BRIEF CITY NEWS

"Townsend's for Sporting Goods."

Gift Certificates—Edholm Jeweler.

Have Root Print It—Now Beacon Press.

Christmas Tree Lighting Outfits—Burgess-Granden company.

To Sell Real Estate, list it with J. H. Dumont & Co., Keeline Bldg.

Davenport Street Lots Sold—Miss Mary Hemstr sold the lots at the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth and Davenport streets.

"Today's Movie Program" classified section today. It appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer.

New Drawing Teacher at High—Lillian Rudersdorf will succeed Mary H. Hanting as teacher of freehand drawing at Central High school, on account of the marriage of Miss Hanting.

Goes to Auto Shows—Clark G. Powell, secretary of the Omaha Auto club, leaves Omaha tonight to be gone three weeks. He will attend the New York and Chicago auto shows, and will also attend to some business in the east.

Movie Stars in Omaha—Going east from the Pacific coast, a carload of movie lights will arrive in Omaha at 9:55 o'clock tonight, coming in on the Los Angeles Limited. In the party will be Rosco Buckle, the fat boy and Mabel Normand.

The State Bank of Omaha, corner Sixteenth and Harney. Pay.. FOUR per cent on time deposits and THREE per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.

Fined for Insulting Women—John Reichinier, Emporia, Kan., charged with insulting ladies on the street, was arrested by Officer Pipkin, who found Reichinier laying hold of every woman that passed him. John was fined $25 and costs by Judge Foster.

Teamster is Hurt—Ed Hubbard, 2523 Decatur street, teamster for the E. J. Davis company, sustained a badly strained wrist when a heavy roll of paper which he was unloading from a freight car fell on his right arm. He was attended by Dr. H. C. Miller and sent home.

Fined for Fighting—William Bleswell, Twenty-fourth and Binney streets, and William Garry, Twenty-first and Izard streets, both colored, were arrested for fighting on a street car. Garry called Bleswell a "chitlin-faced Zenegambian," and the latter unloaded a crate of brass knuckles and started to labor. They were both fined $25 and costs.

Mondamin Society—Mondamin society, No. 111, Fraternal Aid Union, has secured new quarters in the Labor temple at Nineteenth and Farnam streets and all the regular meetings will be held there, starting January 7, when the new officers will be installed in their chairs. The Mondamin society will also hold its annual masquerade ball at Labor temple January 24.

Steals Horse Blanket—Barney McCormick, address Omaha, was arrested at Sixteenth and Webster streets for the theft of a horse blanket, which he swiped from a buggy belonging to Charls Williams, 3341 Meredith avenue. Charles captured Barney and held him for the law. "What did you take it for?" asked Sergeant Marshall. "I was feeling a little hoarse," replied Barney facetiously, for which pun he is slated to get life.

Mail your Notices Early—Numerous lodge notices and notices of church services failed to be printed in The Bee Saturday and Sunday because of the Christmas rush at the postoffice. The Bee received thirty or forty such notices Monday morning that should have reached The Bee office Friday. According to the postoffice stamp. One woman telephoned she was in bad with her lodge as she had just been appointed a reporter and the members accused her of not doing her duty. Such notices should be mailed early in the week this week.

Breaks His Neck in Fall from Window During Nightmare

Frozen stiff, the body of Phil Kozowski, 26-year-old young man of the South Side, was found at 6:45 o'clock Monday morning lying on the ground directly beneath his room window, at his home, 4520 South Thirty-second street. Examination revealed that the young man's neck was broken and his skull fractured. He had been dead several hours.

Late last evening Mrs. Sanduski, proprietress of the rooming house in which the young man lived, saw Kozowski go to his room. He had been the recipient of many Christmas presents and was in the happiest of moods.

Kozokski was a laborer at the local stock yards and was of the best character. His only known relative, a father, Peter Kozowski of Duncan, Neb., has been notified of the death. Deputy Coroner Larkin has the body in charge.

LEGISLATIVE BANQUET IS SLATED FOR FEBRUARY

About 600 members and ex-members of the legislature, together with newspapermen and lobbyists, are expected to attend the big banquet in Lincoln February 25 of the Nebraska Legislative league.

This is to be the annual banquet of this organization. It is the banquet at which all the members, ex-members and those closely associated with them in the work dine together and throw off the cloak of responsibility for a night of fun. It is the night when the newspapermen and lobbyists have all the fun they can with the members, and when every man's strength and his weakness in the halls of the legislature are held up to the ridicule of the guests.

The banquet this year will likely be held in the Lincoln Auditorium. This is a detail, however, that still remains to be arranged. A meeting of the executive committee of the league is to be called before long, at which meeting details will be worked out. Henry C. Richmond of Omaha is secretary.

LITTLE IDA STROUD IS REPORTED AS IMPROVING

Ida Stroud, aged 9 years, who was shot by Watchman Baker of the city dump Wednesday, is reported to be slowly improving at St. Joseph's hospital. Doctors assert she has a fair chance for recovery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Assistant City Physician T. D. Boler has returned from Jackson, Neb., where he spent Christmas with his parents.

Miss Edith Tobitt, public librarian, has had the misfortune to be sick ever since Christmas eve. She is suffering from a bad attack of grip and cold, but her associates at the library hope that she will soon recover.

CITY NEEDS MORE MONEY NEXT YEAR

Departments Ask $300,000 More Than is in Sight and $500,000 More Than Last Year.

HARD PROBLEM FOR THE DADS

The problem before the city commissioners is how to spread $1,456,500 around so that it will make $1,725,628.05.

Even by throwing off the 5 cents it can't be done.

The following statement shows a total of $1,723,628.05, which represents the sum of the estimates asked by the various city departments for 1916. The total is for Greater Omaha, while the accompanying total for 1915 represents the former limits of Omaha:

When the city commissioners certified to the 1916 levy, they made the following statement: General fund, $1,390,000; bond interest, $400,000; bond retirement, $150,000; South Side general fund, and bond interest for last five months of 1915, $122,000; special levy for fire alarm system and motor apparatus for fire department, $86,500; hydrant rentals, $148,102; total, $2,276,602, a levy of 56.8 mills.

The items shown in the following statement must be apportioned from the general fund of $1,390,000 and special fire department levy of $86,500. There will be the usual miscellaneous collections in addition to the levy, but in any event the estimates will have to be shaved off to keep within the maximum.

Comparison of Budgets.

The statement to be considered by the city council when it sits as a budget board in a few days is as follows:

	1915.	1916.
Mayor, dept. pub. afrs.	$ 5,000	$ 5,000
Mayor's office	4,264	5,089
Insp. wts. & meas.	1,715	4,760
License inspector	2,800	3,980
Police court	4,150	6,950
Gas commissioner	2,240	2,245
City chemist	1,200	1,925
City market	1,225	1,225
City clerk	11,490	12,590
Election expense	8,000	.....
Legal department	13,210	18,930
Judgment department	15,000	15,600
City hall maintaining	22,000	29,800
Public library	30,000	55,862
Welfare board	.....	20,000
City planning board	.....	25,000
Sup. accts. & finance	4,500	4,560
City comptroller	17,930	18,885
Purchasing dept.	4,000	4,730
Official bond premium	1,850	1,650
City appraisers	500	500
Meals for prisoners	3,000	4,500
Recording deeds	100	100
Dues and subscrips.	200	200
Advertising	5,500	7,000
Mun. stat. & an. rep.	1,500	1,750
Half cost grading	4,000	12,000
Repairs to buildings	9,500	25,000
City treasurer's office	22,000	26,000
*Miscellaneous exp.	14,930	15,000
Refund of loans	.....	25,000
Supt. of police, etc.	4,500	4,500
Police department	190,000	250,000
Health department	30,000	41,670
Detention hospital	2,500	3,500
City emergency hosp.	6,000	10,000
Garbage removal	31,500	42,828
City dump	1,200	.....
City veterinarian	3,000	3,025
Dog fund	.....	4,500
Collecting dead animals	500	1,000
Supt of fire protection and W. Supt.	4,500	4,500
Fire department	280,000	276,113
Building inspector	10,750	16,180
Boiler inspector	4,500	5,250
Plumbing inspector	3,650	5,100
Electrical inspector	7,220	7,610
Fire warden	1,550	1,550
Lighting streets	60,000	117,750
Auditorium	.....	5,000
Supt. St. cleaning & M.	4,500	4,500
Street cleaning	66,286	77,000
Street repair grading	22,500	25,000
Cutting weeds	2,500	5,000
Curb, gutter and paving	45,000	50,000
Superintendent parks and public property	4,500	4,500
Park department	60,000	100,000
Public concerts	1,000	.....
Public recreation	20,000	30,000
Superintendent of public improvements	4,500	4,500
Engineer's office	47,000	70,000
Sewer maintaining	18,000	30,000
Bridges, culverts	5,000	10,000
Crosswalks, sidewalks	12,000	20,000
Insp. street cuts	3,240	6,000
General inspection	5,000	6,000
Water troughs and repairs	300	800
Special city dump	.....	2,000
Prison labor fund	.....	5,000
Grand total	$1,175,000	$1,723,000

*Includes municipal court.

Baby on Flaming Bed Has Narrow Escape from Fire

The two weeks old baby of Mrs. Fred Machisi of 1247 South Thirteenth street, in the rear, had a narrow escape from death yesterday, when the bed on which the child was sleeping became enveloped in flames and had to be carried out into the yard.

Mrs. Machisi and her little girl were in the kitchen and later went into the yard to hang up the washing. When they returned they found the house full of smoke. A kerosene stove near the bed on which the child was sleeping had in some way set the bed on fire. The mother grabbed the bed clothes with the baby and rushed into the yard. Neighbors hastened in and extinguished the fire in the house. The baby was not touched by the flames.

Seven New Cases of Scarlet Fever

Health Commissioner Connell notes some improvement in the scarlet fever situation, although he still regards the epidemic dangerous.

Since last Saturday morning seven new cases were reported to the health office, making the total for the month, ninety-seven.

The city emergency hospital is being taxed to the limit.

TRIES TO SELL OVERCOAT FOR 50 CENTS; PINCHED

"I believe there were ample grounds for arresting this man, but I am going to turn him loose," asserted Judge Foster when Cooney Eirhard, Fourteenth and Douglas streets, was arrested on suspicion for trying to sell an overcoat for 50 cents. "Any man selling an overcoat for that amount on a day like this would look decidedly suspicious to me." Cooney explained his act satisfactory, hence his dismissal.

POLSKY ASKS COURT TO CHANGE HIS NAME

Ben Polsky has asked the district court for permission to change his name to Posley. He desires a name which will not subject his son to ridicule, according to his petition.

TENDENCY TOWARD FARM

More People Now Desire to Own Land, Even if Only a Small Patch.

FARM LAND FOR THOUSANDS

Discussing the tendency toward a more widespread desire among the people to own small farms or small tracts of tillable land, T. F. Sturgess, editor of the Twentieth Century Farmer has the following to say:

"There is a tendency among many of the well-to-do laboring people of today to own a small farm, even down to the acreage or suburban fruit and poultry farm. There is an appreciation now, more than in any past period in the history of the world, that the basis of all prosperity can be traced to the land, to the soil, to the farm, where crops are grown. That this is the seat of production and only needs to be guided and directed by the hand of man is generally appreciated. This belief is not all visionary; in the main it is a true statement. The visionary feature is in the misunderstanding of the physical ability of the land and its need of proper cultivation, fertilization, etc., in order to produce abundantly.

"The general educational tendencies of the last quarter of a century have been to direct public opinion to the land, to agriculture and its numerous and varied phrase of production. The agricultural colleges and experiment stations have not directed their energy and work in the interest of the small land owner, the home owner of a few acres, but have been absorbed in the larger interests of farms, live stock and farming operations that seemed to them to be more in demand, more urgent under the appeals of a business necessity for world-wide production of farm crops.

"There is a disposition among many money owners to invest in farm lands as the greatest source of property security. There is a disposition among a very small per cent of all classes of persons of active, industrious habits to own a little farm as a country home, a reserve in case they are ever in need of such a home where they can go and enjoy the comforts of retirement.

All Should Own Land.

"There should be a disposition among all classes of laboring people to own a small piece of land, if no more than one acre, where they can build a home, enjoy the conveniences of living comfortably and cheaply when they, by choice or necessity, quit the activities of business life and seek leisure and rest.

"It is astonishing what an industrious man and wife may be able to produce on an acre of land if they are reasonably active in body and mind, fruits, vegetables, poultry, bees and honey, and the comforts and enjoyment of mind that these interests and activities bring with them. It is this feature of land ownership that should prompt and encourage the ownership of the acre suburban property for the retirement of the laboring man and family. Remember that the time to acquire such homes is before old age has crippled the prospects of accumulation.

"The small farm is on the eve of popularizing itself with the man of small means. Educational interests and public educational institutions are commencing to think along these lines. They will soon be demonstrating in actual practice what a man can accomplish on the acre of land and the five and ten acres, put into the best form of cultivation for the family to make a living. These are the things now of greatest interest to our laboring people of small means. These are the things of most vital importance to our country as a prosperous and self-sustaining nation. We are getting crowded about our cities and towns with a large non-producing population that should at least be providing for themselves an honest, honorable, and healthful living.

"There is room for thousands and tens of thousands of small farm owners with farms of forty to eighty acres each in each of our big crop producing states. In place of the land holdings increasing in the ownership of the big landlords, the demands of business, the people and the country would be profited in a more wide-spread ownership."

MERCURY DROPS TO TEN DEGREES ABOVE ZERO HERE

Ten degrees above zero was the minimum registered in Omaha Monday morning. The cold extended over the valleys and to the Rocky mountains. At North Platte and Valantine the thermometer was at zero. In western Canada a minimum of 18 below zero was reached.

KUGEL HAS PLAN TO HAUL GARBAGE

To Divide City Into Three Districts and Haul at City's Expense to Three Central Stations.

CONNELL NEEDS MORE FUNDS

Commissioner Kugel, who has charge of the garbage collection, states he will advertise for bids for taking garbage from the city at three locations, the city to haul the material to these locations in the same manner garbage has been hauled to one location.

Bringing South Side and Dundee into the Greater Omaha garbage system the first of the year makes the hauling of garbage quite a problem. Mr. Kugel's plan is to create a district for the South Side, another district for the territory west of Fortieth street, and a third district for Omaha proper east of Fortieth street. This scheme would do away with long hauls.

It is proposed that the city shall collect the garbage from houses as in the past and deliver it at specified district stations, from which points private concerns will take it from the city under conditions to be specified in contracts which will be made.

Health Commissioner Connell has estimated that an appropriation of $43,828 should be made by the council for garbage hauling in Greater Omaha during 1916. During this year the fund was $31,500.

MRS. KILPATRICK LEAVES NO WILL FOR PROPERTY

The estate of the late Mrs. Harriet N. Kilpatrick, wealthy Omaha woman, who died November 22, will be divided between her husband, Thomas Kilpatrick, prominent merchant of this city, and daughter, Mrs. Florence K. Mixter of Moline, Ill., according to a petition filed in probate court.

Mrs. Kilpatrick died without making a will and her husband and daughter are her sole heirs.

A petition signed by Mrs. Mixter asks that W. M. Baldwin be appointed as administrator and fixes the value of the estate at more than $25,000.

SANTA CLAUS BRINGS TOP TO KUGEL FOR CHRISTMAS

City Commissioner Kugel was unusually happy at the council meeting of the committee of the whole. To an interrogator he confided the information that he received a singing top for Christmas. The toy was on the family Christmas tree and now the superintendent of the police department can hardly wait until the whistle blows, so eager is he to get out and spin his top.

Several Arrested on Christmas for Disturbing Peace

Frank Delbridge, Twenty-fourth and Decature streets, was arrested Christmas eve for abusing his parents and disturbing the peace. John Weidman, Eleventh and Nicholas streets, was arrested Christmas day for beating his wife. Oscor Halverson, 4111 Corby street, was arrested Christmas day for abusing his mother. Arthur Mottace, 545 South Twenty-fourth street, was arrested on Christmas night for disturbing the peace by abusing his wife and mother. Frank O'Grady, 1115 South Twenty-eighth street, was arrested Christmas day for being drunk and abusing his mother, and was sentenced to thirty days. No complaining witnesses appeared in court against any of the above men, and with the exception of O'Grady they were released.

LOSES HANDBAG WHEN STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Mrs. Gorgia Watson, 1060 Farnam street, who sustained a broken leg when struck by a motor car at Thirtieth and Lake streets Sunday, reports to the police that her handbag, which contained 80 cents, disappeared when the accident occurred. A. Carbino of Council Bluffs lost a check for $18 in Omaha Sunday. The Bee Hive grocery, 322 North Sixteenth street, was entered by thieves who stole several boxes of cigars and $6.