COUNCIL BLUFFS DEPARTMENT

MINOR MENTION.

Cameras and photo supplies, If Pearl et. John N. Daldwin is at home from St

Bert Turner will spend the holidays at W. J. Wallace of Des Maines is in the city for the holidays.

Mrs. Graham is visiting Mrs. D. Farquahr of Missour, Valley. County Attorney Saunders has returned from a Chicago trip.

F. C. Parsons is at home for the holidays from the Nebraska university. Miss Frances Stokes of Missouri Valley is a guest of Miss Nellie Sales.

A. Barker of the Burlington ticket office will spend Christmas at Creaton Mrs. Guy Barstow of Woodbine is a guest of her mother, Mrs. L. Williams. George Wickham has returned from Atchi-son, Kan., for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. J. G. Smith departed for Missour Valley yesterday to visit relatives. Miss Jacobi of Philadelphia will be the

guest of Miss Key during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sherman will spend a portion of the winter in Los Angeles. George W. Lipe and wife went to Sterling. Ill., last evening to spend the holidays. Mrs. L. A. Ament of Denver and Mrs. J. Walker of Richmond, Ky., are visiting Miss

Taylor, fermerly of Council Bluffs, now of Ulyanes, Neb., is in the city on business during the holidays.

Mrs. H. H. Glover and Mrs. W. M. Geddes of Grand Island, Neb., will spend the holi-days with their sister, Mrs. T. E. Cavin. Mrs. Claude Dye of Tabor arrived in the city yesterday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grass. Mrs. R. N. Whittlesey and child and Miss Minnle Pfeiffer left yesterday for Maquon. 111., and will spend the holidays there with

The burglar paused as he reached for Reg! nald's diamond stud, speechless, in admira-tion of his beautiful shirt front, recently laundered at the "Eagle," 724 B'way.

The Boston Comic Opera company will oper with "Mascot" at the Dohany Sunday night The company is one of the best on the road and has received much praise wherever it has appeared this season

"Alabama" will be presented at the Do hany theater tomoreow evening. This dis tinctive southern play has had a remarkable run of success and its popularity has lost nothing during the past few years. It is undoubtedly Augustus Thomas' best work.

Christmas services at St. Paul's on Friday will be as follows: Holy communion, 8 a. m.; full Christmas service, with holy com-munion and sermon, 10:30 a. m. Special music has been prepared by the choir under the leadership of Prof. Simms. Every one

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will be open until noon today. All holiday goods at half price until January 1.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR THE BOYS School Board Will Make an Example

of the High School Roysterers. The Board of Education has about determined to enter upon a vigorous prosecution of the High school boys who perpetrated the devilment in the assembly room Tuesday night. Informal conferences were held by the members of the board yesterday. and the sentiment of all was found to strongly favor making an example of the lads. One member of the board spoke strongly in favor of beginning a vigorous prosecution at once, and foreing it to the extreme. He felt that the act was not only one of insubordination, but of malicious mis-chief, that demanded punishment. As a member of the board he felt that he not discharging the obligations of his office If he favored any other course. Other mem-bers were equally pronounced in their declarations. The piling up of the books used by all of the pupils made it impossible to resume the regular recitations for the day until the books were redistributed to the pupils using them. This work naturally created such confusion that the entire day was lost. The board figures that the mischievous act of the boys cost the district between \$75 and \$100. Damage to such an extent as that was too serious to be per-mitted to pass unnoticed. Some of the members were in favor of employing detec tives, and at once putting them at work getting the names of all of the boys imdicated, but this plan did not meet the approved of all. The majority of the board and the school officers felt that the better plan was to call upon the boys to come forward and promptly acknowledge their fault. It was thought that if they were thus put upon their honor the majority of them would acknowledge their fault, with the belief that such a course would be the best Superintendent Hisey and Principal Hayden oppose the idea of bringing criminal prosecutions, but strongly favor taking such action as will most effectually break up the habit that the boys seem to regard as "time-honored." As nearly as can be ascertained there were about fifty boys mixed up in the affair, though a lesser number performed the actual mischief.

Fine livery for parties and dances. Ogden Livery, 158 Broadway. Telephone 83. Diamond rings at Wollman's.

Dinner at the Mission.

The Fifteenth Street mission people gave a dinner yesterday to a great horde of hungry children that more than filled the mission rooms. The vlands were all donated by charitable people all over the city, and satisfied. The dinner was of a most sub antial character, well cooked and served. All of the work connected with the feast was done by the women of the mission. The prime mover in the enterprise was Mrs. Miller, who is devoting all of her time to weeks soliciting material for the dinner, and made frequent appeals to charity through the newspapers. All of the other workers of the mission heartily seconded her efforts and the result was a large and happy gathering of hungry little ones to whom Christ-mas would otherwise have been a meaning-

Mrs. Miller and the other mission wo desire to return their hearty thanks to the people who responded so generously and aided them so greatly in making the dinner thanks of hearts. ided them so greatly in making the dinner feast that gladdened hundreds of hearts and stomachs. In a note to The Bee, she says: "We do not know how to express our thanks to them, but we wish they could have been there to see the poor children enjoy the dinner. It would have done their hearts good. We give God and our friends e thanks for making it possible for us bring so much cheer and comfort to little bearts that sorely needed it."

Laborers Wanted.

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

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

Fine opal rings and pins at Wollman's. Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday: T. E. Jeffrey, Council Bluffs...... Nellie Hildreth, Logan, Ia.....

MERRY TIME WITH SANTA PEEDING THOUSANDS OF CATTLES

Jolly Old Character Quite Active Among the Children.

DISTRIBUTES PRESENTS VERY LAVISHLY

Surprises for the Little Ones and Amusement for the Older Hends Constitute the Program at Many Churches.

Christmas cheer and Christmas joy were n evidence everywhere last night. Multitudes hurrying along the streets and thronging the shops were composed of individuals eagerly seeking something to gladden old and young hearts. Each was carrying some sort of gift that expressed love's remembrance. In thousands of bright homes Christmas trees were bending beneath their burdens. In almost every church in the city dear old Santa Claus was being enthusiastically welcomed by shouting and deligated children. His great fur coat appeared a trifle too warm and his powdered wig manifested an inclination frequently to melt in Omaha, an occasional bunch being brought the perspiration of his steaming forehead, in from some outside point. As high as The autumn night air and the snowless \$3.85 has been paid for the flucst class of streets gave little encouragement to his weary reindeer teams, and his lingling sleighbells sounded a bit incongruous, but he is a willing old fellow, and he only laughed the heartier when windows were opened to let in the warm south wind, He arrived early at the Broadway Methodist church, but several bundred pairs of bright eyes were there eagerly watching r his advent from the tremendous oldashioned fireplace and chimney that occu pied a large portion of the east and of the church basement. He came down the chim-ney with a great clatter and was ready at once to begin the work of unloading the great Christmas tree that bore a present for every child in the room. But this was

not according to the program. SANTA CLAUS A PRISONER. A big screen was placed over the fire-place and he was a captive, and for half an hour the children entertained him and all others present in a most delignitud manner. He was shown a seat and listened to a Christmas anthem by the church choir and a prayer by the paster, Rev. J. H. Sensency, followed by a song from the children of the Sunday school. Garfield Paulson told him, by means of a recitative narrative, what it was to be "Only a Boy," and Mr. Lougee's class in concert told him "What to Do at Our House." Anna McBride and Miss McFadden entertained him with a duer, with chorus by the choir. Arthur Williams jogged his memory by reciting a story "Christmas of Long Ago." Ruth Harl and May Anna Sims gave two recita-tions and a song, "In Bethlehem." Grace Woodford entertained the old fellow with a happy recitation, and then to give him a real taste of all the joys and privileges of dvilization a collection was taken up. Guy Bourielus sent his blood tingling through

his veins with a violin golo. His fat sides shook and his bells tinkled merrily. Miss McFadden again delighted him with vocal solo, and then the whole school sang ith tremendous fervor "Listen to the When the song died away the old fellow was put to work distributing the presents. It was joyful work, and he threw his whole soul into it. Two immense black stockings were hung up on the fireplace and labeled C. M. Harl and the other C. G. Saunders. They held a bushel and each was filled to overflowing.

AT TRINITY METHODIST. At the Trinity Methodist church Santa Claus entertained the Sunday school in a deligatful manner, distributing gifts to all of the children. Here he received another surprise that almost took his breath away. At the conclusion of his work dear old Mother Goose was brought forward and introduced to him, and before he had time to think of the possibility of a conspiracy he minister stepped forward and married them. It took his breath away for an in-stant, but while the crowd was congratulating the old lady he slipped away and ful-filled engagements at the other churches. During the evening a pleasant program was given, in which all the classes of the Sunday school took part. Each gave a distinctive entertainment appropriate to Christ-mas time. Tableaux were given on a raised platform. There was a Christmas tree on either side of this, brilliantly illuminated.

ONE "GENUINE" SANTA. Christmas was celebrated in magnificent style at the First Baptist church last night. They had a genuine Santa Claus, a brightly lighted Christmas tree, lots of candy and outs for the little ones, a beautiful tableau and a well arranged program of singing and responsive reading. The entertainment was concluded by a delightful illustration of the story of Santa Claus, the giver of good things to old and young. Two little tots were found fast asleep on a doorstep. All the lights in the church auditorium exept those directly over the platform were urned out. The curtain was then drawn aside, and in marched a troop of fairles. The background represented the interior of a comfortable old fashioned room. There was a wide, spacious chimney place and wo windows, through which could be seen the drifting snow. Santa Claus appeared and the troop of fairies came in to light the Christmas tree. All this transpired while the little ones were sleeping. They awaken and find their dream a reality. After the entertainment the children were

all presented with a generous sack of candy FIFTH AVENUE METHODIST. In the Fifth Avenue Methodist church he

nade his advent through an immense chimney, composed wholly of candy. He again showed his shrewdness by taking the chimney to pieces and distributing it among the children, thereby saving a large part of the ontents of the great pack he carried on his The Christian church people united in giv-

ing the children of the Seventeenth Avenue mission a great treat, in which Santa Claus the invitation was extended to every poor child to be present and enjoy the feast. More than 200 of them responded, and not one of them went away with hunger uncome of the went away with hunger with the weak with the went away with hunger with the weak with the weak with the weak with the weak with th All of the children in the vicinity and in the southwestern part of the city were there, and each little one was generously

An informal celebration of Christmastide Miller, who is devoting all of her time to was held at the Congregational. No attempt the work of the mission. She spent several was made at a set program, though some well rendered Christmas carols helped to

> CHRISTIAN HOME CHILDREN. Of all the places in the city, Santa Claus received the most enthusiastic welcome at the Christian Home, and there he tarried the longest. Two hundred and fifty orphaned children hung up their stockings in one of the great balls. The sight touched the old fellow's heart and he crowded such tremendous packages of candy and nuts into them that many of them were unable to stand the strain. No visit that he has made in this part of the country afforded him so much keen enjoyment, and in no place were his efforts to gladden little hearts received with such enthusiasm and perfect faith. He has accepted the invitation of the home people to stop there today and assist in the big Christmas dinner that has been provided for the children. Twenty-five big turkeys, thirty quarts of cranber-ries, kegs of oysters and thirty dozen ba-nanas are among the delicacies that will be. rovided. This afternoon at 3 o'clock the children will give a Christmas entertain-ment, and tonight there will be three trees

aden with toys.

There will be a number of Christmas entertainments tonight. The Christian taber-nacle will be thrown open and Santa Claus will be welcomed by the children. A fine program has been arranged for the entertainment of the elders.

Boston Store will be open until noon today. All holiday

Farmers Turn Their Eight Cent Corn Into Four Dollar Beef. Pottawaitamie county's corn crop is not going to waste this year, for over 20,000 cattle are being fed by the farmers in the county, that being the number estimated by tecorder Shepard to have been brought in since last August. These are valued at over 5500,000 and the chances are that they will worth considerable more before they have all been fed out. Yesterday papers were filed with the county recorder involving 493

a single day. In feeding the cattle it is generally estimated that it will take from seventy to eighty bushels a head, which for the 20,000 head would dispose of over a million bushels of the surplus corn in this part of the state. Among the prominent feeders of the county are Van Kirk Bros. of Keg Creek, J. R. and J. H. Turner of Washington, W. N. Hacht Flynn, P. Burkley, Charles Sexey and D. Redman. The feeders are scattered all over the county and all seem anxious to turn their 8-cent corn into beef, which from the present outlook promises to be profita-ble. The cattle come mostly from South steers, cows ranging as low as \$2 per hun-

dred weight Recorder Shepard says that this year would undoubtedly be one of the largest feeding years in the history of the county, and attributed the fact to the low price of corn and its great abundance. Cattle that average from 900 to 1,000 pounds are expected to be turned out with a gain of from to 400 pounds, which gives a profit to the feeder. Recorder Shepard says that while the bulk of the business is about over, there will be several thousand more cattle brought in during the winter making this the banner season for some time in the feeding line for Pottawattamie county.

Boston Store will be open until noon today. All holiday goods at half price until January 1.

Astonishment astonished! amazed! Paralysis paralyzed! Here we are! We plead guilty to a desire to meet all our patrons today to extend the "glad hand" and wish you a Merry Christmas. Moore &

Only one more week of the Durfee Furniture company's great removal sale. Bargains. AFFAIRS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

Claims Leing Allowed Against the

In the receivership case of C. R. Hannan against the Lake Manawa Railroad company the claims of Dan Ashton for \$246 and a typewriter company for \$15 were allowed.

The motion for a new trial in the suit of John H. Dollen against John L. Dow & Co.

the court. The motion for a new trial was overruled in the case of the Miller Vastine Manufacturing company against Clark Bros. The jury in the case found for the defendant.

Judge Green handed down a decision yes-

terday in favor of the defendant in the case of Peycke Bros. against John T. Hazen. The Council Bluffs Grupe Growers' association defended the suit, as they were sued for wrongfully attaching Marcus Marcks & Co. The Murphy Land company has sued heodore and A. J. Pace for rent amount-

C. D. Dillon filed a petition against H. C. Miller and others yesterday to collect a promisory note.

The district court was adjourned yesterday In the superior court Mary Snodderly began suit yesterday against the Council Bluffo Water Works company for \$2,000 damages for personal injuries to her husband, James (Noedderly, In the petition the plaintiff tates that the hyaband has assigned all his dains against the company to her. Mrs. modderly presents a second claim for \$500 due her for the loss of aervices of her hus-band during the time he was suffering from he injuries sustained in an accident while the water works company was teating the

Boston Store will be open until noon today. All holiday goods at half price until January 1. Free Silverware.

best and most bread. Ask your grocer for it. Ladles' gold filled wateles, Elg'n nove

ment, \$12, at Wollman's. Real Estate Transfers. The following real estate transfers were reported yesterday at the office of J. W.

V A. Wood to Theodore N. Peterson, lot 6, blk. 5, Jackson's add., w. d. . . . oseph Michener and wife to Lexie S. White, lot 22, blk. 55, Railroad add., white, lot 22, blk. 55, Railroad add.

Three transfers, aggregating Make Her Happy for Once. Husbands and brothers and others get er a bandsome rocker or easy chair at S. S. Keller's. Makes a great Xmas gift.

Don't forget to step into the Corner Cigar Store this morning and wish your friend Merry Christmas. They'll all be there. If you want a bargain in watches and dia nonds call at Snyder's, 328 Broadway.

Find a Species of Arctic Bird. nearly dead when found and greedily ate

Caught Beneath a Falling Tree ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 24 .- (Special Telegram.)-John Peterson, a pioneer of Cass county, met with a severe accident yester-While felling a tree on his farm south of the city his foot was caught and mashed by the falling of the tree and he

was firmly held until his cries brought

neighbors to his aid. Heavy Fine for Contempt of Court. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 24.-(special Telegram.)-Judge Thorne fined H. Hafle \$500 or 150 days in jail for contempt of court. Sheriff Job Card has taken W. Mack to Fort Madison to serve a sentence of nine months. Mack was charged with burglary, ommitted in the Windsor hotel several

weeks ago. Sale of Dubuque Bonds. DUBUQUE, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.) The city today solu \$360,000 of 4 per cent OF "BRIGANDS

They Hold Up, Rob and Fight Withou Frovocation.

HAUNTS IN THE SOUTHWEST

Daring Operations of an Active Gang

of Plunderers in Arizona and New Mexico-Their Identity Unknown.

For nearly six months a band of desperadoes has been holding high carnival in New head valued at \$15,032, this being one of the largest bunches brought into the county in mmitting murder, robbing trains, stage coaches, postoffices and the stores of country merchants. Although often surrounded and closely pursued, relates a correspondent of have been the leader, is dead, but his loss has not stopped the depredations of the rest. of York, Killion Bros. of Washington, Grant
Dewitt of Grove, Thomas Lidell of Washington,
J. H. Larrison of Silver Creek, J. W.
Hartwell of Washington, P. N. Sucksdorf of
Silver Creek, J. L. Elsworth of Kane, James

in their exploits as the Jesse James gang They appear to be as fearless and as elever | El Capitan mountain, facing the great op in their exploits as the Jesse James gang | plains leading to Los Pinos wells, and it or the McCarty bank robbers. When Cole Young, alias Estes, was shot

by United States Deputy Marshal Leomis on the night of October 2, while the robbers were attempting to hold up the eastbound passenger train on the Atlantic & Pacific railroad, near Rio Puerco station, the offieers thought that the party consisted of Black Jack, Jesse Williams, Bob Hays and Tom Anderson, desperate fellows, who had been cowboys on several of the great cattle ranges of southeastern New Mexico. As Black Jack and his companions have not regions in the southwest, and not a week goes by without reports of new robberies oming into railway headquarters and to the

sparsely watered valleys have long been oc-cupled by the big cattle companies, which, through the ravages of cattle rustlers and the trouble and expense of cutting up the recent years of depression, are now about pouches. They stated that they had secure wiped out. It was off in this dreary country over \$700 the previous week and they hope have passed no trace of the missing lawyer or his son has been discovered. Both probably were murdered and their bodies buried

On the evening of June 9 two men entered the storehouse on the Bell ranch and stole a large quantity of provisions. On the previous day they had killed a steer out on the company against J. S. Morgan and others was taken under advisement by Judge Green. He will render a decision during the vacation of the court.

The same action was taken and others and the court of the same action was taken and the coeked name choice cuts of fresh meat over an open camp fire. Two days later they entered the general store of ment where the few wants of the Mexican sheep herders are compliant. range, and had cooked some choice cuts of The same action was taken in the case of Christina Sieverts against the National Benevolent caylum.

Sheep herders are couplied. They displayed their gune, and, holding up the proprietor and his con Levi, they pillaged the place. There was a postoffice in this store, and here. A. Brown and H. Holloway against the Stoux City & Pacific Railroad company.

The motion for a new control of the case of it the knowledge of the holdup reached the office of the postoffice inspector in this city and an inspector in this city, and an inspector was dis-patched to investigate the case. The inspector had to travel in a buckboard 112 mile over the desert from Las Vegas station to late to be held up on one of the San Antonio

tages by the same gang. Meanwhile the storekeeper had gathered so of neighbors and was off in pursuit the band. The party overtook the robbers camp about thirty miles southwest of Lib-erry, and a spirited attack was made upon them. The robbers stood their ground, and in the fight Levi Herzstein, the postmaster and a Mexican was killed. Three horses were shot. This loss stopped the pursuing party and the robbers made their escape. One of their horses was killed, and in order with a bunting knife before making off further into the hills.

RANCH ROBBERIES.

Occasionally during the next three weeks the local newspapers of New Mexico contained brief items about ranch houses robbes until Saturday. Judge Green left for his home, Audubon, list evening.

W. F. Edwards hus sued A. W. and T. C. Casady to collect a note amounting to \$1,185. postoffice at Separ, a small station on the Southern Pacific, thirty miles west of Deming, held up the postmaster and rifled the mail for registered packages. At the time of this robbery two troops of United States cavalry were in the field along the border of Mexico chasing a band of renegade indians who had been committing among the settlers. The United States mar-shal secured premission from army headquarters to guide the cavalry against these post office robbers who had escaped into the mountains to the north of Deming. Deputy Loomis, accompanied by Lieutenant Clark with Troop D. Seventh Cavalry, trailed the obbers to a point about fifty miles southwest of Lordsburg, where they were sur-rounded near Skeleton Canyon. The robbers had intrenched themselves behind natural By sending forty Domestic soap wrappers to L. Bolton & Co., Des Moines, Ia., you will get six sliver teaspoons free.

Some makes the content of the content stopping over night at a ranch near Deming and on the following morning boldly entered the town, calling for their mail at the post office and then riding out of the settlement unmolested. More than 150 men now joined in the chase and a great circle was formed t was thought that the robbers could not escape, but they did, and the chase was

given up. ONE ROBBER FALLS, As Deputy Marshal Loomis and Special Agent Cade Selvy were returning on castbound express on the Atlantic & cific railway on the night of October 2 to their home in Albuquerque, after their unsuccessful pursuit, the train was held up by a party of masked men at Puerco Station. While the engine was taking water at the tank, the engineer was tightening a crank pin on one of the driving wheels, and the conductor was standing near by, talking to him. The robbers suddenly appeared out of the darkness and commanded the trainmen to hold up their hands. Then they ordered the engineer to uncouple the express car from the train and move up the track. While this was being done the robbers began a fusilade in the direction of the train, order to intimidate the express messenger and the passengers. Loomis and Selvy were sitting in the smoking car at the time and found upon his person to assist the officers Saturday at 9 a.m. in their pursuit of the other members of the band. Loomis remained at the water tank, while the train went on to Albuquerque, hoping to get another shot at the robbers when they returned for the body of their comrade, but they did not come back. Meanwhile a special train had been made up at Albuquerque and a posse tried to overtake robbers before they could get into Mexico, but no further trace of them could be

BOLD OPERATIONS. A week later two stages running between San Antonio and White Oaks were held up by four masked men in daylight. The first stage left San Antonio at 7 o'clock in the morning, and when eight miles out was atopped by an ambuscade and the mail sacks were cut and plundered. The robbers took the driver's hat and boots, took the four fresh stage horses, turned their own horses free and told the driver to walk back toward

tonio. This they also held up, and after robbing the passengers and the mail sacks they cut the barness of the stage team and escaped across the Majpais country. Before leaving the stage party they admitted that they were the men who had attempted to hold up the passenger train at Rio Puerce, and they swore vengeance upon Loomis and

the pursuing parties.
A few days after this double robbery two cowboys rode up to a camp where some cat-tiemen on a round-up had halted for lunch. They inquired for George Parker, a cattle man. Parker stepped up and one of the strangers inquired

'Is your name Parker?" Receiving an affirmative reply the stranged drew his revolver and said: Well, your time is come. I am going to

Without further words he shot Parker dead. Turning to the astonished group of cattlemen the stranger named two friends of men in the group who, he declared, were Mexico and Arizona, defying the authorities, marked and would be shot down in the same way as soon as found. The two mounted their horses and made off. learned subsequently that Parker had been with Loomis' pursuing party. The robbers continued their exploits in the

the New York Sun, the band has cluded Malpais country, and for some time no posseall pursuers. One of the band, supposed to cared to go out in pursuit of them. They at tempted to enter the general store of the El Capitan Land and Cattle company at Rich ardson, but the employes were on the alert expecting just such a visit, and the robbers were driven away by a vigorous show of re istance. Richardson is on the north side of probably the most isolated settlement in th territory

PURSUIT OF DESPERADOES On October 24 a telegram of inquiry was asking the cause of the delay of the daily stage from White Oaks. There had been heavy rains in the country, but that was not a good reason for such a long delay, and fears were expressed that the stage had been held up again. Captain Albert Hollenbeck, owner of the stage line, set out to look up the missing stage. Just beyond the mountain relay station he encountered a man armed with a rifle lying beside his hores some distance black Jack and his companions have not been seen in their accustomed haunts for several months the suspicion that they are the robbers is probably well founded. Whoever the robbers may be, however, they have been leading civil and federal officers and troops of United States cavalry a chase of hundreds of miles over the most desolate regions in the southwest and not a week. below. Without stopping to make further inquiry Hollenbeck turned and rode rapidly back. As he did so he observed several twenty miles out from White Oaks they met the stage driver coming along the read afoot Postoffice Inspector's department in this city.

LOOTERS OF THE DESERT.

Soon after they meet an also afcet. The report of two more enge robberles worked the entire country up to Off in the desert country of eastern New Mexico are scattered herds of sheep tended by a nomadic class of poor Mexicans. The ripped open the mail sacks they suggested to the driver that he should tell the govern-ment to send out the mail in baskets to save that Colonel Fountain of Las Crucca accompanied by his little son, was waylaid by a band of cattle rustlers as he was returning for larger profits on the midwinter business. After running off the horses they did not wait, and cutting up the harness, they struck from the trial of two members of their gang for larger profits on the midwinter business.

but the driver told the robbers that the bos contained a clock and they did not disturb it Captain Hollenbeck sent down to La Cruces for Pat Garrett, a sheriff, who have the record of being the best officer in the south-west. He made himself famous some years ago by capturing, unaided, the notoricus "Billy, the Kid." With a posse Garrett started off into the Malpais country, prepered for a long campaign against the robbers. Recent telegrams show that the rob bers have moved out and are now at work is another district. The Solomonville and Central postoffices were robbed last week, an the authorities expect to receive notice here of more depredations any day. Some day the cowboy robbirs will be captured, and without loss of time the entire gang will be placed where they never again can molest star route postoffices CONTRACTOR TO THE TAXABLE

AMUSEMENTS. CHECK THE SECRET SECRET

"The Merry World" is the title of dramatic confection by Edgar Smith, William Furst and Warner Crosby and is calculated to cheer the depressed. It was presented at the Creighton last night under the direction of Clair M. Patee, who is wel and favorably known as a dramatic caterer in Omaha. The piece is in the hands of a ompany which, although possibly not strong numerically as the one which brought it to Omaha last season, is fully capable of bringing out its excellent features. The first act presents a burlesque Sans Gene," the second a travesty on "Tril by" and the piece closes with a ballet di-vertisement headed by Mile. Catharine Bartho. Incident to the second act is a passing review of the latest popular comic operas. Miss Vivian Patec easily leads the company and she is seconded by Miss Louise Demp sey and Miss Eva Tangeray. Pusey, Ben F. Grinnell, Harry Stanley and Charles Wallace bore the brunt of the comedy work and their eccentricities furnished the full measure of amusement called for b. the audience. Mile. Bartho is a graceful dancer. The costumes were new and the scenic accessories complete. The whole piece goes with a swing and a dash that sends the authoree home in good humor. "The Merry World" will play a Christmas matinee this afternoon, and will also occupy the Creighton stage tonight and tomorrow night

The "Shadows of a Great City" fel athwart the Boyd stage last night. Th famous old melodrama has been rejuvenate by a company which gave its initial per formance for the season last evening. I is full of the startling climaxes inciden o melodrama and although given last night under some slight inconveniences incident to first performances, furnished entertainment and amusement for the audience. It is in the hands of a well balanced company, the embers of which make up in conscientiou efforts to please what they lack in numeri cal strength. Incident to the five acts ar shown several realistic scenes, including Blackwell's island and the East river bridge The piece will remain at the Boyd the rest of the week, with a matinee this after-

A number of athletic clubs and other or ganizations having expressed a desire take seats, twenty-five to sixty in a bunch for the glove contest between Robert Fitz simmons and his sparring partner at Boyd's Monday night, December 28, in conjunction with "Saved From the Sea," no restriction will be placed on the number of seats sold to each purchaser until speculation is dis-covered, and in that case the management will promptly interfere.

"Lanky Bob's" engagement is night only, but "Saved From the Sea" will continue at the same theater throughout the

This drama is now approaching its twelfth nonth's run at the Princess' theater, Lon don, and received its initial American ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A strange species of an arctic bird called the foolish guillemot was found by some farmers near Lorah. The bird was nearly dead when found and grandly design one of the robbers he fired, bringing down his and the play is replete with surprising expectation. nearly dead when found and greedly ate two cars of corn. This bird is rarely found far from the sea. It is believed to have been carried inland by some storm. It died in a few hours a spot for even an intrepfd officer like Loomis midocean, the breaking of the bridge in the and he returned to the train. The robber second act and the thrilling scene at the that had been brought down proved to be steps of the scaffold a novelty new to all Cole Young alias Estes, but nothing was theater goers. Seats will be placed on sale

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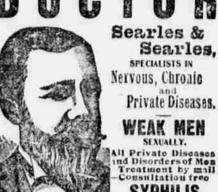
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