

# The Avoca Department

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

Carl Schroeder was at Nehawka Tuesday.

Miss Stella Opp is home for the holidays.

New Year's post cards at Copes' drug store.

T. W. Malcolm made a trip to Cook last Friday.

William Bogard was down from Omaha Sunday.

Oliver Seacat has returned from his trip to Indiana.

Mrs. A. B. Lewton was a Nebraska City visitor Friday.

Miss Maud Hanger is spending the holidays at Lincoln.

Mrs. Florene Durham was a Lincoln visitor last week.

J. C. Zimmerer, wife and son, were Omaha visitors Monday.

Prof. O. C. Larson is spending the holidays at Plattsmouth.

Miss Agnes Durham is here from Lincoln visiting home folks.

Fred Koester, living north of town, is visiting relatives in Illinois.

C. E. Tefft and family were down from Weeping Water Tuesday.

G. A. Malcolm spent Christmas with his parents near Talmage.

Earl Harmon was down from the metropolis the first of the week.

Nicholas Trook spent a few days this week with Lincoln relatives.

Harry Marquardt and Roy Fahnestock were at Nehawka Christmas.

Miss Florence Smoots was here from Berlin several days last week.

Ed. Wulf and L. F. Dunkak were Syracuse visitors Tuesday evening.

W. L. Gillin spent several days this week visiting his parents at Lorton.

Miss Opal Lewton came home from Peru last week to spend the holidays.

Roy Brazeale is learning how to amputate whisksers at Jenkins' barber shop.

Attend the box social and watch meeting at the town hall Saturday evening.

Chas. Jenkins and family were visiting Manley relatives the first of the week.

Miss Emma Marquardt, who is teaching at Minden, is here visiting her parents.

Mrs. Benj. Betts was at Berlin this week, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edna Young.

Chris. Neutzman and family are at Bertrand visiting at the home of A. J. Nutzman.

Fred Schrader was here from Kansas last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Busch.

Mrs. E. F. Ethridge was here from Cook this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Malcolm.

V. D. Wollen, who resides in the Black Hills country, is visiting his parents north of town.

Prof. John E. Opp, who is principal of the Beaver Crossing schools, is visiting his parents at Avoca.

C. L. Pittman and family were down from Omaha Christmas visiting at the home of T. S. Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bookman are now grandpa and grandma, a son being born to Mrs. Lena Steinhoff.

J. P. Rasmussen, Simon and Andreas Rehmeier ate Christmas dinner with Chris. Rasmussen, west of Weeping Water.

Louis Ruhge's large farm house was full to overflowing Christmas day. About fifty relatives and friends being entertained.

The Misses Biggs, who are attending business college at Omaha came down Saturday for a few days' visit with Avoca relatives.

An oyster supper and Christmas tree was given to about fifty invited friends and relatives Christmas night at the home of Will Peters.

Wm. Vette was the victim of a very painful accident Wednesday morning. While stretching wire in building a fence he was struck in the head by something breaking and nine stitches were required to close the wound.

**Death of James Fleishman.**

James Fleishman died at his home east of Avoca, Monday morning, December 26, after an illness resulting from an accident occurring about two weeks ago. He was thought to have been on the rapid road to recovery and grew worse only about fifteen minutes before his death. He leaves a wife to mourn his untimely death, besides his father, Daniel Fleishman, a brother and four sisters. Mr. Fleishman was in his 38th year, was an honorable, upright man, just in all his dealings and respected by all who knew him. The funeral is in charge of the I. O. O. F., of which order he is a member, and will be held at Nehawka Thursday morning.

**New Year's Wishes.**

Our Wishes for You:

May the New Year hold for you all things good. May the horn of plenty for you be filled to overflowing. May you not be on the visiting list of sorrow and disappointment.

Our Wishes for You:

We wish you to know that we appreciate your patronage very much. We wish to thank you sincerely for your support during the past year and hope, if we merit such good luck, it will continue indefinitely.

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## S. L. COTNER AND FAMILY IN WRECK

Mr. S. L. Cotner and wife and children, Arthur and Gladys, returned last evening from Blue Hill, where they went to spend Christmas with Mr. Cotner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cotner. Mr. Cotner and family had a narrow escape from being injured, if not killed, in a railway wreck which occurred at a side track a few miles south of Hastings, on a branch line. The train was a long one and crowded with Christmas travelers, when at a siding a bolt holding the switch in place, gave way and three coaches were derailed and almost tumbled over a high embankment. The engine and baggage cars were left on the track, and with this the passengers were taken to the next station, by making several trips. When the engine returned for the second load it brought for the conveyance of passengers a couple of box cars into which, with the rest of the passengers, our townsman and his family finished their journey to Blue Hill. Lee's father gave his son the horse laugh, telling Lee that this was the first time one of his boys had had

to "beat his way" home. Lee took the joke all right, and says he enjoyed his visit fine, nearly all of the children, including Dr. Cotner, of Lebanon, Kansas, were at home for Christmas dinner.

### Effects of the M. P. Strike.

A special from Sedalia, Missouri, under date of December 28, says:—"With the exception of fourteen non-union foremen, only twelve strike-breaking machinists are now employed at the Missouri Pacific shops. Many of the union men who have been working at Springfield and Moberly, Missouri, Pittsburg and Parsons, Kansas, and Bloomington, Illinois, have returned to their old positions. The old men say they found the tools and machines in bad condition as the result of the strike, and it will require months to get into first class order the many disabled engines on the system."

Mr. L. A. Meisinger drove in from the farm today, bringing to the Burlington station his sister-in-laws, Misses Anna and Bertha Hild, who departed for Creighton, Nebraska, this afternoon, where they will join their parents and make their home in that vicinity.

### The Strongest Man.

One of the greatest men of the world declared that the strongest man is he, who can always control himself, whose will power is stronger than his passions. Some men cannot deny themselves anything. They know that their habits are injurious to their health, but will not change them. They are ruining their stomachs, their nerves, their blood. If they can be made to stop and to use, for a short time only, Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine, their digestion will become regular, their blood pure, their nerves strong. Use it in all irregularities of the digestion, in headache, constipation, nervousness, backache, colic and cramps, as also in weakness of the body, anemia, periodical pains. Use it as soon as your appetite will fail you or you will notice some discomfort after eating. At drug stores. Jos. Triner, 1333-1339 South Ashland avenue, Chicago, Illinois. A beautiful wall calendar upon receipt of 10 cents in postage.

Mr. J. B. Nicholas, of Union, was an over night guest of the Riley, departing for Omaha on the early train today to look after business matters. Mr. Nicholas is engaged in the mercantile business at Union.

## FAVOR STATE AID FOR ROADS

### Iowa Convention Takes Action in This Direction.

### ASK FOR A SINGLE ROAD ACT

Suggest Legislature Rewrite Present Road Laws—Declare for Compulsory Dragging of Earth Roads—Legislative Committee is Appointed.

Tax automobiles and narrow the vehicles for good roads fund. Appoint engineer in each county to supervise road building. Have state board of public works to direct county engineers. Revise and codify good roads law. Emphasize to farmers how betterment of roads raises land values. Systematize dragging of roads after money is spent on improvement.

Des Moines, Dec. 29.—The Iowa good roads convention, at the close of an all-day session, in which much enthusiasm was aroused for highway legislation, appointed a legislative committee and adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That in the interest of simplicity we favor a rewriting of the road laws of the state into a single act.

"We favor the compulsory dragging of earth roads and the creation of a non-divertible drag fund.

"We favor a simple system of road management, under a centralized authority, which shall work through skilled and competent appointed officers.

"We favor some form of state aid to encourage good road building."

It is the sense of the conference that an increased per cent of our road fund be entrusted to the management of the board of supervisors.

### Game Wardens Are Organizing.

An association has been founded by the game wardens of Iowa for the purpose of raising the standards required for wardens and a more strict enforcement of the existing game laws. It is the plan of the wardens to show hunters of the state that they are not opposed to their interests and that they desire to weed out the undesirable from their ranks. George A. Lincoln, state game warden, is president, ex officio of the association; E. A. Leighton of Waterloo is president; Wesley Brant of Creston, secretary, and Walter E. Sayers of Des Moines is treasurer.

### For Public Utilities Commission.

Strong effort will be made this year to establish a public utilities commission for Iowa. At the last session of the legislature a bill was presented which might have been adopted but for the belief that it was prepared largely in the interest of some of the corporations and that the interests of the people were not properly safeguarded. Now it is proposed that a bill be framed that will provide for control of all utilities, taking much of the authority of city councils out of their hands.

### Need More Room in Capitol.

Colonel C. W. Boutin, custodian of the state house, in his report filed with the governor, calls attention to the fact that there is very great need of more room for the boards and commissions and that the state house is overcrowded. There are commissions or boards occupying a dozen of the regular committee rooms and these will have to be moved before the legislature meets. He also asks that the state appropriate for rebuilding the west and north steps of the capitol.

### Tuberculosis Fight is Expensive.

Persons having charge of the work estimate that over \$130,000 a year is expended in the fight against tuberculosis in Iowa, nearly all being from public funds. The state maintains a sanatorium at Oakdale and a state lecturer and also gives aid to some hospitals caring for the persons affected with tuberculosis. It is planned that additional appropriations be secured and that the work be continued with even greater force in the future.

### Conservation Commission Busy.

The state conservation commission held an executive session here and practically completed the report of that body, which will be filed with the governor. The report will be printed in book form at once. It will include a government report on drainage matters in northern Iowa and also the government survey of the Des Moines river.

### Attend Missouri River Conference.

Governor Carroll appointed four delegates from Iowa to attend the conference called at Kansas City for today to consider methods of preventing the pollution of the Missouri river from cities along the way. Those appointed were V. I. Treynor and J. H. Cleves of Council Bluffs and Prince Sawyer and A. J. McLaughlin of Sioux City.

### Carroll Names Tariff Commissioners.

The Iowa delegates to the national convention of the National Tariff Commission association, which will be held in Washington, Jan. 11 and 12, have been appointed by Governor Carroll, and are: Charles Junkin, Fair-

field; J. A. DeArmond, Davenport; George Duham, Manchester; H. R. Palmer, Hawkeye; W. C. Kerr, Grundy Center; John Wilson, Hedrick; J. G. Berryhill, Des Moines; W. P. Hepburn, Clarinda; G. W. Cullison, Harlan; J. P. Lavendar, Rockwell City; E. P. Helser, Cherokee. Mr. DeArmond and Mr. Cullison are Democrats. Messrs. Junkin, Dunham, Berryhill, Hepburn, Lavendar and Helser are prominent standpatters. Mr. Kerr is understood to be a progressive.

### JOICE TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Banker Too Ill in St. Paul to Attend Federal Hearing.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Dec. 29.—Because P. M. Joice, a banker of Lake Mills, who is charged with fraudulent banking, is too ill at his home in St. Paul to stand trial here Jan. 3, the trial was postponed until the June term of the federal court. The trial was assigned for last November, but postponed because of his illness then. It is said he is in a critical condition.

Joice was indicted last June on sixty-two counts in the federal court here. The case attracted much attention because of Joice's prominence.

## MASONS SWEAR OFF ON PROFANITY

### Three Hundred at Banquet in Cedar Rapids Take Vow.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 29.—Exactly at the hour of midnight three hundred Masons, seated at a banquet table in the new consistory temple in this city, celebrated St. John's day by registering a mental vow never again to utter profane language. The vow was taken at the suggestion of Grand Master Frederick Craig of Des Moines, who was the guest of honor and the principal speaker of the evening. Louis Block of Davenport also spoke. It was the first assemblage in the new consistory temple just completed at a cost of \$50,000.

### SUICIDE AT CEDAR RAPIDS

E. H. Meyers of the Hubbard Ice Company Shoots Himself in Head.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 29.—Edward H. Meyers, secretary and treasurer of the Hubbard Ice company, one of the most prominent and respected citizens of Cedar Rapids, committed suicide in a toilet room near his office. He used a revolver and shot himself in the head. No cause is known, unless it was temporary mental aberration.

### State Health Board Criticized.

Red Oak, Ia., Dec. 29.—Dr. Louis A. Thomas, former secretary of the state board of health, has issued circulars in which he severely arraigns the state board of health, the system under which it is created and maintained, and commends the commission system for a health board, being advocated by numerous physicians over the state.

### His Wounds Likely Fatal.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 29.—Lynn Sylvester, son of Alvin Sylvester, living near Glidden, while out hunting, sat down on a railroad bridge to rest. His gun slipped between the ties and in pulling it back both barrels were discharged, the young man receiving the contents in the side and one arm. It is not believed that he can live.

### W. K. Boardman Is Dead.

Nevada, Ia., Dec. 29.—W. K. Boardman, a former resident of this city and at one time state dairy commissioner of Iowa and a well known state politician, died at his home in Los Angeles. The body, accompanied by the wife and daughter, will arrive here Sunday.

### Smith Chosen for Educational Board.

Des Moines, Dec. 29.—O. E. Smith of Indianola, superintendent of schools, has been appointed a member of the state board of educational examiners by Governor Carroll. He will succeed R. S. Whitney of Sioux City, whose term expires Jan. 5, 1911.

### Switchman Killed by Cars.

Fort Dodge, Ia., Dec. 29.—H. M. Rohrer, a switchman for the Illinois Central, was killed instantly at Tara while coupling the air hose between cars in a long train. The drawbar of the cars came together, mashing his head into a pulp.

### Bellevue Man Kills Self.

Bellevue, Ia., Dec. 29.—Because of dependency over ill health, Charles W. Hyler of this city committed suicide by shooting himself through the brain with a revolver.

### Conductor Frank Wagner Dead.

Boone, Ia., Dec. 29.—Conductor Frank Wagner, a pioneer Northwestern railroad employee, died of pneumonia.

### Tries to Make Lion Yawn.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—While visiting the winter quarters of a wild animal show, John Kellert was told that he could make a lion yawn by tickling his chin. John tried, with the result that he is now in a hospital nursing a hand from which two fingers are missing.

### Two Die of Drinking Liquor.

New York, Dec. 29.—A man and a woman are dead and two other men are seriously ill in hospitals as a result of drinking liquor said to have contained wood alcohol.

## INDICT 145 MORE FOR VOTE SELLING

### Grand Jury in Adams County, O., Brings Total to 959.

### PROCESSION STILL CONTINUES

Indicted Men Make it Point to Plead Guilty Before Deputy Sheriffs Can Find Them—Vote Sellers Also Admit Bootlegging.

West Union, O., Dec. 29.—The Adams county grand jury reported 145 additional true bills against persons accused of selling their votes in the November election. This makes a total of 959 indictments already returned. The processions of penitents who are coming to the court daily to plead guilty keeps up. It has become somewhat of a point of pride with the indicted citizens to beat the deputy sheriffs by getting to court before warrants can be served. Judge Blair's methods in listening to the pleas of guilty are extremely informal. He knows a large proportion of the voters of the county by their first names and when they come into court the scene is rather a social one. The judge sits on one side of a plain table, the indicted man on the other.

"How about it, John? Are you guilty?" asks the judge.

"I reckon I am, judge," is the usual reply.

"All right, John. I'll have to fine you \$10 and you can't vote any more for five years. And I'll just put a six months' workhouse sentence on top of that, but I won't enforce it so long as you behave."

"All right, judge; you've got the goods on me."

"And say, John, you've been keeping liquor in your house and inviting your friends in, haven't you?" the judge will sometimes ask. (Adams county is dry.)

"That's right, judge," says the accused man.

"Well, you'll have to cut that out, John. Remember, there is a workhouse sentence hanging over you if you don't walk straight."

"All right, judge; goodbye," and the penitent goes over to the clerk and pays his fine.

Two new features developed. One was that of a woman selling her son's vote and the other concerned a voter who was bought three different ways.

### RADLEY WINS AERIAL DERBY

British Speed Champion Defeats Ely and Parmelee.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—England and France in a speed coalition defeated America in the first trial aeroplane derby ever run. James Radley, the British speed champion, in a French Bleriot monoplane, beat Eugene Ely, driving a Curtiss racer, and Phil Parmelee, in a "Baby Wright," in an eight and three-fourths mile race.

He not only demonstrated that his Bleriot monoplane is the speediest thing in flying machines ever seen west of the Rockies, but he established a new record for the Los Angeles field. His time for the eight and three-fourths miles was 9:14 1/5, an average of fifty-seven miles an hour. His fastest lap was made at the rate of almost a mile a minute.

### UPTURN IN WHEAT M/R/T

World's Available Supply Shows Decrease of Nearly 3,000,000 Bushels.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The disappearance of nearly 3,000,000 bushels from the world's available supply of wheat helped turn the market upward today, notwithstanding a good rainfall in the dry district of the southwest. The first named happening was unlooked for; the other had been largely discounted a full day in advance. Compared with last night, the close was 1/2c higher to 3/4c decline. The end of trading left corn 1/8c net lower, oats 1/4c@3/8c down and provisions off 25@37 1/2c. Closing prices:

Wheat—Dec., 92 1/4c; May, 96 1/4c.  
Corn—Dec., 46 1/4c; May, 47 1/4c.  
Oats—Dec., 31c; May, 33 1/4c@33 3/4c.  
Pork—Jan., \$19.45; May, \$18.55.  
Lard—Jan., \$10.40; May, \$10.07 1/2.  
Ribs—Jan., \$10.27 1/2; May, \$9.70.  
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 93 1/2c@95c; No. 2 corn, 45 1/2c@45 3/4c; No. 2 oats, 31c.

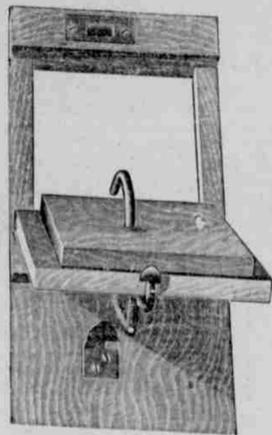
### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000; steady; beef steers, \$4.65@7.30; western steers, \$4.90@5.90; stockers and feeders, \$3.40@5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.50@4.25; calves, \$7.25@9.50. Hogs—Receipts, 23,900; slow; light, \$7.50@8.00; heavy, \$7.60@8.00; rough, \$7.60@7.75; pigs, \$7.25@8.05; bulk, \$7.50@7.90. Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; steady; natives, \$2.50@4.35; westerns, \$2.75@4.30; yearlings, \$4.75@5.50; lambs, \$4.25@6.50.

### South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; steady; beef steers, \$5.10@6.15; cows and heifers, \$3.25@4.80; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@5.65; bulls, \$2.90@4.75; calves, \$3.00@8.00. Hogs—Receipts, 6,500; 5@10c lower; heavy, \$7.50@7.60; mixed moved around \$7.75; lights sold at or near the top, \$7.85. Sheep—Receipts, 3,900; steady; lambs sold as high as \$6.15; yearlings, \$5.00@5.25; ewes moved at \$3.65; wethers, \$3.65@4.05.

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