

ANTI-VACCINATION HITS SCHOOL HARD

**Arlota Has Had Attendance
Cut More Than Half for
20 Days.**

Attendance at the Arleta school has been completely demoralized for the past 20 days, owing to the unwillingness of parents to have their children vaccinated. About a month ago a case of smallpox, to which the school had been exposed, was reported to the city health officer. City Health Officer C. H. Wheeler immediately closed the school and ordered all pupils who had not been vaccinated to be excluded.

The law provides that those who do not submit to vaccination be kept out of school for a period of 20 days. The normal attendance of the school is more than 800. But 423 pupils remained away for 20 days rather than be vaccinated. Dr. Wheeler has learned that a woman of the neighborhood, who is strongly opposed to vaccination, used the telephone of an Arleta drug store nearly a whole day to urge parents not to permit their children to be inoculated with the virus.

Only 127 had been vaccinated, and only about twice that number submitted to vaccination. The consequence is that more than 400 are behind so far in their studies that it will almost be impossible for a majority of them to catch up with their classes before the end of the present term.

CHILDREN REMEMBERED BY DEAR OLD SANTA

A casual visitor at the Eastern Outfitting company's store at Tenth and Washington streets yesterday afternoon would have been thoroughly convinced that the stories he had heard when a child about Santa Claus must certainly be true, for within the store was a crowd of children, scrambling and surging around an immense, round and red-faced Kris Kringle.

Those who had met the "old gent" were carrying a toy of some sort—a trumpet or horn, a soldier, a drum, or some token of old Santa's generosity. Yesterday was children's day at this store, an annual event in the history of the institution, which the manager designated 15 years ago. Between 600 and 700 youngsters visited the store yesterday as the guests of Santa Claus, and all went away doubly assured that any who would deny his existence were mere tale-bearers.

Santa Claus entertained from 2 until

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5 o'clock, and visitors, other than children, were given but scant attention during those hours.

Joseph Shemanaki, the manager, said: "It has been the store's policy for 15 years to provide the youngsters of the city with something that would at least gladden their hearts for the Yuletide, and the results exceeded my expectations."

GIRLS, AFRAID TO CRYOUT, WATCH BURGLARS WORK

Misses Elizabeth Keber and Hazel Kriehle, 793 East Eleventh street, remained absolutely quiet this morning at 3 o'clock while two burglars pilfered their room. Both girls were wide awake, but made no outcry for fear of violence. Miss Keber lost her gold watch, while her roommate lost a diamond ring. The young women were sound asleep when the burglars entered the house. They were awakened when the door opened. Both realized burglars were at hand. Both agreed to keep still. The two burglars worked hurriedly and quietly, leaving the room after finding the watch and the ring. The girls called the police as soon as the men left.

TODAY LUCKY FRIDAY FOR 24 MISMATED

A dozen couples will call Friday, the 13th, a lucky day, instead of "Black Friday," as 12 uncontested divorce suits were heard by Circuit Judge Morrow this morning. All were taken under advisement, but will be granted, according to the court. The divorce cases heard were: Allee M. vs. William Geyer, Clara D. vs. Scott S. Brown, Frank vs. Helen Van Housen, Ferdinand V. vs. Edna H. Pape, Nora F. vs. Elwyn G. Huston, Andrew vs. Mary E. Toppi, Barbara vs. John Grider, Belle vs. L. J. Dame, Leonore vs. Lloyd A. Gillette, Harold E. vs. Emma L. Thomas, Florence M. vs. John W. Collins, and Pauline vs. Vernon G. Downer.

CHARTER MEMBERS TO DESTROY MORTGAGE

The members and friends of the First United Presbyterian church, Sixth and Montgomery streets, will assemble in the church at 8 o'clock tonight to participate in the celebration over the liquidation of all indebtedness on the property of the church.

The four surviving charter members of the church, W. A. Cume, Dr. J. C. Tate, Mrs. Dalgleish and Miss Laura Tate, will officiate in burning the mortgage. The meeting will be presided over by P. H. Stevenson, president of the congregation. Mrs. James Shearer, Miss Linehan, Mrs. Carmack and Mr. Crowthers will give several musical selections. Talks will be made by the pastor, Rev. Frank D. Findley, W. A. Cume, David Pattullo and C. C. Trip. The First United Presbyterian church was organized April 26, 1854, and the edifice was built at Sixth and Hall streets, but removed a year later to its present location. The dedication of the present building occurred in October, 1909, with an indebtedness of \$5000, which has now been collected. The notes covering this will be wiped out with the burning of them tonight. Six pastors have had charge of the work since its organization, Rev. Mr. Findley taking up the work in 1909.

PASTOR TO QUIT HIS CONGREGATION DEC. 24

The pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church, Rev. C. H. Wirth, will leave the church December 24, according to an announcement last night at the regular mid-week prayer meeting. He has had charge of the pastorate for over a year. As yet he has not decided definitely where he will go.

CITY IS STILL FACING WATER RATE PROBLEM

Another perplexing situation confronts the city today as the result of the city council's failure yesterday to pass the ordinance fixing the annual water rates for 1912. Four members of the council voted against the ordinance yesterday and it was referred back to the city water board, the first time in the history of the city that such a thing has happened.

Under the city charter the water rates must be fixed by the city council and the rentals must be collected from water users in advance. The water board has established a rule whereby the consumer is shut off from his water supply unless advance payment is made every month. There is only one more meeting of the council before the first of the year and a water rate ordinance to be effective must receive the votes of 12 councilmen. Unless one of the four who protested yesterday changes his mind the ordinance will fail to carry as an emergency measure and this will prevent the water board from collecting rates for a period of 30 days.

FORMER MICHIGANDERS TO VISIT HOME STATE

A train load of former Michigan people, now residents of Oregon, have taken reservations already for the "home going" excursion next June. Started in Oregon as the idea of Mrs. Harriet

Hendee, secretary of the local Michigan society, the idea has spread until the Michigan organizations of Washington, California, Utah and Colorado have voted to join.

"Eight train loads of people from the west will join the Michigan home going excursion," said Mrs. Hendee this morning. "This does not include the Michigan societies of Salt Lake and Denver."

Charges Against Policeman.
Charges of indecent and immoral conduct were filed by Chief of Police Slover today against Patrolman W. B. Stram. The complaint made by the chief alleges that Stram contributed to the delinquency of two young working girls, whose names are not mentioned. Stram admitted his guilt, says the chief, but would not resign. Therefore, charges were filed.

What'll We Give Mother?
See announcement page 23. "Let this be a year of sensible gift-giving. Toys and knickknacks won't do it."

NEW AD CLUB OFFICERS TO PLAN YEAR'S WORK

An informal conference of newly elected ad club officers will be held before the next meeting of the club to discuss plans for the next year's work.

At the Wednesday election, C. H. Moore was elected president, W. D. Whitcomb secretary treasurer, Charles E. Bens first vice president, Frederick Hyakell second vice president, and a board of seven directors was chosen.

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\$3.00 HATS, NOW... **\$1.50**

OTHER MAKES OF
\$2.50 HATS, NOW... **\$1.25**

We Carry These Hats in All Styles and Colors.

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Our regular \$5.00 Shoes, in all styles, now..... **\$3.35**

Our regular \$4.00 Shoes, in all styles, now..... **\$2.65**

Our regular \$3.50 Shoes, in all styles, now..... **\$2.35**

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