

**WILL NOT APPOINT
UNTIL JANUARY.**

**GOVERNOR SHELDON STILL UNDECIDED
ABOUT SUPREME JUDGESHIP.**

HEARS PARDON APPLICATION.

Lincoln May Have a Democratic Daily Newspaper. State Treasurer Makes Biennial Report of Finances. Democrats Still Hopeful.

(SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN)

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15: Governor Sheldon was engaged today in hearing the application for pardon on behalf of A. R. Leedom of Boone County, who was convicted last spring on the charge of statutory rape and entered the penitentiary on May 4th last, under a sentence of six years. Among those who appeared before the governor in the interest of securing executive clemency for Leedom were D. J. Poynter of Albion, a former business associate, Rev. Sisson, Mrs. Leedom and others. A petition was also placed on file with the governor. Leedom was present and offered a verbal statement in his own behalf. Governor Sheldon, at the close of the hearing, took the matter under advisement. It is understood that the governor will communicate with the district judge who presided at the trial before entering a decision on the application for pardon.

Governor Sheldon will leave this week for Mississippi where he has some extensive landed interests and will be away from the capital for about a week. It is expected that he will not make the appointment of the supreme judge to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Judge Sullivan until after January 1st. After the close of his official term Governor Sheldon will probably spend a considerable portion of the winter months on his southern lands and may be accompanied by his family.

Lincoln is to have a genuine Democratic daily newspaper—maybe. In the closing days of last week articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state by the Tribune Publishing Co., with a claimed capital of \$100,000. The names appearing on the document filed are C. W. Pool of Tecumseh, J. F. Murphy of Lincoln, Henry Hemple and Homer Moore. The amount of the paid up capital is not announced. Rumors are afloat that this is the beginning of a project to absorb a Lincoln publication and make it a democratic organ for the state.

State Treasurer I. G. Brian has prepared his biennial report of the state's finances. In this are several items which reflect great credit on the Republican administration of the state and on Mr. Brian's conduct of the state treasury. The report shows that the state debt is in process of rapid extinction. On December 1st, 1906, the debt was \$1,915,671.31. According to the list of registered warrants in the office of the treasurer the debt had been reduced on December 1st 1908, to the sum of \$718,570.33 making the reduction of the debt in two years the very handsome sum of \$1,197,100.98. At the present rate of liquidation, Treasurer Brian estimates that the state debt will be entirely paid by July 24 of the coming year. In the past two years the interest on state money deposited

in banks has increased nearly \$10,000 over the similar previous period on the interest earnings of investments of permanent funds in bonds has increased over \$10,000 per annum.

State Auditor Searle estimates that the State income for the next two years, including receipts of the temporary school funds will amount to \$6,654,393.18 and the estimated expenditures of the state will come within \$154,403.25 of absorbing the state's resources.

SOCIETY ITEMS

DINNER PARTY.

Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Iszard entertained at dinner at the Commercial hotel. One table in the dining room was reserved. All the silver ware used on the table was taken from Mr. Iszard's mine in Colorado some years ago. Covers were laid for Rev. and Mrs. Xanders, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Molyneux, Homer Molyneux and Mrs. Mathews of Lincoln.

HIGH FIVE.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Lon Davis entertained the card club at their home close to town. High five was played at four tables. Mrs. E. W. Simmons having scored the highest number of points, was presented with a lovely pen and ink landscape picture. Mrs. J. E. Wilson who scored the lowest number of points received a china cream pitcher in the form of a miniature cow. Refreshments were served. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames. J. H. Anderson, Jim Woods, E. W. Simmons, T. B. Morris, William Barrett, J. E. Wilson, W. Frey, and Sam Russell.

WHIST CLUB MEETS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. House entertained the fortnightly Whist Club Wednesday evening, at their pleasant home, on the South side. Every room in the house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of holly; it was suspended from the chandeliers; small branches of it were artistically arranged on the lace curtains; it adorned every picture frame; every available place was decorated with it; every nook and corner of the house was filled with Christmas cheer. The members of the Club who reside on the North side, owing to the icy condition of the sidewalks, went and returned in the Grand Central Buss. A series of games were played at seven tables. The Tally Cards were decorated with "Teddy Bears" dressed in red. Delicious refreshments were served. Owing to the absence of three of the members in Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Holcomb and Mrs. W. H. Xauders, were invited to fill the vacancies.

ANTI-NUPTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Mazuma N. I. T. Club met in regular session last Monday evening with Miss Effie Shinn. An unusually large amount of business was disposed of, and at the close of the meeting, the members were pleasantly and completely surprised. They were invited to enter the dining room, where a sight met their eyes long to be remembered. A large round table was spread with snowy linen. In the centre a cluster of Brides roses, rested on a white embroidered centre piece. Four candle sticks containing pink candles were used. On one end of the place cards were entwined gilt hearts. The favors were log stemmed brides roses, laid across the napkins, with the stem towards the centre



The American Christmas Girl

**BUSINESS MEN
ARE ORGANIZED.**

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY CAME OUT TO BANQUET.

SEVENTY-SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

H. Lomax Elected President and E. C. House Secretary of Executive Committee of Seven. Membership Open to Anybody.

About one hundred and fifty business men of the city came to the banquet at the Temple Theatre last Thursday for the organization of a commercial club. Three tables running the full length of the theatre were covered with one hundred and fifty plates and there was a business man for each one of them. The supper was served by the Ladies Library Association.

Mayor W. A. George presided as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by L. D. George, H. G. Myers, H. Lomax, A. R. Humphrey, C. W. Beal, E. R. Purcell, and S. J. Lonergan. It was impossible for H. M. Bushnell, president of the state association of commercial clubs to be present.

Willis Caldwell reported for the committee on constitution and by-laws and they were taken up section for discussion and adoption. According to the constitution and by-laws the club is organized to further the interest of the citizens of Broken Bow and Custer County. Anyone who will sign the constitution and by-laws may become a member. No membership fee is charged but the members are to be assessed by a committee ac-

ording to the financial interest they have. This assessment cannot exceed \$10.00 per quarter. No part of this money will be given as a bonus to secure the location of any establishment. Membership cards were passed around and seventy-seven signified their intention to become members under the constitution and by-laws.

The committee on nominations suggested H. Lomax, Ed House, W. A. George, R. Ryerson, C. W. Bowman, C. S. Martin, and H. B. Drake for the board of seven directors for the coming year. They were elected by unanimous vote. The board of directors was empowered to elect its own president and secretary. The board later elected H. Lomax president and E. C. House secretary.

THE CORCORAN MINE.

An Interesting Love Story In This Issue
By Harry B. Iszard.

For a number of years Harry Iszard has been contributing a Christmas story to the regular Christmas edition of the Republican. His stories have proved a popular feature and one is published again this year. The story is entitled, "The Corcoran Mine," and may be found on page two of this issue.

Xmas.

Buy your Xmas presents early, make all friends happy, make your wife and children happy. But don't forget the C. W. Bowman and Willis Caldwell are in the real estate business and your first duty to yourself and your family is to buy a good home and the best home is a farm home. It

Successful Operation.

Mrs. Purcell, who resides in Lincoln Co., near North Platte, had her left eye removed Tuesday morning by Dr. Mullins and Christensen. The operation was performed at the home of Mr. Will Coulter on the West Table, where Mrs. Purcell formerly resided. Some years ago Mrs. Purcell lost the use of her eye, which lately has been causing her a great deal of trouble. The right eye was becoming involved hence the necessity of the operation.

Public School Notes.

The public schools will close Friday for the Christmas vacation. One of the strongest programs of the year will be given in each room Friday afternoon. Special attention has been given to the preparation of the pupils for this program and everyone is invited.

Miss Florence E. Deweiler of Ravenna was elected last Saturday to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Prof. J. R. Teagarden. Miss Deweiler has had ten years experience as a teacher in the grades and she leaves a position as grade teacher in the Ravenna schools to accept the place here.

The total enrollment in the city schools is 618. At the close of the first three months the number in attendance was 609. This shows a variation of but nine and indicates that very few parents who have children in the city are leaving.

Don't Forget the Christmas Contata at the Methodist church next Thursday evening. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Loans made on Custer county farms.
A. T. SEYBOLT,
Ulysses, Nebr.

Mrs. J. V. Houts of Westerville visited with Mr. Mrs. Joseph Pigman the first of the week.

**FIRST WEEK SHOWS
GOOD RESULTS.**

GUY W. OLMSTEAD TAKES THE LEAD WITH 48,000 VOTES.

REEDER A CLOSE SECOND

A Number of the Contestants are Starting out With Energy and Determination and the Contest Promises to be Interesting.

Guy W. Olmstead proved to be the biggest subscription getter the first week of the scholarship subscription contest. Joy V. Reeder of Broken Bow came in as a close second in the point scoring and Warren Cline who entered in Junie Cline's place, is third. A number of the contestants have secured subscriptions that they were unable to report this week and the reports next week may show a change in the line-up. School closing Friday will give the teachers who have entered a chance to work and then the young people who are going to school will also have a better opportunity to get around and see the people. A number of the contestants have signified their intention of putting all of their time in the next two weeks when they are out of school at work in getting subscriptions for the contest. A number of the contestants show energy and determination and the race promises to be close and interesting. The vote this week stands as follows:

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| Guy W. Olmstead..... | 48,000 |
| Joy V. Reeder..... | 36,000 |
| Warren Cline..... | 13,000 |
| O. M. Phelps..... | 11,000 |
| Bernice Scott..... | 9,500 |
| Jesse Price..... | 8,000 |
| Della Ellingston..... | 6,500 |
| B. F. Lewis..... | 6,000 |
| Minnie Griffith..... | 5,000 |
| Guy McGowan..... | 5,000 |
| Lizzie Mitten..... | 5,000 |
| Clifford Jordan..... | 5,000 |
| George Keltner..... | 5,000 |
| Ray S. Waterbury..... | 5,000 |
| Maud McLean..... | 5,000 |
| Mabel Lewis..... | 5,000 |

Jess Gandy Still Hopeful.

Jesse Gandy still thinks that Shallenberger will give him a plum from the Democratic tree before they are all passed out. He says that he has very strong recommendations from this part of the state and in fact from all over the State and from prominent men in other states. The general sentiment in Broken Bow is that Jess is entitled to an appointment at the hands of Shallenberger if any Democrat is. He has done more good hard work for the party than any other man. He is still hopeful of his reward and says if there is anyone knocking on him he doesn't know it.

Accepts Call.

The Rev. J. E. Aubrey of Sterling Col. made his second visit to the Presbyterian Church and preached two acceptable sermons last Sunday, to large congregations. The Church, a short time ago, extended a call to Rev. Aubrey, which he at this time accepted. At a business meeting of the Session, it was decided to remove the parsonage in the near future, and erect in its place, a more commodious house, with all the modern improvements. This is a step in the right direction, and one we commend to the other churches. The comforts of the clergy should receive the attention of and keep pace with that of the members. Rev. Aubrey is a genial gentleman and we extend to him a cordial welcome to this community.