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WHOLE NUMBER 1,941.

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Word received by S. E. Marty from his wife and daughter, Miss Louise says they arrived at El Paso and are enjoying themselves. They like the climate and have hopes that the trip will be of much benefit to Louise.

Mrs. Wm. Kaufman, accompanied by Miss Mae Bloedorn went to Omaha Saturday, where they will be the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Sturgeon. Miss Bloedorn will return home Saturday, but Mrs. Kaufman will remain for a few weeks.

George Bloedorn, who has been confined to his home for the past week, suffering from an injury received by accidentally falling on a slippery sidewalk, is somewhat improved, but it is thought it will be some time before he will be able to leave his room.

Mrs. Mary Flynn, who is now in St. Mary's hospital suffering from a broken hip, which she suffered three weeks ago by falling on a slippery sidewalk, is slowly improving, but owing to her advanced age it is thought it will be several weeks before she will leave the hospital.

The fire department was called to the Lyric theatre about four o'clock Friday morning. The fire was on the floor of the stage and originated in an unknown manner, the alarm being given by Dave Hawley, trap drummer in the orchestra. The loss was nominal, Manager Washburn placing it at \$200.

Editor E. A. Gerrard of the Monroe Looking Glass was in the city Tuesday afternoon, having accompanied Mrs. Gerrard's sister, Mrs. Lizzie Weeks, this far on her way to Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Weeks lives in Auburn, N. Y., and while on her way to the Pacific coast stopped a few days for a visit with her sister at Monroe.

Last Saturday evening Sheriff Carrig received a telegram from the Denver authorities saying that they had Stacy Tripp, wanted here for wife desertion, under arrest. The sheriff secured requisition papers from Governor Shallenberger and left Sunday evening for the mountain city, returning with his prisoner Tuesday afternoon.

Monday morning Secretary Jones had a large sign displayed in front of the Y. M. C. A. building, which read, 257 members, are you one? While this was an invitation to join the association, it also indicated the growth since the building was dedicated a little over two months ago. Interest in the work is on the increase and more new members will be added each week.

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At 6:15 Monday evening the gas plant at the Thurston hotel exploded with a report that was heard all over the city, and in a few minutes the northeast corner of the building was enveloped in flames. It seems that something went wrong with the gas plant, and the room in which it is located was filled with gas, and as there was a light a short distance from it—as soon as the gas communicated with it the explosion followed. The kitchen annex, a building about 20x30, was over the plant, and this was entirely demolished by the force of the explosion. R. L. Hunter, the cook, and his wife, were in this building at the time of the explosion and were blown upwards and then fell into the cellar, being pinned down by timber. Mr. Hunter was taken from the roof first, but it looked for awhile as though his wife would be burned to death, as she was pinned down and there did not seem to be any way to get her out. But just before the flames reached her she was released and taken to Pollock's drug store, where her injuries, as well as those of her husband, were attended to. Mrs. Hunter was badly burned about the head and arms and lower limbs, and was taken to St. Mary's hospital. Her husband, while severely injured, was not seriously hurt. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter expected to leave the hotel and go on a ranch, they having all preparations made to start in about two weeks. At the time of the explosion supper was being served in the dining room and there were about fifteen guests seated at the table, and with one or two exceptions they escaped without injury. One traveling man named Matthews was injured by flying glass and being struck by a door which was blown from its hinges. The damage to the building will be not less than \$5,000, many of the windows, a number of them large plate glass, are broken. The Ware & Leland grain offices, which is in the east part of the hotel building, and south of where the explosion occurred, was badly wrecked, but the Foster Piano Co., which is in the annex, escaped without much loss. The force of the explosion was so great that plate glass windows were broken in the Oeblich building, occupied by Johannes & Kramland. The prompt action of the fire department saved the building from being badly damaged, as the companies were on the way to the fire almost before the alarm was sounded.

Last Wednesday evening Mrs. A. D. Hinman of St. Edward was brought to St. Mary's hospital for an operation, but upon her arrival here her condition was so much improved that the contemplated operation was postponed. But during the night there was a sudden change for the worse and she died Thursday morning. Mrs. Hinman was born June 21, 1856, in Illinois, her maiden name being Penfield, and she was married to Mr. Hinman in 1880. When they first came to Nebraska they resided at Humphrey, where Mr. Hinman was in the drug business, but fifteen years ago they moved to St. Edward. Besides her husband, three children survive her, Maud and Edna residing at St. Edward, and Harry, who is in the grain business at Burwell. She was taken to St. Edward for burial, the funeral services being held Sunday.

All lovers of healthy, wholesome dramatic art will welcome "The Great Divide," William Vaughn Moody's masterful drama of Western life, which the leading dramatic reviewers have hailed as "the long awaited great American play." The distinguished actor-manager, Henry Miller, will present a superb company with the entire production and a magnificent scenic equipment, which will be precisely the same in every detail just as presented during the phenomenal run of over 600 performances in New York City. Manager Saffron of the North Theatre announces "The Great Divide" as the attraction for Friday, January 29.

As the result of some careless shooting, M. C. Calto had narrow escape Sunday evening, just a little before six o'clock. He was sitting at a table in his home on East Eleventh street, when without warning a rifle bullet crashed through the east window, scattering glass all over the room. As soon as he recovered from his surprise, Mr. Calto undertook to locate the owner of the gun, but failed to do so. This is not an isolated case of the careless use of firearms in that part of the city, and since the accident the police have been notified, and the first offender caught will be given a lesson that will be a warning to others.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial National Bank was held last week. President Oeblich being able to leave his home and attend the meeting. The following officers were elected: H. P. H. Oeblich, president; Jonas Welch, vice president; Daniel Schram, Frank Rorer and Albert Becker, cashiers. As the new arrangements give Cashier Schram two assistants and will permit him to take a vacation of any length during the coming year, which the board of directors granted him, he reconsidered his intention of not accepting the re-election as cashier and will continue in that position.

Mrs. Mont Duncan underwent an operation at St. Mary's hospital last Wednesday, and her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is getting along as well as could be expected.



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Crushed rock salt for hides, and for stock.—Columbus Hide Co.

Mrs. C. C. Gray entertained the members of the Whist club Monday afternoon.

Found, a lady's belt. Owner may have same by calling at the Journal office and paying for this notice.

Mrs. Rosea Schneider left Saturday for Grunell where she will visit with friends and relatives for a few days.

Miss Florence Hagel left today for Norfolk where she will visit with her sister, Mrs. Will Hall for a few weeks.

Mrs. Hannah Bushnell left Tuesday morning for Fairmont, where she will visit a couple of months with her son.

Miss Lucie Jodit of Omaha was a guest of Miss Martha Bean last Thursday returning to her home Friday morning.

Miss Mazie Magill left Monday noon for Genoa where she will assist in helping out at the Times office for a few days.

Miss Margaret Willard left last Saturday for St. Edward, to attend the funeral of Mrs. A. D. Hinman, which was held Sunday.

The Misses Laura and Lillie Bartells living north of town, left Saturday for Kearney where they will visit with relatives for a few weeks.

Mrs. Albert Klug went to the St. Mary's hospital Sunday where she expects to go through an operation the latter part of the week.

Dr. C. H. Campbell, eye, nose and throat specialist. Successor to Dr. Lueschen. Glasses properly fitted. Office 1215 Olive street.

Smoke Victrola, five cent cigar, and White Seal, ten cent cigar, both Columbus made goods. They are the best brands offered in this city.

George Bradshaw furnished the necessary peace bond, in the sum of \$500, and is now at liberty. The bond was signed by himself and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Viergutz are receiving a visit from their niece, Miss Ellen Loeck of Leigh. Miss Loeck will remain in the city a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Shell Clark of Woodville township were in the city last Thursday evening, enroute to Columbus, Ohio, for a short visit at Mr. Clark's old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clark are receiving a visit from their nephew, John Fohley of Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Fohley will remain in the city for some time.

Miss Elenora Rusche returned from Chicago Saturday evening. Several weeks ago Miss Rusche suffered a nervous breakdown, and as she was attending a young ladies seminary in Illinois, she was advised by the attending physician to go to Chicago, where she entered a hospital and received a six weeks treatment, improving so much that at the close of these series of treatments she was able to return to her home in this city, and although she has not fully recovered from her recent illness, she is much improved.

Martin Schilz, who has been leader of the City Band for the past few years, has been compelled to give up this position of his extra work in connection with his farm. The boys very much regret this move of their leader, but realizing that it is best for him, are casting about for a new leader. Negotiations are now pending for a man who will not only lead the band, but instruct other musical organizations, both instrumental and vocal, and also instruct pupils on different instruments.

Few plays ever attain the record-breaking popularity that has marked the two years run of "The Great Divide" in New York. This play was produced by Henry Miller two years ago at the Princess and transferred to the historic Daly Theatre last season, playing in all over six hundred performances to the largest receipts in the history of either house. This greatest American play comes to the North Theatre, Friday, January 29.

Mrs. Roush, wife of Rev. D. I. Roush, pastor of the M. E. church, is still confined to her room in St. Mary's hospital, where two weeks ago she underwent an operation. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is improving and it is thought that Thursday she will be able to return to her home.

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January 1, 1907.....\$ 46,000  
January 1, 1908.....\$ 93,000  
January 1, 1909.....\$152,000

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Dr. D. T. Martyn, Jr., office new Columbus State Bank building.

Mrs. Neil McLean visited with relatives and friends in Seward several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Karr are entertaining their niece, Mrs. Arthur Curtin of Millard, Neb.

It pays to sell your hides where you can get the most money from them. See Columbus Hide Co.

The young people of the city will give another of their series of dances this evening in the Mannerchor hall.

August Schutte of Leigh, was a Columbus visitor Tuesday, and while in the city paid this office a pleasant call.

There are a few dwelling houses for rent on the list with Becher, Hockenberg & Chambers, including one furnished.

Lost, a collector bill-book near the Thurston hotel Monday evening. Finder please call at Journal office and receive reward.

Miss Velma Haines of David City, is expected in the city Friday evening, and while here will be the guest of Miss Mabel Douglas.

Tuesday evening Columbus Camp No. 299, Modern Woodmen of America, elected John Branigan as clerk to succeed George Fairchild.

Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Lloyd Swain are this week visiting Judge and Mrs. Sullivan of Omaha. They went to the metropolis several days ago and will remain there several weeks.

Andrew Kinder, who has been seriously ill at St. Mary's hospital is somewhat improved and although last week his life was despaired of, every hope is now entertained for his recovery.

Louis Doefrey of Omaha, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams this week. Mr. Doefrey is now employed by L. W. Spoo as traveling salesman, and will no doubt soon locate in this city.

E. C. Schaffroth, who has been visiting his father, Peter Schaffroth, who resides on a farm nine miles north of Columbus for the past few weeks, returned to his home in Kalispell, Montana, Friday evening.

Frank Costello went to Rogers Tuesday afternoon for a few days visit with relatives. Mr. Costello is employed in the Union Pacific freight depot as night man, and in his absence John Patech is filling the vacancy.

E. H. Putman, formerly of this city, but who for the past two years has been living in Lincoln, is the guest of his son John Putman and family this week. It will be remembered that while Mr. Putman was a resident of this city he was employed by the Burlington railroad company as engineer, and he is now in the employ of the same company at Lincoln.

Omaha High school boys vs. Columbus High school boys, played an interesting game of basket ball last Friday evening. From the first Omaha gained on Columbus and remained in the lead during all the game, which ended in a victory for the visiting team by a score of 50 to 22. Columbus will play a return game with Omaha at some future date. An introductory game was also played by the Columbus High school girls.

After months of suffering, Mrs. C. A. Speice, one of the pioneers of this city, died Sunday evening at the family home at 516 and G streets. Catherine Ecker was born in Pilsen, Bohemia, Oct. 4, 1839. With the family she left her native land and emigrated to America in 1849, settling at St. Louis. They arrived there in the spring, and in the fall her mother died. This was their home, however, until 1868, when the family came to Platte county and Columbus in July of that year. The trip from St. Louis was made in the usual way at that time—by steamboat up the Missouri, and after arriving at Omaha the remainder of the journey was made overland. Coming to this county when there were scarcely any white inhabitants, she had to put up with all the discomforts of the pioneer. On May 31, 1860, she was married to Charles A. Speice, the house in which the ceremony was performed being a log structure and standing in the same place that is occupied by the present home. During the forty-eight years of her married life this has been her home, and here all her children were born. As one of the early settlers, Mrs. Speice was one of the best known women in this locality, especially among the earlier settlers. Mrs. Speice is the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living. Their oldest child, Thomas, died when an infant. Mrs. J. C. Post of Kingfisher, Okla., is the oldest child, the others being Gus B. Speice of this city; J. M. Speice of Kingfisher, Okla.; C. B. Speice of this city; Dr. Wm. K. Speice of Chicago; W. L. Speice of this city; Katherine E. Speice of Kingfisher, Okla., and Mrs. M. T. McMahon of this city. Besides her children she leaves one brother, Gus G. Becher of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Bremer of this city, Mrs. Laura M. Koenig and Mrs. Josephine Miller of Omaha. The death of Mrs. Speice leaves another vacant place in the number of those who came to this city and country in the early days and so materially assisted in changing what was then considered a desert into what it is today. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Wednesday morning at the family home. A few years ago her husband was stricken with paralysis and has since been a helpless invalid. Since that time his condition has been of much concern to her, as he required constant attention from some member of the household.

As the direct result of a stroke a paralysis with which she was stricken about four months ago, Mrs. Charles Snodgrass died at the hospital in Burlington, Iowa, last Sunday, January 24. May Connor, the second daughter of Mrs. Thomas Connor, was born on the old homestead, six miles west of Columbus, December 2, 1874. Here she grew to womanhood and on October 13, 1892, was married to Charles Snodgrass in this city. After residing here for some time they moved to Phelps county, but again returned to Platte county and then to Latta, Iowa, where they resided when Mrs. Snodgrass was stricken with paralysis. Besides her husband she leaves three children, Milton, Clyde and Helen. Her mother and two brothers, Anson and Tom Connor of Silver Creek, and four sisters, Mrs. R. T. Westbrook and Mrs. J. H. Randall of this city and Blanche and Maud Connor of Silver Creek are left to mourn her loss. Mrs. Snodgrass was brought here Tuesday for burial and services will be held Thursday morning, leaving the home of B. T. Westbrook at 9:30 and services in the Catholic church at 10 o'clock, and burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

While at Primrose last Thursday J. Kipple purchased a fine half section of Boone county land before the deal was completed Mr. Kipple could have realized a nice profit on his investment.

**Route No. 4.**  
Dodge Bros. were helping Forest Merrill fill his barn with hay Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Polasek of Route No. 5 were visiting at the home of Chas. Kula.

Meedames W. F. Dodds and J. J. Barnes were callers at the home of W. H. Moore Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Stickley and son Ray of Cushing, Neb., arrived Monday for a visit at the home of Wm. Moore.

A number on the route report hearing the explosion of the gas tank at the Thurston hotel Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Liebig returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit at Des Moines and other points in Iowa.

Tuesday when the carrier was going over the route he noticed Smith Hilliard at his mail box, and he was stepping pretty high. When he came up to him he told us that he was grandpa, a son having arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoerle at Clearwater.

**Route No. 1.**  
It looks as though D. G. Bartels can not let well enough alone. He has the pump out there putting down a new well.

Mrs. Aena Lynch of Omaha is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Schumacher. Her husband, J. W. Lynch, is expected here in a few days.

While Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schmitt are on a visit to Colorado, George Sealfield is best man at the Schmitt home, taking the girls to town to do shopping and hauling hay between times.



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**Route No. 3.**  
Miss Minnie Dirks was the guest of Effie Stiefken Sunday.

John Brunken, jr., had the corn shells for dinner Tuesday.

Chas. Brunken was a visitor at the county meeting last Saturday.

J. F. Goedken spent a couple of days at Council Bluffs attending to business matters.

Wm. Krumland and Miss Louise Sealfield attended the party at Bargmann's Thursday.

A. Rupprecht is trimming up the trees at his place, which greatly adds to its appearance.

John Brunken is recovering from an attack of one of Job's pots, which was on his wrist.

Ed Bakanbus, who has been very sick for the past ten days, is reported to be convalescent.

Louis Wurdeman and Herman Henne were Genoa visitors Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rayha are the proud parents of a eight pound son, born last Saturday morning.

Geo. Michaelson underwent an operation for appendicitis, and he is reported as getting along nicely.

The Bargman boys invited their young friends to a party Thursday evening, and a good time was reported.

Miss Emma Krumland returned home last Friday from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Miller, at Grand Island.

Herman Becher and Rudolph Hellbusch left Tuesday for Belgrade, Nance county, for a week's stay with friends.

Miss Cresta Merritt, who made her home with Mrs. E. R. Bisson for a number of years, returned to Calumet, Ia., this week, where she will reside with relatives.

The wedding of a very popular young lady of this route to a nice young man who lives on a nearby route is scheduled for this spring. We promised not to mention any names, but will say, however, that they will reside on this route. We were all informed that one of the well-to-do farmers on this route is arranging for a housekeeper this spring.

A little bird chirped to us as we drove by, saying that wedding bells will ring about the middle of next month for Max Schmidt and Miss Anna Muth, at the home of Carl Muth, one mile north of Humphrey after March 1. Another wedding on February 13, Ed. Schmidt and Miss Hattie Schmidt. The last two are cousins and will make their home on route No. 1, Leigh, Neb.

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