

# The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Gus Mohr made a trip to Syracuse Monday.

Mrs. M. G. Keedy was at Omaha this week.

Roy Fahnestock was an Omaha visitor this week.

Finley Lindsey left Wednesday for Hicksville, Ohio.

Samuel Johnson is installing a furnace in his residence.

Edward Wulf was on the sick list several days this week.

Try A. D. S. Digestive Tablets for your stomach's sake.

Miss Louise Ruhge was on the sick list several days this week.

Henry Bossung, of Bertrand, was visiting Avoca relatives the first of the week.

A Christmas tree and program will be held at both churches on Friday evening.

George Brazee and wife are entertaining relatives from Hamburg, Iowa, this week.

Clyde Graham returned from Lincoln Friday evening and will spend the holidays at home.

J. H. Schmidt has purchased the meat market building and residence

of Mrs. Sophia Dunkak.

A. D. S. Syrup of White Pine will stop that cough. 25 cents and 50 cents at Copes' drug store.

A. B. Lewton left last week for western Nebraska where he has secured a position on a ranch.

The Midland Jubilee Singers at the town hall January 15th. This is the second number of the lecture course.

Fred Westlake and wife have returned from South Dakota. They will reside in Plattsmouth this winter. Fred says there is no place like Cass county.

L. U. Hupp shipped his household effects to Morse Bluffs last week. Mr. Hupp has purchased a barber shop at the above named place and will also deal in real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Zink entertained on Monday evening in honor of the ten and eleventh grades. A four course supper was served during which Christmas and other quotations were given. After supper an impromptu program was prepared in which all took part. Those pres-

ent were Florence and Bertha Smoots, Myrtle Wolfe, Alpha Andrews, Ina Johnson, Floyd Graham, Harold Harmon, Miss Marguerite Francis, Miss Julia Nutsman and Miss Mabel Cutter.

## Wash Your Face and Hands

with  
**A. D. S.**  
**PEROXIDE SOAP**

Its Constant Use Tends  
to Keep the Skin White

25c a Cake

**ORA E. COPES**  
The Druggist

## Alvo

Alfred Stroemer and Verl Linch returned home from University Place Friday evening to spend their Christmas vacation.

Ed. Casey went to South Omaha Wednesday.

Mrs. Arzilla Foreman went to Lincoln Friday evening. She and Miss Marie Stroemer returned home Sunday evening on No. 18.

Mrs. S. D. Blackely and son Edward came up from Mohaska, Kas., Tuesday on No. 18, to visit a couple of days.

Mrs. Lou Keefer returned from Lincoln Tuesday evening.

J. A. Shaffer made a business trip to Lincoln Friday on business.

Charles Strong went to Lincoln Tuesday evening on business.

Thomas Stout, wife and daughter Miss Luella, went to Omaha Tuesday to do shopping.

Charles Snavely went to Omaha Monday on No. 18.

The Stroemer Lumber & Grain Co., shipped two cars of hogs and cattle to South Omaha Friday.

Charles R. Jordan went to Plattsmouth Monday.

Mrs. Nettie Powell and Miss Violet Ough visited the father, N. S. Ough Saturday and Sunday.

Walter Forde of Lincoln spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaffer.

Mrs. J. A. Shaffer went to Lincoln Monday evening, returning Tuesday evening.

Sam Cashner and H. Snok were in Elmwood Monday putting in a tomb stone at the grave of Mr. Breckenfelt.

Mrs. William Ketzler visited at the home of her brother, A. I. Bird one day last week.

F. S. Allen went to Omaha Friday.

Stroemer Lumber & Grain Co., shipped 2 cars of one dollar wheat the forepart of the week.

Guy Parsell went to Omaha on No. 18 Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cook and children of Haddan, Kas., came in last Thursday to visit Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Foreman and family. They left Saturday evening for Dovey, whence they go to Colorado for Mrs. Cook's health.

Jno. Welch and wife went to Lincoln Tuesday to do trading.

E. B. Waite and son Carl returned Friday evening to their home at Ainsley, Neb., after having spent several days visiting his brother-in-law, J. D. Newkirk and other relatives.

George Foreman, Sr., shipped hogs to South Omaha Thursday.

Mrs. D. B. Williams and baby, went to Clatonia Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Suders.

Mrs. G. P. Foreman, Sr., and little daughter Aurel, went up to University Place Monday evening where Mrs. Foreman goes to take care of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Bobbitt who is very poorly.

J. H. Stroemer received the sad news of his mother's death at Barneston early Tuesday morning. Mr. Stroemer and family have the sympathy of their many friends.

Lem Foreman came down from Lincoln Saturday to visit the home folks before departing for Texas this week. He returned to Lincoln Monday evening and will accompany W. B. Linch and family to their new home in Texas, where he will work at the insurance business.

M. C. Keefer was a passenger to Lincoln Monday evening, returning

home Tuesday on No. 18.

J. V. Parsell went to Lincoln Monday evening.

## Happily Wedded.

On Wednesday evening, December 15, 1909, at 7 o'clock, occurred the wedding of Miss Minnie A. Bailey to Mr. Charles M. Jordan, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bailey. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. L. Story.

Mrs. Clyde W. Boyles of Lincoln played Loengrin's wedding march. The house decorations were of yellow and white chrysanthemums and smilax. The bride's dress was of white messaline satin, trimmed with real lace and she carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black.

After the ceremony a reception was held at which about fifty guests were present. Many beautiful and useful presents were received. Both young people are well and popularly known in Alvo and vicinity and their many friends wish them a long and happy journey through life. They will make their home on their farm northeast of town.

## A Shame.

In one of his celebrated sermons Rev. Dick remarked that it is a shame to be sick. He certainly meant to say that a man who could avoid or prevent a sickness and did not do so, should be ashamed of himself. Nowadays, everybody knows, or should know, the functions of the body and the causes of the most common diseases and it is often in his power either to prevent them or to quickly cure them before they get a firm hold on the body. A reliable meter is your appetite. If it weakens there is something wrong with you and we advise you to use at once Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine. It is a very useful preparation which will give you a very healthy appetite and new nerve-strength. At drugstores. Or, Triner, 1333-1339 So. Ashland ave., Chicago, Ill. A beautiful calendar mailed on receipt of 10c in postage.

## German St. Paul's Church.

The meeting of the Ladies' Aid society next Thursday will be postponed.

The Christmas festival for the children will be on Friday evening at 7:30.

Services Christmas day at 10:30 a. m.

Sunday school and service next Sunday at the usual time.

Mrs. Bert Pollock and little daughter Alice, departed on No. 6 today for Waukegan, Ill., where they go to visit Mrs. Pollock's sister, Mrs. Edith King, and her daughter, Miss Ellen Pollock of this city, who is now a student at Northwestern University. Mr. Pollock will go to Waukegan tomorrow night.

Frank Warren and Mrs. Warren took No. 15 this morning for Omaha.

## PROBATE NOTICE.

State of Nebraska )  
County of Cass ) ss. County court.  
In the matter of the estate of J. Glen Royal, deceased. To all persons interested—  
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court praying that letters of administration be issued to Harry Royal upon the estate of J. Glen Royal, deceased, and that a hearing will be had upon said petition on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1910, at 1 o'clock a. m., in my office in the City of Plattsmouth, State of Nebraska, before which hour all objections thereto must be filed.  
Witness my hand and official seal this 29th day of December, A. D. 1909.  
ALLEN J. BEESON,  
County Judge.  
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY,  
Attorney.

## RESCUED FROM FIERY DEATH

Firebugs Start Blaze in a New York Apartment House.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sensational rescues, a semi-panic in an adjoining hospital and operations of sneak thieves in nearby buildings were features of an incendiary fire in an East Thirty-third street apartment building. Two men had a narrow escape from death, one being swung across an airshaft, dangling from a rope's end, and another plunging through the glass of a closed window several feet away to escape death by fire.

Fire starting on the fourth floor found oil soaked woodwork to feed upon and the hallways were soon filled with smoke, cutting off escape by the ordinary exits. Most of the tenants were rescued from the fire escapes.

## INSANE MAN USES HATCHET

Kills Wife, Fatally Wounds Two Sons and Dies Under Pausing Train.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 23.—During a fit of temporary insanity George C. Chevront, a well known resident of this city, using a hatchet as a weapon, killed his wife and fatally injured his two children, a boy of fourteen years old and a girl of ten. Chevront then rushed out to the railroad tracks nearby and threw himself under a passing train and was killed.

## FUNERAL SERVICE FOR KING LEOPOLD

Crowds Pay Respectful Homage to Late Ruler.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—A torrential rain, accompanied by a driving wind, ushered in the funeral day of King Leopold II, but as the imposing military cortege left the royal palace and slowly moved to the cathedral the down-pour ceased.

The occasion was marked by a general suspension of business and vast crowds were early in possession of every point of vantage along the route, while near the palace and cathedral the throngs were so great that they all but overcame the strong restraining force of soldiers and police.

The cortege passed through streets where crowds massed on the sidewalks, at the windows and upon the balconies and roofs paid respectful homage. More impressive, however, was the scene in the cathedral of St. Michel and Ste. Gudule, that magnificent, Gothic pile which from the city's eminence dominates the many architectural beauties of ancient Brussels.

## INVESTIGATE COAL GRAFT

Irregularity in Chicago Contracts to Be Inquired Into.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Cook county grand jury under the direction of State's Attorney Wayman took up the further investigation of alleged irregularity in city coal contracts. Subpoenas were issued for the production of the municipal records from the office of Commissioner of Public Works J. J. Hanberg, covering last year and this year.

Collusive methods in securing coal contracts and substitution of inferior grades for a better quality called for by the contracts are alleged against some of the coal dealers who supplied the city with fuel.

## Bride Dresses at Court House.

Omaha, Dec. 23.—Miss Jessie W. Gossett of Papillion did not propose to be married in any "going-away" gown. So she brought her bridal robes to the court house and donned them in the private office of the county judge. Outside one door, Thomas E. Thompson, the lucky man, kept watch and Mrs. Gossett was sentinel at the other.

## SCHLEY CALLS ON PEARY FOR PROOF

Declares Danish University Should Examine Documents.

## STILL BELIEVES IN DR. COOK.

Retired Naval Officer Reaffirms Complete Confidence in Explorer—Says Same Body Which Rejected Cook's Claim Should Be the Judge of Commander Peary's Proof That He Reached the North Pole.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Reaffirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, retired, called publicly upon Commander Peary to submit his proofs that he reached the North pole to some scientific body other than the National Geographic society. This, the admiral declares, should be done at once in the interests of justice and to establish beyond question the claims of Peary.

The admiral believes that the same body which threw out and repudiated Dr. Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the geographic society.

"The Danes are the best posted men in the world on Arctic matters," he said. "The consistory of the University of Copenhagen should be given



ADMIRAL W. S. SCHLEY.

the opportunity to examine the Peary proofs, for in that way they would be submitted to the same test that was applied to those of Cook. The consistory, which was regarded by the civilized world as more than friendly to Dr. Cook, showed by its action in turning down the explorer that it holds the scales of justice, as it sees them, evenly and honestly."

Moreover, Admiral Schley believes that the submission of the proofs to Copenhagen should be insisted upon by Peary, despite whatever the National Geographic society's attitude may be. It was suggested to the officer that the society some time ago officially declared its intention to let scientific bodies of reputable standing examine and test the Peary proofs when they had been passed upon by the society.

"But the organization has not done it," he retorted quickly. "So far there has been shown no disposition to carry out its intention, has there?"

Admiral Schley declined to say on what grounds he took exception to the finding of the scientists of the University of Copenhagen that Cook had not been at the North pole. He merely reaffirmed his belief in the explorer, adding that he believed also that Peary, too, had gained the top of the earth.

The importance of the admiral's demand is increased by the fact that he has had experience in the far north. Members of the National Geographic society declined to discuss the suggestion of the retired naval officer. The society is still smarting under the somewhat curt reply made by the University of Copenhagen to its request that a committee representing the society be permitted to be present when Dr. Cook's data was examined.

While recognizing the complete right of the Danish scientists to decline such a request, yet American savants feel that the Danes were needlessly brusque in their declination.

## TO ASCEND MOUNT M'KINLEY

Expedition Will Be Ready in March to Test Dr. Cook's Story.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 23.—The expedition that was organized several months ago, at the height of the Cook-Peary North pole controversy, to ascend Mount McKinley to test Cook's story that he reached the summit, set out from Fairbanks with dog teams and supplies to establish a base at the foot of the mountain, to be ready to make a dash for the summit in March at the first break in the winter.

The party is composed of Thomas Lloyd, William Taylor, Charles McConigle, Peter Anderson, Robert Horn and Charles Davidson, all hardy Alaska pioneers and familiar with the mountain. They will forfeit \$5,000 if none of the party reaches the summit.

Fight for Ohio Senatorship.

Washington, Dec. 23.—In a formal statement Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus declared himself a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator Charles Dick.

## SHERIFF GUARDS NEGRO

Armed Deputies Protect Clark, the Alleged Slayer of Motorman Goudey.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Sheriff Cashel continues to maintain his armed guard of the Belleville (Ill.) jail, where Will Clark, the negro charged with slaying Motorman E. V. Goudey is being held. While the sheriff predicts no trouble, he said he was not going to take any chances.

The finding of the coroner's jury in East St. Louis that "circumstantial evidence points to William Clark, a negro, as the murderer of Motorman Goudey," was received by citizens without comment. A pair of blood stained trousers were identified as having been worn by Clark. His mother told the police her son wore the trousers the early part of Saturday night, came home and changed them. They will be held as mute evidence.

Conductor M. P. O'Brien, who was shot and robbed at the time Goudey was killed, is in a critical condition at St. Mary's hospital.

Lack of transportation is keeping the East St. Louisans, who believe in taking the law in their own hands, from invading Belleville. It is not believed the Illinois militia will be called to Belleville. Eighteen arrests of strangers, who were unable to account satisfactorily for their presence, were made there.

## TRYING TO SETTLE SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Contending Forces in Conference at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Dec. 23.—As the result of two conferences, at which were present G. T. Slade, third vice president of the Northern Pacific; General Manager J. M. Gruber of the Great Northern, R. W. Wheeler, secretary to Governor Eberhart, and ten officials representing the railroad section of the American Federation of Labor, the chances for a settlement of the switchmen's strike in the northwest are brighter than at any time since the men went out three weeks ago.

Both Vice President Slade and H. B. Perham, chairman of the railway council, announced that both sides had decided to make no statement for publication. He announced that the conferees will meet again tomorrow and until that time conditions will remain the same so far as the strikers are concerned.

It is believed some kind of a compromise has been agreed upon between the strikers and the railroad officials and that the next conference has been set for tomorrow in order that the proposition may be submitted to the general managers' committee.

## INSANE PATIENTS ESCAPE

Portion of Hospital at Jacksonville, Ill., Burns.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 23.—Fire destroyed three wards of the north annex of Central hospital for the insane here, entailing a loss of about \$40,000. One hundred and eighty women patients were removed in safety from the burning wards and were housed in wards of the men's department, which had been cleared for their use. Several women ran back into their rooms and hid themselves under beds or in closets. Owing to this fact four had narrow escapes from death by fire.

The last of four women who had, however, in a delirium of fright, returned to her room, was removed to safety. In one room was found an aged woman huddled in bed with a comfort over her head. Although the woman fought desperately, amid blinding smoke and flames, attendants succeeded in carrying her out into the open.

## DENVER CASES DISMISSED

Defendants in Alleged Colorado Coal Land Frauds Discharged.

Denver, Dec. 23.—Federal Judge Lewis discharged the defendants on trial before him for alleged coal land frauds in Routt county.

The proceedings came to a close when United States District Attorney Ward attempted to introduce a letter said to have been written by one of the defendants to J. W. Atwell, a "dummy" entryman. The court sustained the objection of the defense to its introduction on the ground that the letter was self incriminating and took away constitutional rights.

Judge Lewis also held that the deeds from several of the defendants to the Union Land company, which the prosecution held to have been fraudulent, could not be introduced to show the conspiracy. It is said the other big fraud cases set for trial here may be dismissed.

## FRANCHISE IS DEFEATED

Service Company and Gas and Electric Concerns Losers in Election.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23.—In a total vote of 4,637, which represents about 50 per cent of the vote of the city, the franchise ordinance of the Sioux City Gas and Electric company was defeated in a special election by a majority of 1,357.

The vote stood 1,640 for the franchise and 2,997 against the franchise. Every ward in the city registered a majority against the franchise with the exception of the fifth, which gave a favorable majority of 74.

## SCHEME TO MAKE INVALIDS HAPPY

Good Cheer Club Plans a Twenty-eight Story Home.

## TO BE ERECTED IN NEW YORK.

Idea Came to the Club's President When She Lay Friendless in a Chicago Hospital—Society Organized by Twelve Girls Has Grown to Great Proportions.

A dozen young girls on the upper west side of New York city banded themselves together last September and incorporated a tiny club, which they called the "Society of Good Cheer." Their avowed object was simply the "cheering up"—nonfinancially—of the convalescent sick. Today, only three months after incorporation, they have branches in almost every prominent city in America. They have entered the tuberculosis campaign and the field of children's charities, and they have already ordered plans for a twenty-eight story skyscraper, to be erected in the very near future on the island of Manhattan and to be called the "House of Good Cheer."

"What have they done, and how did they do it? Their president, Miss Theora Carter, who has headquarters at 131 West Seventy-fourth street, New York, explained the matter.

"It all started simply," she began. "Last year I was ill in Chicago. My home is in Seattle, Wash., and I was all alone when I was taken sick. For weeks and weeks I lay in the hospital utterly uncheered in any way by any one. It was the most horrible experience of my life. And I realized that hosts of other girls and men and children, even, are suffering that way all the time. And I thought it was time something was done.

Primarily a Time Charity.

"I wished from the start to make my movement truly national, so I knew I must begin it in New York. My people were glad to have me do it, though it meant going so far away from them. So I just came on here to New York and got in touch with a few old friends and made a few new ones—and we began.

"From the first I made it clear that we were primarily a time charity, not a money one. We planned at first simply to give so much of our time each week to visiting the convalescent and friendless sick. We had no treasury at all to begin with. It was just understood that if you individually wanted to buy a bunch of violets for the person you were cheering up you had a right to do so. But as a club we didn't commit ourselves financially at all.

"We were only young girls, you see—not millionaires. But then—people began to be so generous.

Use of Clubhouse Offered.

"Two automobile firms contributed a machine apiece to take our sick friends riding. A gentleman on Long Island gave us the use of a beautiful clubhouse and estate of eighty acres, with stables and all buildings entirely at our disposal. Another man offered us \$1,500 to buy some very desirable land in Texas for a consumptives' home. We are negotiating for the purchase of that now, and next spring we intend to erect a tent city there for recoverable tuberculosis patients. Those who can will pay us what they can, but we intend to help those who are deserving without money and without price.

"It was in talking to Mr. Wheeler, the chaplain at St. Luke's chapel, New York, where we've done a great deal of our visiting, that I first voiced my idea for our most wonderful plan of all—the Good Cheer building for convalescents. The architects of the building have already nearly completed the plans. The building will be twenty-eight stories in height, and the lot of ground on which it will stand must be at least 75 by 100 feet. The cost will probably go into the millions, for we have determined to build somewhere in the borough of Manhattan.

Will House 3,000.

"We should be able to house at least 2,500 or 3,000 people at once. We are not going to have wards. We don't want a hospital. Each guest must have his own separate room. Then we shall have a general assembly room, where famous doctors may come and lecture to us and our patients on hygiene. We shall have an entertainment room with a tiny stage. We shall have offices and rooms for some of our members. We shall have a perfectly appointed kitchen, of course, and doctors and nurses in attendance day and night.

"I admit that we haven't as yet collected all our funds for the erection of our home, but I know of several worth while people in New York who are getting very much interested. And I have an uncle, Henry Calhoun, who is a millionaire, and I'm going to make a special trip to St. John, N. B., where he lives, and do my very best to rouse his enthusiasm. Oh, we'll get what we want finally, and I don't believe it will take so very long."

Tailored Saddles For Steeds.

General Crozier, chief of ordnance, in a report to the secretary of war at Washington the other day recommends tailor made saddles for army horses. General Crozier observes that, while horses' backs differ, all saddles are alike. He believes that the horse could be made more comfortable and useful if a saddle were fitted to him.