# COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs Stockert seils carpets, and rugs. Metz beer at Neumayer's hotel. Drs. Green, office 333 Sapp block. Welsbach burners. Bixby & Son. Elegant X'mus photos at Schmidt's. Wollman, scientific optician, ko Broadway Dr. Stephenson, Baldwin block. Elevator. Sheriff Cousins feturned last evening from

Myrtle lodge, Degree of Honor, will to-night elect officers. D. B. Morse is home from a two months' business trip to St. Louis. Missouri osk body wood, \$5.50 cord. Wm. Weich, 23 N. Main st. Tel. 128. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wright of South Seventh street, a daughter. Sheriff Wheeler of Plattsmouth was in Jouncel Bluffs yesterday on business.

Another shipment of elegant pictures just in. Alexander & Co., 233 Broadway. Rev. W. A. Billings of Marengo, Ill., will becapy the pulpit Sunday in the First Bap-

Padiant Home stove, guaranteed not to crack. Sold by Petersen & Schoening, Merriam block.

Mrs. Dorothy Milispaugh of Buffalo, N. Y., is guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Odeil for the holidays. The family of John Donohue, 1229 Fifth venue, was released from smallpox quarantine yesterony,

Mrs. Anna Fodisch, formerly of this city, who died in South Omaha, was buried in the Catholic cemetery here yesterday. the Catholic cemetery here yesterday.

T. B. Lacey, jr., returned home yesterday from Corneil university, his return being earlier than expected, owing to illness.

Mrs. Levi, 364 Avenue C, complained to the police yesterday that her hencoops had been depieted by thieves Wednesday night.

Petersen & Schoening, Merriam block, have the most complete line of Hot Biast stoves in the city and at prices that will surprise you.

The invoice of the stock of Meyer Pearlman, keeper of the Novelty cloak store on South Main street, foots \$0,961.25. The mabilities aggregate \$12,000.

Representatives J. H. Jenks and W. H. Freeman and State Senator A. S. Hazelton, with their wives, were guests yesterday of Superintendent Rothert of the Iowa School

In view of the Doyle-Burns suit drawing to a close early next week Judge Green notined County Attorney Killpack yesterday that he would make an assignment of criminal cases this morning.

Sergeant Slack and Officer Edward Smith of the police force will go today to Silver City to testify in the case against Aoner Leiand, arrested here on a charge of stealing a horse and buggy from a Mills county larmer.

What a surprise! I did not know that Woodward made such fine candy. Why, it is better than I bought when I was in New York and paid \$1 a pound for it. Just think! Only 60 cents for this pound of Opera bonbons.

Opera bonbons.

The case against C. B. Sanders, charged with enticing Florence LeBaugh, a young girl, for wrongful purposes, was dismissed in Justice Bryant's court yesterday, as the young woman refused to appear and testify against him. The complaint was filed by the girl's father,

the girl's father.

The suit of H. Bailey against W. A. Swanson, in which the plaintiff sued for \$50 for damages to a buggy as the result of a collision and secured a verdict for \$5.75, has been taken on a writ of error to the district court by Swanson, as the costs in the lower court amounted to about \$40.

W. J. Johnson, a creditor of the Officer & Pusey bank, recently discovered a deposit slip for \$20, which he had overlooked when filing his claim. He filed a petition yesterday asking that the court allow it and that the receivers be ordered to pay him the lightends amounting to 45 per cent on a handsome home on Oakland avenue, on a handsome home on Oakland avenue, on the receivers be ordered to pay him the two dividends amounting to 45 per cent on

The epidemic of smallpox among the colored people of this city, has necessitated the closing of Mount Zion Haptist church, and this, the congregation says, will hinder it from raising the amount needed to pay off the indebtedness and secure the promised donations from City Treasurer True and Harold McCormick of Chicago.

N. Y. Plumbing Co., telephone 250. Prize waltz, Hughes' hall, tonight.

Davis sells paint. Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W.

Squire, 101 Pearl street:

J. Henry Swanson to Kate and Michael Maloney, lot 11, block 6, Sackett's add, w. d.

County treasurer to H. W. Binder, lot 11, block 1, Railroad add, tax d.

Same to same, lot 10, block 1, Railroad add, tax d.

Cyrus E. Weaver and wife to Clarence E. Weaver, 14 scre in nwig swig 19-76-43, w. d.

Same to same, lots 1 to 6, block 2, Mynster Place, w. d.

Same to Orsan L. Weaver, lots 12 to 17, block 1, Mynster Place, w. d.

Same to Maud, Pearl and Annis M.

Weaver, lots 1 to 11, block 1, and lots 7 and 8, block 2, Mynster Place, w. d. Squire, 101 Pearl street: 100

w. d.
William Binney and wife to Daniel T.
Gliman, nel 2-77-43, s. w. d.
C. 1. Swartfager and wife to Charles
Schmidt, jr., undivis of lot 11, block
30, town of Avoca, w. d.
Heirs of Edward Dewey to George
Dewey, s 48 feet of lot 10 and n's of
lot 11, block 5. Glendale add, q. c. d.

Total ten transfers ...... \$ 5,761

Gravel roofing. A. H. Rend, 541 Broadway. Davis sells glass



# Christmas Gifts

that will be appreciated can be se lected from our stock of opera glasses, lorgnettes, microscopes, etc. We have a big assortment of these goods from the best makers at prices that you can afford. We sell elegant pearl Opera Glasses at \$6.50 a pair.

HERMAN M. LEFFERT

Optician, Jeweler and Engraver. 238 BROADWAY. Opposite Glen Avenue, Council Bluffs

LEWIS CUTLER Funeral Director 28 PEARL STREET. 'Phone W.

FARM LOANS 5.25

# ACTIVITY AMONG BUILDERS

Construction of Many Fine Homes Indicates and won liberal applause. The entertainment was one of the best amateur per-Presperity.

TWO LARGE HOSPITALS IN PROSPECT

Warehouses and Business Blocks to Accommodate Increase of Trade-Real Estate Stimulated by the Stir.

Council Bluffs has for two months enloyed a boom in the building line. More private residences and homes are being built than in a number of years. The class of private residences being erected is better nearly all of them having modern improvements. Brick masons and carpenters are getting all the work they can attend to and the demand for lumber and building materials is decidedly brisk.

The boom in the building line causes stir in the real estate market and desirable residence property has in consequence increased in value. Sales during the last two months of property to home builders have above the average and desirable pieces have been eagerly snapped up.

Council Bluffs has always been termed a city of homes and the number of building permits issued since the summer indicates that it has not been incorrectly so named. The amount represented by these permits runs well up into the thousands of dollars and indicates that the city is enjoying an era of unusual prosperity.

# New Hospitals and Warehouses.

The largest building at present in course of construction is the new hospital being erected by the Sisters of Mercy in charge of Mrs. Margaret Baxter has been granted a divorce from George Baxter and given the custody of their minor children. The rather is granted the privilege of visiting them at suitable intervals.

When you send your Christmas box to the loved ones far away be sure it contains a box of Woodward's Opera bonbons or Woodward's Ganymede chocolates. The sweetest of all gitts.

In view of the Doylo-Burns suit drawing of the state. Work on this building, it is expected, will be begun before many weeks. The Woman's Christian association hopes to begin work on its new hospital building soon after the plans are completed and this will entail an outlay of about \$50,000. 'Several brick store buildings are in course of erection, among the number being those of Nels Jensen and Jensen Bros. Mrs. Havnes. as guardian of Harry Dye, has had plans drawn for a two-story double brick flat, to be erected on Bryant street, to cost \$4,000, work on which will be begun before

Of the private residences, J. F. Wilcox beads the list with a \$20,000 home which he is having built near his greenhouses on East Pierce street. When completed this residence will be one of the finest in

home. F. W. Miller, attorney, is erecting dwelling on South First street. F. J. there are twenty to thirty cottages in to \$2,000 each. C. Hafer, lumber dealer, is building a \$2,000 barn on Pierce street at the rear of his lumber yards.

# **NEW LAWS FOR MUNICIPALITIES**

Changes Suggested Include Health Measure Concerning Control of Quarantines.

The legislative committee of the League of Iowa Municipalities, of which Mayor Jennings is a member, is busy drafting a number of proposed changes in the laws of the state relative to municipalities which it will recommend and urge the legislature to make when it assembles next January.

One of the principal suggestions will be that the laws relating to special assessments be changed back to the front foot rule and that the 25 per cent limit be abolished. Another important recommendation will be that the cities should be authorized to compel property owners to make sewer connections and that cities should have authority to condemn easements through private property for the construction of sewers.

Relating to health measures the committee will recommend that the law be changed so that the mayor shall be authorized to conduct and control all quarantines, the bills to be audited by the Board of Health at least once a month and certified to by County Board of Supervisors for payment, the county to be liable for all expenses in quarantine, except the immediate

expense of the Board of Health. The committee will also recommend that the law be changed so that any mayor pro tem may sign resolutions and ordinances and that cities of the first class have authority to fix the salaries of aldermen and councilmen, the same not to exceed \$200 a year for cities of the first class nor \$100 a year for cities of the second class and \$50

year in villages or small towns. Under the law as it is at present members of the park board can receive remuneration as high as \$500 a year at the rate of \$5 for each day they work not to exceed 100 days in the year. The committee will recommend that the law be changed so that each commissioner shall receive not to exceed \$100 in any one year for his services, also that the city treasurer shall handle all funds raised for park purposes. Another recommendation will be that the rights of cities under special charter to make assessments for street sprinkling, collection of garbage, etc., be extended to

# cities under the general law. Polite Vaudeville a Success.

Society turned out in full force last night to the polite vaudeville entertainment given in the Dohany Opera house by the choir of St. Paul's Episcopal church, with the result that the theater was packed to the doors. The program was a meritorious one, several of the numbers being particularly clever. The Florodora double sextet, consisting of the Misses Gertrude and Fanny Davenport, Blanche Lewis, Zoe are the best advertisers for Foley's Honey nearly two months, having been there for ing miserable when stuffed up with a He Hill. Madge Hollenbeck, Claudia Scott and and Tar and all who use it agree that it is safe keeping to await the action of the cold?" Very easily, we assure you. You Claude Lewis, Harry Cavin, Oliver Patter- a splendid remedy for coughs, colds or sore grand jury, today secured release on habeas

ensemble, with Mrs. Beno, Mrs. F. M. | SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE song, proved a great hit. The Dudley Buck quartet, in a number of selections. was heard to advantage. Miss Marie Snowden, in her song and dance specialties, and Joe F. Barton as "The Modern Gladlator," scored hits. The turn of the little Misses Inez Lewis and Lillian McCain, as the doll burlesquers, was a pretty effort OLD SOLDIERS' PASSES STIR STRIFE

# formances ever given on the Dohany stage. End of Mining Suit in Sight.

The end of the long-drawn-out Doyle-Burns mining suit is at last in sight. The defense rested yesterday afternoon and it is thought that today will suffice for the introduction of the plaintiff's rebuttal evidence. If this proves so, counsel will begin Saturday its presentation of the case to the jury. The arguments, it is expected, will occupy three days.

Mrs. F. G. Peck and Miss Kate Burns, sisters of James F. Burns, the defendant, were placed on the witness stand yestreday morning. They were not cross-examined. John Harnan, who was given a third interest in the Portland, said he was present when the Portland company bought Burns' claims and that Doyle was also present and never intimated that he had any interest in

John Schofield testified as to the digging up of the Portland stake when the O'Haire suit was instituted. He said it bore the name of J. Doyle & Co.

During the afternoon F. G. Peck, brotherto secure control of the Portland company

Doyle was recalled to the stand also by | 22. the defense to identify his answer in the suit brought by O'Haire against him, in which he says he discovered the Portland

# Sues for Pruitt's Death.

Martin Pruitt, as administrator, brought suit in the district court yesterday against James Connor, railroad contractor, for \$10,000 for the death of Parris Pruitt, a 12year-old boy. Connor was operating a piledriver on construction work of the Fort Pruitt, killing him instantly. The petition faulty construction of the piledriver and the fact that it was not securely stationed. The accident occurred near Woodbine.

# Admiral Dewey Acquires Land.

By a deed filed in the county recorder's office yesterday Admiral George Dewey becomes owner of real estate in Council Bluffs. The deed was from heirs of Edward Dewey and conveys to the admiral part of two lots in Glendale addition, the consideration being nominal. The property is on Glen avenue, near the reservoir. Edward Dewey became possessed of the property through foreclosure of an investment mortgage. Lieutenant Crawford, Admiral Dewey's private secretary, was in Council Bluffs a short time yesterday to record the deed and place the property in the hands of real estate agents.

# Santa Claus Hendquarters.

Saturday the headquarters of Santa Claus a handsome home on Oakland avenue, on will be at the Bouricius Music House. Butwhat was known as the High school site, tons, puzzles and pictures will be given which will cost upward of \$5,000. Alder- away with each purchase. A large line of man McDonald is building a \$3,000 home sheet music will be on sale at 5 cents a for himself and family on South Eightn copy. The graphophone will entertain street, which is nearing completion. George | everybody who comes in and a general good Sanford, former banker, is erecting a \$2,500 time is anticipated. A box will be provided to receive letters from children not Schnorr is building a \$2,600 home on Oak- over 10 years of age for Santa Claus and land avenue. Nels Rasmussen is investing the child who writes the best letter will \$2,000 in building himself a residence, and receive as a reward a fine child's violin. Bouricius Music House, 335 Broadway, course of construction, costing from \$1,000 Council Bluffs, where the organ stands upon the building.

So many of the customers and friends of the Nebraska Cycle company have wanted to take lessons on the fancy work that they have decided to retain their display at 334 Broadway Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and the opportunity is still open for you to secure a ticket, free of charge, on the Wheeler & Wilson machine that they are giving away.

# ANDERSON SECURES DAMAGES Brown Forfeits Contracted Amount

for Re-Engaging in the Same Line of Business.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 12 .- (Special Telegram.)-After being out for nearly twenty hours, a jury in the district court brought in a verdict this morning for the plaintiff in the case of R. E. Anderson against O. W. Brown, in an action to recover \$500 for breach of contract. The case had been one of great interest, as the question involved is one which has been much disputed in legal circles all over the country and has been decided as many times one way as the other in the district court of lowa, while no ruling seems to have been made on this particular question by the suprem-

In this case Mr. Anderson bought the grocery and china business of Mr. Brown and in the contract closing the deal Mr. Brown agreed to forfelt \$500 to Mr. Anderson should he re-engage in a like business in this city within a period of two years. Hardly a year passed before Mr. Brown re-engaged in the same line and is now one of Mr. Anderson's chief competitors. The action was brought on the written contract as above referred to, the jury holding that Mr. Brown is liable for the full penalty he agreed upon in the contract. Lawyers here are not agreed upon the point, many insisting that under the law a man cannot buy the private privileges of another and that Mr. Brown cannot be held to remain out of business, although he might be liable to whatever real damages Mr. Anderson could maintain that his reengaging in business caused him. The mat ter may be appealed to the supreme court as other cases of a like nature are pending on this same point.

# Democrats Secure Offices.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 12 .- (Spe. cial.)-The contest for the office of sheriff in Harrison county between Shinn, republican, and Skelton, democrat, has been completed and Skelton was declared elected by fourteen majority. His original majority was four. M. Murray, republican candidate for supervisor in the First district, has withdrawn his contest petition for that office and W. Kelley is declared elected.

RM LOANS 50 PR Harry Longstreet, scored a great success. Song, with a couple of little pickaninnies, and in four days I was able to go the Mars of the entertainment. The musical work again; now I am entirely well."

Remedy. It will make breathing easier, aid expectoration, relieve the lungs and dispel the district court. Bray had been held on a great deal with my kidneys and was respectively. The same of the district court is the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury met nothing was presented to it. The song the court of inquiry, is engaged in the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury met nothing was presented to it. The song the court of inquiry, is engaged in the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury met nothing was presented to it. The song the court of inquiry, is engaged in the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury met nothing was presented to it. The song the court of inquiry, is engaged in the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury met nothing was one of Admiral Schley's councel being the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury met nothing was one of the court of inquiry, and song the court of inquiry and song the court of inquiry. The musical is taken before the lungs and dispel and the district court. Bray had been held on the district court. Bray had been held on a charge of assault, but when the grand plury and song the court of inquiry and song the court of i

J. C. Simpson of Knoxville Succeeds George H. Van Houten.

Date for State Fair is Set to Begin August 22-Grent Fruit Exhibition Favored for St. Louis.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 12 .- (Special.)-The oard of directors of the Iowa State Department of Agriculture surprised everyone oday by selecting J. C. Simpson of Knoxville for secretary to succeed George H. Van Houten of Lenox. Mr. Van Houten has been secretary several years and has made the fairs a great success, and it was supposed he would be re-elected, but last summer trouble was stirred up because the board of directors refused to issue free passes to old soldiers and because the secretary had refused to reinstate the old janitor of his office, who was an old soldier. This was used as a leverage and Van Houten was deposed. Simpson has been his assistant for several years and has had especial charge of the racing departments. The board re-elected G. D. Ellyson as treasin-law of the defendant, was recalled to urer; Joseph Deemer, Red Oak, superinthe stand and permitted by the court to tendent of grounds; W. W. Williams, Oscetestify as to the alleged animosity ex- ola, chief marshal, and Donald Hill, Rockisting between Doyle and Burns. He said well City, chief of police. The board will it existed especially in 1897, at the time meet again the last Tuesday of January to Doyle was alleged to have been seeking select an assistant secretary and to revise the premium list for the state fair. The date for the fair was fixed, begining August

## Iowa's Fruit Exhibition

The State Horticultural society today went on record as decidedly in favor of having at the exposition in St. Louis two years hence the first exhibit of fruit ever shown by the state anywhere. The board of directors of the society was instructed to begin was some question about the advisability of having the fruit exhibit go into the agricultural exhibit, but it was satisfactorily explained by F. W. Taylor of the Louisians Dodge and Omaha branch of the Illinois Purchase exposition that there would be no Central and young Pruitt carried water to mixing of the displays and this was agreed workers on the piledriver. The piledriver to by the society as entirely satisfactory. on July 17 toppled over and Tell on young | The association approved the plan of having a state department created out of the alleges that the accident was due to the Horticultural society. The program of the meeting was completed this evening. Two Paroles.

It was learned at the state house today that Governor Shaw has just paroled two Scott county convicts. They are M. Hackett and R. Hauschild, both of whom were sent to Anamosa penitentiary for the crime of larceny. Both men were convicted about two years ago of robbing a farmer whom they deluded into believing that they would accure a job for him. Under the pretext of showing him a house boat, they led their victim to the river, where they held him crime was committed. The parole took efgone at once to Davenport, while Hackett returned to his former home in Chicago.

# Iowa Eisteddfod Program.

The program for the annual Iowa Eisteddfod, to be held at Ottumwa, has the customary restoration of rates will finally been arranged. There will be three competitors in the big event, the choral competition, singing societies from Williamsburg, Hiteman and Ottumwa taking part. The people from the two towns will go to Ottumwa in special trains, a large party from each one. The following is the program, which begins on Christmas day.
Chief choral competition, forty-five to sixty voices, exclusive of conductor: "Song of the Vikings." Prize, \$100, and gold medal, value \$25, to conductor.
Glee choir, forty to sixty voices, exclusive of conductor: "Bridal Chorus" from "Rose Maiden." Prize, \$40.
Anthem, for church choir, twenty to thirty-five voices: "Forever." Prize, \$40.
Hymn, sixteen to thirty-five voices: "Festival Hymn." Prize, \$30.
Band competition, sixteen to twenty-four instruments allowed: "Golden Nuggets" and "The Sky Pilot." Prize, \$50.
Chorus, for male voices, sixteen to twenty-five in number: "On the Ramparts." Prize, \$25.
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Chorus, for female voices, sixteen to twenty-five in number (conductor to be either male or female): "Sweetest May." Prize, \$25.
Quartet, for mixed voices: "The Return of Spring." Prize, \$4.
Double trio, for altos and sopranos: "Down in the Dewey Dell." Prize, \$6.
Trio, for soprano, tenor and bass: "Sweet Love Divine." Prize, \$6.
Duet, for tenor and bass: "The Call to Arms." Prize, \$4.
Duet, for alto and soprano: "Holy Father, Guide Our Footsteps." Prize, \$4.
Duet, for alto and baritone: "Thy Kingdom of Love." Prize, \$4.
Duet, for alto and baritone: "Thy Kingdom of Love." Prize, \$4.
Plano solo: "Valse Arabesque." Prize, \$4.
Soprano solo: "The Voice of God's Conductor to be tited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends to keep the time of the Overland Limited as between Chicago and the coast intends the tact, but there is no present intimation that there was a string attached to the affirmative vote of any of the parties to the time agreement. The only reservation was that made by the St. Paul to the effect that it would retain the right to change time upon adequate notice.

PRESIDENT PURDY RESIGNS

W. B. Leeds Succeeds to Chief Executive Position on Roek Island Road. 55.

Soprano solo: "The Voice of God's Creation." Prize, \$3.

Tenor solo: "A Soul's Desire." Prize, \$3.

Alto solo: "Reconciled." Prize, \$3.

Baritone solo: "The City Celestial."

Bass solo: "Man the Lifeboat." Prize. Chorus, for pupils in the Seventh grade, ot less than twenty-five voices, from any chool in Iowa: "Lily of the Valley." Prize, \$25.

Recitation, for girls under 15 years of age: "Strawberries," E. A. Trowbridge.
Prize, \$2. Recitation, for adults: "The Heroism of the Pilgrims." Rufus Choate. Prize, \$3.

The Clinton Manufacturing company has filed articles with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$50,000. C. E. Skillinger and others are incorporators and the company will make bedsprings, shovel boards, etc.

New Corporations.

The Linden Co-Operative association has been incorporated, with \$10,000 capital, by Ira Walker and I. W. Moorman. Work for Railroad Commissioners

The Iowa railroad commissioners are due to go to Gladbrook, Sabula, Spencer and several other places in the state next week to inspect interlocking switches which the and to Clarion, where the Chicago Great demn ground for depot purposes.

# Buying Up Coal Lands. Persons are engaged in securing sale con-

tracts with the coal mine owners in Mahaska county and that section of the state and expect to close the purchases by February 1 next. They give out hints that they represent J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates in the coal industry and in some cases have suggested that it would be well for the operators to make the contracts Bronner. or run the risk of being frozen out of the business. It is the belief at Oskaloosa that the Morgan syndicate is after the coal mines of Iowa.

Invoke Habens Corpus.

the habit of sending men to jail and then permitting the cases to drop entirely, while eaving the men in fail.

# GOULD SAYS IT'S NEWS TO HIM

Declares He Had Heard Nothing of His Rumored Plan for Transcontinental Road.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- George J. Gould. with Mrs. Gould, has just returned from a tour of railroads embraced in the Gould system-a tour divided into two sections and lasting about two months, broken only by a flying visit to New York, and covering practically the entire country from Utah to Texas.

After a critical and analytical survey not alone of his own railroads, but of financial and commercial conditions throughout the country, Mr. Gould returns in an even more optimistic frame of mind than when he finished his big tour last spring.

Mr. Gould was asked if he were willing o state at this tiem whether he intended o carry out the rumored plan of a transcontinental railroad, with the Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western and Central Pacific as the main links in the chain.

"I have heard nothing about that," said Mr. Gould. "We are working very harmoniously with our allied railroad connections, Central Pacific being one of

Then Mr. Gould gave this inkling of his plans of extending his network of rail-

oads in the south

"We are contemplating a line from Arkansas City south to Lake Providence, in Louisiana. In fact, it is under consideraion now. The Texas & Pacific line is to be built and extended so that it will form through line along the west bank of the Mississippi river between New Orleans and St. Louis. The improvement will include also the rebuilding of the New Orleans & Northwestern railroad. The new line runs between a beautiful cotton country, and at present there is no line to serve it. The country is entirely tributary to the fron Mountain system, hence the cons rucion of the branches.

"We expect to get one of the New York electric roads started with electricity in a very few days. We have been delayed, as other people have been delayed, by the non-delivery of machinery. Our contracts are about a year behind, but we expect to preparations for such an exhibit. There have some trains running by electricity in the near future."

# CUTTING RATES AT DENVER Roads Winding Up the Year with a Merry War on Carlond Shipments.

DENVER, Dec. 12.-The News today Despite the announcement of an ronclad agreement between the transmissouri lines made several weeks ago, that freight rates were to be maintained at all hazards, the closing days of the present year bid fair to witness the most vigorous rate war that the west has experienced

for a number of years. Within the past few days agents of the various transmissour; carriers have been quietly cutting rates on carload lots and yesterday all subterfuge was thrown to the winds and an open slashing inaugurated by all lines. The war is limited to freight up and took all his valuables. Hackett was in carload lots and it is openly conceded sent up for seven years and Hauschild for that the end of the week will find agents five. Both are young men and both were bidding for freight on a 25-cent rate from under the influence of liquor when the Chicago. The regular rate on fifth class freight, which includes in its classification feet Tuesday and Hauschild is said to have practically everything shipped in carload lots, is 87 cents. Rates of 40 cents per 100 in carload lots were made in Denver yesterday, and it is expected the slash will After the first of the year it is expected

# AGREE ON TIME RESOLUTION Western Officials Finally Come to

Terms on All Except "Overland Limited."

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- The resignation of W. G. Purdy as president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was accepted today by the directors of the company.

dent. Mr. Purdy also resigned as a director and J. H. Moore was elected to succeed him in the board. D. G. Reid was elected to the executive committee, vice Purdy.

William B. Leeds was then elected presi-

# RESIGNS THE DIRECTORSHIP James J. Hill Withdraws from Board of Managers of the Northern

Pacific Railroad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-It was announced today that James J. Hill had resigned from the board of directors of the Northern Pacific. The resignation had been expected. It is denied that it was forced by attacks on the Northern Securities company.

# Canadian Pacific Extends.

CALAIS, Me., Dec. 12 .- The Canadian Pacific railroad has surveyed a route across railroad companies have been putting in Maine to form a connecting link between parts of its system and provide a through Western is asking for permission to con- line for its traffic from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is understood that work will be begun in the spring. The line will cross a hitherto undeveloped part of Maine.

# Officers of the Midland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 .- The directors of the Colorado Midland Railway company met here today and elected these officers for the ensuing year: President, Frank Trumbull: vice president, George W. Kramer: treasurer, H. B. Henson; secretary, Harry

# No Time to He Miserable.

Some one has said that "no one whose time is fully occupied has time to be miserable." That may be so, and yet you will A. L. Bray, who had lain in jail for naturally ask: "How is one to avoid feelhave only to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will make breathing easier, aid

# Jap Rose Soap

one-sixth pure glycerin, is perfectly transparent and contains no impurities.

The delicate perfume of natural flowers.

It is a toilet pleasure.

The pride of the makers is to sustain its purity and high quality.

IAMES S. KIRK & COMPANY

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Daily First-class Sleeper Through to San Francisco. via Colorado, passing the Grandest Scenery of the Rockies and Sierra Nevada by Daylight. Direct Connections to Los Angeles.

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