

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Stack-Falconer Co., Undertakers. Try Flatiron Co.—New Blouses... Have Root Print It—New Blouses... Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Grades Co. Bailey the Dentist, City Nat'l. D. 2548. Diamond Loans at 2 1/2 and 5 per cent. W. C. Flatau, 1614 Dodge, Red 3619. The Nebraska Savings and Loan Ass'n. offers a safe and profitable plan to help you save. 1605 Farnam street. McBride Entertains His Staff—County Surveyor George McBride will entertain his staff at a New Year's party at his home Tuesday night. Philbin Banquets Employees—P. H. Philbin, proprietor of the Schiltz hotel, will give a banquet to the employees of the hotel Tuesday night at 1 o'clock. Restaurant Man Bankrupt—Albia D. Zook of Ponca, Neb., proprietor of a restaurant at that place has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Omaha Division of the federal court. He places his liabilities at \$2,362.71 and lists no assets that are not exempt. More Pay for Elevator Men—The three men operating the elevators in the federal building have received a Christmas present or rather a New Year's greeting in the way of a raise of \$5 per month. Their salaries which have been \$35 per month have been raised to \$60 per month. Foreign Mail Heavy—The Christmas mails from foreign sources coming through the Omaha customs house are the largest they have ever been. Nine sacks of parcels and packages arrived again yesterday, besides the bags of registered mail. Saturday fourteen sacks arrived at the office of the collector of customs in the federal building. Janitor Breaks Arm—Hugh McGrath, janitor at Castellor school, was seriously injured when the stepladder upon which he was standing collapsed. He sustained a broken left arm and several bruises. His face was badly bruised and one of his teeth was knocked out. McGrath was in the manual training room cleaning the walls when the accident occurred. Cold in Wyoming—According to the reports to the railroad good weather prevails over all of Nebraska today, but up in Wyoming they are getting a touch of winter. At Sheridan and north, it rained or snowed most of last night and today there is a light blizzard, but with a temperature of but little below freezing. To Name Seven New Clerks—Postmaster Wharton spent the morning looking over the list of eligibles who have passed the civil service examination for clerks in the postal service, with a view to selecting seven clerks. He will make a selection of seven substitutes to be used in the postoffice wherever he needs them when the parcels post system goes into effect. Many Skates at Carter Lake—Although too busy to look after the skating on Carter lake as he has done for several winters past, Uncle Joe Rodman announces that the ice there is in prime condition. It is thick enough to be perfectly safe and as smooth as glass. Sunday there were at least 600 skaters on the arm of the lake, south of the Illinois Central bridge. Bids for Indian Supplies—R. C. Jordan, superintendent of the Indian warehouse, will soon ask for bids on groceries, furniture, harness and leather, agricultural implements, paints, oils, glass, medical supplies, books, stationery and coal. The proposal blanks will be issued within a few days. This is the first time that Omaha merchants have had an opportunity to bid on agricultural implements. The bids will be opened in Omaha on March 10.



Front Row, Left to Right—J. C. Blair, A. E. Bruce, Ben Johnson, John Rush, C. Murphy, J. J. Barton, C. Reese, F. Pfeiffer, Jack Alvord, Jack Milvill, Back Row—P. Wendell, A. Kennedy, H. McCaffery, Richard Kennedy, P. Flanagan, C. Little, Jerry Maher. Seated—George Roache. PRESENTED HIS MINSTREL SHOW LAST NIGHT AT CREIGHTON AUDITORIUM, TWENTY-FIFTH AND CALIFORNIA STREETS.

RATIFICATION IS POSTPONED

Majority of Committee Asks for a Week to Familiarize Selves. VOTE ON IT NEXT MONDAY

Will Be Necessary to Secure Passage of Bill Through Legislature Before City Commission Will Have Full Power.

Ratification of the agreement between a committee of the city council and officials of the gas company was postponed for a week at the request of the majority of the commissioners in committee of the whole today. In the meantime each councilman will be furnished with a copy of the agreement so that he may thoroughly familiarize himself with it before casting a vote for the adoption or rejection of the compromise. The agreement will be considered next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

This agreement provides simply that an election be held to give the people an opportunity to vote on the question of extending the gas company's franchise for ten or thirty or any other fixed period of years. It fixes the price of gas at not more than \$1 per 1,000 cubic feet and gives the city council authority to revise the rates every ten years.

It will be necessary to secure the passage of a bill through the legislature in order to give the city commission power to regulate the rates. Nothing with reference to the reduction of rates before there is a vote on the extension franchise is contained in the agreement. The gas company will not be expected to reduce the rates to \$1 until it is known whether or not the franchise is extended.

Whether rates are reduced or not the city commission wants the power of revision, which only the legislature can give. There will be, however, a strong opposition to extension of the franchise, as those interested politically or otherwise are now preparing to fight any extension. The company's franchise has five more years to run.

Wheat Continues to Move to the Gulf Ports for Export

Notwithstanding the advance of the rate on wheat from 15 1/2 to 15 3/4 cents from Omaha to New Orleans, the bulk of the grain continues to move in that direction, roads operating between the two points still experiencing great difficulty in securing cars to handle the business.

Grain men here contend that each year the shipment of export wheat by way of New Orleans will continue to increase, at least if the Interstate Commerce commission does not order a reduction of the Chicago rate.

With New Orleans 1,800 miles away and Chicago but 500, the rate on wheat to the last named place is 15 1/2, with a 12-cent rate if it is billed to points beyond.

Chicago rates, grain men say, are altogether too high, even as compared with the 15 1/2 cent rate to New Orleans, and that the time is not far distant when a reduction will have to come if Chicago continues to be a grain market for the central west.

It is estimated that in Omaha elevators there are at least 1,900 cars of wheat that will move to New Orleans before Tuesday night, the date when the last shipment can be moved out under the now export rate.

Blair Man Will Pay \$100 a Year for Wife

Here is a chance for a woman who wants to be the wife of a man living at Blair, Neb., and who is willing to undertake the task at a price of \$100 a year. The Bee received the following letter which is self-explanatory: "Enclosed please find 25 cents in silver for which insert the following advertisement in your daily one time: Gentleman of means will pay \$100 per year for any young lady that will marry me within sixty days. Address, Omaha, Neb., O 67."

CITY PLANNING BOARD TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Mayor Dahman has named the following society to draft a constitution and by-laws for the city planning society, to be permanently organized Friday night: John A. Rins, Fred Paffenrath, Thomas R. Kimball, W. A. DeBord and Charles A. Alden.

chamber at the city hall, permanent officers will be elected.

Printers Denounce Lawlessness of Any in Labor Disputes

At a largely attended meeting of Omaha Typographical union, No. 190, on Sunday afternoon, the membership went on record in regard to any form of lawlessness or disorder in connection with industrial or trades disputes by the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Omaha Typographical Union No. 190 does hereby place itself on record as being unalterably opposed to lawlessness in any form; that it condemns any effort at the destruction of property, or the placing in jeopardy of human lives by parties to either side of any controversy between employer and employee; that it renews its declaration that all power and authority rest in the membership, and that the officers of such organizations are clothed only with such power and authority as is specifically delegated to them; that we condemn in general and in particular any effort by any officer of any organization to transcend the power and authority conferred upon him by the membership of the organization of which he is a member."

More Complaints Against Urrlass Girl

Complaints charging Emma Urrlass, the young South Omaha girl whose love for finery prompted her to steal several hundred dollars' worth of goods from Omaha department stores, with obtaining goods under false pretenses have been filed by three prominent Omaha society women. There is a case pending in district court against the girl for grand larceny.

Miss Margaret Havens, Mrs. A. M. Bock and Mrs. L. Heller have filed the three complaints against the girl. The cases are set for hearing in police court Tuesday morning.

The Urrlass girl represented herself at the Brandeis store as Miss Havens and secured a large amount of goods, having them charged to Miss Havens. She also said she was the daughter of Mrs. Heller and secured many dollars' worth of finery, which was marked up against Mrs. Heller's account. At the Orkin Bros. store she said she was the wife of Mr. Toek.

Over \$100 worth of goods and other valuables were obtained by the Urrlass girl at the Orkin Bros. store and \$5 worth at the Brandeis stores. The girl is still being held in the women's department at the city jail.

Teamster is Thrown from Wagon and Hurt

E. W. Larson of 5120 South Fourteenth street, who drives a team for the Plattner Lumber company, met with an accident Monday noon. The team he was driving became frightened and ran into a telephone post near Twenty-fourth and Sprague streets. He was thrown against the curb and in some way his right foot became tangled up and was badly crushed. He was taken to the Swedish hospital, where his wounds were dressed. It is feared that there are also internal injuries.

WOMAN ASKS DIVORCE IN THE WRONG STATE

Mrs. Mary Hansen has dismissed her divorce suit against Hans P. Hansen because when she started it she did not know where she lived and the suit was brought in the wrong state.

Mrs. Hansen sued in the Douglas county district court. She and her husband at times had lived in Nebraska and at times in Iowa. Mrs. Hansen had lived in Nebraska several months when she brought the action, but her attorneys since has discovered that she regards Iowa as her home, hence she must sue for divorce in Iowa.

ORKIN BROS. STORE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY TODAY

Orkin Bros. store in Omaha will be closed all day today because of the death of Mrs. Tillie Orkin of Sioux City, mother of the members of the Orkin Brothers firm.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence. Age. Charles P. Tobey, Omaha, 22. D. Beulah Shimer, Omaha, 22. Joe W. Wharton, Omaha, 22. Huldah M. Carlson, Omaha, 22. Robert J. Donahoe, Dorchester, 21. Julie G. Wheeler, Sioux City, 21. Charles E. Thompson, Council Bluffs, 21. Nora M. Atwood, Sioux City, 21. Bentley A. Brown, Omaha, 21. Rosetta E. Tanner, Omaha, 21. Albert G. Hallgren, South Omaha, 20. Agnes W. Nelson, South Omaha, 20. August F. McCarthy, Omaha, 20. Alfreda Gibson, Omaha, 20. Henry Giles, Waverly, 20. Rena Pike, Lincoln, 20. Roy D. Herrington, Norfolk, 20. Carrie Evans, Norfolk, 20. Rufus Long, Omaha, 20. Mamie Owens, Omaha, 20. Frank L. Morinell, Omaha, 20. Carmela Calabro, Omaha, 20.

Religious Societies Give a Parade and Watch In New Year

Approximately 2,000 men and women of the various religious organizations of Omaha will be in line in the monster parade through the principal streets of this city this evening. The parade will form at the First Congregational church, Nineteenth and Davenport streets, at 10 o'clock.

The following organizations will take part in the parade: Episcopal, Douglas County Sunday School association, Tri-City Barasa union, Salvation army, Christian Endeavor union, Epworth league, Volunteers of America and the Young Men's Christian association.

The 2,000 men and women will meet at the First Congregational church at 8 o'clock, where divine and song services will be held until 10 o'clock. Representatives of the various organizations will be called on for short addresses. At 10 o'clock the parade will be formed and will move through the principal streets to the Boyd theater, where Bishop Bradford of the Methodist church, will make the principal address of the evening. The services will last until the New Year.

Pretty White Girl Not Allowed to Wed Educated Japanese

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—S. K. Nagasaki, a well dressed, educated Japanese man, and Miss Alta Miffel, an American girl in appearance, presented themselves to County Judge McDuffee yesterday and asked for a license to wed, with the intention of having the judge marry them.

Judge McDuffee refused the license on the grounds that he was opposed to racial intermarriages and that the Nebraska statute was not definite on the question. Both gave Lincoln as their home, and in answer to the judge's question why they had not applied for a license in Lancaster county, recalled that Miss Miffel's mother, who accompanied them to Madison, resided at Norfolk. The party came from Norfolk by automobile.

RECRUITING STATION MAY MOVE INTO ARMY BUILDING

The army recruiting station, which is located at Thirtieth and Douglas streets, is likely to soon be moved into the United States army building at Fifteenth and Dodge streets. The officer in charge has made application for admission. General Frederick A. Smith accordingly wrote to Washington recommending it.

POSTOFFICES WILL BE MERGED THIS EVENING

The South Omaha postoffice will be formally taken over by the Omaha postoffice this evening. This is in accordance with the terms of the merger directed a few weeks ago by the general postoffice. Postmaster Etter of South Omaha, has been making an inventory of the supplies there and will submit this to Postmaster Wharton this afternoon. After he accepts it he will be responsible for that postoffice also, and the transfer will be completed. Mr. Etter will then become superintendent of the South Omaha branch.

Naming the New Hotel

Why not name the new hotel "Hotel Good Will," for all parties who have subscribed stock have done so with the good will for the improvement of the city of Omaha. MRS. FRANK X. BAUMGARTNER.

I suggest the name "The Byron" for the \$1,000,000 hotel. C. A. C. I would suggest what I think would be a very good name for the new \$1,000,000 hotel, a name that is known all over the world, and a name that sounds good to all the world, "The Carpathia." WILLIAM QUINN.

Permit me to suggest a name for the new hotel in Omaha. I would name it, "The Omaha Midland." This name is easy to remember, has a geographical meaning, and would suggest to the traveler from ocean to ocean that Omaha is the proper location and that magnificent hotel is the very inn to rest for a day or two before continuing the Journey. Yours truly, GODFREY FRISCHHOLZ, Columbus, Neb.

At the railroad headquarters and in the offices New Year's day will be observed as a holiday. The order will apply at the city ticket offices.

Movements of Ocean Steamers. NEW YORK...Campania...Mazette. NEW YORK...Celtic...M. Washington. NEW YORK...Sussex. NEW YORK...New York. LIVERPOOL...Virginia...Carmale. LONDON...Annie.

BRANDEIS STORES THURSDAY January 2, we announce our GREAT ANNUAL January Sales of LINENS and WHITE GOODS Universally Recognized As The Greatest Annual Bargain Event That is Held in the Entire West

LAWMAKERS SOON TO MEET

Twelve Middle Western Legislatures Assemble in January. MANY PROBLEMS IN ILLINOIS Wisconsin Will Set the Pace for New Things in Legislation with Ambitious Program of Reforms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Illinois will hold the center of the stage among the twelve middle-western states whose legislatures meet in regular session beginning early next month. With two United States senators to be elected, the first democratic administration in twenty years in the saddle; a band of twenty-six legislators from the progressive party fighting republicans and democrats, and no party holding a majority in either house on joint ballot, it seems certain that the forty-eighth general assembly which will be called to order January 5 will become one of the most historic that has met at Springfield.

Not only is a deadlock in connection with the senatorships almost a certainty in Illinois, but a bitter contest over organization of the legislature, which may delay the regular work of the session for weeks, is said to be imminent.

Wisconsin, although not furnishing the spectacular feature that will mark the Illinois session, probably will attract next greatest attention by the work of its legislature. Settling the pace for innovations in legislative affairs, Wisconsin has mapped out a comprehensive program of "social betterment" legislation.

Efforts to establish a system of rural credits to aid farmers, a system of land colonization that will make possible the "back to the land" movement for the man with little money, a nothers pension plan, a minimum wage bill and a recall bill for members of state commissions are only a few of the measures that will be considered at Madison.

Six States Elect Senator. Six middle-western states, in addition to Illinois, will elect a federal senator. These are Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Kansas. No senator will be elected next year in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Indications at this time point to the election from these seven states of four republican senators, at least two and possibly three democrats and one progressive. Illinois may choose two democrats or name one democrat and a republican or other party member to fill the short term opened by the expulsion from the senate of William Lorimer.

In Michigan, despite the rumors of a combination against him, William Alden Smith, republican, has declared that he is certain of election. Iowa is to return to Washington William S. Kenyon, republican, Nebraska, unless the unexpected happens will name George W. N. S. rick, progressive, in South Dakota, Thomas Sterling, republican primary nominee, may be opposed by Senator Robert J. Gamble, in Minnesota, the return of Senator Knute Nelson seems assured. In Kansas, it is expected that Judge W. H. Thompson, democrat, will be elected to succeed Senator Charles Curtis.

Lineup of the Parties. Of the twelve states named, if party lines govern, the republicans will control the legislatures in Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The democrats hold an overwhelming majority in the legislatures of Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas. In Nebraska the democrats have a majority of one on joint ballot, although the republicans have a majority in the Nebraska senate.

The political alignment, however, may be changed in several of the legislatures by members of the new progressive party, some of whom were elected under the name republican.

In some states there is no progressive representation in the legislature and in others the representation is so small as to be of scarcely any effect. In Missouri, J. H. Somerville of Mercer county, was the sole progressive elected. According to the political alignment, however, may be changed in several of the legislatures by members of the new progressive party, some of whom were elected under the name republican.

Rockefeller's Son Tells of Assistance Gained by Prayers

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in addressing a large audience today in the Young Men's Christian association building at Tarrytown, which was made possible by a gift of \$50,000 from his father, told of his faith in prayer, and of how, when he faced the crisis of his life and his happiness and usefulness to the world depended upon the decision, he prayed to God for four years, night and morning, to guide him on the right path.

Suddenly one morning, before dawn had broken, he arose from his bed and lighted a lamp. He said the path of his life then and there had been made as clear to him as though a sign were before him pointing out the right road for him to follow. He took his pen and there in the early morning committed himself to the life he should lead. What the crisis was or how he committed himself he did not say.

"No man can prove to me that there is nothing in prayers after my experience," he said. "God answered me."

Sheriff Captures Girl Horsethief

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Dorothy Benson, 25 years of age, of Williams, Ariz., stranded in Chicago, stole a horse to get out of town on rather than starve here or be turned out on the streets. She got as far as Dwight, Ill., after riding since Tuesday, when she was captured and sent back to answer to the charge of horse stealing.

She walked into the South Clark street station in sombrero, divided corduroy riding skirt, gauntlet and spurs, while the police gathered around to see the first girl horsethief ever seen here outside of a moving picture show.

Miss Benson admits that she stole the horse, but says she meant to return it. "I had to do it or starve or worse," she said.

Miss Benson is a professional rider. She said she came here from the south-west, intending to get work with some wild west show or circus. When she was down to 50 cents last Tuesday she hired the best horse in a riding academy for an hour's ride. She turned the animal's head west and would still have been going if the sheriff at Dwight had not recognized her.

Miss Violet Asquith Visits United States

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of Premier Asquith of England, was a passenger on the steamer Celtic, which wharved here today from Liverpool. Miss Asquith was accompanied by the Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the lord lieutenant of Ireland.

After remaining in this city a few days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Philipps, Miss Asquith will go to Washington to become a guest of James Bryce, the British ambassador. She expects to return to England January 31.

Officer Andersen Becomes Benedict

Police Officer M. E. Andersen, better known as "Axel," took leave of absence from duty Saturday with the permission of his superior officers, but he failed to tell why he wanted to be relieved for only a few hours. Last night it developed that the time was utilized by the officer in shelving his bachelorhood and becoming a benedict. Miss Lillie Lager of Essex, La., was the bride. The couple will be at home at 300 Chicago street to their friends.

ORKIN BROTHERS In tribute to the memory of Mrs. T. Orkin, mother of the Orkin Brothers, this store will be closed all day Tuesday, December 31. Store Closed New Year's Day