cashier of the Bank of Platte, Platte Center, and is well known in Platte county and the Third district as a warm supporter of W. J. Bryan. Miss Shreve hails from Fremont, but has been employed for some time as stenographer to Mr. Bryan and did service for the cause of silver in the recent campaign. Although Mr. Wolfe has not announced it as his intention, it is understood that he intends to retain the services of Mr. Alex Schlegel, draughtsman in the land commissioner's office, for some months at least. Mr. Schlegel has served many years in the office and is, probably, better posted on the land surveys of Nebraska than any man in the state.

QUIET NEW YEARS AT LINCOLN.

Little Effort to Make a Holiday at the Capital City.

LINCOLN, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—New Year's day was not so generally observed in Lincoln as was the holiday of Christmas. Many of the stores and business houses remained open all day, and most of the departments at the state capitol were running on full time, preparing for the closing up and handing over of official business to the new administration. High mass was celebrated at 8:30 a. m., at St. Theresa's pro-cathedral. The day also witnessed the departure of nearly all the school teachers who, practically, captured the city early in the week.

Bert Manchester, a telegraph operator in the stock exchange of Bigger & Lyon, this city, dropped dead at his home, 429 South Eleventh street, at 12:30 this morning. He is said to have been a victim of heart disease, having suffered from that complaint for some time. Deceased was 30 years of age.

Chief Clerk Mary of the governor's office reports that some time last night a thief entered the rooms and stole $20 worth of postage stamps from his desk.

A requisition was honored today by Governor Holcomb from Governor Stone of Missouri for George Finley. The latter has just finished serving a sentence in the Nebraska penitentiary for burglary, and is wanted in Missouri for a similar offense.

The coroner's jury summoned to examine into the suicide of Henry C. Zerung returned a verdict today that the deceased came to his death by his own act, while laboring under a spell of temporary insanity. So far as ascertained the verdict seems to be fully sustained by the facts and meets the approval of those interested in the case.

A reception was tendered Mr. Charles G. Dawes and his wife this evening at the Lincoln hotel by prominent republicans in the city and members of the Young Men's Republican club. Mr. Dawes was connected with the branch of the republican national committee at Washington during the campaign, and is a warm personal friend of President-elect McKinley. The reception was followed by a lunch in the ordinary of the hotel.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—W. H. White. At the Capital—J. A. Bills.

ALBION, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The marriage of Arthur Browder, one of the most prominent young business men of this town, and Miss Maud McDaniel, one of the most popular young women in Albion society, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, near town, last evening. The young people will make Albion their home.

CHARGE OF CRUELTY TO A CHILD.

Ten-Year-Old Girl Dies at Columbus Under Distressing Circumstances.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Frances Will, a 10-year-old orphan girl, has lived with her foster parents near Oconee, ten miles west of this city. The child, though fair of face and form, was weak and delicate and her health was never robust. Because she could not do the work of others older and stronger than herself, she was unmercifully beaten and otherwise ill-treated until sickness ensued, when she was brought to this city and placed in St. Mary's hospital, her little body black with bruises and sore with wounds, and on Christmas morning when other children were recounting what good Santa Claus had placed in their stockings, little Frances Will, unattended and alone, save for a kind-hearted hospital nurse, was dying. Later in the day she died.

About one month before she died the attention of County Attorney Gooding was called to the matter. He interviewed the girl, but said that he thought that no conviction could be made, and also thought that her case had been exaggerated. Some two weeks before she died the physician in attendance, as he says for his own protection, took a stenographer with him and got a statement from the child after it was apparent that she could not live. He asked her if she knew what death was, and if she knew that she was very sick. She replied that she had seen her mother die, and that she knew that she herself could not live. The physician then admonished her to tell the whole truth and to use the physician's own words, "the little victim then told a story of blood-curdling cruelty and abuse almost beyond belief and enough to make a man's hair stand on end."

Remember Their Pastor.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—As a slight token of their appreciation of the pastor and his work a number of persons of all ages belonging to the Baptist denomination met last evening at the residence of Rev. J. H. Hurley in the function of a "pound social," each taking some article of value to add to the pastor's worldly store. On behalf of the visitors a speech was made by Dr. F. O. Burdick and was responded to in a feeling manner by Rev. Mr. Hurley. Among the pleasant things of the evening was some excellent music furnished by Mrs. Metta Babcock, Mrs. Eva Hill, Miss Tacie Hood, Otto Hill, Oakley Hurley, Judson Hill and others. The guests took their departure amid a fusilade of New Year's greetings.

Observe Social Traditions.

NEBRASKA CITY, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The social traditions of New Year's day were observed here by the usual quota of calls. Miss Coretta Sadler, Mesdames W. L. Wilson, N. A. Duff, M. E. Duff and others kept "open house" from 2 until 9 o'clock. At 12 o'clock last night all the steam whistles at the various manufacturing plants, locomotives, etc., were sounded and kept up for an hour at intermittent intervals. Added to this was the sound of the fire bell, church bells, gongs, etc. The day was observed very quietly, nearly all business being suspended. Rain fell steadily yesterday and last night, but the skies were clear and bright today.

Roads in Bad Condition.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—After a night of south wind, dense fog and almost Egyptian darkness, a heavy shower of rain fell this morning. The wind has turned to the north, and is threatening to grow colder. Circumstances are apparently combining to increase and continue the prevalence of the already unprecedented mud of the winter, which has been a veritable "reign of terror" to those who have resided here sufficiently long to have become accustomed to the hard, dry winter roads, as they are usually found, and to forget the boggy winter trails that pass for roads in many eastern states from which they come.

Elaborate Masquerade Ball.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Central City young people closed the year with the most elaborate masquerade ball ever given in the city. There were sixty-six costumes, many of them exceedingly attractive. The attendance was very large.

York Military Band Receives.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The second annual reception given by the York military band was held last evening at the Le Grande hotel. There were 600 invited, and a large portion of these were present, despite the inclemency of the weather. The hotel corridors and reception rooms were elaborately decorated in evergreen and holly. Mesdames W. H. Crabbe, William Weidner, C. L. Cowan, C. C. Campbell, J. H. Cowell and Messrs. William Weidner, C. L. Cowan and J. H. Cowell received. The music furnished by the band was a rare treat and heartily enjoyed by all.

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. $1.

Hood's Pills cure sick headache, indigestion.

OCCASION FOR A CHURCH JUBILEE.

Creighton Congregation Destroys the Last Evidence of a Debt.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The jubilee meeting at the Congregational church last night was one long to be remembered in the history of the church, as an occasion of great rejoicing and heartfelt thanksgiving over the successful completion of a work which had for many years weighed heavily on the church. That work was the satisfaction of the last dollar of the church indebtedness, from whatever source, so that the new year may be commenced with a clean record, and not a cent due to any one. All accounts have been balanced and closed. When Rev. Mr. James came on the field, about three years ago, there was an indebtedness against the church of nearly $900, all of which was due and payment urged. Now all debts are paid. The church and parsonage are free and the congregation rejoiced together in celebration of the happy event.

The program of the evening consisted of devotional exercises, to commence with, followed by reports of the different church organizations and heads, as follows: Junior Christian Endeavor society, Senior Christian Endeavor society, Ladies' Aid society, Sunday school, church clerk, church treasurer, official board of church, pastor and auditor. A noteworthy feature of the treasurer's report was that all bills were paid and there was in each instance a small cash balance in the treasury.

After the reports were read, a hearty vote of thanks was given the pastor for his loyal work during the year, after which a song of jubilee, written for the occasion by the pastor, was sung by E. F. Warner, and the congregation joined in the chorus.

A very pretty and impressive ceremony followed the singing of the song of jubilee, in which the old mortgage on the parsonage was forever disposed of in rather an effective manner in the presence of the entire congregation. The pastor called to his aid the church clerk and the president of the Ladies' Aid society, who took their positions on either side of him. Then to the clerk he handed the evidence of the old debt, and to the president he handed a tray to catch the remains, while he himself applied the torch to the mortgage, and as the flames consumed the last particle of it, the congregation sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Rev. Mr. Noyce of Brunswick closed the formal exercises of the evening with the benediction. Then it was that the women of the church took charge and all were invited to partake of the delicacies which they had provided so bountifully and so free.

MAY LOSE MUCH OF THEIR CORN.

Wet Weather in Nebraska Threatens to Cause Heavy Loss.

BELGRADE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A soaking rain has been falling for the last twenty-four hours, thoroughly soaking the ground, as the frost is all out; but doing great damage to the gathered corn, most of which is piled up on the ground, the low price of 8 cents per bushel not warranting farmers in building suitable cribs. If the wet weather still continues millions of bushels of corn will rot on the ground. A vast amount of corn is being bought by speculators, to hold for a future rise, but the elevators do not want it at any price.

FARNAM, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A dense fog has been in evidence for three days, putting an effectual stop to corn picking and rendering all outdoor work intensely difficult and disagreeable. The temperature is comparatively high, but a general expectation of a storm exists. Farmers are selling ear corn at 9 cents, shelled corn at 8 cents.

GRANT, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A gentle rain has been falling here today, with prospects of continuing through the night. The ground is already moist to the depth of two feet from the heavy snow which fell in October and November. The oldest settlers say they don't remember the time when there was so much moisture in the ground at this time of the year. Farmers are making great calculations of a bountiful crop for 1897. Stock all looks well.

JUNIATA, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—An all-day's rain is in progress today. Rather a queer experience for this country for the time of year.

JUNIATA, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The warm weather of the past week has loosened the frost, which is going out of the ground now in clouds. The grass, wheat and rye is green and growing. Cornpicking is still in progress, with thousands of bushels to yet gather. Owing to the immense quantity of corn, there are thousands of head of cattle and hogs being fed here now for market, and much of the 10-cent corn will go to market in the shape of beef and pork.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Rain has been falling for the past twenty-four hours. Frost is drawing very fast, and with a few more warm days farmers could plow.

Celebrate the New Year's Advent.

FREMONT, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The new year was ushered in with the ringing of bells, sounding of whistles and discharge of firearms of all descriptions. The banks and county offices were closed today and the employes of the postoffice kept Sunday hours. The business houses were open as usual. Quite a number of women kept open house and received many calls during the afternoon and evening. The firemen gave the first masked ball of the season at Turner hall last evening. There was a good crowd out, and many unique and elaborate costumes were worn. The weather was warm and damp, and the roads and streets so heavy that there was no pleasure driving.

Prosecuting St. Edward's Bootleggers

ST. EDWARD, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night Ansel Westbrook was found lying in the mud dead drunk. He was placed in the calaboose and this morning taken before Justice Bullock and pleaded guilty. He is one of several who for some time have been unable to obtain liquor themselves, but have been able to get it through friends who bought it for them. Westbrook's fine was remitted on condition that he tell who gave him the liquor. He turned state's evidence, implicating Billy Shuey, who was arrested and will have his hearing Monday morning. It is the intention to sift the matter to the bottom and run out the bootleggers if possible.

Mask Ball at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Columbus fire department gave its annual mask ball at the opera house last night, which was well attended and was a decided success. The entire department headed by the Columbus band made a parade at 2 o'clock, and later a horseback parade was made by the boys in their comic mask suits.

Revival Meetings at Bennet.

BENNET, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Methodist church is now holding revival meetings. A watch night service was held. The present pastor, Rev. Mr. Wilson, and a former pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobb, both preached. The meeting was much enjoyed by those present.

Sargent Will Have a Paper.

BURWELL, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A part of the Progress plant, which was a consolidation of two papers, was yesterday moved to Sargent, where a paper will be started by J. G. Todd, a brother of the present editor of the Progress of this place.

Complete Albion's Court House.

ALBION, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The carpenters finished the roof on Albion's new court house yesterday. This encloses the building, which is one of the best in the state, and it will be finished in time to hold the next term of court.

Welcome the New Year.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—In accordance with its regular annual custom the Young People's society of the Baptist church held a sunrise prayer meeting at daybreak this morning.

New Year Wedding Bells.

BENNETT, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A quiet wedding took place last night at the home of Job Hiatt. S. F. Chambers and Miss Lula Hiatt were united in marriage by Rev. J. H. Cobb. Both of these young people are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent in the local social circle. The relatives and a few close friends were present.

NO SUCCESSOR TO VANDERVOORT.

New Member of the Fire and Police Commission Not Yet Named.

LINCOLN, Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Land Commissioner Russell said today that he had so far heard of no immediate meeting of the board to appoint a successor to Paul Vandervoort on the Omaha Fire and Police commission. At the governor's office nothing could be learned indicative of an early meeting. There are rumors tonight of a meeting to be held tomorrow, but they can be traced to no reliable source. So far as the republican members of the board are concerned they manifest but little interest in the matter. Should they get together and make an appointment there is no certainty that Vandervoort would be the man named.

Hunting a Thief at Tekamah.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A farmer by the name of Worth, living in the north part of this county, was robbed by his hired man last night of $61, the proceeds of a sale of cattle made the day before. Worth's son took the cattle to Lyons and returned in the evening with the money. His father not being at home the boy retained possession of the money. He slept with the hired man that night, and in the morning both man and money were gone. The ground being soft the thief was tracked close to this city, and this afternoon the sheriff and a posse are out hunting for him.

Christmas Tree Festivities.

JUNIATA, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The Independent Order of Odd Fellows had a Christmas tree at its hall last night for the children. A good program was rendered, a fine banquet partaken of and a most enjoyable time had by all.

New Year's Hop at Humboldt.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The C. S. P. S. lodge gave its annual New Year's ball at the Bohemian hall yesterday evening. There was a good attendance.

FIGHT IN A GRAND RAPIDS SALOON.

Two Policemen Nearly Killed and Two of Their Assailants Shot.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 1.—Two policemen were pounded half to death by a crowd of toughs today and two of their assailants were shot. The trouble was the result of a crusade which the police have been waging against saloon keepers who have been violating the law. Today Patrolmen Viergiver and Harrington found the saloon of Sommers & Treadwell doing a thriving back-door business. As the officers entered the air was filled with clubs, bottles and glasses. Officer Viergiver was struck on the head and felled with a club. He was drawing his revolver as he fell and he pulled the trigger. Several shots were fired from the crowd and Harrington managed to get his revolver out and pulled it upon Treadwell, who was pounding him on the head with a beer bottle. The next moment Harrington went to the floor. A great crowd had gathered in front of the saloon and the excitement was intense. An officer outside guarded the door and sent for the patrol wagon. A squad of eight policemen responded with orders to arrest every one in the place, but most of the crowd managed to slip away. Officer Viergiver had an arm broken in two places, his nose dislocated and an awful gash across the scalp. His injuries are not necessarily fatal. Officer Harrington was cut with broken glass. He has a severe scalp wound and serious bodily injuries. Treadwell was shot in the right lung. An examination late tonight showed that he is suffering severe hemorrhages. He is not likely to recover.

Fires of a Day.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—A special to the Republic from Collinsville, Ill., says: The Collinsville Zinc works, owned and operated by Mesker Bros. of St. Louis, were partly destroyed by fire today. The engine and boiler room, office, potters works and one kiln were totally destroyed, entailing a loss of about $100,000, partly insured.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The barn of J. N. McQueen, situated near the center of town, and six horses were burned last night. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. There is much excitement in town today owing to the fact that such fires are alarmingly frequent, and no one feels safe.

CRESTON, Ia., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The residence of Dr. C. W. Payne burned at midnight, fire originating from a defective flue. The doctor lost all his household goods, which were insured for $800.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The wharf and factories of the Boston and Lockport Block company on the water front in East Boston and the works of the Maverick Oil company took fire at an early hour this morning. The blaze broke out in a 200-foot one-story building occupied by the Condor Iron company as a molding shop. The fire went through the building, burning out the Condor company with the exception of the pattern shop. The fire then spread to the wharf of the block company. At the wharf Mr. Gibby's 200-ton yacht Brighton was badly damaged. About 100 feet of the wharf was burned, together with a number of small buildings upon it. The loss will not exceed $50,000.

Saloon Keeper Found Murdered.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—John Lenlen, a hotel and saloon keeper at West Hammond, was found murdered in his place this morning. The case is enveloped in mystery, and no possible clews to the murderer have been found. The police have various theories, however, one of which, they say, points to a deep plot. There were indications that the crime was committed for purposes of robbery, but many things lead the police to think there was no theft, and that the signs of the robbery were made after the crime was committed.

Washington's Annual Product.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 1.—The Ledger's annual New Year's edition today shows the progress of the state during 1896. The record is summarized as follows: Washington's dairy products were worth $1,500,000; packing house products, $1,500,000; fish, fresh and canned, $3,200,000; coal output, 1,150,000 tons; fruit crop, $2,000,000; lumber cut, 500,000,000 feet; shingles, 2,250,000,000; value of lumber products, $7,000,000; value of live stock, $5,625,000; value of gold, silver and lead, $1,000,000; wheat crop, 10,000,000 bushels.

Met on the Midway and Will Marry.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The engagement is announced of Miss Myssie Brown of Nashville, Tenn., and Hon. Archibald John Majoribanks, second son of Lord Tweedmouth and brother of Lady Aberdeen, wife of the governor general of Canada. The marriage will take place some time in the spring. The couple met in this city during the World's fair, when Mr. Majoribanks was assisting Lord and Lady Aberdeen in the erection of the Blarney castle on the Midway.

Prohibitionists Take Counsel.

SEDALIA, Mo., Jan. 1.—The prohibition state central committee held a conference here today. It was decided to place several speakers in the field to build up the party. A resolution was adopted expressing regret that Christian voters did not express their convictions on the temperance question at the polls, and urging them to be consistent and vote as they talked at church conferences.

Cut in Iron Founders Wages.

WALTHAM, Mass., Jan. 1.—A general cut down in wages in the iron foundry of Davis & Farnum in this city went into effect today. The cut ranges from 2 to 25 cents, and affects over 500 men. The fact that the large foundries in Pennsylvania and the west have commenced to do their own small work, making it impossible for this firm to compete, is given as the cause.

Hanged on New Year's Morning.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 1.—Murderer Edward Wright was hanged at 10:30 this morning. On the night of July 30, 1896, Wright shot and killed Ida Crummel, colored, of whom he was jealous, for refusing to listen to his conversation and walking away from him.

With Kate Field's Remains.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—General Charles J. Taylor of Boston arrived from San Francisco today in charge of the remains of the late Kate Field. He delivered them to Miss Whiting, a friend of Miss Field, who will convey them to Boston.

GET RAILROADS INTERESTED

Exposition Officials Encouraged by Their Visit to Chicago.

EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Officers of the Various Roads Promise to Urge it Upon the Directors of Their Companies at the Annual Meetings.

A delegation of directors of the Trans-mississippi and International Exposition returned yesterday morning from Chicago, where they went to hold a conference with the officials of the Omaha-Chicago railways with a view of securing substantial support from those roads in the way of subscriptions to stock of the exposition. Those in the party were Chairman Z. T. Lindsey of the executive committee, manager of the department of ways and means; Edward Rosewater, manager of the department of publicity; Directors A. T. Rector, Lucius Wells of Council Bluffs and George F. Bidwell, general manager of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway.

The delegation met the railway officials in the Auditorium annex and felt entirely satisfied with the result of their interview, which lasted several hours. The Chicago officials present were: President Marvin Hughitt and Third Vice President H. G. Burt of the Northwestern; President R. R. Cable of the Rock Island, and General Manager A. J. Earling of the Milwaukee road, President Miller of the latter road being confined to his room by serious illness.

Edward Rosewater stated, after his return home, that the interview with the railway officials had been most amicable and that the committee felt the roads would give the exposition substantial support. Mr. Rosewater said that President Hughitt had given it as his opinion that the exposition was the most extensive and effective advertising scheme for the trans-mississippi region that had ever been devised, and he promised to do all in his power to assist in pushing the matter to a successful issue. The president said that the directors of the Northwestern would meet next week, and he promised to lay the matter before them in its most favorable light.

President Gable promised the support of the Rock Island to the exposition, and said his road would subscribe liberally. He stated that the directors would probably meet in March next, and promised to lay the matter before them with his endorsement.

General Manager Earling of the Milwaukee, speaking for President Miller, said the matter would be taken up by the Milwaukee at the earliest practicable moment and would undoubtedly be given most favorable consideration.

MANIFEST MUCH INTEREST.

All of the Chicago officials manifested great interest in all of the details of the exposition so far as it has progressed, and asked innumerable questions which were satisfactorily answered by the committee. The officials were disposed to be noncommittal on the point whether the railroads would subscribe to the stock or make donations in aid of the exposition. They stated, however, that they had subscribed to stock in the World's fair and had received 42 per cent of their money in return when the affairs of the great exposition were settled.

While the committee of exposition officials was in Chicago a call was made upon Colonel Robert C. Clowry, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph company. Colonel Clowry is well known in Omaha, being a large holder of realty in this city, and he received the committee with great cordiality. He informed the committee that he had referred a letter from Mr. Rosewater to the officials of the telegraph company with his strongest endorsement and promised to do all in his power to secure a substantial subscription for exposition stock. Colonel Clowry was one of the active managers of the World's Fair, and told the committee that he had "been in the harness" for eighteen months. He gave his callers a number of most valuable points on the management of an exposition, and offered to supply any information in his power in that connection.

The committee returned to Omaha feeling greatly encouraged with the result of the trip and preparations are being made to secure interviews with the management of other great corporations which are expected to give the exposition substantial support in the way of liberal subscriptions.

Judge Neville of North Platte, vice president of the exposition for Nebraska, was in the city yesterday in conference with the department of promotion regarding the securing of a liberal appropriation from the legislature of this state. He was also in conference with officials of the exposition regarding a visit to other trans-mississippi states, where the judge has an extensive acquaintance.

X RAYS BRING SIGHT TO THE BLIND.

How John F. Martin Came to See After Ten Years of Blindness.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The X ray has given a glimmer of light to eyes that had been sightless for ten years. The subject of the test was John F. Martin, who, by submitting to experiments as a substitute for Charles Broadway Rouss, has become known as Mr. Rouss' man. Martin first presented himself to Mr. Rouss eight months ago. He was formerly a druggist, but in 1887 was stricken with atrophy of the optic nerves and became totally blind. Oculists treated him, but all agreed that his case was hopeless, and that he would never see the light again. Hearing that Mr. Rouss was to submit to a hundred volts of electricity in the hope that it might restore his sight, Martin called on the merchant last April with this proposition: "If the shock kills me, it would kill you; if it cures me, it will cure you. Let me make the experiment in your stead." Mr. Rouss assured Martin that he had no intention of undertaking any such risk, but he was of a mind to try another experiment, which had been suggested to him, and he let Martin take his place. Martin has since submitted to tests perhaps half a hundred times. Two attendants led him to the office of Dr. Edson. The blind man, although he had grown accustomed to experiments, was nervous as he was placed in front of the electrical apparatus. The fluoroscope was placed at his eyes and the X ray turned on. There was an instant, vicious snapping of the current, then absolute stillness, as all in the room strained to watch Martin. At length Dr. Edson asked:

"Do you see anything?"

"No," answered Martin.

His lips had scarcely framed the reply when there rang from him: "'I can see—I can see light," and Dr. Edson at once turned off the electricity. Martin was deeply moved at the gleam which had penetrated his long darkness. Dr. Edson questioned him about the effect of the ray, but the blind man only repeated that he had seen light. Again the fluoroscope was placed at his eyes. This time he received the impression of light more quickly, and when he had revelled in it for a moment, a piece of metal was passed in front of the fluoroscope. Martin detected it instantly. "It is a shadow," he said, "but it is like the sun going behind a cloud." Enough had been done for a day, and the man, rejoicing in even this little relief that had come to his years of blackness, was led from the room.

Neighbors Call on McKinley.

CANTON, O., Jan. 1.—"A Happy New Year" was the greeting received by President-elect McKinley and his wife this morning from many neighbors and friends who called to extend their well wishes. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley passed the morning receiving the many visitors. During the afternoon Bellamy Storer and wife and marquis and marchioness de Chambrun arrived here, and were guests until afternoon, when they left for Cleveland. National Committeeman Heath was a guest of Major McKinley today. The president-elect and Mrs. McKinley dined this evening with Judge and Mrs. Day, and tomorrow morning at 9:05 they will leave for Cleveland.

INQUEST ON SUICIDE VICTIMS.

Few Facts Brought Out Which Were Not Previously Published.

Two inquests were held at the morgue yesterday. One occurred in the morning and was over the body of Matilda Lorsch, the 19-year-old suicide. The other was held in the afternoon over the body of Charles G. Mason, the Wyoming cowboy who was found dead in his bed in the Emmet house on New Year's eve as a result of an overdose of morphine taken with suicidal intent.

The jury in the case of Matilda Lorsch returned a verdict in accordance with the facts already published, finding that she committed suicide by means of "Rough on Rats." The testimony of witnesses disclosed nothing new. Those placed on the stand were Sergeant Iler, Detective Bloom, Louis Lorsch, the father of the girl; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ramm, at whose house she died; Carl Ramm, her lover, and Mrs. Julia Kolkart, who also was in the house when she expired.

The father, Louis Lorsch, testified that he had never noticed anything wrong with the girl to indicate that she contemplated suicide. He said that she was engaged for the past three months to Carl Ramm, but she had never intimated that she was jealous of him or quarreled with him. She appeared to be well and happy when she left her home four miles west of Calhoun last Tuesday to visit the Ramms in this city. The father thought she was insane when she committed the act.

Carl Ramm, the lover of the girl, testified that they had been engaged two months and intended to get married on January 19. Since the engagement the girl seemed to be convinced that he was unfaithful to her and on that account quarreled with him. On Wednesday afternoon, the day of the suicide, she called upon him at the saloon at Twenty-ninth and Cuming streets, where he was employed. She gave expression to her jealousy. In the lovers' spat young Ramm accused her of telling a lie. They quarreled, but before they parted made up and the girl went away apparently cheerful. The remains were sent at noon to Fort Calhoun, the home of the girl.

In the Mason case the coroner's jury also returned a verdict of suicide. The evidence has already been published in the press.

ASSIGNING THE COURT DOCKETS.

Terms of Court Fixed for the Ensuing Year.

The judges of the district court held a session yesterday morning at the court house for the purpose of fixing the terms of court for the coming year and assigning the dockets. All of the seven judges were present.

The resignation of M. H. Redfield as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, to take effect at once, was read and accepted. After some discussion Edward J. Cornish was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Redfield.

The next business was the fixing of the terms of court for the current year. The terms for Douglas county will commence February 1, May 3 and September 27. The terms for Burt and Washington counties will commence February 1 and September 27. The terms for Sarpy county will commence February 23 and November 8.

The assignment of dockets for the current year was the next thing considered, and the following assignments made: Jury dockets, Judge Baker No. 1, or the criminal docket; Judge Fawcett No. 2, the same he has had during the past year; Judge Powell No. 3, the one held last year by Judge Dickinson; Judge Slabaugh No. 4, the docket held by Judge Scott; Judge Dickinson No. 5, being the docket held by Judge Slabaugh last year. Equity docket No. 6, presided over by Judge Powell during the past year, was assigned to Judge Scott, while Judge Keysor retained No. 7. The dockets of the counties outside of Douglas were assigned as follows: Burt county, Judge Fawcett; Sarpy county, Judge Powell; Washington county, Judge Slabaugh.

After deciding that the September, 1896, term of court should be adjourned January 6, the judges adjourned.

Peffer Wants the Charge Removed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Senator Peffer has been requested to have removed the charge of desertion from the record of Presidential Elector Linton of Cherryvale, Kan. He said today that it could be accomplished only by special act of congress, but that the charge could not affect Mr. Linton's status as an elector, as he never had been tried by either a court-martial or in the civil courts. An investigation of the records, he said, shows that Mr. Linton left the army near the close of the war after serving through several campaigns.

Church Will Investigate.

The Bee is in receipt of a letter from W. S. Hooker, presiding elder of the Creston district of the Methodist Episcopal church, which states that Rev. Mr. Maine, who was robbed by a colored woman in this city one day this week, did not participate in the dedication of the Villisca Methodist church, except as a spectator. The letter also states that he was not commissioned to get a photograph of the church made from a negative, but only to bring a cut of the same to Omaha for publication in a church paper. The letter concludes with the statement that the church authorities will investigate the matter thoroughly.

Saloon Men Notified to Close.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Sigwart directed Sergeants Mitchell and Chamberlain to visit all saloons in the city that have not produced their license money, and in all thirty-five places were entered and the proprietors notified that they must close up or rustle up the necessary funds. Seventeen of the oldest places in the city have expressed their intention of permanently closing.

Hanged for a Criminal Assault.

ALBANY, Ga., Jan. 1.—Sankey Cunningham was hanged in the county jail yard here today for a criminal assault upon Miss Katie Camp. Cunningham confessed his guilt in a gallows speech. The hanging was witnessed by an enormous crowd.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

E. E. Wright of Deadwood was in the city yesterday.

W. S. Alger of Villisca, Ia., was in the city yesterday.

C. E. Magoon of Lincoln was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

R. B. Treadway of Sioux City was among the arrivals yesterday.

Hon. Nick Fritz of Pender was among the yesterday arrivals.

Colonel L. C. Pace of Lincoln was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

C. Bevan Oldfield, a Sioux City banker, was in the city yesterday.

Congressman George D. Meiklijohn of Fullerton was in the city yesterday.

C. A. Jacobson, wife and son spent New Year's with friends in Fremont.

G. B. Grigsby of Sioux Falls, S. D., was among the Omaha arrivals yesterday.

L. W. Newell and wife of Shelby, Ia., were registered at one of the hotels yesterday.

Ex-Governor Baxter of Wyoming, now a resident of Denver, was among the arrivals yesterday.

Robert Byers, manager of the railroad eating house at McCook was an Omaha visitor yesterday.

D. E. Rowe of Denver, formerly prominent in Omaha base ball circles, was among the last evening arrivals.

Congressman David H. Mercer started for Washington last evening to be present at the opening session after the holiday recess.

Nebraskans at the hotels: H. A. Small, Kearney; L. T. Andrews, York; C. A. Rumpf, Hastings; John Phinney and wife, Nickerson; D. Miller, Gothenburg; H. C. Rountree, Lincoln; George Godfrey, jr., Fremont.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Franklin Rector, the father of Policeman Rector, died yesterday morning at the advanced age of 77 years. The death occurred at the late residence, 4208 Lake street. The remains will be sent to Craig, Neb., for burial.

New Year's day among the Omaha hotels was without special incident. The guests were not as numerous even as on Christmas. All the hotels reported that travelingmen were scarce, and it is presumed they are sticking close by their own firesides until the new year gets well started on its career. At several of the hotels there were a goodly number of Omahans who dropped in to take New Year's dinner with the house.

DEN BEATEN BY ONE BIRD

Montmorency Kills Forty-Five to His Forty-Four.

WILL TRY IT OVER THIS AFTERNOON

Large Crowd of Shooters Present Who Enjoy Some Special Shoots at the Conclusion of the Big Match.

The New Year's day shoot on the Omaha Gun club grounds yesterday was a very successful affair indeed. The day was an ideal one for the sport, with a clear sky and just cool enough to render moderate exercise enjoyable. The attendance was very large, there being shooters on hand from all over the state and Iowa. Among the distinguished sportsmen in attendance were Colonel Duer, the state's target champion, of Hastings; George Rogers of Lincoln, Dr. West and Messrs. Beershiem, Kingsbury, Hardin, Randlett and Hofer of the Bluffs.

The premier event on the day's card was a match race between Fred Montmorency of this city and Jim Den of Arapahoe. The conditions were 50 live pigeons to the man, $100 a side, American Shooting association rules. W. H. S. Hughes acted as referee. The birds were a fairly good lot, and the first block of twenty-five was shot out with both contestants in admirable form, Montmorency losing his fourth bird and Den his sixth only, making the score a tie on twenty-four each. The second block, however, did not show up as well, "Monty" dropping four out of this and the man from Wild Horse canyon five, leaving the Omaha crack a winner by the narrow margin of one bird. Montmorency resorted to his second barrel twenty-five times and Den twenty. But one bird fell dead out of bounds, and that was Den's thirty-second.

The match was exciting throughout, and on account of its closeness the men will try it again this afternoon, fifty live birds, same conditions, shooting to open at 3 o'clock. The retrieving by M. C. Peters' Irish spaniel "Samaha" in yesterday's match shoot was enjoyed by the big crowd immensely. Samaha has but few equals in the country. The score:

Montmorency—12101 12111 22211 11122 212111 11102 22122 1122 10220 10221—45.
Den—21221 01111 12111 21121 21211 11211 2*102 01211 01122 10112—44.

Succeeding the Montmorency-Den match, Myron Learned and J. C. Read shot a ten bird match for the price of the birds, with the following result:

Read	1 0 2 1 1 2 1 2 0 1—8
Learned	1 2 2 0 0 2 0 1 2 0—6

A miss and out, $1 entrance, live birds, followed. Score:

Montmorency	1 1 1 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 1 1
West	2 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 2
Duer	2 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 1 0
Samaha	2 2 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 0
Parmelee	2 1 2 2 1 1 0
Den	1 1 1 2 1 0
Dickey	1 2 1 1 0
Kingsbury	2 1 2 2 0
Beershiem	2 1 1 2 0
Gardner, I.	1 2 2 1 0
Randlett	2 1 1 1 0
Rodgers	2 2 1 0
Smead	2 2 0
Read	1 2 0
Hofer	2 0
Kenyon	1 0
Gardner, W.	0

Montmorency and Dr. West divided the money on twelve straight kills.

A fifteen target shoot resulted:

Brucher	11111 11111 01100—12
Rodgers	11110 11101 10111—12
Smead	11111 01111 01111—13
Townsend	11111 10101 01111—12
Kenyon	01111 10011 10110—10
Whitner	11111 11111 11110—14
Gardner, W.	11111 10011 11110—12
McFarlane	01111 10011 10001—10
Duer	11111 11111 01111—14
Den	11111 10011 10111—12
Gardner, I.	11111 11111 11100—12

There were a number of sweepstakes and live bird miss and outs after those events, but as no remarkable features developed they are omitted.

This morning, beginning at 11 o'clock "Samaha" and "Ekalb," two well-known local sportsmen, will shoot a 100 live bird race for the price of the birds. In the afternoon comes the Den-Montmorency race.

DOMINICK M'CAFFREY IN TOWN.

Once Famous Heavyweight Calls on Old-Time Friends.

Dominick McCaffrey of Pittsburg, Pa., the former boxing instructor of the New York Athletic club and a heavyweight pugilist of prominence, is in the city. McCaffrey is spending the winter on his brother's ranch near O'Neill, this state, and ran down to the metropolis to spend New Year's with some old-time friends. McCaffrey won his greatest laurels by staying with John L. Sullivan seven rounds at Chester Park, Cincinnati, in August, 1881. The fight was originally scheduled for six rounds, in which Sullivan was to knock him out or lose the stakes. The sporting editor witnessed this fight, and always held that McCaffrey's showing was the best ever made against the big fellow up to that time or since, up to his downfall in the Olympic club at the hands of Jim Corbett seven years later. McCaffrey not only stayed the six rounds, but one round extra, owing to a mistake made by Billy Tate, the referee, a Toledo sport. So close was the contest considered that Tate did not render a decision at