COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTION.

Cameras and photo supplies, 12 Pearl st.

Miss Minnie Bonefield of Des Moines is in the city visiting friends.

Lily camp, No. 1, Royal Neighbors, will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Armstrong of Des Moines are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Porterfield is visiting her son in Atlantic, and will remain during the holidays.

An infant child of Rev. F. L. Hayden of Kearney, Neb., was brought here for burial yesterday.

Justice Cook yesterday united in marriage H. C. Sawtell and Mrs. Ormade Yeager, both of Burt county, Nebraska.

Miss Nellie Bilhartz, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Moran, on Fifth avenue, has returned home to Chicago.

Miss Edith Foster will return from Drake university today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foster.

Waldo Rothert has returned from Washington for the holidays, and is visiting his parents, Superintendent and Mrs. Rothert of the Iowa School for the Deaf.

Calanthe assembly, No. 1, Pythian Sisterhood, will have a special meeting Wednesday afternoon, to be held at the residence of Mrs. J. Smith, 148 Vine street.

Chambers' Children's annual Christmas party will be given at his academy Saturday evening, December 26. All may dance after 16 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

The burglar paused as he reached for Reginald's diamond stud, speechless in admiration of his beautiful shirt front, recently laundered at the "Eagle," 724 B'way.

The funeral of J. B. Rue occurred yesterday at 10 o'clock from the residence of F. J. Day, 809 Sixth avenue. The funeral was largely attended. The body was buried in Walnut Hill cemetery.

All members of Hazel camp, No. 171, Modern Woodmen of America, are requested to meet at their hall at 7:30 this evening to make arrangements for the funeral of Neighbor Charles B. Shoemaker.

A. Wakelin, Joe Murphy and Fred Smith, whom the police believe are good men to keep behind the bars, were locked up yesterday on a charge of vagrancy. Smith had a bunch of skeleton keys.

The receipts at the Christian home the past week were $604.84, wiping out the deficiency for the year, which last week was reported at $304.57. This enabled the management to add $100.27 to the building fund.

Four little orphan children were taken into the Christian home yesterday upon the request of the Odd Fellows of Cheyenne. Secretary E. W. Mann of the Cheyenne lodge accompanied the request with a check for $50.

Don't buy all your Christmas presents until you see the collection of fancy dressed dolls, fancy work, aprons, rugs, etc., at Trinity Ladies' Christmas Emporium, 407 Broadway, next door to Boston store. Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23, dinner and supper served each day.

The Interstate Sunday School institute of the Latter Day Saints will convene in this city on next Saturday and will remain in session for four days. There will be three sessions daily. The faculty is composed of Anna Salyards, Dora Young, T. A. Hougas, W. N. Robinson, J. F. Minitum, Joseph Roberts and T. W. Williams.

The dance to be given by Bluffs City Typographical union, No. 203, at Odd Fellows' hall Christmas night, promises to be one of the events of the season. All the committees have been selected, and they are hard at work making arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of their guests on that evening.

Charles B. Shoemaker died yesterday morning at his home, 471 Park avenue, of consumption, after an illness of eleven months. The deceased was 22 years of age, and has lived here for a number of years. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Bedford, Ia., for interment.

"Alabama," Augustus Thomas' great and most successful play, will be presented by the Clement Bainbridge company at the Dohany theater Saturday night, December 26. Mr. Thomas' play is now in the fifth year of its success. Each year the play has made a deeper impression on the people, until it looks as though it had become the standard American drama.

C. B. Viavi Co., female remedy. Medical consultation free Wednesdays. Health book furnished. 309 Merriam block.

N. Y. Plumbing company. Tel. 250.

By sending forty Domestic soap wrappers to L. Bolton & Co., Des Moines, Ia., you will get six silver teaspoons free.

Resulted in a Tie.

During the past few days considerable interest has been manifested as to what the decision would be in a matter of pretty general interest, not only to voters of this township, but to the ladies also. In fact, the ladies have been more worried than the gentlemen. It has at last been settled and the decision is a Tie. Yes, there is nothing more appropriate for Xmas than a nice tie, and Hughes, the men's outfitter, has them in all varieties and prices. There is no use talking, if you want the swellest in neckwear, mufflers, shoes, gloves, collars, umbrellas, etc., and in fact everything to complete a gentleman's wardrobe, you should patronize Hughes.

In the District Court.

Mrs. Josie Madden has sued John Madden for divorce. In her petition filed in the district court yesterday she states they were married in Omaha, October 24, 1889, and that she was forced to leave him October 27, 1894, because of his cruel and inhuman treatment of her. She also asks for the custody of their 3-year-old daughter.

Suit for divorce was commenced yesterday by Mrs. Bessie I. Patterson against S. W. Patterson on the grounds of desertion and drunkenness. They were married in Crawford county, Iowa, May 7, 1884. The wife claims the husband left her in 1894 and has since refused to support her. She asks that her title to some real estate and personal property be quieted in herself and that the husband be denied all claim to it.

The Hammer lumber company has sued M. L. Benner and others on a mechanic's lien for material furnished in the construction of a residence. The claim amounts to $201.

P. H. Wind has brought suit against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Chautauqua assembly on a note amounting to $1,361.25, given by the defendants August 1, 1891.

W. H. Ware filed a petition in the district court yesterday against Mrs. Nora Murphy, asking for $800 judgment for attorney's fees. Mr. Ware has had charge of Mrs. Murphy's litigation over the bottom lands about Manawa for a long time.

D. D. Gregory of Omaha has sued the Manhattan Beach company for $1,500 attorney's fees. The plaintiff states that he has looked after the legal business of the defendant for four years.

Judge Green has assigned the case of Dr. Hood against the Northwestern Railroad company for special hearing as the first jury trial of the January term of the district court. The case comes up again on a rehearing.

The will of Charles Baughn was admitted to probate yesterday by Judge Green. Mrs. Anna V. Baughn, Herman Baughn and L. W. Ross were appointed executors without bonds.

Judge Green entered an order in the case of Mrs. Mary Gorton against the heirs of Pleasant Taylor, deceased, allowing Turner & Cullison, her attorneys, fees amounting to $100.

Laborers Wanted.

We have for sale or rent several desirable fruit, grain, vegetable and stock farms near Council Bluffs for 1897. Day & Hess, Rental Agents.

Make Her Happy for Once.

Husbands and brothers and others get her a handsome rocker or easy chair at S. S. Keller's. Makes a great Xmas gift.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Name and Address.	Age.
Charles Olson, Kansas City	22
Emma Swanson, Kansas City	27
C. S. Allen, Blair, Neb.	21
Adele McPherson, DeSoto, Neb.	24
H. C. Sawtell, Burt county, Nebraska	56
Armanda Jeger, Burt county, Nebraska	37

THIEF AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

One Pupil Loses a Check for Five Hundred Dollars.

OTHER THEFTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED

Teachers and Scholars Being Constantly Disturbed by Occurrences of This Kind and Demand an Investigation.

Miss Bessie Williams, one of the members of the High school, reported the theft yesterday of her purse containing a certificate of deposit for $500, $3 in cash and other valuables. The young woman had that amount of money on deposit in a local bank. Yesterday she drew the interest on the certificate for the purpose of buying her Christmas presents, and had spent all but $3. The purse was left in her cloak pocket in the cloak room. It was taken some time during the afternoon.

A number of minor thefts have been reported by pupils attending the school, and the teachers are very much exercised over the fact that they have some adroit thieves about the building who have so far successfully eluded detection. The certificate is of no value to the person who stole it. The bank in which the money is deposited was promptly notified of the theft.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For Young and for Old.

Everything in the line of Christmas and holiday goods may be found at this store.

We have made extremely low prices on some lines that we cannot afford to carry over.

Ice wool and zephyr shawls and fascinators at 19c, 25c, 50c to $2.00 each.

Ladies' white aprons, 50 dozen, on sale at 25c each.

Lace, embroidery and fancy trimmed fine white aprons at 50c, 75c to $1.25 each.

Pocketbooks and jewelry at prices to close them out.

A good silk umbrella, sterling silver mounted, for $1.50 and $1.75.

Fine silk umbrellas for Christmas presents, beautiful assortment of handles, from 75c to $10.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS AND MUFFLERS.

Fine embroidered handkerchiefs at 12½c, 17c and 25c each.

50 dozen fine Swiss and linen embroidered handkerchiefs, actual value 50c, on sale at 35c, 3 for $1.00.

25 dozen fine damask towels, heavy woven border and knotted fringe, special, 29c each.

Pure white fancy towels at 50c and 75c each.

SECOND FLOOR.

DOLLS, TOYS, FANCY GOODS, BOOKS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Christmas cards from 3c up.

Calendars from 19c to $1.75.

Children's books from 5c up.

Dolls of every description. Special price to close them out.

Store open every evening till Christmas.

BOSTON STORE,
Council Bluffs, Ia.

JASE LEWIS WILL NOT BE JUDGE.

End of the Recount Leaves Ovide Vien Elected by Six Votes.

Jason R. Lewis failed to make his case in the contest for the office of justice of the peace which he brought against Ovide Vien. The recount of the vote gave the incumbent a majority of six votes, a loss of nine as compared to the majority given him over Lewis in the election returns.

The total vote as announced by the contest court gives Lewis 2,262 and Vien 2,268. Vien had a majority of fifteen before the contest. On the votes that were not objected to by either party, or were admitted by consent, both the contestant and incumbent had 2,254. This left forty-seven votes on which the parties to the suit could not agree and which were submitted to the court for a ruling. Of these votes twenty-two were counted and twenty-five rejected. Vien got the better of this, receiving fourteen and Lewis eight from the decision of the court. The finding of the court was formally announced last evening at a special session held for the purpose.

The fact that both candidates received the same number of votes undisputed by either side practically ends the matter. Lewis announced that an appeal to the district court would not be made, owing to this, for if he succeeded in throwing out all the ballots that were objected to it would leave him a tie with Vien and would necessitate a drawing of lots.

Lewis made a poor showing in the Sixth ward. At the close of Monday's recount he had a lead of about six votes. The Sixth ward lost him eight ballots, and a few changes in Kane outside left him tied with Vien on ballots not objected to. The Second precinct of the Fifth ward was the first counted yesterday morning. The recount gave Vien 175 and Lewis 191. The contestant objected to three and the incumbent to two of the ballots. In the First precinct of the Sixth ward Vien was given 207 and Lewis 241. Lewis objected to two ballots and Vien to one. Forty ballots were not counted. In the Second precinct of the Sixth Vien got four and Lewis forty-nine, a loss of four votes to the contestant. The first count gave Lewis fifty-three votes. Kane outside gave Lewis thirteen and Vien fourteen.

Happily Blended.

We venture to say that our store is the best arranged in the city, filled with rare gems of diamonds, fine jewelry, watches and chains, silverware and silver novelties.

We make specially low prices on table cutlery, carving sets and full tea sets, quadruple plate.

C. B. JACQUEMIN & CO.,
27 South Main street.

Free Silverware.

By sending forty Domestic soap wrappers to L. Bolton & Co., Des Moines, Ia., you will get six silver teaspoons free.

Fine livery for parties and dances. Ogden Livery, 158 Broadway. Telephone 83.

Reform in Police Court Practice.

Assistant County Attorney Spruce Smith has undertaken to reform the habit of taking all criminal cases that arise in the police court to some local justice of the peace on changes of venue. When the cases of Bert Haney and Charles Royce, alias Wilson, caught in the act of robbing freight cars in the Wabash yards on Sunday night, were called in police court yesterday morning their attorney asked for a change of vanue on the usual ground, prejudice of the court. The case was taking its usual course when Mr. Smith interposed an objection. He denied the assertion that the court was prejudiced and denounced vigorously the change of venue habit. He declared that the accused were not in jeopardy, as the action was only preliminary, and the pretense upon which the affidavit was based was shallow and misleading. The affidavit objected to all of the justices but Cook on the same grounds. Smith asserted that the defendants were entire strangers to all of the justices. If the petition was granted he declared that the defendants might continue to call for changes and keep their cases on the move until they had reached the limit of the county, forty miles away, and worn out the prosecution.

Judge McGee announced that he would render his decision today.

Haney is one of the brothers who assaulted and nearly killed a couple of young girls on South Main street a year or two ago. He remained away until a short time ago, and has so far escaped prosecution for that crime.

Only one more week of the Durfee Furniture company's great removal sale. Bargains.

Bicycle Thief Confesses.

A. W. Bell, the young man taken into custody Monday afternoon upon the suspicion that he was a wheel thief, entertained the police by relating a great many different kinds of fairy stories concerning himself and his long journeys upon the light bicycle he was trying to sell for $8. The police finally became tired and requested him to tell a little truth for a change. He accepted the invitation, and told all about how he happened to steal the wheel and from whom he stole it. "I don't want you to think for a moment that I am chump enough to steal a wheel from a farmer. I ain't that kind of a wheel thief. What would I want of a wheel that some old haybinder had got stuck on? No, sir, that was a gentleman's wheel, and I stole it from a banker out in Ida county, Iowa. I rode it to Council Bluffs and concluded it was cheaper and easier to buck a freight train. There's no fun on the country roads with a wheel in the winter time."

Bell told the officer that the owner of the machine was a man named McCutchen, a banker in Holstein. The banker left his wheel on his back porch one evening, and Bell happened to pass along the street at the same time. He stole the wheel and got away with it. Chief of Police Canning wired McCutchen yesterday and received confirmation of Bell's story, giving a full description of the wheel and its number. Bell will be held as a fugitive from justice until an officer from the Iowa town comes after him. Bell is a boy under 20 years of age. He seems to be greatly distressed since he has learned that his crime is serious enough to send him to the penitentiary.

Hoffmayr's fancy patent flour makes the best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it.

If you want a bargain in watches and diamonds call at Snyder's, 328 Broadway.

GENERAL PRIME'S NEW CONTEST.

If He Defeats Iowa's Governor He Must Still Fight for His Commission.

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The case of General Prime against Governor Drake and Adjutant General Wright will come to trial tomorrow in the district court. Attorney General Remley will represent the defendants. He stated today that two courses were open to him; to stand on his overruled demurrer and appeal, or to try the case on its merits. The latter course had been determined upon, and if the decision is adverse to the defendants after a trial the case will then be appealed. General Wright said today he would obey the order of the court, and if it instructed to issue the commission to Prime, he would comply. It happens, however, that Guest now holds the commission, and will fight any attempt to revoke it. This leaves the adjutant and governor in a hard position with a prospect of a fight on both sides.

PIKE LYNCH WILL GO TO THE PEN.

Des Moines Politician of Prominence Fails to Save Himself.

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Pike Lynch, for many years chief of the Des Moines fire department and the best fireman the city ever knew, will go to the penitentiary. Nearly a year ago he was convicted of receiving stolen goods, it being proved that for two years he had handled goods stolen by a gang of thieves. He was a power in local politics and there was a campaign on at the time. He was promised that if he would do certain things for one faction he would be saved from the penitentiary. He did the service and the politicians were able to secure the postponement of action on his case until it developed into a good deal of a scandal. Today the case was called up in court, a new trial refused and Saturday set for passing sentence.

FIREMAN DIES IN A TRAIN WRECK.

Fast Freight on the Northern Meets with Disaster.

BOONE, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Freight train No. 20, Chicago & Northwestern, was wrecked at Ontario, ten miles east of Boone, at 9 o'clock this morning. Somebody had turned a switch accidentally or by design and the train, running forty miles an hour, ran on to a siding and into some box cars, making a bad wreck. Fireman James Tracey of Clinton was instantly killed and Engineer Andy Sill badly injured.

Burglary the Work of Boys.

HARLAN, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Sufficient evidence has been obtained to fasten the crime of the safe robbery of last week upon four young men of this place. The confession of Ernest Inlow this morning implicates Ed Parker as the man who entered Reyelt's harness shop and secured the money from the safe, while he (Inlow) kept guard on the outside. The boys then went to the outskirts of the town and divided the money, about $300. Two other parties, Al Shumaker and Stod Wick, are implicated in the confession, having taken "hush" money from the principals. There has been considerable housebreaking in this place.

Plan of Reorganizing a Bank.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The stockholders of the suspended First National bank held a meeting today, presided over by George M. Coffin, deputy comptroller of the treasury, and decided upon a plan of reorganization. The bank will be reopened with a capital stock of $200,000, of which $50,000 will be contributed by depositors who are willing to thus invest a part of their deposits. The shrinkage in value of assets of the bank will not exceed $140,000 and it is believed there will be little trouble in effecting a reorganization early next month under an entirely new management.

Allison Not Yet Asked.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—There is no occasion for reviving the story that Allison has been offered the premiership in McKinley's cabinet. It was untrue two weeks ago, and is untrue today. This is positive and on the very best authority. Senator Allison has not yet left his room, but expects to be able to go to Washington immediately after the holiday recess.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 22.—Senator Allison today said: "I have not been offered that or any other position by Mr. McKinley, nor has anybody else offered me any position of any kind."

Sentences a Woman to the Pen.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Helen Cole, aged 17, the daughter of wealthy parents at Geneva, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Anamosa by Judge Birdsall for burglary. She entered a plea of guilty and stated that she was trying to get money enough to get a bicycle. The burglary was committed in the summer. The conviction is the first case of a woman sent to the penitentiary for burglary in this section.

Capture an Alleged Murderer.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Officers captured J. F. Taylor at Ioka yesterday. Taylor is a desperado who is wanted for shooting his divorced wife and Frank McElree in Keokuk county some time ago. There was a reward offered of $600 for the capture of the attempted murderer.

Commits Suicide with Laudanum.

DES MOINES, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—William W. Ustick, a timekeeper on the Rock Island road, was found dead in bed this morning. He had committed suicide with laudanum. He was 48 years old and unmarried.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Domestic.

Major McKinley will spend his Christmas at Canton.

John Reaves of Topeka, Kan., was scalded to death by a boiler explosion in a mill at Newkirk, Okl.

Wood pump manufacturers of Ohio, Illinois and Indiana organized at Indianapolis to maintain prices.

James M. Haven & Co., Cincinnati hardware dealers have assigned. Assets and liabilities are about $50,000.

Rumors of another attack of Yaquis have called out another company of infantry from Fort Huachaca to Nogalez, A. T.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani passed through San Antonio en route for Boston. A telegram says Princess Kaiulani is sick in London.

The United States Tinplate association met at Pittsburg yesterday and discussed an advance in prices and an increase in tariff.

Judge Hallett, in the district court in Denver, announced that he would overrule all motions on behalf of the convicted Commercial National bank wreckers. He gave counsel until January 22 to prepare papers in an appeal, fixing bail at $5,000 for each prisoner.

Sale of the Duluth Transfer Railway company has been ordered by the United States court to satisfy claims. A reorganization is under way.

Corrigan, McKinley & Co. of Cleveland have purchased the Blue Iron mine, at Negaunee, Mich., for $75,000, and will work it to its fullest capacity.

Topeka's largest hall was not big enough for the crowd of Cuban sympathizers which gathered to hear ex-Senator Martin, Governor-elect Leedy and others.

Fire caused a loss of $20,000 in Walbridge & Co.'s hardware store in Buffalo, N. Y. Ten or twelve other tenants of the building suffered minor losses.

George Sands and Mary Knapp are on trial at Trenton, N. J., for passing counterfeit money in Hoboken. Two witnesses failed to identify Mrs. Knapp.

General F. C. Armstrong of the Dawes Indian commission has presented a report at Washington. It is accompanied by the new treaty with the Choctaws.

Colonel Clegg and Henry Roth died at Benwood, O., making five deaths from the drinking of poisoned speakeasy whisky. Arsenic was found in Seibert's stomach.

The United States and Canadian deep waterway commissioners have closed the session at Detroit. A report will be made to the secretary of state at Washington.

William B. Vossburgh post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Newark, N. Y., has offered its services to the Cuban insurgents. There are 100 able-bodied men in the post.

John Ryan, a Chicago peddler, murdered his sister Catherine by crushing her skull with a base ball bat. He then set fire to the house. The police believe him insane.

President-elect McKinley left Chicago for Canton last night with his wife. He declares his health much improved and that his rest has done him much good.

Roasted coffee has been reduced another half cent a pound in New York. The fight between the Arbuckles and the Sugar Refining company is likely to grow keener yet.

Two children of Mrs. Christine Carlisle at Wakefield, O., Tommy, aged 2, and Ruth, aged 4, were burned to death at their home during their mother's absence.

Mrs. J. Supple's sugar house, on the Catharine plantation, near the Whitecastle plantation, which cost $40,000, has been destroyed by fire, together with 3,500 barrels of sugar.

Fred Joblinski and his son were murdered and his wife wounded at Madella, Minn., by the hired man, who wanted to marry Joblinski's daughter. The hired man is still at large.

Ex-Congressman W. H. Hatch is dying at his home near Hannibal, Mo. He is suffering from Brights' disease, and his physicians say he may linger three or four days.

A Wichita merchant has brought suit against the receiver of the Ada Rehan silver statue for $2,000 damages because of the failure of its owners to exhibit in his store.

The Wyerhaus lumber syndicate of Ashland, Wis., has purchased large tracts of pine lands in northern Wisconsin. The purchase involves 30,000 acres at the price of $700,000.

The will of the late Henry Pierce, ex-mayor of Boston, has been filed in probate. Upwards of $2,000,000 in public bequests were distributed. Harvard college gets $50,000.

Canadian commissioners at the deep water convention at Detroit, Mich., are enthusiastic over the project for a deep waterway from the great lakes to the seaboard as the Americans.

Louisville & Nashville's new fast train service into the south went into effect Sunday night. The train from Louisville carried sleepers for New Orleans, Memphis, Jacksonville and Atlanta.

W. J. Bryan passed through Chicago on his way to Atlanta, Ga., where he will deliver a lecture on Wednesday on "Modern Land Marks," returning to Lincoln for the business men's banquet on Monday next.

Eighty-four Chinamen arrived in San Francisco yesterday on the Belgic, from Yokohama and Hong Kong. They were quarantined on account of smallpox in several Oriental ports.

Iron and steel men met again in New York, but failed to reach an agreement. One element favors the making of concessions to the Bellaire Steel company and another element opposes this.

The New York court of appeals has refused to reopen the case of the stockholders of the New York & Northern railroad, who protested against the sale of that road under foreclosure proceedings.

The Baltimore Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution declaring against the recognition of the independence of Cuba. The Board of Trade has also passed resolutions opposing the proposed action of congress.

Colonel Sol Miller of Louisville, Ky., an ex-confederate soldier, has asked the governor and adjutant general what penalty would be meted out to members of the State Guard who should enlist in behalf of the Cubans.

Deputy Coroner Lloyd of St. Louis has decided that Mrs. Cecelie Franklin, keeper of a fashionable boarding house, died from apoplexy. Her boarders say she was pressed on all sides for debts, and they believe she committed suicide.

Several weeks ago General Harrison was robbed of a gold watch, belonging to his wife. He offered a reward for its recovery and yesterday received a package from Chicago containing the watch. He refuses to say anything about it.

Mayor Simral of Lexington, Ky., has received a letter from Charles Umbers of Dunedin, New Zealand, informing him of a subscription of £9 as a Christmas gift for George Lewis Clark, supposed to be the George Harris of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Miss Mollie Carie testified in the Franz murder trial at Dayton, O., that the prisoner wrote her love letters, in one of these, which was read in court, he offered to marry her. The last of them was written on the day Bessie Little was murdered. The state then rested its case.

Assistant Secretary Wike has left Washington for New York, to be present at the trial trip of the new Ellis Island ferry boat, "John G. Carlisle," recently built for the emigration service. He will go forward to Florida to look into operations of the filibustering expeditions.

James J. Cooney, ex-notary public, testified at San Francisco that Senator Fair had taken deeds for the Mrs. Craven will to his office and had acknowledged his signature. He could not explain how one of the deeds names "Mattie" Craven, while the entry in his book was "Nettie" Craven, although at that time he did know Mrs. Craven.

Rev. David Kirkpatrick, a Universalist minister of Rochester, N. Y., has been arrested on a charge of accosting a woman on the street and on her refusal threatening to arrest her. Kirkpatrick says he was endeavoring to obtain material for a series of sermons on the ten commandments relating to the moral and social question.

Mrs. Hannah M. Hilton, widow of George N. Hilton, a prominent Cincinnati lawyer, was found dying at her home in Cleveland, where she had been living in poverty for two years. Her husband lost a fortune through a lawsuit involving the ownership of 2,000 acres of land near Lincoln, Neb.

Foreign.

In Brazilian quarters in London it is denied that Brazil has any claim on Venezuelan territory.

Hon. George Edward King has been gazetted as British commissioner for the Bering sea arbitration.

Ludwig Hegale, manager of the Constance branch of the Imperial German bank, has fled to Switzerland with 260,000 marks. The total defalcations amount to 610,000 marks.

Letters received in Honolulu from Minister Hatch at Washington and Minister Cooper at Boston predict that the annexation question will be brought up at the special session of congress.

The Imparcial of Lariz, the nominal capital of Bolivia, blames Peru for the war and adds that Chili dragged Bolivia into it and abandoned her later by signing the Ancon treaty with Peru.

Resolutions were adopted at a socialist meeting in Madrid demanding an inquiry into the treatment of Barcelona anarchists. The premier's residence is being guarded by a special police guard.

A Madrid dispatch to London says that Spain is straining every nerve to conceal the situation at the Philippines, in order to insure the success of the next loan. It is rumored that German reserve officers are aiding the insurgents.

A desperate fight has occurred in the Olympia district, in Greece, between a Turkish detachment, eighty strong, convoying an investigation committee of Turkish officials and a Greek insurgent band under Veloudis. The whole of the Turkish committee and twenty-four of the guards were killed. The Greeks lost four men.

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South Omaha News.

A statement of the city's financial condition follows: Available funds since the present administration came into power, $90,582.42, made up as follows: Balance in funds April, 1896, $6,334.66; 85 per cent of 1896 levy, $71,570; county road fund, $988.05; miscellaneous transfers to general fund, $782.75; sidewalk transfer to street repair fund, $571.46; donations to emergency fund, $250; milk licenses, $285.50. Of this amount there remains after the November bills have been paid but $22,260.68, which shows an expenditure of $68,301.74 since the middle of April.

Deducting from the total amount expended, which was $58,261.74, the sum of $18,515.40, which went to pay interest on general bonds, and $12,885.60, which was used to liquidate judgments, leaves a balance of $26,900.74 expended in the various departments of the city since Mayor Ensor has been at the head of municipal affairs. Dividing this sum by eight, which is the number of months this administration has been in power, shows a monthly expenditure of $3,362.60, exclusive of interest and judgments.

Should the expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year continue at the same rate as they have during the past eight months, the amount will be $26,900.80. As the balance in the funds after November bills were paid, deducting the balance in the interest and park funds, amounts to only $13,897.66, it will readily be seen that there will be an overlap of $13,093.14. It is estimated, however, that with improvements constantly being ordered by the council that the overlap next August will not fall far short of $20,000.

The balances against which warrants may yet be drawn are as follows: Interest, $7,737.02; police, $4,025.20; fire and water, $1,067.17; public light, $2,895.52; salary, $3,886.68; street repair, $11,64; general, $900.82; park, $716; special witness, $11.55; dog, 25c; special license tax, $58.54; emergency, $95.64; total, $22,260.68.

Out of the funds against which warrants have not yet been drawn a bill for $600 for fire hose will have to be paid, as will also the Cortelyou judgment, which amounts to $600, exclusive of costs, thus increasing the estimated overlap just that much.

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY PROGRAM.

Entertainment to Be Given on Thursday Afternoon.

The High School Literary society will give an entertainment at the High school Thursday afternoon. The program follows: Essay, "Christmas," Edith Dennett; sketch, "John Brown," Charley Rawley; select reading, "Three Leaves from a Boy's Diary," Effie Hire; recitation, "The Old Man Goes to Town," Edith Carpenter; continued story of the adoption of the United States constitution, part one, Susie Condron; part two, Lorena Johnson, part three, Bessie Martin; essay, Augusta Kruse; paper, "The Origin of Names," Erle Brown; question box on United States constitution, Ellen Malin; original story, "The Sailor Boy," Calla Williams; instrumental solo, Lydia Miller; debate, "Resolved, That a graduated income tax more equitably apportions the burden of taxation than our present direct tax," affirmative, Lena Cox and Edward Smith; negative, Mary Rawley and Roy Dennis; review, "Arthur Bonnicastle," Nora Gilchrist; selected reading, Mary Callahan; current events, William Pettit; recitation, "Taking an Elevator," Grace Gray; "The Manufacture of a Bicycle," Byron Smiley; select reading, "What is a Minority," William Ditzen; instrumental solo, Cora Goodman.

Not Ready to Visit Nebraska.

A warrant was issued by the police judge yesterday for the arrest of Alexander Sheeley, colored, charging burglary and larceny. It was alleged in the complaint that Sheeley broke into a barber shop near Twenty-seventh and N streets, owned by Jesse Redlick, and carried away two pairs of clippers, two pairs of shears and five razors. The police located Sheeley in Council Bluffs and Chief Brennan went over there with a warrant and Sheeley was placed under arrest. The stolen property was found on his person, but he refused to return to this city without requisition papers. Chief Brennan will consult with County Attorney Baldrige this morning regarding the advisability of obtaining the necessary papers.

Christmas Services at St. Bridgets.

Elaborate preparations are being made to celebrate Christmas at St. Bridget's church. A large choir, under the direction of Miss Clara Davis, organist, assisted by Venuto's orchestra, will render Battman's mass, with "Gloria," from Mozart's "Twelfth," at the 10:30 service. Father English will celebrate high mass at that hour and Father Smith will preach the sermon. Prof. Parsons of Omaha will sing for the offertory selection "Ave Maria" of Mascagni, and Mrs. Mullins of this city will render "The Watchful Shepherds." The interior of the church is being tastefully decorated. A Christmas tree program for the children of the Sunday school will be given Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Magic City Gossip.

C. S. Ogden of Denver is a visitor in the city.

A. J. Richardson of Thayer is here for a few days.

Captain Z. S. Branson of Waverly is in the city on business.

Nearly 9,000 hogs were received at the yards yesterday.

John Hamilton of McPaul, Ia., is here looking after property interests.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keith, Twenty-fourth and G streets.

Walter A. McClintock has accepted a position as purchasing agent for Parsley & Hanning.

The sheep coolers at Cudahy's, which were recently constructed, have a capacity of 3,500 head.

J. W. Meyer, a cattleman from Red Rock, Mont., was at the yards yesterday with a shipment of cattle.

William Bryant of Sheridan, Wyo., brought a load of wheat fed pigs to this market yesterday, which averaged 209 pounds.

John McGrath was arrested yesterday afternoon while trying to dispose of a gold ring. He is booked as a suspicious character.

Christmas will be observed as a holiday at the stock yards. The scales will not be opened, but all stock arriving will be cared for.

A. L. Sutton returned yesterday from Phoenix, Ariz., where he went to attend the funeral of his friend, H. J. White, who died at that place last week of consumption.

The High School Literary society has elected the following officers for ensuing term: Fred Winship, president; Oma Patterson, vice president; Bessie Meyers, secretary; Fred Towl, treasurer.

The break in the big sewer at Thirteenth and N streets has been repaired, the work having been completed yesterday. Grading on the boulevard is being pushed and work will continue as long as the weather remains good.

Kansas City Newspaper Sold.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—The property of the Kansas City World, a United press paper, was sold by auction today for $20,000 to Bernard Corrigan, a local capitalist, on a mortgage covering the plant. Corrigan was the only bidder for the property.

SEES HIS WIFE BURN TO DEATH.

California Woman Meets an Agonizing Death by Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—C. W. Haskell, president of the Savannah mine at Grug gulch, in Madera county, has arrived in this city with the remains of his wife, who was burned to death Saturday night. The body will be placed in a vault here preparatory to sending it to New York for burial in Trinity church graveyard.

The lady was a daughter of Dr. Livingston of New York, and a relative of the Vanderbilts and Kissams. She was married five years ago in Denver to Mr. Haskell, who is a graduate of the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, and was for a number of years connected with government engineering work in various parts of the country. Mr. Haskell's hands were badly burned in attempting to smother the fire in his wife's clothing.

She had placed a candle on a box in the kitchen of the house and got another box to get some cake and other food to prepare a luncheon for her husband and herself. The bottom of her clothing touched the candle, and in a moment her dress was in a blaze. She ran screaming out into the yard toward her husband's office, where he was engaged writing a letter. Seizing a blanket from a bed in the office he ran to his wife's assistance and tried to smother the blaze. He was only partially successful in his effort and only succeeded in extinguishing the flames with a bucket of water. He carried the dying woman into the house and attempted with the remedies at hand to alleviate her agony, but she died twenty-four hours after the accident.

NEGRO WANTED THE GIRL'S LUNCH.

James James Lynched for an Assault on a School Girl in Alabama.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 22.—A Birmingham, Ala., special to the Banner says: James James, colored, was lynched at Woodstock last night. It is said he attempted to assault Annie Smith, aged 17, while she was on her way to school. The man was carried ten miles, and was identified by the girl. He said he wanted to steal the girl's lunch. He was strung up in front of Strickles' store in Woodstock.

Fires of a Day.

AUBURN, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The dwelling house owned by Mrs. L. P. Boyd of Omaha, and occupied by W. B. Harman, burned this morning. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mrs. Harman was awakened by the stifling smoke and awoke her husband just in time to save themselves. The contents of the house were entirely destroyed, except the piano, which was in the front part of the house. The household goods were insured in the Northwestern National for $800, but the loss will probably exceed that amount. The house was insured in the Underwriters for $600, which will cover the loss.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—About 12 o'clock last night fire broke out in the large residence owned by O. J. Jonsson, and occupied by J. F. Jeffords. Prompt response from the fire department saved the building, though the upper story was damaged to the extent of about $300.

BEATRICE, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A vacant house was burned on the south side in this city tonight, evidently the work of an incendiary. Loss, $500. No insurance. The fire being outside the water limits, no effort was made by the department to extinguish the flames. An effort will be made to prevail upon General Colby to remain here with his proposed Cuban regiment and protect the city from firebugs.

Deaths of a Day.

ASHLAND, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Grandma Hall died at her home, near Ashland, last night, and was buried this afternoon. She was an old settler. She was 87 years old, and died of old age.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Fred Green, a leading farmer of Saunders county, residing eight miles south of this city, died very suddenly about 7 o'clock last evening. He had worked as usual about his farm during the day and did not complain of being sick until late in the afternoon. A doctor was at once summoned, but Mr. Green was dead before he arrived. He was 60 years of age, and had resided in Saunders county for twenty-seven years. He leaves a wife and several children.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—George von Bunson, who was prominent for many years in the German Reichstag, died yesterday in this city.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—George H. Saxe of the firm of Esty & Saxe, piano and organ manufacturers of this city, fell dead in the street at Madison, N. J., today of apoplexy. He was a brother of the late John G. Saxe, the poet. One of his sons is a physician in Montana.

Hanna's Son's Election Bet.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Dan R. Hanna, son of Hon. M. A. Hanna, has been again sued on an election bet. Young Hanna wagered $250 with Allen A. Armstrong that McKinley would carry Ohio by more than 50,000. The money was turned over to Hanna by the stakeholder. The point is made that Bryan should be credited with the people's party vote. Mr. Hanna was sued on this same point a few weeks ago and settled out of court to avoid the annoyance and notoriety entailed by the litigation.

Boy's Scheme Failed to Work.

Andrew Kolp invented a new amusement last night, which landed him in the city jail. Andrew is about 10 years of age. He figured he should like a little money to spend for Christmas, so he unt