook the beef before a huge fire, consuming half a ton of coal, fifty bundles of firewood and 200 huge billets of dried wood. The baron of beef was taken to Osborne to be placed on the queen's sideboard, with the royal monogram and a Christmas motto artistically executed upon it in shredded horseradish.

The queen teaches the monster joint before Christmas day luncheon with a knife and then it is cut up by the chief butler and all the household, from the royal guests down to the scullions have luncheon off it.

The Prince of Wales has a family party at Sandringham, but he returns to London on Wednesday, as Christmas festivities bore him.

Lord Salisbury has his family round him at Hatfield house, including the first lord of the treasury, Arthur Balfour; the president of the board of trade, Gerald Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty Selborne and Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Cranborne.

Thus the premier makes good the joke at his expense by Lord Rosebery, who said that the country could feel assured, if any crisis arose in Christmastide, the effective section of the ministry would all have their legs under the same mahogany at Hatfield.

PRESENTED TO CHINA.

Preliminary Joint Note of the Powers Delivered to Ching.

Pekin, Dec. 25.—The preliminary joint note was delivered today to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the ministers and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys.

Prince Ching replying to the Spanish minister, Senor B. J. Decologan, who presented the note said he would immediately communicate its contents to the emperor and assured the ministers that a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wants peace and prosperity.

Lively Paris Boxing Match.

Paris, Dec. 25.—A boxing match at the Hippodrome yesterday between George Goldwin and Ted Cantrell, for five thousand francs resulted in Cantrell's defeat who was knocked out at the conclusion of the second round by a blow under the heart. The police commissioner, who was present, announced that he would take proceedings against pugilists.

P. O. STRIKE.

Registry Clerks in the Postoffice at Chicago

Rebel Against Working Fourteen Hours a Day.

LEADER DISCHARGED.

The Other Strikers Then Return to Work.

The Superintendent Says Conditions Couldn't Be Helped.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A strike among clerks of the registry division of the general postoffice yesterday menaced for a time the prompt delivery of thousands of Christmas gifts. Extra hours of work was the grievance of a score of operatives who during the holiday rush have been compelled to labor fourteen hours a day. The trouble was quickly adjusted by the postoffice authorities, who suspended the leader of the strikers. The rank and file of the protesting clerks then returned to their labors.

Superintendent Marr, of the registry division, said: "The mails were flooded this year, and there is no other way than to make the clerks work. We are handling 16 per cent. more work this year than in 1899. I have thirty-six men assisting the regular force, and I would add still more, but for the fact that there are no experienced hands, and we cannot break in green ones. Some of the employes complained to me, but after explaining the situation they returned to work, and I anticipate no further trouble. The leader of the strikers refused to work any longer, and there was no course left open for us but to suspend him."

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.

Cabinet Members Leave Town and Festivities Are Few.

New York, Dec. 25.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

The public offices at Whitehall have been left under the charge of janitors and night clerks, and the cabinet ministers are entertaining family parties in their country houses during the holidays. How large will be the cabinet council at Hatfield is uncertain; probably will not exceed three members. Lansdowne is at Bowood with a large company. The Duke of Devonshire is at Chatsworth with a big shooting party. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is at Coln St. Aldwyne, in Gloucestershire, and Chamberlain is at Highbury, as he was five years ago when the conversation was interrupted by tidings of the Jameson raid, and he was brought back to London in hot haste by a special train. The soldier of fortune who then menaced his peace of mind is now reading French novels on the Bay of Biscay, in the first reaches of his voyage to Cape Town. Dr. Jameson has slipped out of London quietly and has taken passage for South Africa without observation. His health has improved under the rigor of medical treatment here and he has succeeded in eluding interviewers and gossips during his protracted stay.

The American ambassador will have a family party at Carlton house terrace, his wife and daughter having returned from the continent in improved health. Secretary Henry White will entertain his colleague, Ridgeley Carter, and other guests at Wilton. The naval attache has recovered from a long illness, but is unable to go out of town for Christmas.

Richard Croker is not a diplomatic personage, and his holiday recreations can only be surmised. It is reported that he is recruiting his health and talking about horses at his country home, and is not concerned over the onslaught made by Governor Roosevelt upon his friends in the district attorney's office.

CHRISTMAS AT GOULDS.

George J's Palatial Home at Lakewood Prepared For the Holidays.

New York, Dec. 25.—George J. Gould's palatial home in Lakewood is gayly decked for the holidays. Everywhere throughout the spacious mansion and at the "court" the scarlet-berried holly and pungent-scented evergreen is lavishly displayed in wreaths and stars and festoons, giving delightful bowerlike effects to the elegantly furnished rooms. The quantities of this green foliage used have been enormous, and the ordinary large traffic of Lakewood at this season has been much increased by the Gould decorations, to the benefit of the farmers for miles around.

Mrs. Gould entertained today a few of the guests who will make up her large house party for the latter part of the week, when farewells to the old and welcome to the new year will have the participation of a brilliant social array. Today's guests included Mr. Carter of New York, an uncle of Mrs. Gould; Miss Ethel Barrymore, Miss Greta Pomeroy, Miss Ethel Henry of London, in whose honor the reception was given at Georgian Court on Friday afternoon, and Mrs. Henry, mother of that charming social entertainer of over-sea fame.

The big hospitable mansion will be filled this week, and the full complement of holiday guests are expected on Friday. On that day there will be two belated Christmas trees, one of rich fruitage at the house for the children and party, and one at the court for the lengthy roll of Gould servants, none of whom will be forgotten. There will be a varied list of amusements at the court, which is equal in its facilities to all entertaining demands. Dinners at the house will be enlivened with music by a banjo and mandolin club from New York, with orchestral music during the evening.

The party is planned to fill the house, and will include, in addition to those now there, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, the Duke of Newcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Randolph, Dewolf Cutting, P. J. Collier, Robert J. Collier, many polo friends of Mr. Gould and others socially prominent. The party will break up Monday week.

Secretary of McClure's Dies.

New York, Dec. 25.—Albert A. Brady, secretary of the S. S. McClure company, died on Sunday in Rome. Mr. Brady had been suffering from heart trouble and for a year had been unable to attend to business. He went to Germany last spring for treatment, and was in Rome with his family on the way to spend the winter in Egypt, when he died.

RUSSIA IS PLEASED.

Satisfaction Expressed Over Abrogation of Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The Novoe Vremya, discussing the English newspaper indictment of the United States senate for "its unparalleled attempt to overturn the Clayton-Bulwer treaty," says:

The case is not unusual. Conditions have changed, and the treaty must change. Russia afforded an example in 1870 in declaring that she was no longer bound by her promise not to maintain war vessels in the Black sea.

The Boerse Gazette says: Russia is gratified by America's diplomatic victory over England. Western Europe dislikes the Monroe doctrine because it desires to grab territories everywhere. Russia, which has sympathized with America since her independence, which liquidated American possessions to America, has nothing against the Monroe doctrine, and the old sympathies have grown more cordial in China.

LETTERS TO CUDAHY.

They Tell Him That Officers Are on the Wrong Track.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A special to the Tribune from Omaha, Neb., says:

Another important development in the Cudahy kidnaping case has been reported to the police in the discovery in a barn near Pacific Junction, Iowa, 22 miles south and just across the river, of a pony answering the description of the one ridden by one of the abductors. It was left there, apparently, by some agent of the fugitives. The saddle was in a neighboring barn, and a pair of trousers was in the shed in which the pony had been abandoned.

E. A. Cudahy in speaking of the case last night said: "There are some important developments but for obvious reasons I can not state them for publication. The detectives have found some clews that seem to point in the right direction. I think the discovery of the lantern which marked the place where I deposited the ransom is an important clew. The lantern has been identified by Pat McGrath, who was with me when I delivered the money. A more important clew however will be in hand when we get the horse which one of the men used on the night of the kidnaping. A horse answering the description of the one used by the kidnapers has been picked up at Pacific Junction and the animal will be brought to Omaha at once. If this proves to be the horse actually used by the kidnapers it ought to aid us considerably in securing accurate descriptions of the men we are hunting.

"The published story that there were only two men implicated in the crime is incorrect, because two men were in the buggy that carried off my boy and a third man followed on horseback. My son thinks he could identify only one of the kidnapers—the one who remained with him in the house. This man talked a great deal to the boy and Eddie thinks he could identify him by his voice.

"I received a letter this morning and another one this evening signed 'Eloise T.,' in which the writer tells me that the men who did the kidnaping are not in Omaha; that we are on the wrong track altogether. These letters were written on the letter paper of the Windsor hotel of Omaha, and posted from Cincinnati. The writer makes no attempt to open negotiations with me for the disclosure of the guilty persons and I think the letters were written to divert us from the right track. We shall not pay any attention to these letters."

SALVATION ARMY CHANGE.

Chief of New England Department Transferred to Philadelphia.

Boston, Dec. 25.—Lieutenant Colonel William J. Cozens, divisional chief of the New England department of the Salvation Army, with a considerable portion of his staff, has been transferred by Commander Booth Tucker, official head of the army in America, to Philadelphia whence Colonel Cozens will command the division including Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and a part of New Jersey.

This change was made at a council of the ten divisional officers of the United States in New York a little more than a week, but has not been known here. Lieutenant Colonel Evans of San Francisco and his father, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Evans will assume the direction of the work of the Salvation Army in New England a few days after Colonel Cozens leaves.

[From the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.]

DR. CLEVELAND—Bryanus-popuphobia, causing you to chase phantom evils, run against fixed objects and not know when you are hurt.

LITTLE HEIRESS

To Millions Will Undergo a Terrible Ordeal Today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armour's Frail Daughter's Trial.

HAS NEVER WALKED.

Femurs Do Not Fit in Hip Sockets by Several Inches.

Limbs to Be Forced Back Into Perfect Articulation.

Her Early Life Spent in a Rosewood Incubator.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Today another effort will be made to secure robust health and strength for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ogden Armour. This little dark-eyed heiress to millions will be subjected to one of the most heroic operations known to the surgical world. So frail a little creature was Lolita that the first few months of her life were spent in a glass and rosewood incubator. In her entire four years she never has walked. When Lolita first attempted to use her little feet in walking she suffered so in her head and spine that it was feared that the latter was diseased.

X-RAYS WERE EMPLOYED.

The child's spine was subjected to X-rays. This brought the unhappy knowledge that the femurs did not fit into the hip sockets by a distance of several inches. It was then that Dr. John Ridlon was called in to see the heir to the Armour millions.

For six months past he has been studying the case.

This afternoon little Lolita will be subjected to an operation.

The little sufferer will be given an anesthetic. When thoroughly under its influence her delicate little limbs will be forced back into perfect articulation. Then they will be held in place by a heavy plaster cast. This will be molded before she regains consciousness.

A PLASTER CAST.

She will wear it for six long months. At least that is what Dr. Ridlon declares is necessary for a perfect success of the operation. If it was found that the little one's sufferings are too great for endurance relief will be given her by having the plaster broken.

The Armour family feel that they are taking great chances in the operation, but if the child can endure her plaster burden for six months they feel that a strong daughter may yet be theirs.

The little one comes of wealthy parents and grandparents. J. Ogden Armour has ever been known for the systematic life he leads.

Mrs. Armour was Iola Spencer of New York, and when she came to Chicago a bride a few years ago none of the younger matrons knew more of athletic sports than she.

OUR CONSULAR SERVICE.

Congressman Payne Throws the Officials Some Bouquets.

New York, Dec. 25.—Congressman Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, is in the city on his way from Washington to spend Christmas at his home in Auburn.

"One of the gratifying things to the experienced observer of national affairs," said Congressman Payne, "is the growing efficiency of our consular service. A few years ago the service was rather inefficient and a consular post was looked upon as a berth for a politician who wanted an easy job. Of late years all this has been changed.

"Our consuls now are probably the most efficient in the world. Their reports on market conditions and manufactures abroad are in many instances models of comprehensive intelligence of the sort that is needed by our manufacturers. One of the best testimonials to their excellence is the criticism in the leading countries of Europe that our consuls tell too much about the secrets of foreign manufacturers. This is particularly true in Germany, where the German press is quite wrought up about the cleverness of many of our consuls in getting hold of the inside facts."

A NEW BARNUM CIRCUS

To Be Built Up by Bailey at Cost of $500,000.

New York, Dec. 25.—The Herald publishes the following: James A. Bailey, the famous show man, made an agreement yesterday that he will organize a new show to be called "Barnum & Bailey's Greatest on Earth." Work will begin at once, and the new enterprise will be ready to open on March 15, 1902, at Madison Square Garden. It will require all the time to get ready, collect the animals, build the cages and the chariots and cars for its transportation. Altogether it will cost $500,000.

Mr. Bailey came to New York from Europe last Wednesday and will sail again tomorrow on the New York.

He said: "It has always been my ambition to build an entirely new show, new from tent pin to centerpole. I have built up several big shows from small beginnings, but I always had the nucleus there to start with. This time I am starting with a new one at beginning. Barnum & Bailey's Greatest on Earth which is in Vienna this winter is now an English enterprise owned by the English stock company. I am of course the chief shareholder, but still it has become a British institution and I shall not bring it or any part of it back to America."

KILLED BY CARS.

James Haywood, an Ex-Slave, Loses His Life.

James A. Haywood, an old negro, was run over and killed Monday evening by an empty brick car on the Rock Island track at the foot of Harrison street. The accident happened about 4:30 in the afternoon although no one saw it. The body of the old man was discovered by a boy named Charles Lunstrum who was walking along the track. The boy was greatly frightened, but recognized the old man and ran at once to Haywood's home and told his wife and son.

The old man was still alive when discovered and was carried at once to his home where City Physician Hogeboom and Dr. Munn, the Rock Island physician, attended him. He died in a short time after their arrival.

How he met his death is unknown, but it was evident that the car had struck him and that he had been dragged a short distance. He had left his home but a few minutes before the accident occurred.

Haywood was an old slave and was owned by a man in Missouri. He came to Topeka about 30 years ago and has resided here continuously. He lived at 112 Harrison street and worked by the day with a team which he owned.

TO MARRY AN INDIAN.

Denver Woman Wooed and Won by an Aged Red Man.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 25.—Miss Cora Arnold, 27 years old, a pretty white woman, who lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilder, at No. 1415 Welton street, is engaged to Albino Chavala, a full-blooded Pueblo Indian, 31 years old, who lives on the Santa Clara agency in New Mexico. The wedding, according to the present plans, will take place in Denver early in January.

The Indian, who is a magnificent specimen, came to Denver early in the fall with a band of his tribesmen to perform at the city park. He was a friend of Charles Christy, a former government scout, and after his fellows had gone home went to Christy's house to visit. There he met Miss Arnold. He was an ardent wooer, and soon had captured the woman's heart. Their engagement became known Saturday, when the Indian left for his agency to prepare a home for his bride.

NO CHRISTMAS TURKEY.

Prisoners at City and County Jails Are Overlooked.

The prisoners at the city and county jails will not be given turkey for their Christmas dinner but they will have a little something extra. Roast pork and mashed potatoes was served at the county jail while the city boarders got an extra slice of mince pie and some fruit. At the state institutions a regular turkey dinner was served.

SHARES THE PROFITS.

Employes of a Fall River Mill Receives a Wage Dividend.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 25.—The employes of the Bourne mills, who are entitled to a part in the profit-sharing plan in use by the corporation, have received a bonus of 3½ per cent. on the wages earned from June 9 to December 8 of this year. This is the twenty-third semi-annual dividend that has been paid by the corporation under this plan. It will net more to the participating operatives than usual from the fact that a high scale of wages has been in use since December of last year and steady employment has been given. The amount each participant will receive for Christmas from the profit-sharing plan varies from $2 to $15.

A YOUNG SANTA CLAUS.

New Style Kris Kringle at First M. E. Church.

The First M. E. church was crowded last night by people who wanted to see the little folks enjoy themselves with Santa Claus and a Christmas tree. A young Santa Claus was introduced and made quite a hit with the children.

The exercises were very entertaining and the music was especially good. Presents were distributed to the scholars by the teachers who received them from Santa Claus in baskets.

Former Santa Fe Conductor Killed.

E. F. Lock, a conductor on the Missouri Pacific, while coupling a Lincoln coach at Union, Neb., to his train slipped, falling under the wheels. Just as he fell the engine pushed the car, catching Lock's left leg and crushing the member below the knee, as well as cutting off the toes of his right foot. Amputation was necessary. Mr. Lock was taken down on the same train to Kansas City in charge of a surgeon and died later in the evening. Conductor Lock had been on the road many years and was 55 years old. He ran for many years on western roads and part of the time on the Santa Fe.

Crown Prince of Siam in Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Crown Prince Chow Fa Maha Vajiravudh, of Siam, has arrived here from the west.

WED CHORUS GIRLS

Five Harvard Men Marry Footlight Favorites.

All of Them Were Sons of Wealthy Parents.

THE SCHOOL IS HURT.

Others Have Followed Sweethearts About the Country.

Some Have Settled Down and Are Living Happily.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A special to the Record from Boston says:

Five Harvard men married to chorus girls within a year, others following theatrical companies from one state to another, reported engagements and breach of promise suits in which students and chorus girls figure have become so epidemic that the authorities of the university are showing some concern, but deny that they are at all to blame, as the student leaves the college and his parents become responsible before he can engage in these escapades. Dean Briggs said:

"Harvard assumes more responsibility for her students than she is given credit for. Of course we don't keep in touch with all the 5,000 men who come here. We can't. But we follow their movements pretty carefully and know whether they are doing their duty to themselves and to their school. Parents are often astonished at the close watch we keep on their sons. Many a time when we have reported a boy's absence when he has cut classes before vacation periods we have received letters expressing the greatest surprise that we had noticed such seeming trifling matters. I think Harvard has been hurt by the stories that have gone out about her students following a theatrical company over New England when they were supposed to be at college. As far as I can learn, the story is without foundation—a mere scheme of advertising got up by the companies. At any rate, there was only one Harvard boy connected with it. The other men whose names were used with the story left college before that time."

Within the last year four Harvard men at least have married chorus girls from one theater and one other Harvard man selected his bride from another stage.

There are three incidents on record of less than a year ago where Harvard men have been engaged to three chorus girls, and this includes only the cases which have come to light.

The cases of marriage are those of John Brice, the son of ex-Senator Brice, who married Florence Ricketts, and is now studying law in Cambridge. With his wife Brice is cozily set up in one of the best localities in Cambridge and is living a quiet life.

George Lawrence of Evanston, Ill., a wealthy young fellow, married Antoine Savelli, a chorus girl at the Columbia. She was exiled from France because she was a member of the Nationale Societe Socialistique, in poor standing for some reason. That happened last October.

Two other Harvard men were badly smitten. They went 1,880 miles over the country in pursuit of their sweethearts. One was married, another pledged to and the marriages of the other two may be expected at any time. The cases are all of freshmen and sophomores of unlimited wealth.

Another case which came to light was that of Arnold Lawson, son of Thomas Lawson, who was sued for breach of promise by a chorus girl. Twenty-five thousand dollars damages were claimed, but the girl dropped her suit.

GOAT WHIPS ST. BERNARD.

Dog Is No Match For Billy, and Is Badly Gored.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 25.—A fine St. Bernard dog, belonging to James McCann of Stony road, had a fight to a finish with a billy goat, yesterday afternoon.

The goat was browsing among the rubbish on the dumping ground when the dog came across it. Billy resented the manner in which the dog sniffed around him, and, poising himself on his hind feet, he butted the dog in the ribs, sending him to the ground. This aroused the fighting blood of the dog, and he charged upon the goat, but again recoiled from the butting he got. The dog then changed his tactics. He made a spring intended to carry him over the goat's horn, but Billy saw him coming, and, instead of raising on his hind legs, he planted his four legs firmly and lowered his head. When the dog made the leap he went further than he expected to, for Billy raised his head, and, catching the dog underneath, he threw the big animal clear over his body, at the same time goring him badly.

The St. Bernard dog was game, and, although he yelped with pain, he returned to the attack. Billy stood stock still. The dog did not spring again, but he charged on the goat again and again, but always with the same result, and each time receiving a new wound from Billy's horns. It was a one-sided contest all the way through. Some of the men got long poles and tried to chase off the goat, while others dragged the dog away. The dog was taken home to its owner, who had to kill him to put him out of pain.

SHELDON AT HOME.

Topeka Preacher Returns From His Long Vacation.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon returned home today. Mr. Sheldon has been away on his vacation for eight months.

While Mr. Sheldon has been in Europe, apparently on a vacation, it has been a vacation only in the sense that he has been relieved of his duties at his little church on West Fifteenth street.

His time has been crowded with lectures and study. And since his return to America he has had all the engagements for lectures in the east which he could fill, and could have had more.

Mr. Sheldon will soon publish his new novel "Born to Serve." It deals with the servant girl problem and is attracting considerable attention in the east.

Hanged Himself in His Cell.

New York, Dec. 25.—Obrecht Belber, a prisoner charged with attempted felonious assault, committed suicide in his cell in the West Twentieth station house last night by hanging himself with his handkerchief.

Weather Indications.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Forecast for Kansas: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; variable winds.