ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

The annual memorial services of the local Elks will be held in Boyd's theater this afternoon, commencing promptly at 3 o'clock. Months have been spent by the committee in charge in making arrangements for these services and the members have succeeded in preparing a program which will compare most favorably with the excellent ones that have been rendered in the past. The best of musical talent, the finest of oratorical genius that has been available has been secured for the occasion.

There seems to be a prevailing impression that the Elks desire to enjoy these memorial services in private. The contrary, however, is the case. They wish on the other hand to have the general public of the city to join them in remembering the memory of the brothers who have passed away, particularly since such a large proportion have been men prominent and popular in business and social circles. It is for that reason that a general invitation has been extended to the public. There is no charge and no collection. It is desired that every one who possibly can shall be present and it was for that reason that so large an auditorium as a theater was secured, so excellent a program was arranged and the time was so arranged that it did not interfere with regular church services.

The excellence of the musical portion of the services can be appreciated by glancing over the program. The speakers may not be so well known, but they are of the best. Rev. Mr. Geiger has been in the city before and has been heard by many people. Zack Phelps of Louisville has never been in this city before, but he has the reputation of being one of the orators of the south. The program in full is as follows:

Opening Ceremonies—Part I. ..... Exalted Ruler and Secretary.
Quartet—Rock of Ages ..... D. Buck
Miss Terry, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Tucker.
Opening Ceremonies—Part II. ..... Officers of Omaha Lodge No. 39.
Opening Ode ..... By the Lodge.
Prayer ..... Rev. Thomas J. Mackay.
Duet—My Faith Looks Up to Thee ..... Lachmer
Miss Terry, Mrs. Edwards.
Eulogy ..... Rev. J. W. Geiger, Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Lodge No. 251.
Quartet—I'm a Pilgrim, I'm a Stranger ..... Marston
Miss Terry, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Wilber, Mr. Tucker.
Reading ..... Rev. Thomas J. Mackay.
Solo—Lead Kindly Light ..... Sheppard
Miss Terry.
Closing Ceremonies ..... Omaha Lodge No. 39.
Doxology—Audience.
Benediction ..... Rev. Thomas J. Mackay.

The brothers whose absence will be mourned on this occasion are as follows: William B. Alexander, John F. Boyd, Willis P. Clarke, Colonel John M. Eddy, Dwight G. Hull, Colonel Edward D. Webster, Captain Abner D. Haines, William L. Harding, Charles McCormick, Charles P. Needham, Zacharia Thompson, Phillip A. Warrick, John P. Thomas, Josiah H. McCormick, Chester C. Hulett, Henry D. Shull and Olin N. Davenport.

Knights of Pythias.

Nebraska lodge No. 1 has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. C., M. Wulpi; V. C., O. E. Hart; P., W. C. Matthews; M. of W., Charles F. Zoller; K. of R. and S., John W. Fyfe; M. of F., Mel H. Hoerner; M. of E., George T. Pumpelly; M. at A., E. B. Weber; I. G., William C. Carr; O. G., John N. Dennis; trustees, O. P. Thompson, John W. Cady, L. L. Bebb.

Mars lodge No. 130 has elected officers as follows: E. S. Norman, C. C.; F. T. Sweetman, K. of R. and S.; A. W. Robertson, V. C.; Lee Tarby, P.; Morris Carples, M. of E.; J. W. Neon, M. of F.; M. B. McKenna, M. of W.; William Gerrard, M. at A.

Lodges in the state have elected officers as follows:

Nebraska City—Eureka No. 7: C. C., L. P. Maple; V. C., J. L. Pattison; M. W., J. W. Black; M. E., I. N. Phifer; K. of R. and S., W. H. Mutton; M. F., W. S. Hyer; M. A., James Graham; T., J. Y. Gant.

Norfolk—Morning lodge No. 29: W. H. Dexter, C. C.; H. J. Cole, V. C.; D. Rees, P.; George Christoph, M. of W.; John Friday, M. of E.; L. M. Beeler, M of F.; G. M. Thompson, M. at A.; Julius Hulf, K. of R. and S.

Courtland—C. C., F. R. Burling; V. C., F. C. Burke; P., James Cauthers; M. of E., Frank Alvord; M. of F., E. A. Grotjan; K. of R. and S., F. A. Krieg; M. at A., C. W. Clark; M. of W., George Kretzer; I. G., O. S. Eyer; O. G., A. M. Clark; trustees, W. A. Robbins, C. C. Clark and L. A. Simmons.

Table Rock—Frank Nau, C. C.; C. Beck, V. C.; William Skrinner, P.; S. H. Dopp, M. of E.; C. R. Judkins, M. of F.; G. R. Martin, M. of W.; W. S. Linsley, M. at A.; S. H. Dopp, D. D.

Havelock—L. R. O'Neil, C. C.; William Parsells, V. C.; C. A. Rankin, P.; G. G. Smith, M. of E.; George Prentiss, M. of F.; J. G. Hollist, M. of W. The vote on master at arms was a tie between George Kroehler and William Kerrigan. The election will be decided at a subsequent meeting.

Bloomington—C. C., H. M. Crane; V. C., F. N. Pearson; K. of R. and S., I. V. Smith; M. of E., F. H. Ludeke; M. of F., E. J. Holmes; M. at A., Charles Gintner; P., C. C. Brown; M. of W., L. A. Siegel.

Ashland—Star No. 9: C. C., G. W. Meredith; V. C., John Kirker; P., R. D. Pine; K. of R. and S., N. Sheffer; M. of E., H. Brush; M. of F., F. E. White; M. of A., F. C. Chamberlin; M. of W., Clay Richardson; I. G., C. B. Krutsinger; O. G., J. T. Aughe.

Fairfield—John Palmer, C. C.; O. J. Riddel, V. C.; C. W. Potter, P.; D. B. Potter, M. of W.; D. F. Phillips, M. of E.; C. B. Knight, M of F.; A. D. Peugn, K. of R. and S.; V. C. Nixon, M. at A.; A. M. Babcock, I. G.; William Foy, O. G.

Dubois—Atlantis lodge No. 94: C. C., George W. Potts; V. C., W. S. Parrin; P., J. R. McColumn; M. of W., John Edwards; M. of E., J. H. McAllister; M. of F., H. H. Hawkins; M. at A., William Miner.

Harvard—Lodge No. 83: N. H. Pontious, C. C.; S. P. Arnot, V. C.; Harry T. Hoover, P.; W. F. Flynn, M. of W.; W. H. Swartz, K. of R and S.; J. H. Webster, M. of F.; P. H. Updike, M. of E.; N. P. Updike, M. at A.

At the last meeting of the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 18, of Falls City, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. C. Tanner, C. C.; Prof. Bigelow, V. C.; James Dewald, P.; George Wertz, M. of W.; W. W. Jenne, M. of F. and K. R. and S.; A. Graham, M. of E.; J. F. Whetstine, M. A.

Modern Woodmen of America.

The following officers were elected in Beech camp, No. 1454, for the year 1898: Albert A. Smith, V. C.; W. A. Belknap, W. A.; Charles L. Hopper, E. B.; Frank Whitmarsh, C.; Lester L. McCoun, A. C.; J. E. Himoe, E.; Hans Backensen, W.; Chris H. Long, S.; A. H. Vosburgh, M.; George H. Parsell, C. P.; W. O. Henry, A. P. The installation of the officers will take place Friday evening, January 7. Past Venerable Consul Walter F. Chapin was elected to act as the installing officer.

The annual entertainment and ball of Beech camp will be held on Friday evening, December 31, New Year's eve. There will be a short musical program, followed by dancing until the new year has made its appearance and gotten fairly started. Refreshments will be served.

At the meeting of B. & M. camp, No. 2722, last Friday evening the following officers were elected for the year: W. E. Cady, V. C.; E. D. Miller, W. A.; P. I. Devol, E. B.; Barney Harris, C.; W. F. Heft, E.; W. W. Dotten, W.; H. A. Day, S.

South Omaha camp, No. 1095, elected the following officers last Thursday: Frank Dennis, V. C.; E. Creviston, W. A.; E. E. Ridgeway, B.; Fred Pearl, C.; J. Williams, E.; C. A. Allen, W.; M. D. Cockrell, S.; Harry Christie and W. M. Clifton, B. of M.; W. H. Slabaugh, P.

Maple camp last Thursday evening elected the following officers: J. W. Meskimen, V. C.; M. H. Barlow, W. A.; C. A. Grimes, E. B.; P. C. Schroeder, C.; E. F. Brailey, A. C.; G. W. Reynolds, E.; Joseph Lawder, W.; T. C. Karr, S.; C. B. Cox, M.; W. L. Ross and O. D. Sprague, P. Mr. Schroeder was elected clerk for the eighth consecutive term.

Camp No. 408 of Grand Island has elected: W. H. Harrison, V. C.; M. S. Wilson, W. A.; A. W. Buchhert, B.; A. B. Harriott, C.; W. N. Culbertson, E.; W. G. Herschberg, S.; W. R. McAllister, W.; L. S. Pike, O.; D. A. Finch, T.; W. B. Hoge, H. D. Boyden, P. L. Moore, S. Davis, A. J. Saunders, P.

Dubois camp, No. 3816, of Dubois has elected the following: M. A. Holden, V. C.; Nelson Pyle, W. A.; T. W. O'Loughton, B.; H. H. Hawkins, C.; George Houser, E.; Ben Lucky, W.; Charles T. Houser, S.; J. R. McColm, P.; J. C. Nelson, M.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings a gypsy fair and festival will be held at 1404 Dodge street for the benefit of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' home. A line of beautiful articles will be offered for sale. Tea will be served by a Japanese and coffee by an Arabian.

Ruth Rebecca lodge, No. 1, has elected officers as follows: Miss Beda Nilsson, N. G.; Mrs. Johanah Strawn, V. G.; Mrs. Carrie L. Hamlin, S.; Mrs. Mary E. Stuht, T.; Susan Sandeven, Karene Hansen, Alma Nilsson, T.; N. B. Heim, captain of degree staff; Miss Mable Stuht, musician.

A literary entertainment and social will be given by Ivy Rebekah lodge at Thurston Rifles armory on next Wednesday evening.

Neligh lodge, No. 72, of Neligh has elected the following officers: James McKay, N. G.; S. D. Williamson, V. G.; Bert Egbert, treasurer; J. E. Edgar, secretary; M. C. Remington, G. H. Romig, H. S. Palmer, trustees.

Valparaiso lodge No. 136 elected officers Monday evening as follows: S. L. Graham, N. G.; J. D. Guttery, V. G.; W. T. Craven, treasurer; N. H. Lynn, secretary, and C. W. Greeno, trustee.

St. Paul lodge, No. 117, of St. Paul has elected the following officers: E. S. Chadwick, N. G.; A. W. Potts, V. G.; O. V. Crow, P. S.; H. Schickedantz, R. S.; H. Stire, T.; F. W. Rincker, S.

Mt. Horeb encampment of Schuyler elected the following officers: John Gaeth, H. P.; Donald McLead, S. W.; J. S. Johnson, J. W.; M. D. Cameron, H. P.; F. Schrader, J. D. Woods and O. Van Housen, trustees.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of No. 3, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Falls City: H. C. Davis, N. G.; J. C. Maust, V. G.; A. E. Gantt, S.; F. A. Stock, T.; N. De Mers, T.

Knights of the Forest.

Forest council No. 1 will give a social in its council chamber in Odd Fellows' temple next Wednesday evening. This social will be the second of a series arranged for the winter months.

The annual election of officers in Forest council occurred last Wednesday evening. The following were elected: George M. Wright, C.; J. H. Minds, L.; George A. Ostrom, S.; J. L. Collins, T.; A. F. Clark, C.; E. G. Solomon, H.; R. J. Spanton, G.; W. B. Church, S.

Garfield council No. 2 of South Omaha will give a ball tomorrow night.

Royal Highlanders.

Officers for the year 1898 were elected by Dunoon castle No. 63, at South Omaha, Wednesday night. The list follows: T. H. Ensor, P. I. P.; R. A. Carpenter, I. P.; Jeff Gee, C. C.; E. E. Ridgeway, W. E. C.; Christianson, S.; J. B. Smiley, T.; George Beck, W.; Isaac Myers, S.; James Austin, G.; J. M. Tanner, H.; E. Truhaft, W. L. Holland, William Stewart, P. C. The installation will occur on the first Wednesday in January.

A new castle with sixty members was organized at York.

Nobles of Mystic Shrine.

Next Tuesday a big contingent from the local shrine, Tangier temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will make a pilgrimage to Grand Island for the purpose of leading a big batch of novitiates over the burning sands. There will be a warm time in the middle of the state on the evening of that day.

The local shriners have made arrangements to go to Grand Island on a special train. It will leave the Union depot promptly at 11 o'clock a. m. There is every indication that a big crowd of the local members of the shrine will go. They will pick up others as the caravan journeys through the country. A couple of hundred will be unloaded when Grand Island is reached.

The Twenty-second Infantry band will be taken along and this will begin the festivities as soon as Grand Island is reached. At 3:30 o'clock p. m. a business session will be held and this will be followed by a supper at 5:30. A parade will be given at 7 o'clock with fireworks accompaniment. The ceremonial session will commence at 8 o'clock and then, after the distressed are relieved, the usual banquet will follow. The return to this city will be made at any old time.

Fraternal Union of America.

On last Thursday evening Banner lodge presented a literary and musical program, with Meedames Frank B. Bryant, A. A. Buchanan, Jackson of Kansas City, Miss Mabel Mason and Dr. C. D. Jackson taking part. Next Thursday evening Mrs. Frances M. Ford will address the lodge on the "Educational Features of the Transmississippi Exposition. Election of officers for 1898 will take place on December 23. The band will give a concert on December 16 and the lodge will give a public entertainment on the evening of December 30.

After the routine business was concluded on last Monday evening, Mondamin lodge No. 111 entertained 250 of its friends with a literary and musical program and later with a banquet. Captain E. I. Davis acted as toastmaster and six prominent members of the order responded to toasts. The entertainment committee is arranging for a public entertainment to be given in the near future.

Order of United Workmen.

After protracted balloting Union Pacific lodge, No. 17, Ancient Order of United Workmen, last Friday elected the following officers: H. D. Miller, M. W.; D. H. Morris, F.; D. C. Middleton, O.; Henry Yingling, R.; Al Small, F.; C. A. Wagner, R.; L. A. Burnett, G.; A. M. Thom, I. W.; J. A. Daly, O. W.; Drs. Wormesley, Milten, Lord and Campbell, M. E.; S. R. Patten, T.; D. C. Middleton, member general relief committee; R. F. Gilder, press representative.

Progress lodge, Degree of Honor, has been instituted at Schuyler by Past Chief of Honors Adella Harding, with some forty charter members. The officers are: Catherine Clark, P. C. of H.; Mike Huck, C. of H.; Hulda A. Sterner, C. of C.; F. H. Holm, R.; Joseph Zerzan, F.; M. M. Huck, R.; Mary Shonka, U.; James R. Clark, I. W.; E. Klein, O. W.; Drs. Woods and Sixta, M. E.; George Haddley, Thomas Thrush, Charles A. Sterner, T.

Royal Arcanum.

Knoxall council, No. 1464, at South Omaha, elected officers Wednesday night as follows: Herbert Broadwell, R.; N. B. Mead, V. R.; W. H. Jones, O.; A. H. Murdock, S.; D. J. Campbell, C.; O. Ihnen, jr., T.; C. M. Rich, C.; J. A. Abernethy, G.; John Ashe, W.; Roy Campbell, S.; S. B. Christie, T.; Ed Baker, O.; Donna, Allbery, P. R. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Richardson post No. 60 of Harvard has elected the following officers: A. L. Morse, C.; S. M. Risley, S. V. C.; S. H. Richardson, J. V. C.; Griff J. Thomas, Q. M.; John H. Robertson, S.; C. S. Bradley, C.; L. S. Backus, O. of D.; R. G. Gregg, O. of G.; B. R. Sloat, T.; S. H. Richardson, delegate to department encampment; S. B. Jones, alternate.

Improved Order of Red Men.

The council at Fremont has elected the following officers: P. B. Cummings, S.; S. A. Hooper, S. S.; E. E. Daugherty, J. S.; George L. Wellman, P.; F. McGivern, K. of W.; J. W. Stewart, C. of R.; M. G. Cook, C. of W.; W. H. Haven, C. T. Durkee and C. R. Schaeffer, T.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

The second of the home socials to be given during the winter by Meca court, No. 13, will be held at the home of Mrs. Gatzman, Fourteenth and Pine streets. The court is booming, a considerable number of applicants being ready for initiation.

Grand Army Election.

John A. Ehrhardt, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, has issued an order directing the posts throughout the state to elect delegates and alternates to the department encampment to be held at Norfolk on the second Wednesday in February, next. Each post is entitled to one delegate and one additional for every fifty members or major fraction thereof. Representation is based upon the membership as shown by the adjutant's term, ending June 30, 1897.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday by County Judge Baxter:

Name and Address.	Age.
John Olson, South Omaha	29
Anna Olson, Omaha	31
Ben Svanson, South Omaha	27
Mary Christianson, South Omaha	31
August F. Weeding, Omaha	40
Erica Blomquist, Omaha	36

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

T. M. Orr left for Chicago last night.

Jesse Hall of Chicago is a Millard guest.

Zach Phelps of Louisville is a Millard guest.

D. E. Morren of Minneapolis is at the Barker.

J. W. Mann of Denver, Colo., is a guest at the Barker.

Charles A. Sloan of Geneva is registered at the Millard.

E. D. Wilde of St. Paul, Minn., can be found at the Barker.

George S. Wedgewood of Denver is registered at the Millard.

V. Morrow and W. J. Reid of Chicago are stopping at the Barker.

Seth C. Drake of the Standard Oil company is in the city from Sioux City, Ia.

J. W. Mann and C. C. Calkins of Longmont, Colo., are stopping at the Barker.

Gus S. Harter of Evansville, Ind., is in the city preparatory to a trip through the state.

D. P. Marsh of Lincoln and James D. Hogg of Sioux City are spending Sunday at the Barker.

Charles H. Howard, agent of the Adams Express company, left for Kansas City last evening.

J. A. Monroe, general freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific, went to Chicago yesterday.

E. A. Parmelee left Friday evening for Denver to attend the funeral of his uncle, D. D. Belden, which occurs on Sunday morning.

Nebraskans at the hotels: W. H. Dearing, Plattsmouth; Carl Morton, Nebraska City; W. H. Clemmons, Fremont; P. L. Hall, Lincoln; J. H. McIntire, Nebraska City; W. O. Curtis, Chadron; J. B. Kerr, Norfolk; Al H. Metzger, Pullman; George F. Palmer, Crawford; J. P. and Ed Latta, Tekamah; C. R. Glover, Valentine; Will A. Hyer, Plattsmouth; E. D. Einsel and C. N. Roberts, Holdrege; Mrs. Kaley, J. C. Dahlman and William Kimball, Norfolk.

At the Millard: J. H. Bossert, Cedar Rapids; James D. Grant, Altho, Mass.; Mrs. Graham, Oakland, Colo.; J. A. Platt, Rock Island; D. A. Kendall, La Crosse; T. J. Rigg, Atchison; James Piggert, Chicago; R. A. Feigel, New York; H. J. Beidenkaph, Des Moines; W. C. Spence, Chicago; W. H. Maive, Canton, O.; Charles G. Steele, Boston; W. T. Clark, Denver; J. M. Freeman, New York; W. M. Sourine, Fort Crook; H. Cohen and wife, New York.

Good-Bye Rheumatism!

If you would forever be rid of the aches and pains, and sometimes the tortures produced by Rheumatism, you must take the right remedy. Those who continue to suffer are relying upon remedies which do not reach their trouble. The doctor's treatment always consists of potash and mercury which only intensify the disease, causing the joints to stiffen and the bones to ache, besides seriously impairing the digestive organs.

Rheumatism is a disordered state of the blood, and the only cure for it is a real blood remedy. Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) goes down to the very bottom of all diseases of the blood, and promptly cures cases that other remedies can not reach.

Mr. E. K. S. Clinkenbeard, a prominent attorney of Mt. Sterling, Ky., writes:

"Two years ago I was a great sufferer from Rheumatism. I had tried every remedy I could hear of except S. S. S. I had been to Hot Springs, Ark., where I remained for twelve weeks under treatment, but I experienced no permanent relief, and returned home, believing that I would be a sufferer as long as I lived. At a time when my pains were almost unbearable, I chanced to read your advertisement and was impressed with it so much that I decided to try S. S. S. I took eleven bottles, and was entirely relieved of all pain and cured permanently. When I began to take S. S. S. I was unable to sit or stand with any ease, and could not sleep. Since taking the last dose I have had no return of the Rheumatism, and I take great pleasure in recommending S. S. S. to any one who has the misfortune to suffer with Rheumatism.

S. S. S. is the only cure for Rheumatism, which is the most stubborn of blood diseases. It is not intended to give relief only, but it forces out every trace of the disease and rids the system of it forever. It is purely vegetable, and one thousand dollars reward is offered to any chemist who can prove that it contains a particle of potash, mercury, or any other mineral ingredient. S. S. S. is the only blood remedy guaranteed to be absolutely free from mineral mixtures.

Books sent free by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

PASSES TO STOCK SHIPPERS

Favors of the Past Are Likely to Be Missed in Future.

PROPOSITION TO DISCONTINUE THEM

Railroads Voting on a Resolution Offered by the Investigating Committee—Much Opposition to the Plan Develops.

There is considerable agitation among stockmen who send shipments of live stock into Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago markets over the possibility that after New Year's day they will no longer enjoy the privilege that has long been accorded them of returning to their homes free of charge after having accompanied live stock shipments to market.

Western railroads are now engaged in voting on a proposition to discontinue completely and absolutely the practice of returning free stockmen or other persons accompanying shipments of live stock, including horses, on and after January 1, 1898. The decision to take such a vote was the result of the labors of a special committee appointed by the St. Louis conference of western railroads on the pass agreement for 1898. This special committee has recently completed its work and unanimously recommends that the simplest way to secure relief from the abuses of the privileges granter to live stock shippers in the past is to discontinue the privileges altogether.

Among the railroads centering in Omaha there is a well defined opinion that the vote now being taken will not be carried. Nearly all of the freight traffic men here are opposed to the resolution and are strengthened in their opposition by the strong resolutions recently adopted by the stockmen's convention at Sioux City against the curtailment of the privilege they have long enjoyed. If the Omaha roads, all of which are represented in the pass agreement committee, should oppose the movement now on foot it is a certainty that it will not succeed, and that seems to be the trend of railway opinion today.

MERELY A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

An official of the Burlington in speaking of the matter to The Bee said: "If the practice of returning free persons who accompany shipments of stock to market were abolished it would revolutionize the live stock industry in this part of the country. To discontinue the practice seems impracticable, and I do not believe it will be done. It is not a matter of a favor to the men accompanying the live stock shipments, but purely a matter of business with them. In nearly all cases the men who bring in these shipments to market are not the men who raise the stock, but other men employed by them to handle their shipments and sell their stock for them. The raisers do not have time to bring in their stock to market. The men who have charge of the transportation of live stock and superintend the selling of it are middlemen between the raisers and the cattle markets. Now these men could not afford to continue to do business if they had to pay car fare in bringing their shipments to market and in returning home. They do not make enough to pay car fare and then live. The effect of the abolition of the privilege would therefore be to force the men who raise the stock to bring it to market themselves, losing their time and the price of a ticket between their respective homes and the markets to which they brought their stock. For this reason I do not believe there will be any discontinuance of the privilege of stock passes."

While none of the Omaha railroads care to state how they will vote on the proposition now before them it is known that at least two important railroads will record their votes in the negative. It is admitted that the pass privilege has been greatly abused by stockmen, especially during the year 1897, but it is contended there are better ways of granting relief to the railroads from those abuses than by the absolute discontinuance of the privilege.

EXTENT OF THE BUSINESS.

The report of the committee which has recommended the discontinuance of the privileges shows that during the last ten months of the persons passed on western railroads on account of live stock shipments 64 per cent were not entitled to the privilege at all. During the year 1896 the receipt of cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, mules and calves at Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago amounted to 490,490 cars. On the basis of one man with every three cars the total number of persons for which round-trip transportation was obtained was not less than 163,000. So the extent of the custom of granting free transportation to stockmen is most apparent, and it is not surprising that a number of strong lines are seeking to overthrow the practice altogether. The result of the vote now in progress will not be made known until the last of the year.

Railway Notes and Personals.

Edward Keene of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern is in the city.

Since the connection of the Rock Island station in Chicago with the elevated loop it has been decided to greatly improve that building.

The western railroads yesterday announced that they had agreed on reduced rates for the holiday travel. There will be a one fare rate for the round trip between all points in Nebraska or Iowa within 200 miles of each other. The tickets will be sold on December 24, 25 and 31, and January 1, 1898, the final return limit on all tickets being January 4.

A. B. Bridges, stationed here about seven years ago as contracting freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, was married on Wednesday to Mrs. I. M. Eeitch of Kansas City. Mr. Bridges went from here to St. Louis for the Milwaukee, was later transferred to Mason City and after a couple of years received a promotion to the position of general agent for the Milwaukee at Kansas City. He is a brother of W. O. Bridges, M. D., of this city.

WARM CONTEST FOR THE OFFICES.

Agricultural Society Enjoys a Red Hot Election.

The annual election of the Douglas County Agricultural society yesterday afternoon created the biggest excitement in the Board of Trade rooms that those quarters have seen for some time. Three different tickets were in the field, and there was consequently a warm fight. The vote cast, 238, is considered enormous. In past years the ballots have rarely numbered 100. The election began at 1 o'clock, and it was after 7 before all the votes were counted.

The election resulted in the almost complete turning down of the old official board. The only ones re-elected were Secretary Hervey, who was selected by acclamation, and Directors Ackerlund and Taylor, who appeared on all tickets. The vote on the officers resulted as follows: President, G. R. Williams, 125; Oscar Pickard, 115. Vice president, A. Kiewit, 122; E. H. Walker, 59. Treasurer, D. H. Christie, 126; E. G. Solomon, 63. Secretary, G. W. Hervey, by acclamation. The following board of managers was elected: A. P. Ackerlund, Hiram Avery, Joseph A. Connor, J. J. Hess, Fred Schroeder, J. H. Taylor, O. Whitney, J. R. Watts, R. S. Berlin.

Would Go to Her Parents.

A young woman giving the name of Lyndia Sawyer applied to Matron Ryan at the police station yesterday and asked that transportation be given her to Joplin, Mo. She said that about three months ago she married E. E. Sawyer at Pittsburg, Mo., and that her life with him had been most unhappy. About a fortnight ago the couple came to this city and went to housekeeping at 711 North Sixteenth street. The husband failed to get work. Then he abused his wife. Mrs. Sawyer says she is only 16 years of age and is anxious to return to her parents. A warrant is out for Sawyer's arrest on a charge of wife beating.

Sues Street Railway Company.

Kate A. Carrol has sued the Omaha Street Railway company in an action to recover the sum of $10,000, alleged damages. The plaintiff says that on November 25, last, she was a passenger on a Pacific street car and while alighting was suddenly thrown to the ground by the jerking of the car. She avers that on account of the men operating the car one of her ribs was broken and that she was injured internally.

Christmas... ..PIANO..

Bargain No. 1

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Monday, December 6th the first customer that brings $25 with them has the first chance of getting this brand new, beautiful Piano—height, 4 feet 9 inches; width, 5 feet 5 inches—depth 2 feet 3 inches—over strung scale—three stringed unisons 7 1-3 octaves—full metal plate, patent action rack, patent damper heads, patent rolling fall board, automatic swing duet music desk, rich hand carving on upper panels and consoles, 3 pedals with patent muffler, ivory keys, all hardwood case, veneered with choicest figured walnut. The name—well we'll show the Piano when you come in—we don't feel warranted in advertising the name at this price.

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BANQUET AT COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Unusually Good Program Prepared for the Evening.

On next Tuesday evening the Commercial club will hold its regular monthly meeting and in connection therewith will enjoy its usual banquet. Secretary Utt of the club has been making arrangements to provide both a material spread and a postprandial feast that will eclipse the suppers of the past. There are indications that the attendance will be large. The program of toasts prepared is one of interest and contains considerable oratorical talent. It is as follows: Introductory remarks, J. E. Baum, chairman of executive committee; toastmaster, Hon. Charles F. Manderson; "Our Retailers' Outlook," Thomas Kilpatrick; "Some Obstacles to Good Municipal Government," Hon. H. H. Baldrige; "Our Diversified Farm Products in 1897," George F. Bidwell, general manager Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railway; "Omaha Jobbers' Prospects," W. V. Morse; "Omaha from an Eastern Standpoint," Rev. D. F. Pierce; "The Development of Nebraska," H. W. Campbell, editor Campbell's Soil Culture and Home Journal; "The Reorganization of the Union Pacific," Hon. John C. Cowin.

A. D. T. Co.: messengers furnished; baggage delivered. 1302 Douglas St. Tel. 177.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A small blaze due to the upsetting of a lamp in the home of Harry Woodruff, 1821 North Twentieth street, did damage of about $25.

The street cars of the Farnam, Dodge and Harney street lines were delayed on South Tenth street a half hour last evening by a broken trolley pole on a Farnam street car.

The case of Shelby against Creighton, on trial before Judge Scott, has been continued without a date. Attorney Woodworth, representing the defendant, was called to St. Louis, and the further hearing went over until his return.

Miss Olla Cook, who has a reputation as an artist both in Chicago and in Council Bluffs, will give a free exhibition of her hand painted china at Browning, King & Co.'s store on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11. The exhibition will be under the patronage of the rector and ladies of All Saints' church.

Louis Schaeffer of Marion, S. D., writes Chief Gallagher, requesting that the name of a reliable fortune teller be supplied him, as he wishes to look into the future. The chief answers that he has never heard of a "reliable" fortune teller in his life, and that he doubts much if Omaha or any other city could produce one.

A letter has been received by Chief Gallagher from Mrs. M. Manley of Kansas City, asking information in regard to Mrs. E. Buchanan, who formerly resided at 1059 Park avenue. The letter states that information lately received by Mrs. Manley leads her to believe that Mrs. Buchanan is dead. She wishes the report verified.

A warrant has been sworn out in police court for the arrest of Mrs. Florence McLaughlin on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Ellison Gerstmeyer. The trouble was due to a fight over a coal bucket, in which it is alleged that Mrs. McLaughlin slapped Mrs. Gerstmeyer in the face. The women live in the Crounse block at Sixteenth and Capitol avenue.

Zacharia Phelps, a prominent member of the Elks lodge of Louisville, Ky., arrived in the city yesterday morning and will speak at the Elks memorial services, which will be given in Boyd's theater today at 2:30. John Wesley Geiger, another prominent Elk of Marion, Ia., is also in the city and will address his brothers of the order at Boyd's. During the morning a committee of the local lodge gave a sleigh ride about the city in which the visiting brothers participated.

THEY CAUSE DEAFNESS.

Careless Use of Nasal Liquids in Treating Catarrh.

Ear Troubles Seem to Be Growing in This Climate.

Many a person has been seriously crippled in the sense of hearing by an indifferent use of so-called catarrh remedies. Before using such a local remedy it would be wise to first learn what will not be accomplished by such an application. Forcing a liquid or any substance into the nose is like pouring water into a sieve. The liquid merely spreads over the floor of the nasal cavities and rolls down the throat, or out the other nostril, or into the eustachian tubes or entrances to the ears.

Forcing diseased mucuous down the throat is almost wicked, while plugging up the ears is equally reprehensible. We thus see that nothing is accomplished by local treatment. There is no question but what catarrh is a deep-seated malady due to lesions of the mucous membrane, not alone of the nasal passages, but the throat, and often the stomach, kidneys, bladder and bowels. These points are all admirably explained in a little pamphlet, issued by C. E. Gauss of Marshall, Mich., proprietor of Gauss' Catarrh Tablets. These tablets are the only safe and scientific catarrh remedy on the market, and are sold at nearly all the first-class drug stores at 50 cents a box.

Write to Mr. Gauss and ask him to send you a copy of his little book. He sends it free by mail.

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What, Ho! for the Winter Sports!

We're off for the skating! We're down the toboggan slide! Gee! But isn't it fun!

The Ice Carnival is on at the Exposition grounds. They charge 10 cents to get into the grounds, 10 cents admission to the ice and 5 cents for each ride down the toboggan slide.

Any Boy or Girl Can Go Free.

IF you will bring in two new subscribers for the Daily and Sunday Bee for two weeks each, you can get a ticket to the grounds, an admission to the ice and four trip tickets for the toboggan slide, or eight tobggan tickets or four ice admissions.

IF you bring in one new subscriber to the Daily and Sunday Bee for three weeks, you can get a ticket to the grounds, an admission to the ice and two trip tickets for the toboggan slide; or three ice admissions, or six toboggan tickets.

IF you bring in more subscribers, or for a longer time, you can get tickets at the same rate for each bona fide new subscriber—that is, an admission to the grounds, or an admission to the ice, or two trip tickets for the toboggan slide, for each week paid in advance by the new subscribers you bring in. The more subscribers, the more tickets. A whole lot of fun for just a little work.

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