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Regarding the senatorship the republicans are still for Allison. Senator Allison and Governor-elect Hoar did not arrive until after midnight, the train being five hours late.

The Railroad Commissioners.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE PRESS.]—The railroad commissioners received a letter today from Manager Ripley of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy in regard to the delay of the cars of Ponda for overcharge in coal shipments. Mr. Ripley states that the complaint was misinforming as to the rate on soft coal by a telegram which informed him that soft coal in car loads was rated at 12 cents per ton, whereas it should have been 10 cents per ton.

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Fire at Fort Madison.

Fort Madison, Ia., Jan. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE PRESS.]—The best shoe and clothing store of J. G. Schwartz was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss \$50,000. Insured. The stock is almost a total loss, caused by smoke, heat and water. Schwartz estimated his loss at \$50,000, with an insurance of \$24,000. The building is owned by John Troja and the damage is fully covered by insurance.

The Return.

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STATES NEWS.

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Pawnee City, Neb., Jan. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE PRESS.]—The baby case, which was the mother of the baby girl in question was held over, reported in THE SUNDAY PRESS. The inquest was concluded today. It was developed that the child was born Christmas day, no physician being called to attend to her. All traces were from one to four hours late. The mercury rose about 8 degrees below zero this morning, but the weather is moderating. This is the first snow of any consequence this season.

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An Enjoyable Banquet.

Crete, Neb., Jan. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE PRESS.]—An enjoyable evening was spent at the Streeter house in Crete last Saturday, the occasion being a banquet to Judge Morris by the citizens of Crete in honor of the anniversary of his fifty-second birthday. A large number of the citizens participated and numerous toasts and speeches were made. The table and dining hall were magnificently decorated to suit the occasion.

A Death From Influenza.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 13.—[Special Telegram to THE PRESS.]—H. H. Mahler, one of the best known stockmen and merchants in this section of the state, died today at noon of a grippe. The deceased was but thirty years of age. He was unmarried. Two other deaths by a grippe occurred in the city.

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