BRIEF CITY NEWS

"Townsend's for Sporting Goods." Gift Certificates-Edholm Jeweler. Mave Enot Print It-Now Beacon Press. Christmas Tree Lighting Outfits-Burgess-Granden company.

\$3,750 Buys 3 Mouses and 66x75 feet only 60 feet from trackage. Income \$60 per month. J. H. Dumont, Keeline Bldg. To Adjust Claims - Next Monday afternoon city and county officials will get together in an effort to adjust claims and counter claims of long standing.

"Today's Movie Program" classified section today. It appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving pleture theaters offer.

McCaffrey Sells Property-Hugh Mc-Caffrey has sold to Alice Howell the brick property on the south side of Farnam street, near Park avenue. The consideration was \$15,000.

For safety First in life insurance, see W. H. Indoe, general agent State Mutual Life Assurance company of Worcester, Mass., one of the oldest (71 years) and

R. B. Howell to Talk-R. B. Howell will address the Omaha Philosophical society Sunday on the subject of "Cooperation." The society meets in hall 2, Lyric building, Nineteenth and Farnam

Victim of Negro-Pete Collins, tranin the lower part of the city when a sion, colored person enticed him into a dwelling at 1019 Capitol avenue. When he his pocket.

of the Carter Lake club reports to the army should attack it. Reading matter police that his auto was stolen from the interspered with the pictures states that parking district near the postoffice. C. a big navy is just as important to the M. Mortensen, 6124 Florence boulevard, lost his car from Sixteenth and Howard as to the coast. streets, and a machine belonging to S Harnell, 2025 Sherman avenue was taken from Twenty-fourth and Charles streets

Relatives of Omaha Folks Are Roughly Treated in Africa

Anna Peycke, 577 South Twenty-eighth street, has received a letter from relatives at Hamburg, Germany, stating that at the beginning of the European war her brother-in-law, Richard Peycke, and his were interned by the British at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Mr. Peycke's wife and four daughters driven from their home and left to their own sought refuge in the basement of the aerial craft. home of a Boer family.

Richard Peycke has lived in Port Elizabeth forty-five years and many years was proprietor of a mercantile establishment. When the war broke out he was a victim of the attacks by the British against the Germans. He is a brother of Ernest and Edmund Peycke, commission merchants here for many years and now residents of Kansas City and Los Angeles, respectively.

The letter received by Anna Peycke has information that it was the understanding that the British would deport the Germans of Port Elizabeth back to Germany, but a mutiny among the crew of the vessel on which they were to have sailed changed the arrangements. No information has been received as to the ultimate fate of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peycke and five children.

Local Banks and Trust Companies

Dividends to be paid by the banks in Omaha this year are said to be as large felde, a prominent physician of the state, as those paid last year, and are said to range from 6 to 20 per cent.

The figures on dividends paid last year bank, 8 per cent regular and an extra Davis and A. F. Tyler. periodical by another, 8 per cent and a

These are considered wonderful showings by the banks of Omaha, but no more remarkable than they are to be this year. according to report

The dividends in all the financial institutions are to be paid the first of the year. Dividends to be paid by the build- BREAKS BOYS' SLEDS WHEN and loan companies of Omaha, it is estimated now, will amount to \$618,060.

The various trust companies will pay dividend which is estimated to total

Large Average of Omahans Own Homes In Which They Live

Roughly speaking, forty families it every 100 in Omaha own their own homes In glaring contrast is New York City, where less than twelve families of every 100 own their own homes.

These are a few of the figures gleaned from the United States census report

Dayton, O., shows a lower percentage of home ownership than Omaha, the percentage in that city being given as 38.1. Scattle holds the record for the year 1914 of having the lowest death rate of any of the big cities. It had but \$4 deaths per thousand. Omaha had but 11.9 per thousand. The average of the whole United States is 14.1. Memphis shows 20.8.

Omaha shows up nicely with a very low per capita fire loss for that year The loss is shown as \$1.77 per capita with a population given for that year of 130,000. Trenton, N. J., showed a per capita fire loss of \$15.32 the same year with a population of 103,000. Columbus, O., showed the lowest per capita fire loss, only 50 cents,

BEDDEO GIVES CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY OF OMAHA

Eimer Beddeo, head of the Bedde Clothing company, has given \$300 worth of clothing and shoes to the Volunteers of America for distribution among needy men, women and children. Mr. Beddeo makes a similar donation every year. H. R. Bowen, manager of the Central Purniture company, sent a lot of toys to the City mission for distribution by Nellie Magee, head of the mission.

Coughs and Colds Dangerous. Don't wait, take Dr. King's New Diseovery now. It will help your cough and soothe the lungs. Sec. All druggists .-Advertisement.

SHOW BATTLE CRY OF PEACE AT BOYD

Invited Audience Sees Private Showing of Mythical Invasion

of New York.

sisting of National Guard officers, private advance showing of "The mas day for a two weeks' run.

In addition to being a photographic masterpiece and a wonderful production, it is also a powerful preparations for defense by the nation.

Guesta at the private showing applauded the film from sheer admiration of its photographic excellence and compelling interest, and from their attitude it was evident that the preparedness prosient at the State hotel, was sojourning paganda arguments had made an impres-

Emphasis is directed to the contention that the preparedness, is preparedness was well away from the place he dis- against war, rather than for war and covered that \$15 had been extracted from that it is needed immediately. The scenes attempt to show what would happen Three Autos Stolen-Bryan W. Hart to New York if an enemy fleet and peace and safety of the inland states

Abounding in thrills, monster spectacles, beautiful tableaux and exciting climatic episodes, the production is calculated to be excellent entertainment, well worth seeing, whether or not it appeals from the standpoint of systematic propaganda, which it frankly is. Breath-taking destruction of armies, battleships, and buildings elaborately depicted in the skillfully made and very realistic films. The victorious invasion of New York by a foreign power is vividly pictured.

There is plenty of fiction, plot and amusing comedy to relieve the sermon izing of the preparedness propaganda, and the principal players are very capable. Thousands of militia men were used in the mass scenes, and there are many resources. After wandering for days, the scenes showing infantry fighting, as well letter states, Mrs. Peycke and daughters as war operations by fleets, artillery and

Show Prominent Men. Action films of Hudson Maxim, the inventor of war machines, and of Theodore Roosevelt, Lyman Abbott, General Leonard Wood, Admiral Dewey and other nationally prominent men, are presented to clinch the militaristic arguments.

One of the comedy elements of the prologue is a peace society meeting that breaks up in a fist fight. Spies of a foreign power are depicted in American households and as the leaders of peace organizations. The presentation attempts to be neutral as regards the fictitious power supposed to be ready to pounce upon America, but the leading characters representing this power have strong German characteristics physically.

Omaha Physicians Go to Celebration

to Cut Big Melons A party of Omaha physicians went to seventieth birthday anniversary celebration in honor of Dr. A. S. von Mans-Among the Omahans were Drs. F. E. Coulter, J. P. Lord, E. C. Henry, W. O. Henry, Newell Jones, A. C. Stokes, H. L.

> The festivities were held in a hall a remembrance of gold coins.

Dr. von Mansfelde has been honored association. Belle and Jo of Central High school faculty are his daughters.

THEY COAST BY HER PLACE

Mrs. N. Shapiro, storekeeper at 2606 Hamilton of her place of business. She was given ick is suing John W., charging crueity replacing the sled. She chose the latter. cruelty.

Comes to Omaha to Manage the New Blackstone Family Hotel

cities in the country in which to hold real estate, according to Franklin V. Moffit, president and managing director Blackstone Family Hotel of Omaha. He liss recently come to Omaha ARGUMENT FOR PREPAREDNESS with his family from Chicago. He will make his home in Omaha permanently A specially invited audience, con- now, and as soon as the handsome new Blackstone is completed he will live there with his family. He came to Omaha to motion picture and newspaper men be in close personal touch with all the and a group of representative citi- work of equipping this handsome new zens and business men, witnessed a building at Thirty-sixth and Farnam streets,

While Mr. Moffit has never before lived Pattle Cry of Peace" at the Boyd in Omaha, he is no stranger here; he theater. It will open there Christ- has oven in Omaha in years past, many times visiting relatives and friends.

He is to take personal charge of the Blackstone Family hotel when completed, and he says that every possible facility for the comfort and convenience of the argument in the interest of better is to be provided, and that the Blackstone will rank high among the best buildings of its kind in the country west

Mr. Moffit, who has had wide and successful experience in the management of large buildings of this character, is thoroughly familiar with the special



FRANKLIN V. MOFFIT.

source about the There are several Blackstone that Mr. Moffit is very enthusiastic about, one of which is the dining room, which he says will be one of the most beautifully appointed in the needs and requirements of a successfully city, with a seating espacity of about operated family hotel, and he looks for- 200 people. The dining room is to be ward to his new work with considerable operated under Mr. Moffit's personal supervision.

Whatever You Do. Here's a Chance to Help Some Needy

Christmas is almost at hand, and will soon pass, but the needs of through the winter.

these.

more investigated cases, which she recommends as worthy of immediate assistance in the way sug-

No. 19. Family consisting of mother, father and three children. Father met with accident last summer and not able to work. Whole support of family now on mother. Any assistance gladly accepted.

No. 20. Deserted mother and two children, 5, 3 and 1 1-2 years of age. Children just over diphtheria, which necessitated mother staying at home from work, thereby closing her sole income. Food, rent and clothing needed.

No. 21. Widowed mother and five children, ages 11, 10, 7, 3 and 1 1-2 years. Mother trying to support family with day work. Seldom asks aid. Food and clothing needed.

If you are willing to help one of for Ashland Doctor these, communicate with Mrs. Doane direct at the Associated Charities or send word to The Bee.

BOWLERS GIVE PARRISH WATCH FOR HIS EFFORTS

A beautiful gold watch was presented were 20 per cent paid by one national Akin, J. M. Aikin, Palmer Findley, B. B. of publicity, by the local committee of towns to spend the time with relatives the Middle West Bowling tournament, and friends. The members of the committee presentperiodical extra by another, 10 per cent where music and flowers and felicitations ing the watch were C. A. Webber, Dick by still another, 8 per cent and 6 per cheered the guest of honor. One hundred Grotte, George Zimmerman, E. Terrell cent by another, which really made 20 physicians from Nebraska towns attended and Carl Cain. The watch was presented per cent, but put the 14 per cent in the and presented the venerable doctor with to Mr. Parrish out of appreciation for his co-operation in making this big tournament a success. Mr. Parrish was with the presidency of the State Medical asked to take lunch with the men at society and the Missouri Valley Medical noon at the Commercial club and the watch was presented at that time.

TWO AWARDED DIVORCES TWO OTHERS BRING SUITS

Mrs. Bertha Nevins has been granted atreet, was arrested on a a divorce from Alfred Nevtas on grounds charge of breaking a sled belonging to of non-support. Mrs. Isabel Boyer was Howard Alien, 1410 North Twenty-sixth awarded a decree in her suit against street, and Andrew Gibson, 2638 Hamil- Lewis A. Boyer, in which she charged ton atreet, because they coasted in front extreme cruelty. Mrs. Georgiana Broderher choice of a fine of \$10 and costs or and Blanche Loring charges Albert with

Senator Borah is to Speak Here Soon, if He Can Get Away

President Byrne of the McKinley club has received from Senator Borah of Idaho a letter which contains a promise that some unfortunates will go on if the senator can get away from Washington during the session of congress he will speak in Omaha. W. F. Gurley met It is possible for YOU to help the senator at Washington and was given similar assurances.

Senator Borah has not spoken in Omaha for many years and his prospective visit

Mrs. Doane here presents three is a matter of unusual interest. The McKinley club will not hold a meeting or banquet during the holidays. Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan has written that he will make an effort to stop here on his way back from California in January and may address the McKinley club at that time.

Mrs. Edith Wagoner Granted a Divorce

Mrs. Edith L. Wagoner, Omaha music teacher, has been awarded a divorce from Richard B. Wagoner, a prominent attorney of Albany, N. Y., by District Judge Redick, on grounds of nonsupport and cruelty.

Mrs. Wagoner testified that her huseand had contributed not more than \$35 month to her support during several years. For three years she has lived apart from him. Mr. Wagoner told her, she testified, that he did not desire to live with her.

Mrs. Wagoner's maiden name was Miss Edith L. Wagoner. She is the daughter of John P. Wagoner. The ceremony which made her the wife of the Albany attorney was performed by Rev. T. J. Mackay of All Saints church, Omaha, April 17, 1896. C. W. Cox and Joseph L. Barton were witnesses.

RAILROAD OFFICES TO CLOSE OVER CHRISTMAS

With the railroads Christmas, as far as possible, will be observed as a holiday. Trains will be run as usual, but the headquarters and offices will close Friday afternoon, not opening until the following Monday morning. Owing to the length of the holiday, a large number of the officials and employes are going out to E. V. Parrish, manager of the bureau of the city to the country and other

A Room for the Roomes, or a Roomes for the Room. Bee Want Ads Do the Work.



Everybody Will Know Next -Monday!

Watch This Newspaper!



PETITIONS FLOOD THE COURT HOUSE

So Easy is it to Get Signatures Jokers Threaten to Circulate Joint Promissory Note.

COULD GET THOUSAND NAMES

for political offices have descended upon Omaha in hordes comparable in numbers to the clouds of grass- with bells on, you know." hoppers which many years ago used to visit Nebraska.

fourth floor.

Nobody reads the petitions, but each voter whose signature is procedure:

Asks "Who's it for?" 2. Arranges his features carefully into a semblance of deep joy. 2. Exclaims, "Ah, yes, good old so-andso. I should say I would sign his peti-

Bearers of petitions for candidates him and writes his name and address. 5. Calls out to some passing acquaintance, "Say, old man, come over here and Limited. No. 17 leaves Omaha for the sign so-and-so's petition. We're for him east at 1:15 in the morning and No. 10

Candidates Are Gleeful. At the court house, "Sign this, finitum, every candidate for whom peti- the Union Pacific. please," and the scratching of pens death to learn of the large numbers of tions are circulating being tickled to

may be heard from basement to the votes he controls. Their sies will last until primary day.

Owing to the habit signers have of writing their names with out reading the headings, some jokers solicited goes through the following are threatening to circulate a joint promsory note for about \$100,000 among politicians, being convinced they could easily secure 1,000 signatures in a few days.

MILWAUKEE TAKES OFF 'FRISCO LIMITED TRAIN

Sunday, December 26, the Milwaukee road will discontinue its trains Nos. 17 and 10 known as the San Francisco for the west at 10:10 in the morning. These trains were put on last summer to handle The same operation is continued ad in- the exposition business in connection with

Use The Bee's "Swapper column

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY. The Christmas Store for Everybody

STORE NEWS FOR FRIDAY. All Goods Purchased Here Friday Will Be Delivered That Night



THE importance of this announcement will be appreciated Friday when people check up their Christmas lists and find that they have overlooked many things, making hurried purchases a matter of necessity.

Our delivery system has proved its efficiency during the busiest season and can be relied upon for the fulfillment of every promise.

All goods bought Friday up to closing time for delivery in territory covered by our wagons or motor trucks will reach their destination Friday.

This store can be depended upon for last minute service. Every detail to make your shopping during these final rush hours satisfactory has been considered.

Store Open Friday Evening

Give the Children Toys Xmas T'S the one great day of every child and grownup, too. and never complete with

real joy and happiness unless there are toys for the little folks. Burgess-Nash Toy Town, even at this eleventh hour, affords a great range of selection -Toys the little folk like—the kind that will please them most,

Two Remarkable Values for Friday in Holiday Slippers



T WO groups, including all short lines of our better grades; hundreds of pairs from which to select, reduced for a

quick clearaway Friday. Women's \$1.45 Slippers, 65c Lot 1-Women's knit slippers, eiderdown, felt novelty fur trimmed and komfy style, were to \$1.45, for, pair, 65c.

\$1.95 Holiday Slippers, 95c

Lot 2-Women's felt De Luxe slippers, best quality, komfy, all colors, ribbon trimmed. Also men's tan and black kid opera and Everett styles, were to \$1.95, for, pair, 95c.

Burgess-Hash Co .- Second Ploor.

"Wirthmor" Waists at \$1.00

WIRTHMOR waist makes a suitable, useful and A very appropriate Christmas gift.

No woman ever has too many waists-and a new one or two would always be welcome and greatly appreciated. The styles are new and pretty, and there's just a limited quantity to be placed on sale Friday. As always, \$1.00, and, as always, worth more.

A RE more popular than ever this season with people whose

shopping time is limited, or with those who cannot determine what gift to send. These certificates are exchangeable at any time for merchandise, and issued for any

Merchandise and

Glove Certificates

These \$3.50 HAND BAGS at \$1.95 Make Acceptable Gifts

Pin seal with fancy knobs, newest shapes, silk lined, large mirror and purse, in fancy box, very Burgees-Wash Co .- Main Ploer.

Nuts for Xmas

The highest grade 1915 crop. Peanuts, fresh roasted, 71 English Walnuts, large size, pound English Walnuts, small 18c size, pound . Almonds, California paper shell, pound Pecans, good quality. 20c

Filberts, large and well

Christmas Candies In the Cricket Room



CHRISTMAS festiviplete without plenty of candy. We have plenty and are willing to share with you. Martha Washington Chocolates, lb. . 60c La Zeus Chocolates, assorted kinds, per

lb. . . . 60c and \$1.00 Maillard's New York

Candies, all packages, at, lb.\$1.00 Mullane's Famous Cincinnati Taffies and Choco-Bunte Bros., forty kinds, pound......40c to 60c

Burgess-Wash Co.-Main Floor-Oricket Room In the Basement Section Pail candies for Sanday schools, churches or organizations at special prices.

Give "Him" Something to

A MAN always appreciates something to wear as a Christmas gift. Here's but a suggestion list from our Men's Furnishing Section.

BATH ROBES, NECKWEAR, SHIRTS, GLOVES, NIGHT SHIRTS, PAJAMAS, HOSE SUPPORTERS, BELTS, HANDKERCHIEFS



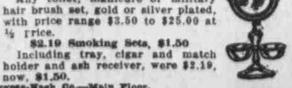
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SILVER PLATED WARE Reduced

Items that suggest very acceptable gifts for Christmas, \$6.50 SHAVING STAND, \$4.95. Fine pierced silver plated base with glass bottom, beveled mirror, brush and cup. \$3.50 SHAVING STANDS, \$1.95.

plate mirror, porcelain cup and good brush Tollet Sets, ½ Price.

Any tollet, manicure or military hair brush set, gold or silver plated, with price range \$3.50 to \$25.00 at



As an Xmas Gift will prove very acceptable to anyone. Thermos hottles, 1-pt sizes. . 98c Art silver shaving stand with fancy base, 6-inch adjustable

Thermos Bottle

Thermos bottles, 1-qt. size, nickel plated, \$2.75 Thermos lunch kit, spe-cial, at \$1.49 Thermos Carafe, nickel



Burgess-Nash Co.—Everybody's Store—16th and Harney