

SWEET CHARITY TO BENEFIT FROM THE BIG BALL THURSDAY

Interest in Holiday Society Function Most Keen and Its Success is Assured. FULL DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED Committee Decides that Swallow Tail is Not Necessary. TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST Dietz Sees the Mortgage Raised on the City Mission. OTHER BALLS REMEMBERED Omaha Has Turned Out Several Times Before to Raise Funds by Giving Big Affairs of Similar Character.

Even though those who are working tooth and toe-nail to make the charity ball New Year's night Omaha's greatest and most brilliant social function, are society leaders and believe in formality in dress as well as manners, the committee in charge of the ball at a meeting at the Commercial club Saturday noon decided that the ball was not limited to those of well lined pocket books, but was free and open to all and that evening clothes were not a requisite. Thus the plain business man and the plain business woman will be able to attend the big function without the inconvenience of wearing a dress suit or an evening gown and they will be just as welcome as any. This public announcement that the big ball was to be a democratic affair and that everybody was invited to be in attendance has increased the interest among that vast class of persons, so euphemistically termed the third estate, and immediately after the announcement it became evident that the number who will trip the light fantastic on New Year's night, will be very great. Already several hundred tickets have been sold and now those "tired business men," who previously refused to consider attending because the formality of a dress suit was necessary, have declared willingness to join the throng.

Every detail of the plans for the affair has been prepared and not a thing will go amiss when New Year's night arrives. The music has been provided, Green's band and Olson's orchestra have agreed to play the tango harmonies at intervals so that neither will experience the effects of the long evening grind and so that the dancers will be able to enjoy the difference in the pitch and tone of band and orchestra music and not become tired with the monotony of the same kind of music all evening. Arrangements are to be stretched from the doors of the Auditorium to the street curb in order to protect my milades' finery providing the official weather prognosticator is disgruntled and arbitrarily furnishes a spell of bad weather. The Scott-Rawitzer company has agreed to furnish the canvass necessary for such awnings.

The lighting effects and the elaborate decorations are ready, which means that the big Auditorium will look its best on the first night of the year. The boxes have been draped as has also the balcony and stage. Ticket Campaign. Starting bright and early tomorrow morning the real campaign to sell tickets to the ball will be started when committees will begin to make rounds of all the business houses, the wholesale houses, the stock exchange, the grain exchange, the office buildings and every place else prospective purchasers of tickets may be expected to be in hiding. Each committee will consist of one gentleman and two women and it is difficult to imagine any hardened creature who will be able to withstand the charms of such combinations. These committees will continue their work until the night of the ball. The city commissioners, the county commissioners and other prominent men have guaranteed their co-operation. Mayor Dahlman, Commissioners McGovern, Withnell, Chief of Police Dunn, County Commissioner Lynch, Everett Buckingham of the stock yards, T. J. O'Brien and scores of others have already bought their tickets and promise to be on hand even though they may not be as active as some of the younger members present.

Enthusiasm Keen. Enthusiasm over the ball seems so general that Mr. Dietz says the proceeds will probably be large enough to make a payment on the small mortgage still remaining.

The Weather Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity: Cloudy; somewhat colder. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: High 32, Low 12, Mean 22. Comparative Local Record: Highest yesterday 32, Lowest yesterday 12, Mean temperature 22, Precipitation .00, Wind S.W., Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the past two years: Normal temperature 32, Excess for the day 0, Total excess since March 1, 1913, .516, Normal precipitation .65 inch, Deficiency for the year, 1.12 inch, Rainfall since March 1, 1913, 32.09 inches, Deficiency since March 1, 1913, 5.45 inches, Deficiency for cor. period, 1912, 4.20 inches, Deficiency for cor. period, 1911, 15.21 inches.

ROOT'S BODY AT CITY HALL

Will Lie in State that Friends May Pay Last Respects.

FUNERAL TO BE ON MONDAY

Arrangements Complete for the Funeral of Sovereign Commander of Woodmen, Who Died Last Week.

The body of Joseph Cullen Root will arrive in Omaha this morning and from noon until Monday noon it will lie in state in the rotunda of the city hall that his numerous friends may pay their last respects to the deceased sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World. The funeral will be held from the late residence, 1024 South Thirtieth avenue, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Arrangements for the funeral were made yesterday by the executive council of the Woodmen of the World, after a conference by telegraph with the members of the family while enroute with the body to Omaha.

Body to Lie in State.

The body of the deceased sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World left Clinton, Ia., at 5:35 o'clock last night over the Northwestern. It was accompanied by relatives and B. Wood Jewel, sovereign watchman; J. E. Fitzgerald, sovereign manager; Ira W. Forter and A. D. Cloud, sovereign physicians, and will arrive at 1:30 o'clock this morning. It will be met at the Union station by the members of the executive council now in the city, members of the uniform rank and consistory of the Masonic order. From the depot it will be escorted to an undertaking room, where it will be prepared for burial and at noon will be taken to the city hall, where in the rotunda it will lie in state until noon Monday. At that hour it will be taken to the home, where at 2 o'clock the funeral services will be held, some Congregational clergyman, not yet selected, officiating. Burial will be in the family vault in Forest Lawn.

Service to Be Simple.

It is the desire of the members of the family to hold a funeral service that will be simple and devoid of pomp or show. Consequently, there will be no parade or other demonstration. There will not be even a Kadosh funeral. At the grave the services will be conducted in accordance with the rites of the order.

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Reports of Number of Men Idle on the Coast Exaggerated

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Five thousand men out of work in Los Angeles, instead of 20,000 as reported previously from police and other sources, is the report received today by Acting Mayor F. J. Whiffen and the city council following a thorough canvass of the whole city by a Good Fellows committee, a private charity.

Of the 5,000 unemployed, 3,000 have families dependent on them and the remainder are "floaters," according to the report. The announcement that previous estimates were exaggerated created a feeling of relief at the city hall. Preparations are being made to expend emergency funds liberally in public improvements on which 3,000 or 4,000 men may be employed for several months. Civil service regulations will be suspended so that every man who needs work for his support or his family may find a place on the pay rolls.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—One thousand men were put to work today by the city and by Monday there will be jobs for 3,000, which, from present indications, will be about 1,000 more places than are being filled. Unfiled applications for work today numbered only 500. In the meanwhile co-operative employment bureaus probably will supply all the hungry who apply with food. Last night there was trouble between the management of the bureau and the culinary committee of the unemployed because the men wanted the kitchen kept open all night and the management refused.

Trust Estate of Late Lady Curzon is Now Million and a Half

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The sum of \$1,565,100 is to be turned over to the new trustees of the fund created by the late Lord Curzon of Kedleston and Washington as a marriage dowry for his daughter, Mary V. Leiter when she became Lady Curzon, according to a report of the account made by the district auditor in the district supreme court. The income on the total settlement since the marriage in April, 1885, to December 22, last, is shown to have aggregated \$908,976.

The accounting was made necessary by the resignation of the original trustees and the substitution in their places of two others. The original marriage settlement was \$700,000 and when Lady Curzon's father died the fund was increased by an additional cash payment of \$1,000,000. Payments have been made to the beneficiaries as follows: To Mary V. Curzon, before her death, \$284,300; to George Nathaniel, Earl Curzon, \$152,210, and to the Earl as guardian for his three children, \$329,250.

Civilian Shoots at Sentry at Zabern

ZABERN, Alsace, Germany, Dec. 27.—Two shots were fired today by an unidentified civilian at a sentry stationed in front of the barracks recently occupied by the Ninety-ninth Infantry regiment. Both shots went wild and civilian escaped. This is the first incident of the kind in Zabern since the removal of the ninety-ninth Infantry, whose place has been taken by another regiment. Lieutenant Baron Von Forstner, one of the Ninety-ninth, caused the recent trouble between the Military and the townspeople. Feeling on both sides is still high.

WILSON'S GREATEST TASK IS BEFORE HIM

Proper Selection of Members of Reserve Board Determines Fate of Currency System.

WILL HE GO OUTSIDE OF PARTY?

If He Does, Will It Not Create a Party Split?

YATES' STATEMENT DISCUSSED Omaha Banker's Reasoning is Challenged in Part.

NOT AFTER REGIONAL BANK

Gate City Has Made No Request, but Board Might Decide to Establish One.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Will the president appoint members of the federal reserve board without regard to politics or will he seek within his party those qualifications which the new banking and currency law contemplate? This question is uppermost in the minds of thinking legislators today. There are several who have openly said they would not recommend anybody for these vastly important places. It is known, however, that several senators and a number of representatives have filed recommendations for individuals, which may embarrass the president not a little and as an aftermath of the passage of the currency bill create dissension that may last through Mr. Wilson's term.

Only Representative Men.

Of course, democrats of high standing will be preferred to those of opposite political faith. This is admitted, notwithstanding the elimination of politics, as first requisite of candidates for membership on the Reserve Board. However, if there are not enough democrats measuring up to the high standard required, and who are willing to serve on the board at probably less salary than they command in private life, republicans, "bull moose" or prohibitionists, populists and socialists will receive consideration if they possess the necessary financial experience and undisputed ability. None but representative men of the United States should be on the board.

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Banks Must Make Formal Requests For Membership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The method to be followed by national banks in making applications for admission to the new federal reserve banking system was determined today by Secretary McAdoo and Houston, constituting the organization committee. It was decided to require each bank, through its board of directors, to pass a formal resolution prescribed by the federal committee which was to constitute a legal application for stock in the new national banks.

Within sixty days each bank is directed to submit to its directors alternative proposition, rejecting or accepting the resolution prescribed by the federal organization committee. If the resolution is adopted it will be forwarded to Washington by the cashier of the bank as the formal application of the bank for entry in the system. Officials reiterated that the selection of the fourteen cities for hearings did not indicate the positive choice of any of them for the location of federal reserve banks.

HEBREW STUDENTS TO HAVE CHANUKAH ENTERTAINMENT

The Daughters of Jacob, whose generous philanthropy is directed toward the support of the Hebrew free school conducted in conjunction with the synagogue at Twenty-fourth and Nicholas streets, are interesting the little folks in an elaborate "Chanukah" celebration for Sunday evening. Chanukah is known as the feast of dedication and is celebrated by the Jewish people in memory of the victory won by Judas Maccabaeus over Epiphanus, which restored their possession of the temple. Among other interesting numbers the program will include Hebrew songs and rare instrumental selections. Arrangements are being made to provide for an extraordinary attendance.

RECEPTION TO DAVIDSON ON LEAVING WASHINGTON

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. W. M. Davidson, present superintendent of schools of Washington, will be tendered a reception Monday evening in the apartments of Senator and Mrs. Thurston in the Woodward building in this city by the Nebraska association, of which F. A. Abbott, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs, is chairman.

BENKLEMAN APPRENTICE PERFECT PHYSICAL MAN

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The local naval recruiting station yesterday enlisted as apprentice seaman Walter C. Edwards, aged 21, of Benkleman, Neb. According to the recruiting officers, Edwards is the most perfect physical specimen of a man examined at this station in many months. He is five feet eight inches tall, weighs 165 pounds and has a chest expansion of five inches. Teeth, vision and hearing are without flaws and his physique is perfect in every particular.

Trying Out His New Skates



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

MONTREAL FACING FIRE AND DISEASE

Zero Weather Adds to Suffering Caused by Water famine.

LONG BREAK IN BIG MAIN Service Cannot Be Restored for Several Days and Many Buildings Close Because of Lack of Water for Boilers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Zero weather today increased suffering caused by the water famine here. Many big buildings, including two hospitals put out their fire because they could get no water for their steam boilers. The cold hampered the distribution of water in tank cars because the water froze before it reached consumers. In the hospitals doctors and nurses went about their duties in fur coats and extra blankets were heaped on the patients. Many business offices were closed from lack of heat. The city faces two dangers, fire and disease, owing to lack of sanitary conveniences. Several days must elapse before the sixty-foot break in the intake pipe from the St. Lawrence, which caused the trouble can be repaired.

President Orders Fireman Watching Fire to Get Busy

PASS CHRISTIAN, Tex., Dec. 26.—Citizens of Gulfport, which place Mr. Wilson daily passes on his way to the golf club, today were on the alert to see him. Mr. Wilson's prowess as a firefighter has added to his fame here. One member of the volunteer fire department of Gulfport today revealed the discovery that President Wilson is quite maitre d'hotel in emergency.

"I was standing outside the Neville residence waiting for the apparatus to arrive," he said, "when a man came up. 'Why don't you get up there and help?' he asked. I told him I couldn't go up until the hook and ladder wagon came up on the inside. I don't see why you can't." It suddenly dawned upon me that I was talking to the president and I went inside to help."

Gulfport citizens are considering a formal vote of thanks to the president for his part in preventing the destruction yesterday of the Neville home, one of the handsomest residences there.

Damage by High Tide is Enormous

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Although the tide was higher yesterday, when considerable damage was done, the sea was calmer today and the coast towns between Long Beach and Santa Barbara suffered less. Preparations made in advance to meet the crest of the tide shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, proved adequate and the losses, estimated at between \$150,000 and \$300,000 yesterday had no additions today. Houses on the strand at Venice, Ocean Park and Santa Monica, which seemed yesterday about to topple over into the swirl of water the ocean threw into the streets, were drawn back out of danger during the night. Wood bulkheads erected in place of the cement barriers which went out yesterday under the onslaught of the breakers, held successfully.

Fariss, Confessed Bandit and Slayer, Sentenced to Hang

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—Ralph Fariss, known as John Rustick, the confessed train bandit, was sentenced to be hanged at San Quentin for the murder of Horace L. Montague, the passenger agent who was slain by Fariss when the latter held up a Southern Pacific express train at El Monte December 1.

The bandit confessed his name is Ralph Fariss and that his father is James Fariss, a railroad man who has been in the employ of the Southern Pacific at Bakerfield, Cal., for twenty-five years. Fariss was taken before Judge Gavin Craig in the criminal department of the superior court shortly before noon today, and before 12 o'clock struck he was back in the county prison, a condemned man, preparing to leave for San Quentin tonight to meet death on the gallows within ninety days.

Entire proceedings, from the time the bandit was arraigned in a township justice court until he passed out of the superior court condemned, occupied just two hours and eighteen minutes. When he came into court, the youthful bandit and slayer was hardly able to talk and Judge Craig admonished him to speak louder. In a whisper Fariss waived all rights accorded prisoners as to attorneys, delays and methods of procedure, and then in answer to the question: "Are you guilty or not guilty?" he answered: "Guilty," and sentence was immediately pronounced. Judge Craig said that the offense charged—the murder of Montague, who appeared in a Pullman coach while Fariss was robbing the passengers, was an offense that merited no less than death on the gallows.

Fariss bowed his head and was led back to the jail. The case of Fariss was ended in record time. He was captured Tuesday in San Francisco, brought here on Christmas day, confessing to Sheriff Hammel on the way and today he was sentenced to die for his crime.

BLOCKS PLAN TO RUSH POTATOES FROM EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture blocked a plan to rush foreign potatoes to this country when he changed the date of their landing for the New York market from January 1 to December 23. After the recent hearing in Washington when the secretary fixed January 1 as the limit for landing potatoes abroad for this market, receivers here called orders to engage tramp steamers and load potatoes before the time expired. Arrangements had been made for 300,000 bags, which with the 200,000 on hand, would have made a stock of 500,000 bags of foreign potatoes for this market. Secretary Houston heard of the move and blocked it with the change of date. Several tramp steamers that had been chartered were released.

The Wonderful Tree of Light...

Omaha's Christmas Tree Post Cards 6 for 10c At Bee Office or from Newsboys and Carriers. ORDERS BY MAIL, 12 CENTS

OLD SILVER DOLLAR AT OMAHA LIBRARY

Coin Like That Found at New Haven in Local Collection and Kept Locked in Safe.

ONLY A FEW IN EXISTENCE Have Become So Rare that Those Held by Various Owners Cannot Be Bought Now at Any Price.

An 1864 silver dollar like the one unearthed Friday by a Yale laborer at New Haven, Conn., said to be held preciously by numismatists and saleable at several thousand dollars if offered to collectors, is in the Byron Reed collection of rare coins at the Omaha public library. It is so highly prized that it is kept in a safe, guarded by many locks and electrically protected doors, while a "dummy" is exhibited in its place in the show case. Byron Reed paid \$50 for it many years ago, but since then other 1864 silver dollars have been sold at from \$75 to \$3,000, and specimens of that particular issue of the silver dollar are now so scarce that none can be bought at any price, although coin collectors are authority for the statement that as high as \$5,000 has been offered for a specimen with no takers. The Byron Reed 1864 silver dollar is the finest specimen of the rare issue known to be in existence, according to old notes in the Byron Reed room at the library. It is an exceptionally clear cut sample and to keep it so, it is never handled except on extraordinary occasions. Miss Edith Tobitt, the librarian, has herself not handled the priceless coin.

Body of Rampolla Will Not Be Exhumed

ROME, Dec. 27.—Officials of the Vatican, as well as intimate friends and relatives of the late Cardinal Rampolla today denied emphatically rumors put into circulation in certain quarters of Rome of mysterious circumstances surrounding the prelate's death. They also declared there was no intention of exhuming his body for medical examination, as the cause of death had been already established. The rumors in question are assumed to have been founded on the disappearance of a small box supposed to have contained some private papers.

Quarter Million Fire at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Fire ruined a five-story building in the heart of the city, causing a loss of \$250,000. One hundred and fifty guests at the St. Regis hotel were routed in their night clothes by flames which leaped across the alley and threatened to attack the hotel windows. Six firemen were injured, though not fatally, by showers of burning embers caused by the collapse of walls and roof. The Adams Stamp company, the Harris Shoe company, the McNight Tailoring company and the Young Women's Christian association down town restaurant were the principal losers. Rural Carrier Drops Dead. VIVIAN, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Heart trouble caused the sudden death of one Vivian, in charge of the rural mail delivery route extending from Vivian to Fort Pierre. Culver "died in harness" for his dead body was found by a farmer in the road beside his mail wagon, from which he evidently toppled when death overtook him. He had left the Vivian postoffice only about ten minutes before his body was found.

MOYER SAYS HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK AND BADLY BEATEN

Head of Western Federation of Miners, Deported from Copper District, is in Milwaukee.

DRAGGED MILE TO THE STATION Says He Was Threatened by Mine Manager.

EXPECTS TO RETURN SOON Will Stay in Chicago Until He Recovers from Wounds.

ACCUSES CITIZENS' ALLIANCE Assault Takes Place in His Room in Hotel at Hancock Soon After Conference with Sheriff and Committee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—"I was attacked by about twenty-five men in my room at the Scott hotel in Hancock, Mich., last night at about 8:30 o'clock, struck over the head with the butt of a revolver, shot in the back, dragged through the hotel and streets and put on a train and told to leave the country forever," said Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, during his stop here on a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train enroute to Chicago.

Moyer, when he arose from his berth, left his bed covered with blood from wounds in his scalp and back. He was good natured despite his wounds and said that after he got "beated up" in Chicago he would return to Calumet and fight "those mine owners to the last." "At 8:30 o'clock last night Sheriff Cruik and about fifteen other men came to my room to ask me about arrangements for the burial of the poor persons who met their death in the Christmas catastrophe. They remained about fifteen minutes and left, after I had told them that the Western Federation of Miners and the labor organizations of the country could and would care for its own unfortunate.

"Within four minutes, or in time before the committee of citizens could leave the room fifteen ruffians burst into the room. I was standing at the telephone at the time and was putting in a call, Charles H. Tanner of California, traveling auditor for the Western Federation of Miners, was with me.

Shooting Accidental. "Several men grabbed hold of me and held me while another man could have behind and struck me with the butt of his revolver on the head. Then there was a report of a gun and I felt a piercing sensation in my back. I don't think anyone shot me deliberately. I think that the gun used in hitting me on the head was discharged during the action.

"Then two men got hold of my arms and dragged me out of the hotel. Down a street we went. When two men became tired, two other huskies took hold of me, and although I was on my feet part of the time, yet for blocks I was dragged. "It is a little more than a mile to Kington, where the mob took me. All the while they were pulling me along the others were yelling 'lynch him' and 'hang him!' and calling me the vilest of names.

Implicates Mine Magnate. "When we reached the station James McNaughton, general manager and vice president of the Calumet and Hecla mines drove up in an automobile. He rushed up to me and said: "You get out of this country forever. If you ever come back I'll hang you."

"Then he continued to shove me in the vilest manner. When the train left, I was thrown bodily onto it. Two men who claimed to be deputy sheriffs then got on. They took me into the sleeper and soon after Mr. Tanner was brought in. He too had been assaulted in the room and forcibly taken to the station. One of the deputies handed the conductor our tickets and said that we were going to Chicago. The deputies stayed on the train until he had passed over into Wisconsin.

Deputy Sheriff Approves Bill. "Somewhere on the trip a doctor was called to dress my wounds. He was summoned by one of the men who said they were deputy sheriffs and he told the doctor to send the bill to the sheriff at Calumet.

"In order to prove my case I got a statement from the doctor."

Mr. Moyer then reached into his coat and got two sheets of paper, on which was written this statement: Charles H. Moyer was treated by me for a gunshot wound in the back, apparently superficial in nature, and lacerations of the scalp. J. W. STORY, M. D., (Countersigned,) W. B. HENDRILEY, Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Moyer said he was going to stop (Continued on Page Four.)

A New Light Coming!

A year or so ago a new light was invented that importantly reduced bills for illuminating. Now hints leak out from the laboratories that soon another light will come on the market that will be even more revolutionary. Probably the first news of this great discovery and many others of equal importance will come to you in the advertising columns of your favorite newspaper. Progress naturally seeks the channels of progress; and business news likes to run along live wires. Advertising is the channel through which new ideas seek their market. If you expect to keep up with what the bright minds are doing you must read the advertising.