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BRIEF CITY NEWS

Stack-Falconer Co., Undertakers. Try Flatiron Cafe—Everything Right. Have Root Print It—Now Beacon Press. Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Graden Co. Bailey the Dentist, City Nat'l. D. 2566. Diamond Loans at 2 1/2 and 5 per cent. W. C. Platan, 1514 Dodge. Red 6619. You Can Start a Savings Account at the Nebraska Savings and Loan Ass'n. with \$1.00 or more, 1036 Farnam street. The State Bank of Omaha pays a per cent on time deposits, 2 per cent on saving accounts. The only bank in Omaha whose deposits are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska, 11th & Huron Sts.—Adv. Wolf Shot Near Krug Park—A. N. Wintner, a local sportsman, shot a wolf near Krug park Wednesday afternoon while hunting. Broomfield Entertains Workmen—Jack Broomfield entertained 118 colored workmen of the Third ward at a big Christmas dinner at home, 911 Capitol avenue Wednesday. Debating Society to Hold Reunion—The Demosthenian Debating society will give its annual reunion banquet next Monday at the Paxton hotel. J. P. Woolery and N. Bernstein are faculty. The committee in charge consists of Frank Hixenbaugh, Barney Kulakofsky, Harry Maloney and Gilbert Eldredge. Confess Jewelry Robbery—Gilbert Dolan and Frank Richardson, arrested Monday for breaking and entering the jewelry store of John Corby at 14 North Sixteenth street, have made written confessions to Chief Maloney. Nathan Kelly, the third member of the gang, is not implicated in the robbery; Maloney says, but he is being held for further investigation. COAL CONCERN BANQUETS EMPLOYEES ON CHRISTMAS Employees of the Full Weight Coal company, sixty-four in number, were tendered a Christmas banquet by the owners of the business in the spacious office at 1124 North Twenty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. Robert Goodman was co-master, introducing members of the company and employees, who made appropriate addresses. Gail Margolin, a member of the company, made the principal address, thanking the guests for faithful service. Fit His Case Exactly. "When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Fort Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement. Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

NEW SERVICE BOARD MEETS

Plans for Dealing with Places of Amusements Are Discussed. OTHERS ARE ALSO PRESENT. Complaints Are Heard, but No Action is Taken.—T. F. Sturges is Made Chairman of the Board. Plans for dealing with the various amusement places in Omaha were discussed at the first meeting of the social service board in the Commercial club rooms yesterday. It was decided by the board that as soon as an investigation of conditions can be made, the proprietors of theaters will be called into a meeting and the idea of the board for charging up their entertainments will be given to them. In separate meetings the owners and managers of moving picture film companies, also, and proprietors of dance and pool halls will be called in before the board and told what is expected of them. The full social service board, Mayor Dahlman, Police Commissioner Ryder, Policewoman Katherine Drummey and Judge Howard Kennedy also attended the meeting, over which T. F. Sturges, editor of the Twentieth Century Farmer, who has been named chairman, presided. Complaints which members of the board have received from various sources were discussed, but no action in regard to them was taken. Police Commissioner Drummey gave a report of her investigations of dance halls and said conditions had greatly improved since first she started out in her activities as a police investigator. Chairman Sturges will arrange another meeting as soon as preliminary investigations are finished. Manawa Presents Ideal Ice Skating Manawa presents, and has presented for a fortnight, the finest skating which those who have been familiar with the winter conditions of the lake for twenty-five years declare they have ever known. The water has frozen under the surface of the lake was unruffled by even the faintest breeze, for the weather makers have provided almost a dead calm for two weeks. It is clear, dark "hickory" ice, without a blemish or a speck of sand. The ice extends all the way across, but there are several quite large open spaces near the center of the eastern end, with some dangerous shoals in other places, but for a quarter of a mile from the shore, all of the way around, it is firm and safe and smooth as a mirror. Apparently only a small number of lovers of the healthful sport have dis-

JUDGE ALTSTADT RUNS WILD

Hands Out All Kinds of Sentences in Police Court. SENDS EVANS TO HOSPITAL. Rebukes Man for Laughing and Says that He Will Make Him Cry by Giving Him a Thirty-Day Sentence. Justice of the Peace Altstadt, who took Police Magistrate Foster's place on the bench yesterday made a farce out of the court proceedings and kept the prisoners and spectators in a state of continuous laughter. "Little Bismarck," as the judge is commonly known, is the original Judge Rumbauer. Mike Roach, charged with assault with intent to rob, was given sixty days in the county jail without a hearing. When Mike took his place in front of the judge "Little Bismarck" shouted sixty days before he knew what the prisoner was charged with. When the prisoner asked on what charge he had been sentenced the judge replied, "I will give you an itemized account if you want it." Pearl Washington, complaining witness against John Busch, who was charged with stealing \$10 from her, was fined \$10 and costs and Busch was discharged. Joe Grace, arrested for being drunk, was dismissed with the demand that he get out and get a good "bun" on. Parker Gets Thirty Days. James Parker was given thirty days for abusing his wife. "Is two black eyes the best you can give your wife for a Christmas present," the judge inquired of Parker. "I will give you a present of thirty days so that you will have strength enough to knock her down again when you get out." E. Snelder, arrested for disturbing the peace, was severely rebuked by the judge for laughing. "I will make you cry," the judge exclaimed. "Are you married," he asked. When the defendant answered in the affirmative, he said, "I was only going to give you twenty days, but I will make it thirty now." "Who, me?" Snelder asked. "No! Your wife, you big boob!" the judge shouted. George Weeks, who told the judge he was a sailor, was discharged. The judge told him he was some sailor—in whisky. C. B. Evans, arrested for being drunk, said he was a quarry worker. Not knowing what sort of occupation this was, Judge Cooley informed his "lone" that Evans was a marble worker. "Oh, so you make ice cream do you?" he asked. "Well, I don't like ice cream, so you can go to the county hospital for ninety days." Rimard White and Frank O'Grady, charged with petty larceny, pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 and costs each.

CITY PAYS BIG INTEREST

Drafts for \$287,000 Are Sent Out by City Treasurer. MOST OF IT GOES TO NEW YORK. Large Increase is Because of the Seven Million Bond Issue Used in the Purchase of the Water Works. Records for interest payments on bonds were shuffled by the county and city treasurer's office when drafts for \$287,000 were mailed to bondholders by Deputy Treasurer Emmett G. Solomon. Draft for \$187,000 was sent to Kountze Bros., bankers, New York, to pay six months' interest on the \$7,000,000 water bonds; \$3,000 was sent to Kountze Bros. for interest on school bonds, and \$97,000 to the same firm for interest on city bonds. Draft for \$15,000 was sent to the state treasurer for interest of county bonds held by the state. Breaking of the record results from the \$7,000,000 water bond issue. All the interest for which drafts were sent is due January 1. Chorus Girls Strew Flowers on Grave of Their Dead Comrade. A sign of the harder side of life flashed through the Christmas of "The Moulin Rouge" company yesterday—flashed because the players paid a token of respect to the little chorus girl, Jessie Cole, whose death occurred just as life seemed most worth while. No one in any other city of the country remains to mourn the loss of that little chorister, and no one will be in Omaha to think of her after her company goes away Saturday night. But while they are here the players are keeping in mind the death of their little friend. Yesterday five members went to Holy Sepulcher cemetery and laid American Beauty roses on the grave of the girl. It was far from a gay Christmas at the Krug for "The Moulin Rouge" and there seemed to be much lacking in their manner and talk to make their day the kind it would have been had little Jessie Cole been living.

WOODMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Sam Thomas of Florence Falls in Bonfire Near the River. COULD NOT EXTRICATE HIMSELF. Was Engaged in Chopping Wood to Be Used in Riprap Work on the River Near Blair—Leaves Four Children. Sam Thomas of Florence was burned to death yesterday about a mile north of the Florence water works plant, when in some manner he fell in a bonfire from which he was unable to extricate himself. Thomas, with a gang of men, was cutting willows which were being loaded on cars to be used by the Missouri River Bridge company on some riprapping being done at Blair. The workmen had the fire to help keep warm. F. S. Tucker had the contract for cutting the willows. Thomas was about 25 years old and leaves four small children, his wife having died about a year ago. Japanese Are Given Glimpse of Christmas. Eleven Japanese from the camp at South Omaha, nearly all of them workers in the packing houses there, were entertained at the Young Men's Christian association yesterday as a part of the educational work of the institution. Regular classes are held for their instruction in English and in Bible work, but yesterday's meeting was purely social in character. Speeches were made by both guests and hosts, music of both nations was played and refreshments were served. The purpose was to give the Japanese an idea of the meaning of Christmas to Americans. Effort to Release Urrlass Girl Meets Much Opposition. An effort on the part of Police Judge James Callanan of South Omaha to obtain the release of Josephine Urrlass, the young South Omaha woman held by the Omaha police for the theft of goods from several stores in Omaha, failed yesterday after District Judge A. L. Sutton had accepted bond for the girl on a charge of grand larceny for the theft of a diamond ring. The Omaha police refused to allow the girl's release on the score that there are fifteen charges of petty larceny still against the girl. The Urrlass girl is a foster daughter of Morris Yost of South Omaha and her love for pretty things is said to have influenced her mind contrary to the dictates of honesty. She was finally caught and an amount of goods and valuables recovered. The girl's foster parents besought the intervention of friends to permit the girl to spend Christmas at home. Judge A. L. Sutton of the district bench gladly accepted the proffer of bond from Police Judge James Callanan. The Omaha police, however, said that representatives of the department stores from which goods had been taken refused to permit the freedom of the girl who will be prosecuted on charges of petty larceny. Judge Callanan said yesterday that the girl was being held without any formal complaint of petty larceny being placed against her. 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 mailed to each of several hundred members neatly engraved cards, extending his and Mrs. Higbee's compliments. They were delivered during the afternoon and yesterday morning for two hours he was kept busy receiving over the telephones, "best wishes for a merry Christmas."

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