#### DEATH OF EX-MAYOR MURPHY

Wis Sad and Untimely End Caused by Ptomaine Peisoning.

BLISTERED IN A BOILING BATH.

An Engineer's Sudden Plunge Into Scalding Water-Cigarmakers Bound for San Francisco - Other Local News.

A Useful Life Ended.

Patrick F. Murphy, ex-mayor of Omaha, died at his residence in this city Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. The news of his death was a shock to the whole community, which was heightened by the announcement that he had died from poisoning. It was not generally known that he was sick until the fact was stated in Saturday evening's paper that he was not expected to live. Only three days had elapsed since Mr. Marphy had greeted his many friends on the street the picture of health and sarength, which

finde the news seem almost incredible.

Mr. Murphy resided at 2633 Dodge street with his family, consisting of a wife and three children. One week ago Mrs. Murphy and two of the children. Emmet and Lowis, became violently sick. The first symptoms of the illness were violent purging and retening, followed by high fever and chills. In a day or so this wore off and the sick ones regained their days later seized with the same masterious malady, though some time clapsed before it fully developed. On Wednes-day night last he was seized with a violent

Dr. Stone was called in and relieved his sufferings by hypodermic injections of morphine. This gave him some temporary relief, but he soon grew worse, Dr. Moore was called in for consultation into a sleep, from which he never fully

Dr. Stone, in speaking about the affair. "The case is plainly one of decayed meat poisoning-promaines it is called in medical language. I found upon questioning Mrs. Murphy that for the past ten days the family had been eating chicken freely. The flesh of the fowl had frozen and then thawed, causing a certain poison to be engendered, which is highly dangerous in its effects. This poison may be found, in the same way, in thawing fish, beef, mutton or in fact almost any digestive system, with terribly critant effect, then causes a depression of heart and finally causes a poisoning of the outire system. I have no doubt that it was this malady which caused Mr. Murphy's death, as all the symptoms were fully developed and unmistakable, Such cases are very rare, and I know of but one other which, came to light in this some time ago, and terminated

Other physicians who had become acquainted with the features of the case shared the opinion of Dr. Stone, that it was This poison presents the greatest likeone of ptomaines, caused in the manner indicated. As corroborating this theory it may be mentioned that the only one of the family who has not taken the property of the prope the family who has not taken sick is the youngest son, who refused, for some reason or another, to feast on the chicken flesh. Mr. Murphy partook heartily of the dangerous food Mrs. Murphy and the four children did not call a great in the children did not call a great in the children i noteat so heartily of the chicken as did Mr. Murphy, and were fortunate in a speedy recovery from the malady.

THE AUTOPSY. Yesterday afternoon, in compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Murphy and the friends of the deceased, an antopsy was held on the remains. Those who were present and assisted in the operation were Drs. Stone, Coffman and Carter.

The autopsy was quickly and com-pletely performed and revealed a state of affairs which would exist in a case of ptomaine poisoning. There was intense inflammation of the bowels and stomach, which was the direct cause of death. There was, in addition to the congestion of the upper bowels, a complete destruction of the mucus membrane of the lower bowels. The tests showed that there were traces of alkaloid poisoning, such

as would be produced by the toxic properties of ptomaines. Mr. Murphy was born in Dubliu, Ire-land, in 1843. When he was twenty years of age he came to America and started for Omaha shortly after his ar-rival. He was given a liberal education in some of the schools of his native country. During his first two years in America he spent much of his time in Omaha, but he made one or two visits to places in the east. In 1867 he established himself in the grocery business in this city at Ninth and Davenport streets where he remained for nearly three years. He sold out his store at this point and then removed to Dakota county, taking up a homestead two miles from Ponca. While living there he formed the acquaintance of Miss Mary Sharkey, a most estimable lady whom he married in 1871. In 1876 he returned to Omaha and went to work in the Union Pacific shops. Thrift accompanied his efforts and two years later, in 1878, he established him-self in the dairy Business at Twentyself in the dairy business at Twenty-eighth and Dodge streets. This he con-tinued for two years, when he opened a grocery store at the same place. In 1883 he was nominated by both the work-ingmen and republicans as their candidate for councilman at large from the Fourth ward. The city democracy put up no one against him and he received upwards of 4,300 votes. When the new council of 1884 was organized he was elected president of that body, and when Mayor Chase was impeached

he became, by operation of law, the acting mayor of Omaha. The onerous duties of this office compelled him to sus-

pend all other business and devote his whole time and attention to official duties.

At the city republican convention in

office. A somewhat exciting canvass resulted in the election of Boyd by a majority of 177 votes. Since his retirement from office Mr. Murphy devoted his time business. During the to his private business. During the season just closed he constructed near Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets three store buildings which are now occupied by tenants, and his friends say he was considering the erection of other structures on lots which he owned still farther out on that thoroughfare. The deceased was a member of the Emmet Monument association, the Knights of Pythias, Myrtle Louge, and the Knights of Labor Assembly 2845. Of the first organization he has been a member for twenty years. In the second he was a quiet but active worker and always declined the honor of any official position. As a Knight of Labor he was an vocate of all measures which had for their end the amelioration of the working

classes. He was violently opposed to the unjust distribution of wealth and did not believe that the many should toil for the benefit of the wealthy few. He was a leader in this order, and its members fre-quently looked up to him for counsel and advice. He was the friend of the laborer. and his thoughts were ever upon some means to elevate and assist him.

ily and a man of exemplary habits. In by and a man of exemplary habits. In politics he was a man who never broke his word. What he promised he always fulfilled, and his political enemies never pointed the finger of suspecion at him. If keaves a wife and five hoys, the oldest of whom is twelve and the youngest six. The deceased, by frugality and attention to business, had gathered to gether considerable property, an amount collegest to keap his tangle, in good circ sufficient to keep his family in good cir-cumstances. He has no relatives in the city or in the west, but it is thought he has an uncle somewhere in New York.

THE FUNERAL. Yesterday afternoon the several assembles of the Knights of Labor met in K. of L. hall to make preparations to attend the funeral. Enlogies were delivered on their late brother and many were the expressions of sorrow at his untimely de-mise. The funeral will be held this after-noon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 2693 Dodge street.

2623 Dedge street.

All members of Myrtle ledge No. 2
Knights of Pythias, are notified to appear at the Castle hall Monday, December 28, at 1 p. m. sharp, to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, P. F. Murphy, By order of Edwin H. Crowell, chancellor commander.

A few weeks ago Dr. Carter read, at a regular meeting of the Douglas county medical society, an every on the subject of "Ptomaines." Before that time this new form of disease had been given little attention by the medical men of Omaha.

A reporter was permitted to call a few extracts from this essay, which will doubtless be found of interest in this

closely allied to the vegetal alkabids in chemical composition and reactions. sane asylum, but this was refused on the grounds that he was a British subject by Most of them possess strongly poisonous

Promaines are met with as a constituent vomiting fit, which gave way to chills of normal organs, tosues, hauseles, intestines, blood, etc. Also as a cadaveric production, especially in putrid fish, meat game, cheese, etc. These bodies are largely produced in the process of decomposition of annual tissues, whether it be the result of tissue-change, diseased Saturday forenoon, and in the evening Dr. Peabody also, but both agreed that death was near at hand. All that could of minute germs in some such way as alsobe done was to relieve the fast-failing bol results from the fermentation of grape sufferer, and shortly after 7 o'clock he sugar by means of the yeast plant. The sugar by means of the yeast plant. breathed his last. He was conscious up existence of these bodies (nt maines) as the to an hour before he died, when he went results of the decomposition of organic matters is an undisputed fact, although

illy defined chemically, and their origin is still in the domain of theory. Man is liable to be poisoned by some of these putral poisons which enter his body most frequently by the digestive cauni sometimes by wounds of the skin. Among our neighbors across the sea, impassioned article of diet, if it has undergone cer-tain putrid alterations, often causes toxic or poisonous symptoms. According to Mueller, this poisoning comprises a first stage of irritation, which makes its ap-pearance generally within about eighteen hours after the eating of the spoiled sausage; loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting; diarrhora, headache, extraordinary dryness of mouth and throat. In a very few days other symptoms follow, such as sis of limbs and tongue, slowing of the pulse and heart, coldness. Death, after several attacks of fainting or convulsions, supervenes, in a third of the cases, before the tenth day. Recovery may occur after a period of extreme debility, which may continue for weeks or

In 1878 these two last named gentlemen having to investigate the cause of death of a woman who had rapidly succumbed after eating of a spoiled stuffed goose, extracted from the remains of this goose a liquid alkaline base very similar to hemlock. They likwise found in the viscera of the woman an alkaloid which determined in frogs the same taxe symptoms which the symp toxic symptoms which the pto-maine extracted from the goose had produced, and presented the same chemical properties, so they were enabled legitimately to conclude that death was

the result of the absorption of a ptomaine.

The Boston Surgical and Medical Journal, in an article upon this subject says. "In all known accounts of poisoning by the ingestion of spailed meats, we see su-percenting after a few hours, digestive troubtes, vomiting, and abundant fetid, mucous and bloody diarrhoot. At the same time there exists a great prostration, general trembling, and sometimes a more or less intense febrile movement."

The London Lancet mentions a case in which four persons were poisoned by eating the liver of a calf which had been suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, and which had been killed four or five days

of poisoning by the use of tainted fish, which occurred in a family of six persons, in all of whom violent symptoms, such as dryness of the mouth, difficult swallowing, paralysis of the muscles and

The poison of venomous scrpents and insects are classed among the ptomaines, and the action of the venom is quite simi-lar to the ptomaines of putrefacture

#### A BOILING BATH.

An Engineer's Frightful Fall into a

Hot Water Well. A frightful and possibly fatal accident occurred yesterday morning at Rosenberry's planing mill, Sixteenth and Mercer streets, W. H. Bennett, the engineer at the mill, being plunged into a well of hot water and fearfully scalded. Bennett was at work repairing the exhaust pipe to the engine, and was standing on a plank placed over the hot water. well. The plank suddenly broke in the center and precipitated the unfortunate man into the well. When falling Bennett made a frantic effort to save himself, grasping the exhaust pipe with both hands. This prevented his being completely submerged in the boiling water, but the lower portion of his body, to just above the waist, was frightfully scalded. He succeeded in pulling himself out, however, and dragged himself to April last he was nominated by acclama-tion for mayor and at the polls was the opponent of Hon. James E. Boyd, the democratic and citizens' nominee for that the front of the mill. Being in terrrible agony, he endeavored to relieve his suf ferings by rolling in a pool of muddy water just outside the mill door, and there he was found by fellow workmen who were attracted by his screams. They quickly removed him to a house near by and physicians were summoued. Drs. Galbraith and Gibbs responded and made an examination of the injuries. They found that the flesh on Bennett's limbs, and across the abdomen, was scalded so badly that the skin had all peeled off, and some of the flesh had fallen from the bones when the clothing was removed. The unfortunate man's feet and ankles were one blister, his long boots having retained a large quantity of the boiling water until he plunged into the muddy pool. Remedies were at once applied, and Bennett was made as comfortable as possible. His precarious condition pre-vented his removal to his home, 2410 vented his removal to his home, Pacific street, and fears are entertained that the shock will prove fatal. Bennett is a married man, the father of several children, and his unfortunate accident is a terrible blow to them.

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leader in this order, and its members frequently looked up to him for counsel and advice. He was the friend of the laborer, and his thoughts were ever upon some means to elevate and assist him.

At home he was a model head of a fam

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Frank V. Adams, the morphine suicide, was buried Saturday afternoon by military authorities. The funeral was not pretentious nor the demonstrations of grief very pronounced. The young

gentleman, who in life had pampered his elegant tastes and lived in surroundings of retinement and comfort, was conened to his long home in a fifteen dolcollin, the best allowed under the mil-

Not the least interesting feature of this remarkable case is the fact that some pronounced differences arose between the pany. A soldier who was detailed for that purpose made the announcement in the morning that he would shortly be on hand with a squad to dig the grave. Mr. Daniels, the superint adent, and Mr. Medicek, the sexton, were very pround in informing the trooper that he was off s reckoning and that he could go home ille the cemetery authorities would pure the sepulctire.

There is an appropriation of \$15 for rave digging made by the government or deceased subjects of Adams' rank, highly as that of corporal. Any attempt to you the payment of this sum on the part of the military by doing their own grave digging is promptly resented by the company, which further claims that the government already owes \$1,000 on the soldiers entombed in Prospect Hill.

#### AN ALBINO LUNATIC.

John Cowing, the Remarkable English

Lunatic, Set at Liberty. John Cowing, of Valley, was Saturday released from the county jail, where he has been for the past month since his capture as a fugitive Innatic in Creston, Iowa. Application was made by his rel-Promaines are a class of bodies atives for his admission to the state inbirth and had never taken out papers of American citizenship. He has quieted down during the weeks of his confinement and seems now rational enough. His kinsfolk claim, however, that this held interval will not be of any length and they will send him to England at once, tate for that purpose. Cowing is rather a remarkable man physically. He is a perfect specimen of the dime museum Albino, save that he does not cuitivate long and disheveled locks. His hair and evebrows are snowy white and his skin is pink and clear like an infant's. His complexion would be the pride of any beile who could possess it. The iris of his eye departs from the natural hues of blue, brown, black, etc., and is red,— a delicate fine lit pink that would be pretty were it not a vagary. His eyes be side have a swift lateral movement which s never stilled. He came by all these remarkable charactreistics by a freak, as his relatives are like ordinary people in spite them, Cowing seems to be of good intelligence. He is well educated, converses readily on a wide range of topics, and has been up to the time of his insanity, which resulted from a sun stroke received two years ago, a good business man. While in the jail he was given the freedom of the corridors with the prisoners for light offenses, and with them formed a jolly companionship. When he left Saturday he bade them all a very cordial farewell, and remarked as he shook Joe Miller's hand that he was half sorry to go.

AMUSEMENTS.

"A TIN SOLDIER." Mr. Chas. H. Hoyt's latest and most successful farce comedy, "A Tin Soldier," will be produced at Boyd's Opera house to-night and to-morrow. "A Tin Soldier," like his "Bunch of Keys," "Parlor Match," "Rag Baby," etc., bur-lesques some business. This time he takes the plumber as his subject, and has built a comedy which promises to run even longer than any of his previous efforts. Mr. Hoyt travels with this company and gives his personal attention to this his greatest production. The company engaged for this piece is one of un-usual merit and contains some of the branch of the profession, among whom may be mentioned Mr. Geo. W. Wilson, James F. Powers, Miss Amy Ames, Rachel Booth and many others. Nothing is edssful comedy production of the season and our theatre-goers can look forward to a rare treat.

In Memoriam.

Mr. P. A. Ocompaugh died in this city at the residence of Mr. Geo. L. Green on Thursday morning, Dec. 24, 1885. He was born on March 2, 1831, and was, therefore, in his fifty-fifth year. He leaves one son and two daughters. Mr. Ocompaugh has many friends in this city. He looked out into the great future with-out fear. He had made his peace with God. Twenty-eight years ago he was converted and through life his great pur-pose was to please God. And in these last days he looked to the Crucified One with the faith of a little child. And the Lord received him and gave him great

peace and joy.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Detweiler, of the Luthevan church, and Rev C. W. Savidge, of the Methodist church, after which the body. in care of the son, was sent to Troy, N. Y., for interment.

Police Court.

Judge Stenberg was greeted Saturday by a bench full of prisoners, most of whom had been celebrating Christmas and had been arrested in an intoxicated

John Gorman, Nicholas Groshall, H. Hewitt, J. Kumpf, James Beaman, Henry Carnes, Mike Cossley, Frank Anton, Ernest Taylor, Thomas McCormick, charged with intoxication, were released. Laura Mills and Hattie Farrester, fight-

ing, fined \$5 and costs. Committed in default. James Monogha t, drunk and desorderly, fined \$3 and cost. Charles Thompson and John O'Neil,

fighting, fined \$5 and costs.
William Griffin, Dick Roe and Fred
Elser, drunk and disorderly, fined \$5 and

John Carey, fighting, discharged.

An Unfortunate Accident.

The elegant residence of Mr. J. A Wakefield at 622 North Twentieth street was, Friday evening the scene of pleasant Christmas festivities. The pleasure of the occasion, however, was marred by an accident, which for a time threatened serious results and caused general con-sternation. One of the candles in the Christmas tree communicated a blaze to the branches, and in a moment the entire tree was in flames. Before the fire could be extinguished, the carpet and furniture

were burned, the damage in all probably

amounting to \$200. Fortunately, no one was injured. So far as known this is the only serious Christmas tree fire this

Remembered the Jehus. Mrs. A. P. Wood, who resides at the corner of Twenty-third and Dodge streets remembered the patient and long suffering street car drivers on Christmas morning, by presenting mittens to all of the Farnam street line which passes her residence. She also halted them as they drove by in the morning and gave them each a warm breakfast.

TALKS WITH TRAVELERS. Short Interviews Gathered in the

Hotel Roundas. L. Calhoun, Nebraska City, Neb. "Workmen are very bury at present re pairing our "blarsted" ice bridge, which new posts will probably have to be sunk in their places. The ice bridge is a perfectly reliable structure—good for the purposes it was intended—so long as no sadden breakups occur to throw floating to a violantle against the supports of the lee violently against the supports of the bridge. I presume the damage will be entirely repaired in a week or ten days'

L. D. Konney, Chicago, 178.: Mr. Kinney is president of the newly organized Arnold Automatic Cooker company, which is to operate in this city in manufacturing the cooker and selling it in the territory west of the Missouri river. The other officers are William R. Bowen, secretary, and H. G. Clark, treasurer. Mr. Kinney was president of a similarly or-

ganized company in Chicago. Among the stockholders was one E. J. Dennison, who secured 200 shares by false representations, as Mr. Kinney claims. This gentleman, Mr. Kinney afleges, is known among the business men of Chicago as a sharper and a wrecker, and his connection with the company has destroyed the confidence of the Chicago public in the old company hence Mr. Kinney's desire to form a new company to operate in Omaha. Mr. Dennison, on the other hand, claims that Kinney is trying to wreek the old company and to defraudits stockholders, and has just commenced suit in the supreme court of illinois against Mr. Dennison to ing of the old company's affairs, and

show his disposition of its monies.
"That man Dennison," said Mr. Kinney, "is a rascal and a knaye, despite the fact that he is 65 years of age. got his shares from mo-they were my own individual property—under false prefenses. I used to have perfect confi-dence in him, but I have found him to be a scamp. He manipulated the books of the old company in his own interest and is directly chargeable with fraud. The only reason I dain't have him arrested before I left Chicago was because his wife is dying. I found that our old company which was organized to sell and manufacture the Arnold cooker, could make no headway because Dennison was connected with it, and people knew him to be an unreliable business man. So the new company has been organized, and we shall have our factory and warehouses, for the western country, in this city, be low Dennison to have 200 shares in the new company in place of 200 shares in the and which he secured by false pretenses, he has announced his purposes of down ing me in the new organization. But I propose to make it warm for him.

T. L. Lucey, Allon, 1813 I imple and Missouri capitalists are sure of the success of their scheme to scene another bridge across the Mississippi at Alion. The bill is already working through congress and will no doubt be passed upon before very long. Alton is on the Mississippi, twenty-five miles above St. Louis. The proposed new bridge will connect with the Missouri Central railroad, for which surveys are now being made and which is to afford a western outlet for the Vanderbilt system. to rely, for entrance into St. Louis, upon the St. Louis bridge, which has been in the lands of the Gould faction.

#### TO THE GOLDEN GATE. Five Hundred Cigar Makers on Their

Way to San Feaucisco. Nearly 100 elgar makers and packers started for San Francisco from New York Saturday night on the New York Central limited express. They go to work in factories where Chinese labor has been employed. The New Yorkers are in charge union, and their expenses are paid by the International Cigar Makers' union. Along the route to Omaha about 400 others will join the party, and here they will again be reinforced by others. They are expected to arrive here this evening over the Northwestern. The train will stop at the depot twenty minutes, and all the labor organizations in the city have signified their intention of marching to the depot in a body to meet them. Bands have been secured, and an ovation will

doubtless be held at the station.

The eigarmakers who join the party here bound for the Golden Gate are T. B. Honkompk, president of the local union; R. J. Funchion, E. P. Gillett, Ed. Hartun and A Christienson. About tiffy others from surrounding cities also take the

train at this point,

The causes which lead to this large transfer of workmen are as follows: On December 1 the eight manufacturers in San Francisco decided that they would no longer employ cools labor, and upon the earnest solicitation of Mr. J. Wolf, president of the eigarmakers' union in that city, these manufacturers consented to employ only international union men class of artisans by January 1, next Mr. Wolfe at once started for the cast and here met the local union, which was at once enlisted in the cause of securing means for transportation of such of their brethern as desired to go to San Fran-cisco under promise of good wages and employment for one year from the cigar manufacturers in that city. Appropriate resolutions were at once adopted by the union which were sent to other unions. the railroad companies has been entered into by which it was agreed to earry these tradesmen from New York City to San Francisco and intermediate points for \$20. Arrangements have also been for \$39. Arrangements have also been effected by which the tare of those who are unable will be paid by the international union.

### A Pleasant Event.

The Concordia singing society gave a concert and ball on Saturday evening. which was in every particular thoroughly njoyable and fully up to the standard of zation. A Christmas tree was on hand, well laden with gifts for all present. The banquet board was covered with all manner of good things, which soon disappeared, however, before the deter-mined onslaught of the merrymakers. The Musical Union orehestra was present and furnished music for the dance

Overpowered by Gas.

A man named Charles Peterson was nearly asphyxiated by gas at the corner of Thirteenth and Farnam streets early Saturday evening, and was only resuscitated by most vigorous measures by physicians who were summoned. Copious drafts of brandy were adminis-tered, which had the desired effect after the man had been unconscious for half an hour. Peterson is an employe of the gas company, and was endeavoring to hind a leak in the pipes when he was overpowered.

Officers Knights of Honor.

Omaha lodge No. 839, Knights of Honor, at its last meeting elected the. following officers: Past dietator, Cyrus Kimmell; dietator, C. Menter; vice dieta-. financial reporter, J. B. Braner; treas-ner, Charles Landrock; chaplain, J. O. Corby; guide, F. L. Clark; guardian, H. H. Kirby; sentinel, Thomas Fatconer.

trustees, C. L. Fritscher, J. F. Sheeley and E. D. Pratt; medical examiner, Dr. Joseph Neville,

Ruights and Ladies of Honor. Principle lodge, No. 179, Knights and Ludies of Honor, at its last meeting electgave way a day or two since. Two of ed the following officers: Protector, E. K. the bents are broken off entirely, and Long; vice protector, Marion M. Land-

United States Court.

Judge Dandy Saturday took up the case of Peter Heyse vs. the Union Pacific Two years ago Heyse was in the employ of the road on a piece of construction near Rocer. One evening while the men were returning from work on a hand ear they were run down by a train. The hand car was ditched and the men scattered pell mell. In falling Heyse re-ceived injuries which have exampled him nley of \$10,000.

Tenth Street Mission Dinner. The annual dinner for the poor childron of the city will be given on Wodnesday, Dec. 30, at its building on Tenth street. As there will be about four hundred children to be fed a great amount of entables will be needed. The friends of the mission are requested to send supplies to the Mission building or to Wm. Fleming's store, on Wednesday morning or drop a card and they will be called for.

ALEX G. CARLTON, Supt.

Missouri River Improvement. Owing to the inability of some of the delegates named by President Meyer of the board of trade to attend the meeting of the Missouri River Improvement

association at Kansas City December 20, the delegation has been revised as follows: C. S. Chase, W. J. Broatch, C. Hartman, Fred Drexel, G. W. Lininger, E. Rosewater, John H. Erek, C. Parker

Mayor Boyd's Bluess.

Mayor Boyd has been quite ill during the past few days, in Chicago whether he went on business a week ago. It was Saturday reported on the street that news had been received to the effect that his condition was critical. This ru-mor was atterfy without foundation. A telegram was received at his office Sat-torion to the condition of the condition of the condition of the condition was received at his office Sat-torion to the condition was saved by the condition of the condition of the condition was received at his office Saturday aurouncing his complete recovery from the attack and his intention to retorn home on Monday morning.

Job-like Misfortune.

And now Julius Puls, the West Omalia milkman who was beaten by his two hired men, and is yet scarred and bruised from head to foot from the encounter, has fallen and broken his arm. Dr. Rebert dressed the injury. The Fates seem to "have it in for!" Pals.

Personal Paragraphs. Mr. C. H. Dewey left last night over the Union Pacific for the west. Rev. F. S. Blayney Jeaves this week for new fields in Thayer county, Ne-

Col. Chase left last evening for Kansas City to attend the Missouri River con-

Mrs. Josephine Egan, accompanied by her sister and little son, leaves for the west to-day.

Mrs. C. F. Anspacher was called Saturday to Sioux City by the news of the serious of her mother.

Mr. Lymau Richardson, one of the pro-prictors of the Omaha Herald, entertained the staff of that paper at his hos-pitable residence last evening in a most regal manner. An excellent and bouning feature of the occasion was perpetrated after the affair was over when the whole force, accompanied by Mr Charles Hoyt, visited the BEE office and dis-coursed on the pleasures of the occasion to the Monday morning paper slaves.
Their mouths were full—of praises for
the enterprising business manager of the
"only religious" daily in Omaha.

Typographical Union No. 190 held its semi-annual election yesterday afternoon, choosing the following officers for the choosing the following officers for the ensuing six months; President, N. S. Mahan; vice president, Charles Williams; financial secretary, W. P. Coe; recording secretary, Lee Itartley; corresponding secretary W. Williams secretary, W. Willard.

Senator Daniel Webster Peters is the cognomen given by an aged vagaboned who reclines in the women's cell at the city jail. He was arrested at the depot while trying to enter a box car. Ho says he is on his way from Washington to his patatial home on the Pacific coast.

#### Make Them Pay Up.

Kansas City Times.
Congress seems inclined to deal firmly with the subsidized Pacific roads. Bills for enforcing the government's rights in connection with uncarned land grants have been introduced. Another important matter is the debt owed by these vailroads under the conditions set forth in the original government loans. The amount of the loans was \$51,609,000. Up to the passage of the Thurman act in 1878 the radioad officials had apparently assumed that the loans were to be gifts, and had made no provision for pay-ment. They and their congressional allies fought the Thurman bill strenuously in every stage of its passage. Finally it was passed, and has done its share of was passed, and has done its state toward compelling the roads to pay the debt by a sinking fund. It has not proved sufficient, however, and it is clear that if the government is to be protected additional legislation of a vigorous nature is demanded.

The Union Pacific, Central Pacific, Since City, & Pacific, and the content

Sioux City & Pacific and the central branch of the Union Pacific owe now \$102,000,000. The annual increase is \$3,800,000. The total debt will insture in less than tifteen years and will aggregate a sum which the roads will be unable to pay unless they make better provision than they have been making. Beside the sums which they have to pay into the sinking fund under the Thurman act, they have done nothing toward lessening the debt except so far as transportation of mails, troops and supplies are charged up to the government. Congress ought to serve notice on these corporations that they must be prepared to pay what they owe the people when the time is up. We can build a Niesragua canal or ship railway, improve the great rivers and get to gether a decent navy with the money.

#### DIED AT HIS POST.

A Well Known Western Locomotive Engineer Killed in Illinois. AMBOY, Ill., Dec. 25.—[Special Correspondence. |- An seeldent occurred three

miles north of La Salle, BL, last Wednes day morning, which resulted in the death of Henry McGraw, one of the oldest and trai road. He regular ran is between Amboy and Dubaque, but on this occasion he was pulling a coal train out of La Selle and ran into a switch engine. Kimmell; dictator, C. Menter; vice dicta-tor, G. A. Falk; assistant dictator, H. M. Huntzberry; reporter, W. R. Mathis; financial reporter, J. B. Braner; treas-ners Chartes to the confine and tender and instantly killed. The formula was held to day at his line replace.

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Brevities. Mr. Mose Barkalow is spending the

The veteran sexton of Prospect Hill countery, George Medlock, celebrated his 64th birthday, yesterday. A complaint was sworn out Saturday for the arrest of Charles S. Higgins on a

charge of keeping his saloon open after Storz & Her gave their employes each a five-dollar gold piece and presented

their customers with complimentary kegs. of beer on Christmas day. Belle Smith, a prostitute, attempted

Judge Hull received on Christmas day from friends and clients in New York a large hamper of damp goods of the world's best and most ancient vintages,

Mr. J. H. N. Patrick arrived home from New York Friday. He was accompa-nied by his son Joun Patrick, who comes from Yale to spend the holidays in Omaha. Mr. Thos. Cotter is enjoying a visit from his sisters. Misses Marguerite and Nellie, who are home for the holidays from the Immaculate Conception Acad emy at Davenport, The event on New Year's eve will be

The event off Rew Tears eve will be the masquerade party to be given by G. J. Sternsdorff and A. B. Brooks at the Light Guard armory. A large number of Council Bluffites will be in attendance. Lettie Stone swore out a search warrant in the police court Saturday to recover a trunk of clothing which she thinks is concealed in the house of her former landlady, Mrs. Thomas, 1520 Jackson steam street.

A vicious dog which attacked a small boy on Sevenifi street, biting him badly, was shot by Officer Whalen yesterday afternoon. The brute was the property of Mike Barry.

A pleasant surprise party was given by the officers and inembers of State Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F., to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cliff, No. 2225 Caldwell street, upon teons repast was served, to which the boys did full justice. The only tantalizas a token of respect. There was a pleasant Christmas enter-

tainment at the house of H. "Rehfeld on Cuming street, a large number of inviter guests being present. A. Mandelburg acted as Santa Claus and remembered each one with a gift. The Musical union orchestra was in attendance and rendered music for the occasion. A sight which attracted a good deal of

they came, no one seemed to know, both seemed happy and unconverted, and were perfectly oblivious to the mild sensation they were creating. In manifestation of the good will ex-

ising between the management and the employes of the Western Union Tele-graph company, Manager Maydeld was the recipient on Christmas of a heavy gold watch chain from the operators, while Night Chief Patterson was presented with a gold-headed cane in testimony of the good-will be has of the men under his

George W. Stover whom Judge Nevill granted a divorce on Wednesday last is to be married again on New Year's Eve, in Council Bluffs to a young lady from this city. They will, in compliance with the law, reside on the "other side for six months, after which time they will move to Omaha. The Nebraska law says that n man cannot be married and live in the same city within six months from the time which the divorce is granted.

H. J. Dumont, Twenty-fourth and Dodge, gave a party and private enter-tainment to a number of friends Friday night. At each plate a card bearing the name of each guest and a line of poetry was hid. These being read around the table were found to make a perfectly constructed poem. Shadow pentomines were given, most ingenious and laugha ble. The illusion of a man, Mr. Dumon himself, cating a number of live cats and dogs, long links of sausages, bootjacks whole extracted, brought down the house

An intoxicated prisoner at the city jail named Ames, became impressed with the idea that he had killed the policeman who arrested him and was in danger of bing lynched. He accordingly bedaubed his face and hands with blacking made himself a cap of paper, and passed him-self off as a colored cook. Any unusual demonstration outside of the jail would excite him to a terrible pitch, and he would run to the further end of the celand cover his face with a blanket. His peculiar actions furnished the other prisoners with sport and relieved the monot ony of a tedious Sunday.



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Meadimber's Mandamus Refused. Judge Neville Saturday passed upon the motion for a mandamus to compell J. J. Points, president of the board of education, to sign the warrant for \$400 in payment to Meadimber for the patro wagon ordered by the city sometime age. The judge declined to issue the order of mandamus because, as he said, the expenditure of \$100 by the board of education for this purpose was not in his opinion strictly legal and could not be enforced by how. As matters now appear the expense of construction of the patro wagon will have to be borne by the city



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