

Oberlin Glee Club to Neigh.

Neigh, Neb., Dec. 28.—Special to The News: The best musical attraction that the people of Neigh and vicinity have ever had the opportunity of attending will be held in the auditorium on Monday evening, January 3. The Oberlin College Glee club, that is composed of twenty members and who are traveling in their special Pullman private car "Courier," left Oberlin, Ohio, on December 22. Their itinerary states that they render their musical selections in seventeen cities before they return home, January 11. Neigh people are fortunate in securing this organization, as it is stated they are the best in their line in the United States. Only three towns in Nebraska are made by them this season: Neigh, Fremont and Lincoln.

More Trials On Stovaine.

Rochester, Minn., Dec. 28.—Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, the Roumanian surgeon, demonstrated the use of the new anesthetic, stovaine, before forty Minnesota surgeons. Three operations were performed, one upon an aged woman, one upon a man with a weak heart, and one upon a tubercular patient. Owing to conditions, not one of the three would have been desirable under other. The operations were regarded by the gallery of surgeons as illustrating admirably the practical use of stovaine under certain circumstances. Not one of the patients felt pain. One said he felt good; the tubercular negro said he felt rather numb. The woman tried several times to lift her head and watch the surgeons. No bad results followed in any case.

Dr. Jonnesco administered the anesthetic. A puncture was made in the spine between the twelfth dorsal and the first lumbar vertebra. At the first touch of the needle the white-haired patient gave a sigh, but quiet followed and the operation was begun in two and one-half minutes. Six centigrams of stovaine, strychnine and water constituted the dosage. Dr. Jonnesco, through his secretary interpreter, explained that while the dosage is generally ten centigrams, the advanced age of the patient brought about conditions much the same as those attending childhood, and for that reason the anesthetic was given in less quantity.

The operation was performed by Dr. Judd, after several surgeons had laid their hands upon the patient and had been told that she did not feel them. The room was quiet as Dr. Judd made the first incision, and the Drs. Mayo and the other surgeons watched the patient's face closely. There was no sign of pain as the work went on. Several times the woman, apparently deeply interested in what was going on, sought to lift her head and watch Dr. Judd. The anesthesia affected only the lower part of the body, this effect being determined by the point in the spine at which it is injected. Attendants, however, held a white cloth between her eyes and the field of operation. Dropping her head back, she conversed in low tones with those nearest her.

"How do you feel?" Inquired one of the surgeons. "I feel good," she replied. The pulse of the patient dropped to 40 at the first injection of the drug, but soon rose to 53.

The operation was performed quickly and apparently without any discomfort on the part of the patient.

The second case was that of a man afflicted with congenital inguinal hernia, and here the operation was performed by Dr. Jonnesco himself, assisted by Dr. Judd. This patient had a weak heart, and ether would have been out of the question. The incision was made, as before, between the twelfth dorsal and first lumbar vertebra. Ten centigrams of the anesthetic were administered. The man gave a faint groan as the injection was made, but immediately relapsed into quiet. After the anesthetic had been administered he was asked his age? Fifty-two, he replied. When the man groaned, Dr. Jonnesco looked up quickly, smiled, and invited the surgeons to test the completeness of the anesthesia by touching the patient. Several satisfied themselves, and then inquired whether he was suffering. The patient replied that he was not.

As the operation proceeded, somewhat delayed on account of the fact that Dr. Jonnesco worked along lines not altogether familiar to his assistants, the patient conversed with those around him. His heaving chest gave evidence of the unimpaired heart action. Dr. Jonnesco, who speaks only French, had to indicate to Dr. Judd what he wanted by signs, which were not always understood immediately. At the conclusion of the operation, however, the gallery broke into applause. Dr. Jonnesco smiled again, and made a motion as if removing his hat.

It was then announced that the first patient had emerged from the effect of the anesthetic and was in good physical shape. Through his secretary, the Roumanian surgeon explained that he had himself used stovaine in 750 cases and not once with evil results. It was not a patented drug or preparation, he explained, but could be obtained from any reputable house dealing in hospital supplies.

The third operation, involving the amputation of the lower arm, was attended by circumstances that at first tended rather to disconcert the spectators. The negro was about 20 years old. In his case, anesthesia being desired in the upper part of the body, the puncture was made between the first and second dorsal vertebra, the full dosage being given. At the first touch of the instrument the boy moaned and groaned and for some moments exhibited signs of intense suffering. At times during the operation he cried aloud, but admitted when questioned that he felt no pain. Dr. Jonnesco explained the patient's outcries by a statement that he knew something was

going on and he was giving vent to his moans in sympathy. Several of the surgeons laid their hands on him, and once he was pricked in the face with the point of a needle, but he did not feel it. Dr. Judd performed the operation. When it was about half over and the boy had become quieter he was asked how he felt. "Rather numb," he replied.

At the conclusion of the third operation, the witnessing surgeons were loud in their praise, gathering around Dr. Jonnesco and expressing their admiration.

WED AGAIN AFTER 20 YEARS.

Divorced Long Ago Reunite After the Death of Woman's Second Man. Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 28.—Among the holiday festivities to create considerable comment in this city was the wedding of Mrs. Dan Baker of this city and R. W. Dodge of Kingston, Mo. Some twenty-two years ago they were united in marriage in Missouri, but after two years of married life an estrangement came up between them which resulted in their separation. After that the bride met Dan Baker, an early settler of Jefferson county, and they were married. They lived in Fairbury until a few weeks ago, when Mr. Baker died. Mrs. Baker continued to make her home here until last August, when she went to Kingston, Mo., on a visit to her old friends. While there she met husband No. 1, whom she had not seen for twenty years, and an affection sprang up between them that resulted in the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge have not decided just where they will make their future home, but as the bride has a good home and some other property here it is possible they may reside here.

Not a Horse Lost in Year.

The Norfolk branch of the Nebraska Live Stock Owners Protective association elected the following officers: President, John Krantz. Vice president, R. Rohrke. Treasurer, Obed Raasch. Secretary, Ernest Raasch. Captain, R. W. Rohrke. The local board is making arrangements to entertain the delegates from all over this part of the state, who come to Norfolk Thursday for their annual convention. Between eighty and 100 delegates are expected. A supper and smoker will be given.

J. W. Evans, John Krantz and E. Raasch are the entertaining committee. Not an association member has lost a horse by theft during the past year, and the horse thieves are keeping shy of association stables. The last animal lost was one stolen from Ernest Beemer, near Hoskins. Shortly afterward the thief was captured at Fremont and within ten days he was in the state penitentiary.

The North Nebraska Live Stock Owners Protective association will hunt a horse thief until death ends the chase, and for that reason members are almost immune from robberies of this sort. The local branch has 159 members today.

STOLE HIDES, FOUND GUILTY.

Charles W. Merritt Convicted of Grand Larceny in United States Court. Sioux Falls Press: Charles W. Merritt of Lamro, Tripp county, was found guilty of larceny in the United States district court last night, the jury being out about four hours.

Most of the time yesterday was spent in the trial, the accused being charged with stealing hides on the Rosebud Indian reservation. A large number of witnesses were present from Lamro, and officials of the Indian reservation.

Little Girl Badly Burned.

Pierce, Neb., Dec. 28.—The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ratkovec, living in the southeast part of this city, was severely burned while playing about the stove. It is not known whether the stove door was left open or was opened by the child in her play. The parents heard the child scream and on running to her, found her dress aflame. The fire was smothered at once, but not before the little one was badly burned. The hip, side and neck received deep burns and the flames even reached to the side of the face and singed the hair badly.

Pinkertons and Banks Fall Out.

The banks and the Pinkertons are at outs. For fifteen years this little brass sign: "Member American Bankers' Association," has been hated by all "yeggs" and other thieves in every part of the United States. That sign, often unseen until after a bank had been broken into, meant that within a few hours every Pinkerton agency in the world would know that a bank had been robbed or a robbery attempted, and that from that day until they did detectives everywhere would be watching for the men who had done the work. The bank robber always carried the one haunting fear in his heart when he thought of a broken safe, perhaps in some far distant city or country—the Pinkertons are after me, they never quit; it's the orders of the A. B. A. So complete has been this agency's record and tracing of every man convicted or suspected of crime that its operatives have been able, in many instances, to name the guilty ones and follow them relentlessly until they gave themselves up or were captured. No police department in the country has a larger collection of rogues' pictures and Bertillon measurements and finger prints. All of which has come of unusual interest just now, owing to the recent severing of business relations between the famous agency and the American Bankers' association.

To the ordinary person this break may not mean much, but police officials everywhere are talking about it and judging from the words of a reformed crook now in a legitimate business it will be discussed with deep significance by men who break in while others sleep and live on stolen money.

"Well," said the reformed crook, "the 'A. B. A.' and the Pinkertons have split up." That'll cause a stir among the "yeggs" and the "yeggs," I'm not kidding on whoever gets the job, but I look for some activity now in banking circles."

The Pinkertons began their work for the bankers in 1894, when the association had 1,700 members. Now it numbers 11,000 banks. In the fifteen years ended last August, the records show there were 915 arrests, 813 convictions, eighty-four releases and forty-two awaiting trial. The detectives do not claim credit for all these arrests, but that they were largely through their efforts and that in all members' cases they produced the evidence to convict.

In the fifteen years there were only 194 burglaries and attempted burglaries of banks in the association. The criminals got \$147,065 for their work. Banks not in the association suffered 1,062 burglaries that cost \$1,468,879. In the twelve months ended last August there were 102 attacks on banks netting the burglars \$159,309. Of this number only nine were members of the "A. B. A." and these lost only \$21,500. Nearly all these burglaries were west of the Mississippi river. Nine from 102 indicates that the little brass sign referred to has been fairly good protection.

"No well posted 'gun,' as burglars are called, would touch an 'A. B. A.' bank," the reformed crook said. "Yeggs—tramp thieves—sometimes do it, but they have no standing in the profession. They simply break in, smash open a safe door if it's a cheap affair, or, if it's a 'burglar proof,' drill a hole in it, stick on a little cup made of soap, pour in the nitroglycerin, which is easy to buy, and touch it off. Plenty of them never heard of the 'A. B. A.'"

"I'm out of it now, long ago, but I know every trick of the Pinkertons. They don't stop at bank thefts. If a guy beats a hotel with a bum check, if another forges someone's name, if a swindle is successfully pulled off you'll find the whole story on file in the Pinkerton's agencies in twenty-five of the leading cities. They get a tracing of the man's name on the register, experts study his writing, his description is sent everywhere. Some day the bum check man puts one over on a bank and before he knows it he's in jail and his whole past confronts him. He's soaked for every trick he's turned inside the statute of limitations.

"It's my opinion—or it used to be—that if a man's fool enough to crack an 'A. B. A.' safe or touch the member in any way it would save time and trouble and worry and loss of sleep to run right up like a bad little boy and take his spanking, because he'll get caught—some day. The Pinkertons never let up. The mention of 'A. B. A.' in a gang when I was on the road would make everyone turn pale. But I'm out of it, now, and so are the Pinkertons."

The trouble between the bankers and the Pinkertons came about over the renewing of the contract entered into at regular periods fixing the compensation for services. The Pinkertons' terms were refused. It is said that W. J. Burns is to have the bankers' business on trial. Burns is the detective who did such excellent work in the timber land frauds a year ago and more recently in the famous graft investigation in San Francisco.

An Actorine Stranded Here.

Miss Mattie Zuhke, who played sourette, advance man, bill poster and "angel" to a barn-storm show troupe which, deserted by the manager at Chadron, went plumb broke in Norfolk several days ago, was the heroine of a Christmas eve feature story when she reached Kansas City. Kansas City papers printed her picture and told how she pawned her trunk for \$7 and sent \$6 of that amount back to her husband in Norfolk to get him down to Kansas City.

Miss Zuhke and her husband did vaudeville stunts and expert rifle shooting at local moving picture shows last week. She pawned her revolver in Norfolk for \$4, with which to get to Kansas City. Her husband here has just received the money which she sent back from Kansas City. He didn't have enough to get her revolver out of soak, however. He thought he'd wait over and see if "The Girl That's All The Candy" could use him to such an extent as to give him the \$4 essential to that reclamation. But here's the story, from the Kansas City Post, on Christmas eve:

Here is a story for Christmas reading that should appeal to girls who have designs on the stage. It's a real story, too, and its heroine, Miss Mattie Zuhke, 509 East Tenth street, is a Kansas City girl. It is a story of hope and despair, the pay day that never came, of a man's work undertaken by a woman's hands, of a sacrifice for friendship's sake that left a girl with fifteen cents in her pocket on the day before Christmas and the hope that springs eternal. But here is the story—

Six weeks ago Mattie Zuhke "signed out" with a certain society drama known on the billboards as "The Idler" though this was a misnomer, for if ever a poor crowd of struggling thespians worked hard this company certainly did. The show, "what is known to professionals as a "one piece drama," played one night at the "show shop." It means break and trouble to the limit of human endurance. It means loss of sleep, ceaseless travel that snatches the individuality from towns and tosses them into a blurred composite heap of hotel, depot and "show shop." It means an abominable cold rig on bitter nights in winter. It means the wearing of nerves and muscles until

Northwestern at Missouri Valley and an old-time engineer of the Union Pacific, who died last Thursday, was held at the family residence in Waterloo Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Services were conducted by Rev. David L. Miller, Jr., of the Presbyterian church and members of Waterloo lodge, No. 226, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of which Mr. Teal was a member. A large number of friends and neighbors were present, including some from Norfolk.

The body was taken to Council Bluffs Monday morning for burial in the family lot there, being accompanied by the widow, Mrs. Electa Purchase Teal, a sister Mrs. Chapman of Fremont, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Haverstock of Omaha, Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Teal also of Omaha, and other relatives of Council Bluffs were present at the burial.

Stebbins A. Teal was born in New York state and came west in the early '50's, being one of the early settlers of Council Bluffs and running out of that city as an engineer on the Union Pacific as early as 1866. He was for years connected with railroad work then at Missouri Valley and only retired from active duties about five years ago, when he and Mrs. Purchase of Waterloo, friends of long standing, were married, since which they have resided at Waterloo. Mr. Teal helped cut walnut logs to build a bridge over the Elkhor river on the Military road about 1855.

Dr. Pecival Makes Denial.

Dr. Pecival, superintendent of the Norfolk insane hospital, declares that the purchase of lumber and marble made by him, which is to be investigated by Secretary of State Junkin upon orders from the state board of public lands and buildings, was authorized by Land Commissioner Cowles. He says the investigation is the outgrowth of a wrangle among the members of the board itself.

D. A. Jones, foreman employed by the state to superintend the construction of a barn at the asylum, reported to the board that a carload of lumber had been received at the institution from Wetling, Okla., and that it was not in shape to be used in the construction of the barn. The receipt given by the railroad company for the lumber showed that it had been shipped.

On the ground at Norfolk there is also some \$3,000 worth of marble which the board said it had not ordered. Dr. Pecival informed the secretary of the board this marble had been bought upon orders from Land Commissioner Cowles. Mr. Cowles showed the board his letter file which showed that he had instructed Dr. Pecival to secure bids for the marble, but he denied that he had ordered its purchase. Dr. Pecival still insists he was working under instructions from Cowles.

Mr. Junkin and Architect Berlinghoff will investigate the matter and make a report to the board.

DRINK TO COL. HAYES' HEALTH.

Fremont Knights Templar Carry Out Their Annual Custom. Colonel S. W. Hayes of Fremont has just received word from Norfolk announcing that once again the Fremont Knights Templar drank to his health on Christmas morning. This custom of paying tribute to Colonel Hayes has been followed by the Fremont knights for a great many years, he having founded the lodge in that city nearly a half century ago. Colonel Hayes is 89 years of age and is still as bright as any young man, though a bit feeble.

At the same time Colonel Hayes was being toasted in Fremont, the Norfolk knights were holding their annual Christmas services, which were particularly impressive this year. One of the disappointing features of the service, however, was the fact that Colonel Hayes, owing to the inclement weather, was unable to be present. His toast was responded to by J. S. Van Alstyne.

C. E. Burnham, eminent commander, was toastmaster. He introduced each speaker with a delightful little talk. A. H. Viele, J. B. Maynard, D. Rees, G. T. Sprecher and John F. Poucher responded to toasts. W. H. Bucholz of Omaha and A. E. Ward of Madison were guests of the Norfolk knights. All of the toasts have attracted unusually favorable comment.

VERDICT FOR MRS. SCHAVLAND.

Jury Awards Madison County Woman \$2,125 for Husband's Death. The jury in the \$25,000 damage suit growing out of the death of Chris Schavland, who was struck and killed by an automobile in Lincoln last spring, returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$2,125.

The judgment is against Fred Jones and Floyd Rawlings, Frank Rawlings the third party sued being released from responsibility as it was shown that he was not connected with the automobile firm. Mrs. Schavland now lives near Newmarket Grove.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, a son. Mrs. August Machmuller is very ill with appendicitis. William Wetzel has gone to Chadron to accept a position as baker with E. C. Beyer's. The employees of the Norfolk insane asylum will enjoy a masquerade ball

New Year's eve.

The Trinity guild will meet with Mrs. Braden Thursday. A full meeting is requested on account of important work.

Born, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Armstrong of Chadron. Mrs. Armstrong was formerly Miss Winnie Cole of Norfolk.

The 14-pound son born to Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Farley Christmas eve is said to be the largest baby ever born in Norfolk.

A man giving the name of Mike Harrington was fined \$7.10 in Justice Eiseley's court on charge of being drunk and disorderly.

S. L. Brunell has received telegraph communication from Easton, Pa., giving him notice of the death of his father, Henry Brunell, who died Monday afternoon at 3:25.

Funeral services over the remains of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wichman, who died Sunday night, were held Tuesday afternoon. The remains were interred at the new Lutheran cemetery.

Ed Harter, city clerk, has received \$10,000 from the county treasurer of Madison, to be used for the city's expenses. This, according to Mr. Harter, is the largest sum ever taken in here for taxes.

Charles Orstendorf has moved into M. Moolick's house on South Fourth street.

Miss Mable Witte went to Linwood to visit relatives.

Frank Gittora has resigned his position here as night machinist and has gone to Missouri Valley.

Miss Nellie Hyde and her brother, Charles, Jr., went to Omaha.

W. B. Alton and J. A. Willey returned from Council Bluffs, Ia., where they have been attending the funeral of the late S. A. Teal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Fountain have returned home from Missouri Valley, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quick and daughter Nona returned from Auburn, where they spent Christmas with Mr. Quick's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and family have returned from Omaha, where they visited Mr. Hill's brother, who has just had a leg amputated. Mr. Hill says his brother is getting along nicely.

J. L. Crotty of Pierre, S. D., arrived here last evening for a holiday visit at the T. S. Sheehan home.

Ben Blier, who has been here visiting at the home of L. M. Beeler, has returned to his home at Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Haviland, who spent Christmas here with relatives, have returned to their home at Sioux City.

Paul Lease of Wagner, S. D., is in the city visiting relatives. This is Mr. Lease's first visit to Norfolk in nine years.

Mrs. Dora E. Smith and her granddaughter, Miss Helen Chamberlain, have gone to Foster to visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Mather, who spent Christmas with relatives, have returned to their home in Grand Island.

S. H. McClary of Blissfield, Mich., who spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary, has returned home.

Mrs. W. E. Royce and daughter Mildred of Fremont returned to their home after a three days' visit with Mrs. T. S. Sheehan.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keene, Jr., returned to Fremont after having spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Keene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McClary. Miss Martha Koehn, bookkeeper of the Ransom & Anderson office, has started on her week's vacation, which she will spend in Norfolk and in visiting friends out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deuel of Meadow Grove, and Mrs. Frank Muffley of Battle Creek spent Christmas with the W. M. Ahlman family.

Emil Wilde went to Omaha. C. R. Renow of Gordon is in the city. Emil Johnson of Hoskins was here. F. J. Pratt of Humphrey was here. Miss Emma Marquardt was at Madison.

James Nichols of Madison was in the city. A. D. Yates went to Lincoln to visit friends. Clifford Parish has returned to Winnetoon.

Miss Minnie Parr went to Dodge to visit relatives. Dr. and Mrs. Tanner of Battle Creek were in the city.

J. E. Haase went to Madison on business. Miss Margaret Roher of Hoskins visited friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ziesche of Neigh were here visiting friends. Carl and Ralph Lulkart returned from Omaha Monday.

A. A. Corkle returned from a business trip at St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Killian are in Wahoo visiting relatives. August Ohmstedt went to Yutan, Neb., to visit his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ewing of Hartington are in the city visiting with Mr. and Mrs. L. Buckendorf.

Mr. and Mrs. August Klueder and Mrs. John Trooster of Pierce were in the city calling on friends.

Dr. C. A. McKim has just returned from Hoskins, to which town he drove Sunday night. The snowdrifts at various places, he reports, were so high that for a number of miles he had to lead his horses and wade through the drifts.

A. L. Koyen has purchased the Crystal moving picture theater from J. H. Shinn and has already taken possession of the place. The theater will continue its regular business. J. H. Shinn is in the collection agency business and will devote his time to that.

J. C. Nelson, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, has sent out notice to his managers notifying them that the Western Union has arranged with British post-offices for the interchange of money transfers. He also states that on and after January 1 the name of the sender will be required in all money orders to Great Britain and Ireland.

At the request of the United States Naval station at Washington, the Western Union Telegraph company has agreed to send out the customary New Years eve telegraph signals, beginning five minutes before the hour ending at midnight, eastern time, and at 1, 2 and 3, according to the various time belts. The signals will start at Norfolk five minutes before 12.

When Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Trautman of Norfolk seated themselves at the table of Mr. Trautman's father, at York, Neb., to enjoy the annual Christmas dinner, they found themselves among forty-two relatives who represented three generations on each side. Not one death has occurred in the family in twenty years. Twenty years ago the same family with the same number of relatives with the exception of one, met at the same table. The father of this great family is now 87 years old.

Professor Otto Voget has engaged a suite of rooms on the second floor of the Robertson building on Norfolk avenue. The reception room is furnished with costly furniture of dainty type, the floor is covered with a beautiful dark green carpet and the walls are papered to match. The studio is furnished with a fine leather sofa, reclining chairs and studio table. The floor is covered with linoleum of the latest type and the walls are papered with a rich wall paper to match. Palms give the room a touch of cheerfulness and give the place an aspect of the musical studios in eastern cities.

The well packed snow, which affords great sleighing, also comes in good season for the youngsters with their sleds, which they tie in the rear of vehicles and make round trips to and from the country. Much amusement was caused yesterday when a young couple were out sleighing endeavored to disband a party of youngsters who had their sled tied to the rear of the sleigh. After much argument as to why the children should not use this means of transportation, the horse attached to the sleigh was frightened and made a run down Norfolk avenue, pulling behind one lonely sled to which a small boy was clinging desperately. Other children were scattered in the snow along the road.

Omaha Bee: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Birchard, wife of P. T. Birchard, of 4735 North Thirty-ninth street, died Monday morning. The funeral took place at the home at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The burial will be at Marshalltown, Ia. Deceased was a graduate of the Pratt Art Institute of New York. She was married August 14, 1895. She leaves her husband, two children of her own and two step-children. Mrs. Birchard was born in Gansvoort, N. Y., and after graduating was superintendent of the art work in the Marshalltown schools. In this department she had great ability and her own home is decorated with many beautiful works from her own hand. Upon her marriage she moved to Norfolk, Neb., and came to Omaha in 1900. She was an active and faithful member of the First Congregational church.

Neigh Firemen Dance. Neigh, Neb., Dec. 28.—Special to The News: Friday evening of last week the volunteer fire department of this city gave their twentieth annual ball. Considering that there were two public Christmas entertainments, and the Chase-Lister company, at the auditorium, the dance in the Gieseker and Daxon halls was well patronized and an enjoyable time was had by those who attended.

Investigate Rock Island Deal. New York, Dec. 28.—The board of governors of the New York stock exchange appointed a committee of three to investigate the matter of sales of Rock Island common stock yesterday when the stock sensationally advanced thirty points. The members of the investigating committee are F. L. Eames, J. P. Atterbury, and Ernest Grosbeck.

CHURCH OPENS MEAT MARKET

Will Try to Make Enough to Pay Debts—No Short Weights. The congregation of the Twelfth Avenue Baptist church in Evansville, Ind., has opened a grocery store and meat market in a building near the church, and the proceeds of the sales will be used to pay off the church debt, which amounts to about \$4,000. There will be no short weights, and the goods will be sold at a small profit. The pastor of the church, the Rev. F. G. S. Burdette, has appealed to the members to patronize the venture.