SHOLES ALMOST \$25,000 YICTIM

United States Attorney Howell Saves Him from Falling for a Big Land Deal Fraud.

J. W. O'CONNELL IS ARRESTED

Was Already Under Indictment in New Mexico Land Deal and Was Trying to Trade Sholes Some Bogus Mortgages.

On charges of devising a scheme to de fraud D. V. Shales, Omaha real estate man, and his patrons of \$35,000 worth of property and of using the mails for the purpose, J. W. O'Connell, who until recently was a real estate operator with offices in the Brandeis Theater building, was arrested Christmas day at Verdun, Neb., by Deputy United States Marshel

O'Connell was already under indictment by the fedral grand jury, and is alleged by United States District Attorney F. S. Howell to have been instrumental in defrauding a man named Kier of a 1,300acre irrigated tract in New Mexico, by trading worthless deeds and abstracts to a fictitious (6)-acre farm near Fort Crook, which O'Connell claimed to own Court decree in New Mexico set saids the fake trade, Prosecutor Howell says Then O'Connell, who held a \$35,000 mortgage on the New Mexican tract, is alleged

to have been all ready to trade his notes and mortgages, made worthless by the

court decree, for a fine Douglas county

farm, Sholes being almost hoodwinked into making the deal. At the last minute Sholes learned that O'Connell was already under indictment premptly consulted Prosecutor Howell, the alleged fake deal was exposed just in time, and O'Connell's arrest quickly followed. He was taken to Mullen, Neb. preliminary examination before the

Pastor's Wife Gets Hat Covered With Martha Washingtons

The Castellar Street Presbyterian Sun-lay school held its annual Christmas enent in the church auditorium Priday evening, before an audience of

come 400 people, mostly composed of sobolars and their parents.

A tableau, "Christmas for All the World," was presented by fifty children, costumed as the different peoples of South America and the United

At the conclusion of the play, Mr. Willam Kunold explained that owing to the war in Europe it would be impossible \$1 bills, was then presented her,

of St. James' orphanage was staged at that institution Christmas afternoon by the Knights of Columbus.

A beautiful tree, substantial and useful gifts and plenty of wholesome candy were provided by Santa Claus, otherwise known as Gus Shomner. Then a fine orchestra concert was given and a dis-play of holiday motion pictures was prented by E. M. Borg.

Other musical entertainments by the Missas Cottrell rounded out the happy Christmas program. As special recogni-tion to the devoted sisters in charge at the orphanage, Santa Claus sounded his bugie in their honor, and all the kiddles cheered and whistled.

The Knights of Columbus annually finance and present the calebration for the little orphans. Those in charge this year included T. P. Redmond, chairman; Tom Quinlan, P. H. Johnson, Leo Hoffman, Dave O'Brien, J. A. Schall, Fegus McGough, P. G. Boland and P. H. Bulli-

R. H. WOODRUFF DIES AT **HOME OF HIS PARENTS**

row night, matinee Wednesday, having carried its message of beauty and happi-Balph H. Woodruff, formerly adver-ising manager of the Twentieth Century farmer, died at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday ng at Pola, Ill., the home of his Theater, New York, and which has never parents. Mr. Woodruff was compelled had a No. 2 company, has made a trium— is to be Miss Ray Samuels, a singer of the leave Omaha nearly a year ago because of III health. The news of his with the wonderful production and wondeath was a great surprise to his many derful company which has made it one Omaha friends, because the last report of the greatest permanent successes in secsived here was that he was improving years. "The Blue Bird" protrays a quest by Claude Gillingwater and Edith Lyle, the stock company.

PLAN ORGANIZATION TO **ENCOURAGE MANUFACTURERS**

F. A. Brogan, C. A. Goss and J. A. C. mittee to determine upon the legal status of an industrial association the Commercial club is planning to form for the that the plan meets the legal require of young girls.

NATION FARMERS' CONGRESS MAY BE HERE IN SEPTEMBER

The last week of next September atively agreed upon as the date for the big meeting of the National Farmers' Consysten in Omaha. W. L. Ames of Oregon, Wis., has notified the bureau of ity of this tentative date. He states that the delogations from the east will be large and that many expect to go from Omaha to San Francisco for the altion before they go back home.

MANAGER KELLEY GIVES DINNER TO PILSEN TROUPE

Perry J. Kelley, owner and manager of "The Prince of Pilsen" company, that is playing at the Brandels theater, enterned mumbers of the cast at the Rome hotel, following the evening performance on Christmas day. After the guests had partaken of a sumptious banquet, the on and joined in the fur



Mallette

Mr Vera

with the Capital City Trio" At the Empress

Dale Turner will give a program of her

own selection, singing between the acts.

Mrs. Turner is one of Omaha's best

vocalists and will be th efirst of a series.

The first performance of "Cinderella"

will be at the matinee this afternoon and

The attraction at the popular Gayety

theater for the week beginning with a matinee today will be Blutch Cooper's

"Gypay Maids," with Tom McRea and

auccess of the extra or midnight per-

formance staged at the Gayety last sea-

Heading the bill at the Empress this

A DO

Gayety

St. James Orphans

Enjoy Celebration

A delightful Christmas celebration that warmed the hearts of 187 youngsters of 8t. James' orphanase was staged at strength is presenting standard plays in Crisp. a way that merits approval, which the "September Morn" will be the attracpublic is not slow to bestow. Thus, Omaha may yet have some pleasure at

the theater during the second half of the

Tale of the Sea Shell," and "Stein Song."

"The Song of the Cities," "Pictures in Smoke" and others, have served in large

for this entertainment. This year there is an enormous all-star revival of "The

Prince of Pilsen" and its cast embraces

the names of John W. Ransone, the ori-

ginal in the star role Eda von Luke,

Maurice Maeterlinek's fairy fantasy,

The Blue Bird," comes to the Brandels

theater for three days beginning tomor-

Bird, the symbol of Happiness. She en-

are Jack Davis, who plays the hero,

girl companion, Mytyl. Among the elder

embers of the company are many

easure to maintain a lasting popularity

and others, have served in large

tion at the Brandels theater for one day only, matinee and night next Sunday.

The society drama, "Today," will be presented at the Brandels theater for At the Brandels the tuneful and familiar three days beginning January 5. George airs of "The Prince of Pilsen" will be Broadburst and Abraham Schomer are the heard again tonight for an extra performauthors of 'Today.' ance. The beauty of these songs, such as "The Message of the Violet," "The

Philip Bartholomae's musical play, 'When Dreams Come True," will be the with its swinging Heidelberg refrain; attraction at the Brandels theater for two days beginning January 10.

Thurston, the magician, will be the atraction at the Brandels theater for three days beginning January 14.

The Brandels theater has for its attraction on January 17, 18, 19 and 20, "Peg O' Edward T. Mora, Derothy Delmore and My Heart," one of the greatest success produced on the American stage in a

To start the new year in the proper spirit the Orpheum is bringing to Omaha this week a duo of stellar offerings, in addition to five other excellent vaudeville ness literally around the earth. This acts, with also one of the most interesting sorgeously beautiful spectacle of Fairy-land, which ran for 28 days at The New tures that the Travel Weekly has presented. One of the starline attractions feld Follies. Another of the dominant of local singers and instrumentalists to ugh it was known by his more in- of happiness, the heart's desire. The cur- who, with a company of five people, prethe friends that he was a very sick taln rises on a small brother and elster, sent a one-act episode, "Wives of the Tyltyl and Mytyl, who are asleep in their Bich." Another feature of the bill will the bill will run all week, with the regawakened by the Fairy Berglune, who sisted by Isabelle Jasen, in a pleasing arbids them start on the quest of the Blue rangement of songs and dances. "An New Year's afternoon. Every Day Occurence," is the title of the trusta Tyltyl with a marvelous green cap skit to be offered by Wilbur Mack, the have been appointed a comdetermine upon the logal status and status of which allows them to see the hitherto partner, Nella Walker. One of the most unseen. The adventures of the children interesting acts of the bill is the animal through beautiful lands and regions of circus to be contributed by the clever despair are made the basis of a series dogs of Charles Prelle. It is the most purpose of encouraging the location of new industries in Omaha. This committee will be asked to go over the proposed articles of incorporation and see are many group dances by large numbers Holts, both of whom were formerly members of the Elsie Janis company. To round out this exceptional bill comes every seat in the theater was filled and The cast of 100 is noted for its trained Harry De Coe, who does all manner of scores of others satisfying themselves boy and girl actors, notable among whom Tyltyl, and little Harriet Mandel, the

durious things with tables and chairs. with the next best thing-standing room-This week at the Boyd theater Manager has prompted Manager Johnson to an-Burgess has prepared a gala revival of nounce still another of these novel per-"Cinderella," to be presented with all the formances which will start at 11:30 Thursclever character actors, among whom spectacular features and effects needed are: Thomas K. Corless, who will be to make this favorite fairy story live in soon as the sly, conspiring Cat; Gwen-all its colors and lights. In addition to seen as the siy, conspiring Cat; Gwendily and the six colors and lights. In addition to dolyn Valentine, the dancer, as sinuous the jegular company, more than 100 geo-way. Isabelle le Page, as timid Milk; ple will be employed, among them a spelle supprise at the stroke of 13—the time time to have this tavorite larry story live in Both performances by the "Gypsy Maids" on New Year's eve will be identical in every respect, with the exception of a big surprise at the stroke of 13—the time Bread; and George Sylvester, as honey, fugling Sugar; Henry Duggan as Tyle, the Dog; R. Morgan and Eithel Brandon, as Daddy and Mummy Tyl; Martha Mesas Daddy and Mummy Tyl; Martha Mesas Daddy and Mummy Tyl; Martha Mesas Daddy and Sylvester, as the beautiful Light that suides of County of Chanter and solo dances, arranged by you will be wishing your neighbor "Happy New Year." At lust five minutes of the action of the entertainment will be halted to permit of the introduction of something said to be theroughly trained. senger, as the beautiful Light that guides other of Prof. Chambers' advanced pupils, something said to be thoroughly typical the boy and girl in their quest of the these dainty duncers appearing in soil, of the death of 1914 and the birth of 1915. the boy and girl in their quest of the these dainty dancers appearing in solo Blue Bird; and Mary Rehan, as Night; movements as well as in the ballet. All that's the secret and the surprise by Elisabeth Evans, who will be seen as the Fairy Beryiune; and others, like Angelo Romeo, the whirling dancer and impersonater of Fire, and Dore Davidson, being and peaceful Old Father Time.

The production will be example to me seen and impersonate of Fire, and Dore Davidson, being and peaceful Old Father Time.

Prince Charming, Miss Dewar as the fairy midulant show, which will terminate at midulant show, which will terminate at Added to the genuine delight created queen, Mr. Bliss as Picot, Miss Thomas handwar Mointyre and Heath appear and Miss Warfield as the wicked size 1:5 a.m. Matines every day. New Year's whenever Mointyre and Heath appear and Miss Warfield as the wicked siswee ams' hours were spont in danc-ing. Beside the company, numerous before an audience is one of the best specific from the outside accepted invita-musical comedy charuses that was ever. A special feature will be added for graduated from Ned Wayburn's "finish- Tuesday evening only, when Mrs. Beulah

week is the "Capitol City Three." These three boys were formerly the main stem of the Capitol City Four, which sang and amused audiences at the Empress this summer. They are the possessors of very melodious voices and a rare rich humor that has pleased Omaha audiences before. Henry & Adelaide offer a novelty song and dance number. The Musical Geralds will offer some new songs and popular hits in their own original way. The Mardo Trio in "Tommy Atkins on Duty," an acrobatic novelty, will complete the bill with some rapid fire acrobatics on the triple bar. Since the assorted program of photo plays has made such an impression on the audiences, the manage-ment has arranged a special and selected bill of plotures. In order to see the plotures, arrange to see them before 2:00 and 7:30 and after the 3:30 and 9:00 o'clock vaudeville performance

At the Orpheum

For one day only, Sunday, December 27, the Hipp theater has secured the five-part Broadway vitagraph attraction, "A Florida Enchantment." Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29, Max Figman and Loita Robertson will be seen at the Hipp theater in "The Hoosier Schoolnaster." "The Sign of the Cross" has een filmed by the Famous Players' Film company, with an extravaganza of scenic and spectacular effects and will be shown at the Hipp theater two days, beginning Wednesday, December 20, Dus-tin Farnum, in "Cameo Kirby," will be the attraction on Friday and Saturday, January 1 and 2, at the Hipp theater.

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Big Film Company is Sued as Trust by New York Concern

NEW YORK, Dec. 24-The Greater New York Film Rental company, an exchange for the circulation of moving picture films in New York City, filed a Sherman law suit today against the General Film company, its officers and emponent companies, for \$1,800,000, three imes the amount of damages alleged to have been caused by the defendants' acts. It is charged that the defendants have combined to operate and conduct an un-

lawful business "under the cloak of the so-called Edison licanse agreement The plaintiff asserts that it had built up by January, 1909, a business which had a valuable good will and was a profitable one; but that its business has become practically worthless since that date because of the acts of the defendants. The extent of injury is fixed at \$600,600 and the amount sued for is asked under that section of the law which prescribe threefold damages.

Revised Proverbs.

Any umbrella in a storm.

Consistency doesn't buy jewels.

A patient waiter is no retuser of tips.

A little learning is a dangerous thing but the same amount of ignorance beat

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