

ASK FOR CHANGE IN VOTING

Iowa Traveling Men Want Right to Cast Ballots by Mail.

PETITIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE

Active Work Being Done to Bring About Better Relations Between Business Men and the Railroads.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Water Board Plans Against Emergency

Chairman Jensen of the Water board admitted yesterday that he passed one sleepless night about two weeks ago when slush ice jammed into the intake pipe at the river pumping station and presented such stubborn resistance as to cause serious threat of a dangerous water famine.

Chairman Jensen mentioned then that never again would the water supply of Council Bluffs depend upon one pipe connection with the river and one set of pumps to feed the other units of the pumping system.

Chairman Jensen matured plans for a new auxiliary pumping plant at the thirty-seventh street station, and during the last two weeks he has been energetically engaged in construction work in accordance with those plans. A new building has been built adjoining the new pumping station on the north and another pump, to be driven, if ever used, by a steam engine, is being installed. The auxiliary pumping plant is to be entirely independent of the new one just installed, where two high-efficiency centrifugal pumps are driven by powerful electric motors, only one designed to be used, the other to be ready in case of emergency.

In addition to the ice gorge and the much less that filled the intake pipe, the sudden fall of the river to the extent of more than four feet in twenty-four hours, was the cause of the near approach to a water famine when the electric pumps refused to work for three days. The pumps were required to lift the water to a height greater than was expected. The fall of the river was due to an ice gorge that soon gave way and permitted the pumps to work efficiently, but to provide against another such condition the new auxiliary plant is being installed.

Only one of the old centrifugal pumps purchased when the plant was constructed thirty years ago had ever been used. It was stored at the river plant ready to be started in case of an accident.

Chairman Jensen and Superintendent Blumre have taken this pump and set it in a pit ten feet below the level of the electrically driven pair. They have installed one of the old boilers and engines and used the old belt connection to drive the pump. If the river ever drops to a point so low that the lift of the water from the river is too great, the steam-driven pump, fed from below, will be used, and there will be no possibility of a break in the water supply at the initial point. The danger from the slush ice, which occurred for the first time, indicated the necessity of a steam plant, and although it may not be required for use again in twenty years, it will be there ready for immediate use when the occasion requires it.

The plans of the water board were approved by Burns & McDonald, consulting engineers, of Kansas City, who had an expert here to make an examination. The new plant, including the building that covers it, will be ready for use in two weeks, such has been the speed with which the work has been pushed.

Supreme Court Slow on Rehearings.

Before the close of the last session of the Iowa supreme court for the present term, the court place on file a statement made in connection with an application for a rehearing, which is regarded by lawyers as virtually a rubber to them for having been so free in asking that the court rehear cases. The statement is made in this filing that as a matter of fact no decision is rendered except upon the acquiescence of every member of the court (unless exceptions are noted). The court has had before it the past year upwards of 30 applications for rehearing or cases which have been decided, but the lawyers have asked the court to go back and do it over again. Generally, the claim is made by lawyers that the court has not considered the cases sufficiently. But the court denies this. Only a very few rehearing are ever granted.

Want Women's Department.

Club women of Iowa will make an effort during the coming session of the legislature to get a women's children's department created in connection with the state labor commission. It is urged by many that a woman should be in this department whose special duty should be to look after the interests of girls and children with a corps of women assistants. Men, the claim, cannot get into the confidence of the girls and learn all the needs of the workers and the conditions under which they are required to perform their daily toil. Already the club women are casting about to get some prominent woman social worker to address the legislature on this subject. Arrangements had been made to have Mrs. Starkweather, originator of a similar department in Minnesota, come for such an address, but her death recently has made it necessary to look for another.

Would Keep Money Home.

Another effort will be made by bankers. It is stated, to get the general assembly this winter to pass a law allowing state banks to loan money on real estate mortgages on land in adjoining states. This proposition met determined opposition last session and will probably at this one as the majority of the members, being farmers, believe this would have a tendency to raise the price of money in Iowa and make it more difficult, or at least more expensive, to get loans on Iowa lands. They will probably renew their slogan, "Iowa money for Iowa land."

FURSENBERG IS CAUGHT AT FREMONT BY OFFICERS

Roy Fursenberg, who is said to be the man who ran down and killed A. Levin at Twelfth and Dodge streets a few days ago, was brought to Omaha from Fremont yesterday afternoon and locked in the city jail. Officer Rich was detailed to go to Fremont and bring him here. Fursenberg is said to have driven his car on after he ran down Levin. He drove south to Riverview park, then to South Omaha, where he took a train and went to Grand Island. At Fremont he was arrested by local authorities and held until the Omaha officer talked for him.

COAL CONCERN BANQUETS EMPLOYES ON CHRISTMAS

Employees of the Full Weight Coal company, sixty-four in number, were tattered a Christmas banquet by the owners of the business in the spacious office at 179-181 North Twenty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. Robert Woodman was toastmaster, introducing members of the company and employees, who made appropriate addresses. Gall Margolin, a member of the company, made the principal address, thanking the guests for faithful service.

HIGBEE BUSY AT PHONE RECEIVING GOOD WISHES

Rev. M. V. Higbee, pastor of the North Presbyterian church, probably answered more telephone calls than any other pastor in Omaha. The calls were from his parishioners, who wished him a merry Christmas and much joy. Yesterday Mr. Higbee hit upon a happy plan to call Christmas to the notice of his people. He studied to each of several hundred members nearly engraved cards, extending to Mrs. Higbee's compliments. The cards were delivered during the afternoon and yesterday morning for two hours he was kept busy receiving over the telephone "best wishes for a merry Christmas."

The Persistent and Judicious Use of Newspaper Advertising is the Road to Business Success.

Council Bluffs

Water Board Plans Against Emergency

Chicago Fire Chief Hurt

Automobile Crashes Into His Buggy on Way to Fire.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BURNS

Building in Which He Was Making Run is Totally Destroyed—Six Pittsburgh Firemen Overcome by Smoke.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Battalion Chief Thomas Hackett and his driver were seriously injured in the wreck of their vehicle early today, while speeding to a fire which destroyed the St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

An automobile, driven at high speed, crashed into the buggy and demolished it. Hackett and the driver were hurled fifty feet. Both were taken to a hospital. The office, valued at \$50,000, was totally destroyed. It was a brick structure, four stories high, and was more than forty years old.

Six firemen overcome by smoke, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 25.—Six firemen were overcome by smoke and damage approximating \$100,000 was done today when an eight-story building occupied as the city warehouse of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire. Crossed wires were given as the cause.

Black Christmas Foreruns Disease, Says Old Citizen

Christmas in Omaha yesterday was altogether different from those of former years. Cynicality, it was the Christmas of southern California and the Christmas sports were golf, automobile and driving instead of sleighing and skating. It was the "black Christmas," that, according to the forecast of the so-called wise one, means a fat graveyard next year.

According to the old citizen, yesterday was one of but eight Christmas days since 1864 when there was not snow on the ground, and this same old citizen added that during the summer following the fall of the year, the Christmas disease prevailed to such an extent that it was close to epidemic.

The snowless Christmas, or something else, had a depressing effect about the hotels yesterday. The usual gay crowds and large dinner parties were absent; there were few people in the rotundas and dining rooms, except "the regulars." However, these filled the hotels, due to the fact that Omaha has become the best hotel town in this section of the country.

But things have changed in Omaha, as well as elsewhere, so far as elaborate preparations at hotels on holidays are concerned. Some years ago it was the custom to have Christmas menus a yard or more in length, and there were named hundreds of the most toothsome and tempting dishes the chef could construct. In those days one paid \$1 or so and was brought more food than six men could eat. One minced and tasted and tasted and minced, with the result of a dinner that cost from \$2 to \$3 one ate not to exceed 30 cents worth. The difference was lost to the hotel proprietor, for it was thrown away.

Things changed. While the "big eats" still are in evidence, the la carte prix a la mode and the man or woman who takes Christmas dinner at the hotel or restaurant is wanted and pays for that and nothing more. This new plan probably accounts in the fact that there were fewer than ever big parties at the Omaha hotels yesterday.

At the home, Der Grand, Paxton, Henshaw, Millard and Loyd there were a number of dinner parties yesterday, but they were small, compared with those of former years. However, they were elaborate enough, the menus carrying everything that would tickle the most jaded palate.

GOOD WILL SPIRIT REIGNS OVER CITY

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will be between a mother and three children. The mother has baked a delicious cake and the oldest of the children wishes a slice. Accordingly it starts to plead with its mother. The maternal heart temporarily holds its own, but finally yields and the child is given a piece of cake, with the understanding, however, that it is not to mention anything about it to any other two. It promises, but also yields to the inquiry on the second child, which in turn affects the mother and gets its cake. The third child has the same experience as the second. The mother then becomes worried about her lack of discipline over her children, but consoles herself that they must have been hungry.

A catholic ballad entitled "Christmas With Grandmother" was sung by the church's quartet. It warmed up the hearts of the older members of the congregation and brought many pleasant memories back to them.

There were a number of little songs by the children and also drills by them. The evening passed pleasantly, and special music was played by the Ulmets' orchestra.

The entertainment closed with the distribution of candy among the children.

SERVICES AT KOUNTRE CHURCH

Special Christmas Music at Church Yesterday Morning.

Special Christmas services were held at the Kountze memorial Lutheran church, Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets, by Rev. O. D. Balty at 9:30 yesterday morning. Mr. Balty chose as his text Luke 11: "Into you was born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ, the Lord." Special music was furnished by a large choir.

The leading anthem was "Unfold Ye Portals." Miss Doris Olsen sang in the rear of the choir, while J. E. Hartung sang the same in response from the rear of the balcony. The church was well filled.

The annual Christmas services were held last evening at 7:30.

LITTLE ONES MADE HAPPY

Entertainment and Gifts for All at Castellar Church.

Everyone was made happy at the Castellar street Presbyterian church last night. The evening was primarily one of entertainment and many presents were brought and distributed. The little church, especially, found much over which to enthuse. Special music was in order. The church was decorated beautifully.

Fanning Gives His Son-in-Law Theater Christmas Present

Santa Claus was a rather generous old fellow in Omaha and distributed some lavish presents yesterday. Among these were: From Charles Fanning to his son-in-law, C. J. Atkins, the Bessie theater in South Omaha, valued at \$15,000; Mrs. H. M. Inver, 1922 Cass, a 1913 Cadillac four-passenger auto of the coupe type; Mrs. L. M. Cobb, 111 South Thirty-fifth street, received a seven-passenger Cadillac as a Christmas present; the Omaha Paint and Glass company gave John Gifford, a member of the firm, a Hippodrome.

BRIGGS GETS \$1,800 REWARD

South Omaha Police Chief Given Money for Capturing Convicts.

GOVERNOR ORDERS WARRANTS

Sheriff Myers of Lancaster Claims Part of Money Until Executive Steps in and Decides for South Omaha Man.

Chief of Police John Briggs was Tuesday given credit for the capture of the three convicts, Gray, Dowd and Morley, last spring, by Governor Chester H. Aldrich, who ordered that warrants, aggregating \$1,800, be drawn in the name of the South Omaha police chief.

Briggs, accompanied by his attorney, Henry C. Murphy, and Deputy Fire Warden John Trouton of South Omaha, Grant Chase of Barry county and Gus Myers, sheriff of Lancaster county, arrived at the governor's office shortly before noon for a conference on the reward money. The governor, who is a personal friend of Briggs, was enthusiastic in his congratulations on the outcome of the trial at Wahop.

When the matter of the reward money was formally taken up, it appeared that the governor, after consulting with the sheriff of Lancaster county, had drawn, plus \$300 which he already is said to have obtained. The debate on the different claims grew heated until the governor took a hand and intimated that Briggs was the one entitled to the money.

Taking the case up in detail, the governor recognized Briggs' claim to \$600 for the killing of Gray. It was also conceded that \$600 for the capture of Morley also belonged to Briggs. The third \$600 for the death of Dowd, the governor admitted, was open to dispute, but Trouton, Chase, both of whom were in the first line behind the convicts, decided that they would leave the settlement of their rights to Briggs, and the three claims were then examined, approved and recommended by the governor, as dictated by law.

Warrants Are Drawn. Later the warrants were drawn and audited, but realization of the reward money was hindered for the time because of the practical depletion of the fugitive fund, in which it was found there remained but \$400. The warrants were then registered to await the passage of the deficiency fund act by the incoming legislature, when the money will be finally paid.

Governor Aldrich expressed his pleasure at the happy outcome of Briggs' trial at Wahop and commended the chief for his conduct throughout the affair.

The governor concluded his session with the Omaha men by declaring that he expected to be in Omaha next week in response to an invitation to witness a prize fight in which Paddy McFarland will be the principal.

Even Railway Men Observe Christmas

Travel in and out of Omaha and through the city yesterday was the lightest in years. As a matter of fact, scarcely anyone left town and few came. Those who did come came only from short distances to eat a Christmas dinner with some friend.

Travelers seemed to have planned their itineraries that they might be at home on Christmas day, and about all who were on the road were those who were without homes, or by fortune were forced to forego the observance of Christmas with relatives and friends.

Railroad men seemed to have doped the situation in advance and there was no attempt at a bustle at the city offices, all of which were closed during the entire day.

At local headquarters of railroads there were up activities. It was a full holiday for all of the officials and clerks. Desks were locked and no business was transacted.

JOHN DALE HAS FIVE SONS HERE FOR FAMILY REUNION

John Dale, veteran insurance man, has his five sons with him for the first time in seventeen years. They are here to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Dale is 52 years old and had his sons with him at dinner Sunday and at luncheon at the Commercial club Tuesday noon. A. S. Dale came from Evanston, Ill., and Louis from St. Louis. John F., Walter and Fred live in Omaha.

AN EXCEPTION

Does it pay to advertise? Usually, it does. But a man in a sleepy little western town puts up a strong objection. For years he was a modest clock vender with incidental tinkering. And then in a few hours he put in a small stock of jewelry and advertised the fact.

An enterprising burglar saw the ad and came around the next night and carried off the entire outfit.

Wherefore, the clock vender bewails his enterprise in a strong and vigorous terms.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HOT FLASHES.

Women in middle age often complain of hot flashes. They are at that stage of life when their delicate organism needs a tonic and helping-hand which only Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can give them. Many women suffer needlessly from girlhood to womanhood and from motherhood to old age—with backache, dizziness or headache. A woman often becomes sleepless, nervous, "broken-down," irritable and feels tired from morning to night. When pains and aches rack the womanly system at frequent intervals, ask your neighbor about

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Police Matron is Remembered by the Officers of Police

Police Matron Ella Gibbons was yesterday presented with a fine engraved gold watch and a diamond brooch by the officers of the Omaha police force, who had quietly taken a subscription for the purpose of remembering their sister officer on Christmas day.

LIGHT ON LEGAL ACTIVITIES

A Few Moving Pictures of Lawyers in the Heat and Stress of Business.

A Cleveland corporation lawyer has a new stenographer—the second new one this week. Strange to say, he didn't discharge the first one because she was incompetent, but because she was too good. Let him tell it:

"This girl came to me well recommended, and when I dictated a test letter I found her extremely rapid and accurate. So I employed her on the spot. She felt right in with the work, and I decided that I had found a treasure. But on the third day she gave me a shock. I was dictating an opinion in a complicated legal case, and it was important that it should be accurate in every word and phrase. This was the third draught I had written, in fact. At one place I interrupted myself, and said to the stenographer:

'Am I speaking too fast for you, Miss Jackson? Are you getting my words down correctly?'

"Oh, I'm getting them all right," she answered smiling. 'And you don't speak nearly as fast as I can take. I'm about twenty words ahead of you now!'

"There's such a thing as being too good,"

In a certain case tried in Missouri when the charge was theft of a watch, the evidence was not conflicting, and, as the jury retired, the judge observed that he would be glad to assist in the adjustment of any difficulties that might present themselves to the mind of the jury.

All but one of the jurors had filed out of the box. There was on the face of the one who remained an expression betokening the utmost perplexity.

Observing this hesitancy, his honor said:

"Is there any question you'd like to ask me?'

"At this the twelfth juror's face brightened.

"Yes, your honor," was his eager response. 'I'd be awful glad if you'd tell me whether the prisoner really stole the watch?'

Attorney Ephraim Lipschutz of Philadelphia recently had a client who was to come up for a hearing before Magistrate Gallagher.

"What is your name?" asked Mr. Lipschutz of his client, when the latter came to him with the case.

"James P. O'Brode," was the reply.

"What is your middle name?"