

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Boot Print It. A. S. Mitchell rem'd to 103 Brandeis Bldg. Rinehart, photographer, 18th & Farnam. We always have Rock Springs Coal, Central Coal and Coke company of Omaha, 18th and Harney streets. For Christmas second edition Mr. Mann's book, "The Evolution of a Great Literature," \$1.50 net, postage 15 cents. Bookstores at 222 New York Life. City Printing and Stationery—Schedules for printing and stationery required by city officers are in the hands of the printer and will be ready for prospective bidders early next week. Resolutions on Dr. L. Bantiolotti—The resolution adopted some time ago by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben on Dr. Hugo L. Bantiolotti have been engraved by Mr. Potter of Boyles Business college and are on exhibition in the window of the Wurn Optical company, sixteenth and Farnam streets. The Tropical Oil company, Cleveland, O., manufacturers of Tropical Rubber paint for roofs of all descriptions, and the Elastokote, made in colors, for interior and exterior iron, brick and concrete, have opened an office, room 338 Bee Building, where all business for the western territory will be conducted. Giebel & Gardner, distributing agents. Guild Goes to Traffic League—Commissioner J. M. Guild of the Omaha Commercial club has gone to Chicago, where he will attend the meeting for organizing the classification committee of the National Traffic league. Mr. Guild, with Commissioner Maxwell of St. Joseph, has recently been made a member of the important committee. Same Thing Over Again Sunday—According to orders from the chief of police, the steps taken last Sunday for the enforcement of the Sunday closing law will be repeated next Sunday. Milkmen will be excluded from the terms of the law, as was intended last week, it being held that the distribution of milk is a necessity, but all other lines of trade will come under the ban. Possum Dinner—Ex-Attorney General George H. Hastings of Crete has sent S. B. Smith, porter at the Murray hotel, a fine fat opossum as a Christmas gift. Mr. Porter will have the possum properly dressed and baked on Christmas with its accessories of sweet potatoes and has sent out invitations to a number of friends to join in the feast at the Murray. Mr. Hastings will be an honored guest on the occasion. Natural Gas Giving Out—A letter from Topeka tells of distress in the Kansas capital. According to the writer the supply of natural gas with which the houses of the town have been heated for several years has failed and people of all classes are suffering from the cold. After the discovery of gas in Kansas and its first use in Topeka the people gradually discontinued the use of coal-consuming stoves and the failure of the gas supply finds a large number poorly equipped for burning other fuel. Christmas Dinners to the Poor—The Associated Charities is ready to co-operate with persons who desire to give Christmas dinners to the poor of the city. At this time the Sunday school of the Central United Presbyterian church and the girls of Brownell hall have indicated their intention of rendering assistance. The former will fill baskets for several families and the girls will have two Christmas trees for the poor children. J. L. Brandeis & Sons have donated a case of blankets to the association for relief work. Woman Traveler Stranded—Mrs. Martha McDonald, enroute from southern Illinois to Colorado Springs, is now in Omaha, where she will remain until the Associated Charities can assist her on her way. She says her husband died in Illinois, leaving her in destitute circumstances, and she is endeavoring to reach a sister of whom she last heard in Colorado Springs. This was several years ago, but as the sister was her only surviving relative, she decided to visit her and appeal for help. Her funds are exhausted and she is staying in Omaha until the sister can be located. Overcoat Thief Convicted—Charles Gaskill was found guilty Friday morning in criminal court of breaking into the store of J. H. Haney & Co. and stealing ten overcoats valued at about \$15 each. Gaskill admitted pawing two of the coats, but he denied stealing any of them. The night before Thanksgiving he says he met a stranger who had more overcoats than he knew what to do with. The stranger, he testified, gave him two of the coats and, suspecting nothing wrong, he pawned them. This explanation did not appeal to the jury and after being out about an hour it returned with a verdict.

COTHAM COAXES FOR MONEY

Wants Omaha to Send Cash as Interest on Securities.

EITHER THAT OR BUY GOLD THERE

Neither of These Plans Suits Treasurer Fink, Who Demurs at Transplanting Coin from Omaha to New York.

That New York is still affected by the financial flurry and that it is doing all it can to draw real money from the west is shown by a letter just received by City and County Treasurer Fink from the fiscal agents of the city, January 1, 1908, in interest will be due holders of Omaha securities. The practice of the treasurer has been to draw a draft on New York for the total amount of the money to be paid and send this to the fiscal agency, which would pay coupons or bonds as they were presented. He would have followed the same rule this time but for the letter from the fiscal agency, and now he is considering what course to take.

The letter says in effect the principal and interest of Omaha securities are payable in legal tender and that New York banks are paying nothing but clearing house certificates, and that under these circumstances it will be necessary for the city to make arrangements for the payment of legal tender, regardless of the action of the banks. Two methods are suggested, one is that the treasurer send \$100,000 in legal tender from Omaha to New York, and the other that the city authorize the fiscal agent to go on the New York market and buy gold at the current rate to pay the obligations.

To both these plans Mr. Fink demurs. He says he has not decided whether he shall do, but he hesitates to authorize the purchase of gold at any rate which the market in New York may fix, and he is equally opposed to taking \$100,000 of real money out of circulation in Omaha to meet demands when Omaha banks, which hold city deposits, have large sums of money on deposit in New York banks legally subject to draft from the Omaha concerns.

The treasurer refers to the difference between the city and county securities in this regard. The county bonds are held principally by the state permanent school fund and coupons are sent direct to Omaha for collection. They are paid without cost to either the county or the state, while the city pays its fiscal agent one-eighth of 1 per cent for paying the bondholders and keeps on deposit in New York without interest a comparatively large sum, which represents the money sent to pay bonds and interest, but which is not paid the holders immediately.

TWO MEN GROW TIRED OF LIFE

One Succeeds in Getting Over the Range, but the Other is Recalled.

Two attempts at suicide, one of which proved successful, were discovered within an hour of each other Thursday afternoon, and, strangely enough, both seekers for the hereafter used the same method, morphine sulphate, as a means to hasten their demise.

While his wife and 2-year-old child were shopping Thursday afternoon Harry L. Spaulding, a clerk for the Richardson Drug company, locked himself in an upstairs room of their residence, 1908 Davenport street, and swallowed about forty grains of morphine sulphate, from the effects of which he died a few hours later at the Omaha general hospital.

Mrs. Spaulding, accompanied by the child of the couple, had gone on a shopping tour about 1 o'clock, leaving Spaulding apparently in the best of spirits. When she returned at 4 o'clock she found the door of a room upstairs closed and locked, intuitively suspecting something amiss, she broke in the door and found her husband lying unconscious on the bed. Drs. Detweiler and Police Surgeon Fitzgibbons were summoned and Spaulding was hurried to the hospital, where all efforts to resuscitate him were unavailing.

Mrs. Spaulding was prostrated when informed of her husband's death. She could give no reason for his action, stating the domestic relations of the couple had always been amicable and he had always enjoyed the best of health, being a very powerful man and still in his prime, only 27 years old.

Corner Bralley took charge of the body and relatives of the dead man who live in Champagn, Ill., were notified.

Shortly after the discovery of Spaulding George Penrose, an actor and theatrical manager, who lives in Salt Lake City, was found in an unconscious condition in his room, 608 Howard street, by the landlady of the house, having taken several grains of morphine sulphate in a fit of despondency following combined domestic and financial troubles. Police Surgeon Harris was called and after heroic efforts succeeded in restoring Penrose from the brink of death. After being declared out of danger Penrose said that the suicide "bug" was out of his thoughts, exclaiming: "The going is great, but the coming back sensation is."

AUDITORIUM DIRECTORS MEET

Following Banquet Tendered by President of Company, Officers Are Chosen for Year.

The directors of the Auditorium company were given a banquet on Wednesday evening at the Omaha club by President P. A. Nash, the event being in honor of the baby girl who came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nash last week. After the feast the directors took up Auditorium matters for an hour or two, discussing ways and means of completing the Auditorium.

The election of officers for the year followed, those selected being the incumbents: P. A. Nash, president; W. L. Yetter, vice president; J. R. Lehmer, secretary; J. M. Gillan, manager; Alfred Millard, treasurer; T. J. Mahoney, counsel.

W. Farnam Smith was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. W. Judson, whose business engagements have made it impossible for him to fill the position without great inconvenience.

LICENSE CLERK UNYIELDING

Iowa Man Unable to Secure Marriage Permit Under Law of Nebraska.

"But there is a provision in the decree that permits me to get married again," argued Charles W. Mastin of Missouri Valley, Ia., Thursday, when Marriage License Clerk Purdy refused to give him a permit to wed, because he had been divorced at Logan, October 31. He wanted to wed Miss Rose Gipeon. "It doesn't make any difference what the decree says," answered Purdy, stating his heart against the pleadings of the would-be groom. "The law says that you can't marry for six months after the decree is signed, and that has to go here."

Mastin and his bride-to-be left the office very much downcast.

Use Bee want ads to boost your business.

Nebraska Clothing Co. FARNAM. Holiday Gifts for Men and Boys. Christmas Suits and Overcoats for Men. SUPERB. Is the only word that describes our splendid display of Men's Suits and Overcoats. We offer a wide range of weights, qualities and fabrics to select from. Whatever grade you buy you'll pay less money than at any other place in the entire West. The price for any quality will be 20 per cent. lower than you'll pay elsewhere, often times you will be able to save 25 per cent., 30 per cent., or even 50 per cent. We handle no shoddy make-shifts—every garment is made of good materials and will be precisely as we represent it. Our styles are always the newest and we guarantee a perfect fit. We have Suits and Overcoats that will exactly please you or the person to whom you may give them, at prices ranging from— \$7.00 to \$30.00. This Store Will Be Open Every Evening 'till Christmas.

Christmas Suits and Overcoats for Boys. FOR \$2.89 WE OFFER YOU BOYS' SUITS that are exceptionally good values. They are small lots accumulated from the season's selling—made of all-wool Cassimeres, Velours, and Cheviots. They are good fitting garments, have extra strong linings and are nicely trimmed. With knee pants or knickerbockers. Sizes 7 to 16 years. All sizes in the assortment, but not in every color. Would be cheap at \$4.00. On Sale at 2.89. FOR \$3.89 WE OFFER YOU BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS that sell everywhere at \$6.50. These are exceptionally good garments and we would have to sell at a much higher price but for the fact that we bought them from a manufacturer who was forced to sell them at once to protect his obligations. Made of choicest materials, newest styles and perfect fitting—Suits in double-breasted or Russian styles, with knee pants or knickerbockers. Overcoats, Russian, Reifer and Chesterfield styles, Suits or Overcoats for Boys 3 to 16 years old. The best bargains in Omaha, at 3.89.

Men's Holiday Slippers. Men's Slippers—black and tan, velvet kid—hand-knitted, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Men's Home—black and tan, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Men's Velvet Slippers—chenille embroidered, at \$2.00. Nebraska Clothing Co. FARNAM.

We have made sweeping reductions in Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes. In many instances we offer them at LESS THAN COST. Smoking Jackets Cut to \$3.50—Made from Scotch Tweed and Triot Flannel. Lounging Robes Cut to \$4.50—Made from heavy Melton and plaid double face Mackinaw cloth. \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00 Jackets Cut to \$5.50—Made from Brocaded Silk Velvets and Matalasa. \$10.50 and \$12.00 Lounging Robes Cut to \$7.90—Made from heavy double faced wool Elderdown—striking patterns and colorings. Mufflers: Fancy Wool Mufflers—Fancy way \$1.00. Fancy Polka Dot Silk Mufflers—At \$1.00. Solid and Fancy Colored Silk Squares, Reefers and Oxford Mufflers \$1.00. 20% Off on High-Grade Mufflers—20% off on all \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$3.90 Mufflers. They are for men or women—colors black, white pearl and fancy opera shades. Neckwear: Sewell Christmas Neckwear for Men, 45c, 75c and \$1.00—At these prices we are showing exceptional values in a very wide range of handsome patterns and rich colorings—also light and dark shades in great variety—thousands to select from. 50c Neckwear—Splendid 25c variety, all colors. Gloves: Men's Kid and Cape Gloves—Fleeced or unlined, exceptional qualities for dress or street wear, \$1 and 1.50 at \$1 and 1.50. Men's Golf Gloves—Plain and fancy wool 50c. Suspenders: Fancy Lisle Thread Suspenders, in handsome individual boxes, rich gold mounted buckles, suitable for engraving, solid black, white and colored brocade; also Persian 50c to 2.50. Umbrellas: Men's and Women's Holiday Umbrellas—Silk, handsomely trimmed in gold, gun metal and Sterling silver, from neat, modest designs to elaborately decorated handles. Prices... 2.50 to 5.90. Suit Cases: \$7.50 Suit Cases for \$5.00—300 Cowhide Suit Cases—the best values in the city—sold everywhere at \$7.50—on sale here 5.00.

Xmas Gifts ON CREDIT. Don't pay out the Last Dollar you've got. Come to RIDGLEY'S, pick out Useful Gifts—Buy Now, Pay Later. RIDGLEY'S Credit Store, 1417 DOUGLAS.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Burglars Operate Almost in Shadow of the Police Station.

CLOTHING STORE IS ROBBED

Trouble Likely to Emerge Between City and Contractors for City Hall Over Delay in Completing New Building.

The Nebraska Shoe and Clothing company's store at Twenty-fifth and N streets was entered Wednesday night and \$7.50 in cash and a quantity of clothing taken. This store is on the same street as the police station and within half a block. The store exhibited considerable damage, for the burglars entered by a basement door, which was easily reached and opened. There was snow on the stairway, which was not in daily use, and this showed the tracks of the man. He had evidently backed down the stairs, for the tracks all seemed to lead up. The management of the store made a hasty examination of the stock yesterday and found that several overcoats, three or four suits of clothes and a lot of underwear and such articles had disappeared. Good descriptions of the missing articles were furnished the officers, and it is possible that some of them may be recovered.

The police patrol N street every half hour, and there is a block watchman who also pulls a box at that corner hourly.

Condition of Live Stock Market.

The live stock market for the present week has shown conditions fully abreast of Chicago in every detail except the large receipts. The receipts were liberal, however, through the week, in hogs especially, about 10,000 were on the market here yesterday. The other days were fair. Chicago has received enormous runs of hogs. This has caused a decline in prices there to about \$4.50 for the bulk. South Omaha has been about 5 to 10 cents lower, with the advantage of lower freight, ready sales and no hogs from one day to the next. Yesterday the prices were off about to Tuesday's figures, while Wednesday showed an advance. By the way the prices have oscillated about the \$4.50 mark, the commission men have come to the conclusion that will be about the point of liberal buying and activity in the market. With a much greater reduction the prosperous Nebraska farmers will refuse to ship; and at a much greater figure the packers refuse to buy. Cattle and sheep are quoted slow and steady with perhaps a shade off the price.

Big Tax Payments.

The city treasurer is receiving a few of the larger municipal tax payments—almost every day now. Yesterday the Nebraska Telephone company was the largest contributor. It paid in \$271. Besides this amount the company will later pay a royalty amounting to nearly \$200 or perhaps even a little more. The Omaha Electric Light company paid its royalty last month. Only a few more business days remain this year and the treasurer wishes again to remind the public that taxes become delinquent January 1, and soon after that date an addition of 1 per cent a month is added. So far the collection of taxes has been easy. The effect of money stringency has not been apparent.

More City Hall Trouble.

A resolution passed by the South Omaha city council last at the close of the last session is liable to precipitate trouble between the contractors, McDonald & Cook, who built the new city hall, and the city. The resolution demands that the city require the contractors to pay the rent which has been required for offices since the expiration of the time limit for the completion of the hall. The company will make a hard fight against this proposition for

Pioneer Stockman Dies.

Alonso W. Miller, a pioneer stockman and commission man, died at Desway, Ariz., from which place the news was received yesterday morning. His family was with him. He lived in South Omaha for years, but four years ago was compelled to go to Arizona for his health, where, after all, he succumbed. He leaves his wife and two sons, Charles and George. Miller, Charles is in the United States army in the Philippines and George is at present in Arizona. The body is expected Sunday and will be buried in Columbus, Neb., where other members of the family are buried. Mr. Miller transferred his five stock interests here to mining projects on going to Arizona. He was interested there in several projects. Mr. Miller will be remembered as a member of the Board of Education.

Free! Free!

A BOTTLE OF CHOICE WINE with a \$20 purchase; with a \$5 purchase and over, one of our handsome decorated calendars—an ornament for your home. J. Klein, Family Liquor Dealer, 26th and N Sts. Beer and alcohol excepted.

Magic City Gossip.

H. E. Tase, who has been touring the south for his health, has returned greatly benefited. The ideal club will give its Christmas party on Friday evening, December 27, at the temple. Last night the Ancient Order of United Workmen gave a pleasant dancing party at the temple. A case of smallpox was discovered yesterday at the home of F. W. Millett, 1215 Massachusetts avenue. C. Chandler was arrested as a fugitive from justice and placed in jail to serve out an old sentence. The Young People's society of the Baptist church held a business meeting last

Three Per Cent Bonus Given by Basin, Wyo., Stores for Clearing House Paper.

"Just one town in the west can boast of being ahead of Omaha and that is Basin, Wyo., one year old," said an Omaha paper, who was reading a paper published in the new town—the Burlington railroad connected it with civilization less than a year ago. "For several weeks after the 'old west' on and cashiers' checks were issued an Omaha store advertised to pay 3 per cent more than the face value for cashiers' checks—that is, \$9 would buy \$9.27 worth of merchandise, but now comes the announcement from Basin, clear on the edge of everything, that clearing house checks are worth \$1.10. Every store in Basin has agreed to pay a premium of 10 per cent on the checks, and a man with \$20 may buy \$22 worth of merchandise. There must be as high as two or three stores in the new town, a newspaper and a bank. The advertisements say 'Come to Basin to do your trading, and you will find complete stocks of staple goods as well as special holiday lines.'"

Death from Blood Poison

was prevented by G. W. Cloyd, Plunk, Mo., who healed his dangerous wound with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. See For sale by Beston Drug Co.

Two Killed in Soo Wreck.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 20.—A special train, the Dispatch from Kensington, Minn., was killed in a wreck of a passenger train on the Soo railroad, which occurred last night.

60 Years. Sixty years of experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral make us have great confidence in it for coughs, colds on the chest, bronchitis, hoarseness, weak throats, weak lungs. Ask your doctor to tell you his experience with it. If satisfactory, then you will certainly have every confidence in it. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.