Mayor Moores Calls Its Attention to the Weights and Measures Long. Threatened Overlaps.

MONEY DUE FROM RAILROADS IS NEEDED

If the Vinduct Claims Were Settled the City Treasury Would Be on a Solld Basis-Routine Work Cleared Away.

The city council proceedings last night were not checkered with any matters of feet north. great moment. Despite exaggerated reports made by a hysterical contemporary that the city fathers would with more or less sur- reading. reptitiousness attempt to pass the Omaha the matter was not even mentioned during the course of the meeting. Quite a mass of other business was cleared away with ex-

Mayor Moores submitted a communication regarding overlaps that will occur in various funds at the end of the year. He announced that a shortage of \$4,600 will be found in the fire fund owing to the increased expense of protecting the exposition; that the general fund may be short owing to exceptional expenses during the last year; that the curb, guttering and cleaning fund will show an overlap because the levy set aside was not much more than half what was necessary to keep in repair paved streets upon which guaranteed contracts had expired; that a deficit will exist in the lighting fund, which, however, may be made up by the 1898 royalty. Mayor Moores went on to say that all these overlaps could be wiped out if the Union Pacific and Burlington roads paid the viaduct claims, writing as

It was expected at the beginning of the year that the settlement of this matter would be effected before the close of the year and the money made available for meeting the year's expenditures and this fact was taken into consideration in making the annual levy for 1898. I have no doubt that the council is giving prompt attention to the details of these settlements and I simply call the attention of your honorable body to the matter so that if there is any way to hasten these matters it will be done at once, so as to turn these moneys into the funds to meet the expenses for which they were intended. If this can be done before the close of the year we will be able to meet all of the 1898 expenses without an overlap. The communication was referred to the committee on finance and claims.

Will Not Aid Fire Fund. In accordance with the action of the com mittee of the whole on Monday, the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners was informed that the city has no money on hand to make good the \$4,600 deficit that is expected before the end of the year and was also told that the council had warned the board several months ago that it would not make good any deficit, at the same time ad- by the police. vising the commissioners to cut their garment to suit their cloth. The council also advised the commissioners that, if the deficit was the consequence of the fire protection furnished on the exposition grounds this last summer, as claimed, they should

good the shortage. In answer to the request of the council that the street railway company give a five-minute service upon the Walnut Hill, South Omaha and Sixteenth street lines the company presented the following communi-

ask the old exposition company to make

Gentlemen: Answering your communica-tion of the 14th inst., regarding resolutions of your honorable body numbered 5261 and 5275, we beg leave to advise you that said resolutions have been received by us and had our immediate attention, as is already in evidence on the lines referred to. Respect-

OMAHA STREET RAILWAY COMPANY By D. H. Goodrich, secretary. "This evidence" of improvement, although the naked eye by the patrons on the lines mentioned, appeared satisfactory to the

councilmen, for the communication was

placed on file without a word of comment. The city fathers again went back upon the action they had decided to take previously. This time it was in connection with the new levy prepared by the city engineer for the Walnut Hill grading done seven years ago, the original assessment for the improvement having been declared illegal by the courts. As a Board of Equalization a few days ago the council decided to adop the new levy over the objections of Councilman Mercer, who opposed it as a taxpayer on the ground that it is illegal, Assistant City Attorney Scott giving it as his opinion that the levy is legal.

The matter came up in the shape of a report from the equalization board, recom ending the adoption of the levy, but Mer cer immediately sprung an amendment that the report be not adopted. This motion prevailed, City Attorney Connell having given an opinion directly contrary to that of the assistant and to the effect that the levy was illegal. Bingham wanted to have the report placed on file in order to permit the council to investigate, but this did not strike his fellow aldermen right. Steps are to be taken in the future to draw up another levy that will stand the test of the

Young Coburn's Salary.

In July last the son of Secretary Coburn of the Board of Public Works was employed as a clerk in the office and has occupied that position since. Each month Mayor Moores has vetoed the clerk's salary of \$50 on the grounds that the fund provided for the board, already containing a big deficit, did not warrant the additional expenditure. The council has each mont overridden the veto, but the mayor has steadfastly refused to sign the clerk's warrants. Taking advantage of the present absence of Mayor Moores, the council instructed Acting Mayor Bingham to sign the clerk's salary warrants for July, August, September, October and November.

The city comptroller was ordered to as certain by months the amount of personal taxes that have been paid into the treasury during the past year. This action was taken in answer to the complaint of the city treasurer that the city is losing large sums of money annually in personal taxes because the force in his office is too small to look after their collection.

The Board of Public Works was directed to advertise for bids for repaving asphalt streets upon which the five-year guarantee period has expired and which are not under any existing contract for such repairing.

Manager Burgess of Boyd's theater mested that the theater license be reduced from \$200 to \$100. The license was of the latter amount until this year, when it was doubled on account of the exposition with the understanding that it was to be reduced again next year.

given authority to place one settee on any street corner, providing the adjoining res ident or business man gives his written consent and a fee of \$2.50 is paid into the city treasury for each settee.

One Firetrap to Go. The building inspector was ordered to re-

WHAT DO THE CHILDREN DRINK?

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS at 1115 Howard, without a permit or author-

Assistant City Attorney Scott was granted two weeks' leave of absence. A leave of ten days was also allowed Inspector of

Orders were given to repair sidewalks upon both sides of Spalding street, from Iwenty-fourth street to Thirty-second.

· The following ordinances were introduced, read a first and second time and referred: To open an alley between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth from Poppleton avenue to Woolworth; to change the grade of Thirty-sixth from Pacific to Woolworth avenue and Poppleton from Thirty-fifth to Thirty-seventh; to change the grade of Burt street from Thirty-eighth to Thirty-ninth; to change the grade of Ninth from Pacific to a point 191

The ordinance to grade Sixteenth street from B to Phelps was passed on the shird

#### Bridge and Terminal company ordinance, STORIES TOLD THE POLICE Missouri Man Who Said He Was Robbed Arrested Now as a Vagrant.

Frank Howell, Oscar Leonard and Thomas Craig were arraigned before Judge Gordon yesterday morning on the charge of being vagrants. They pleaded not guilty and their hearing will occur later. Howell and Leonard were arrested recently upon the complaint of Craig, who says they robbed him of \$150 and a gold watch. They were tried before a justice of the peace and discharged. Now the men are going after Craig good and hard. Craig alleged that he came from Rockport, Mo., with some cattle and said he identified the money the men had as belonging to him. Leonard urged that he had gotten the money at a bank, where he had s draft cashed. He promises to push a complaint of perjury against Craig.

James Lindsay, the pugilist, pleaded not guilty to disturbing the peace by fighting. saac Catch, alias Lynch, and Joe Dean, who are said to have been up with Lindsay in the saloon brawl, are charged with the malicious destruction of property. Beer bottles were thrown through windows and several dollars' worth of damage was done. The police have heard nothing yet of Bertha Jule, who disappeared Sunday night from the Klondike hotel. Her mother has made a vigorous search, but is still in ignorance of

the girl's whereabouts. Sheriff W. R. Langford of Burt county left wo prisoners at the city jail last night for safe keeping. They were B. F. Howard and Howard King, both sentenced to the state prison for hog stealing. One was a cripple, who made it a practice of holding the team while the other man did the steal-

F. Lear of 2415 Burdett street and Benjamin Rose of 1519 Douglas were the chief mourners with the police Monday night over the theft of their overcosts. Frank Davis, Si Sutton and Ike Hart are

in fall charged with stealing a barrel of sorghum from L. M. Leslie. They sold it to J. Berger, from whom it was recovered The officers who were investigating the

disappearance of Herman Oberg, who lately conducted a bakery at 1422 South Sixteenth street, have found that he purchased a ticket and left Omaha, but they have been unable to learn his destination

#### MRS. LEBO HAS A BABY NOW Little Woman Finally Succeeds in Adopting a Boy and Gets a Name for It.

Mrs. George H. Lebo, at Fourteenth and Spring streets, is a happy woman. Some months ago she was unsuccessful in a child adoption experience because the mother of the infant she had taken to nurture came over from Council Bluffs and asserted a maternal right which County Judge Baxter had to recognize. There were a great many women on that occasion over the parting between Mrs. Lebo and the baby she had grown attached to. "See that you give that baby one cow's milk" was the parting advice of Mrs. Lebo to the mother, and then friends of the little woman gathered around her and onsoled her with the assurance that she

would get another baby some day. Yesterday morning she did get one, a nice plump, blue-eyed baby boy. It was turned over to her by County Judge Baxter on an order allowing her and her husband to adopt the child. All the name the baby had ever been known by was "George," Probably this was because Superintendent George W. Wright of the county poor farm has been its guardian pro tem., and "George" is a familiar name around the Wright household. Two months ago the diminutive waif was found on the doorstep of a Mrs. Wardlaw on South Nineteenth street. It was taken to the Child Saving institute and nurtured

until it developed a good healthy voice. The matter of a name troubled Mr. and Mrs. Lebo and somehow a name had to be agreed upon in connection with the adoption proceeding. One was satisfied to call the baby by its old name and the other thought that "Frank" would sound nice. When the prospect of a settlement of this knotty point seemed about hopeless, Clerk Winter came to the rescue with the suggestion that the baby be called "William McKinley Lebo." This was done and the new mother and father and the new son left the court room in the greatest glee, William McKinley Lebo" seemingly enjoying the situation as much as anyone.

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#### EXPRESS CHARGES ARE HIGH Congressman Maxwell's Reason

Supporting the Parcels Post Extension Idea.

Congressman Maxwell has written to the Commercial club endorsing the club's resolution calling for lower rates on parcel post, in which he says the express charges in Nebraska today are higher than the charges nade during the stage coach days. This letter was read at the executive committee meeting at noon today and the secretary was instructed to obtain figures to learn whether Mr. Maxwell's statement is correct.

The Commercial club has arranged for a banquet to the members of the Western Travelers' Protective association, to be given on the night of January 6. This organization embraces in its membership traveling men in Nebraska and Iowa, and recently moved its headquarters to this city from

Grand Island. The Commercial club at Yankton, S. D. has notified the club of this city that it had appointed a committee of three to plan for building a railroad connecting Yankton with Omaha, and requesting that a time be fixed when the committee could meet with the club in this city. Commissioner Utt was requested to notify the committee that the club here would be pleased to receive and entertain the members at its regular meet-

The commercial club will give a reception to the members of the Nebraska Press association, which holds its annual meeting in Omaha the latter part of next month. A letter requesting the club to endorse the Nicaragua canal proposition was read. and was then referred to a committee composed of W. D. McHugh, Euclid Martin and

J. E. Utt, which will report upon the prop-

Inhaling Illuminating Gar.

COMPLAINED THAT HE COULD NOT REST

Witness Fees Spent for Christmas Presents for Wife and Babies on the Reservation and Then

was sold and given.

sleep. He sat by the stove in the office until o'clock, when he again went up to his room. That was the last ever seen of the man alive.

About 10 o'clock yesterday morning one of he chambermalds at the Richelieu was passing along the corridors on the third floor of the hotel and detected the odor of escaping gas. She immediately notified the clerk, who traced the gas to the room occupied by White Eagle. The door was forced and there the man was found dead, fully dressed. as though he had thrown himself upon the bed and had gone to sleep. The gas was turned on and was escaping from a six-foot per hour jet. A physician was summoned and the usual restoratives applied, but it was too late, as it was apparent that the man had been dead several hours. The body was turned over to the coroner and after the inquest it will be sent to the Winnebago agency for burial, that being the desire of

the other Indians who are in the city. The gas jet in the room where the body of White Eagle was found was some seven feet above the floor and it is probable that the man either stood upon the bed and extinguished the flame by blowing against it, or else he turned the gas off and then unknowingly turned it on again, thus allowing it to

White Eagle will result in Phillie escaping from imprisonment. As there is no testimony against him, it is thought that he will change his plea of guilty to one of not guilty and demand a trial. In the event that he does this the United States will be unable to convict, as there will be no witness to estify to the selling or giving of liquor. Coroner Swanson summoned a jury yesterday afternoon to inquire into the death of White Eagle. The evidence showed that

which gas lights should be handled. BUNGLING BURGLARS AT ALBION

Deputy United States Marshal Ackerman has returned from Albion, where he went couple of days ago to investigate the robpery of the postoffice at that place, which occurred last Friday night. The office was entered, but the robbers made a poor job, although they damaged and destroyed con-

blow it open. However, the contents of the safe, including some money and postal orders were destroyed, having been consumed by the fire that resulted from the explosion

charged and released from custody. occupied by J. Young. The safe containing money and stamps was blown open by the use of powder or dynamite.

Bluff is a small town in Saunders county. Asked to Be Declared Bankrupt. owes \$2,000 and has nothing with which to liquidate the debt.

Abraham C. Smith of Butler county asks to be adjudged a bankrupt. He alleges that he owes \$3,000 and that he has nothing in this world aside from eight children and that none of them are old enough to work and assist him in making a living.

Federal Building Notes. A large consignment of laces from Liver-pool and a shipment of pickles from London

comprised Tuesday's receipts at the customs All of the Indian witnesses who have be

their homes. A few remain to spend their money buying Christmas presents for the members of their families. E. P. Childs, the ex-postmaster at Pali-sade, this state, was brought in by Deputy United States Marshal Barber. Childs was

counts with the government. In the United States court Isabella B. Winter of Massachusetts has brought suit against Simon Alexander, seeking to fore-close on a quarter section of land which some years ago was mortgaged to secure the payment of \$4,200 borrowed money.

during the last month assisting Judge Mun-ger in cleaning the dockets of the United States court, left for his home at Sioux Falls, S. D., last night. He will return on Janu-ary 2, that he may be here on the following day to take up the trial of the case of the United States against Frank Dorsey of the Ponca bank, who is charged with fraudulent banking.

ter Martin, making inquiries about a brother, K. P. Krechbaum, who left Ohio a number of years ago and settled in Nebraska. The Ohio man is of the opinion that the man murdered at Franklin, this state, recently, was his long lost brother. The case of the Grandview Building asse

ciation against the Northern Assurance company of London, England, is on trial before

a jury in Judge Munger's court. The plain-tif seeks to recover the sum of \$2,500, the face value of a policy carried on the Worth-ington Military academy at Lincoln at the time when it was consumed by fire some

#### FOR LOVERS OF GUN AND ROD

Fish and Game Protective Association Holds a Meeting and Takes a Glance at Its Affairs.

The Fish Protective association of Douglas county held a meeting at the home of Mr. Krug, 818 South Twentieth street, last evening for the purpose of considering plans evening for the purpose of considering plans Sterling Silver Ware for the coming year. It was decided to push Sterling Silver Ware the case now pending against Frank Brown White Eagle, a Winnebago Indian, who and Carl Bruner, who were bound over to the district court on the charge of fishing with a seine. The trial is expected to occur some time during the next term of court Not only will it be prosecuted, but the memtraveler returns some time between 3 and bers decided to offer a liberal reward to anyone who will cause the arrest and conviction of any person who violates the law The association feels that in this it should be assisted by all persons interested in protecting the inhabitants of the lakes and ponds from being slaughtered by seining. During the last season more good fishing was done at the lake than any previous year and the association feels that this facfully dressed and in a bed at the Richelleu is due to the efforts of its members. They maintained a strict surveillance over the lake last summer and persons who were in the habit of seining there found it hard to do so without the wardens catching them at it. The members propose to make the power of the association felt next year also and ask that all who enjoy the sport will join them in their efforts for protection of the

The finances of the association received particular attention and the members found that a surplus would be left in the treasury after all the indebtedness had been paid. The association is a fixture and the members feel that it is entitled to support. The first meeting in 1899 will be held some time between January 15 and 20. At that meeting plans will be perfected for the work to be prosecuted during the year. AT THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF

## 2 SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

About a dozen taxpayers met at the council chamber last night to listen to the reading of the proposed amendments to the city charter which had been prepared by Senator-elect Van Dusen. Colonel C. M. Hunt acted as chairman and City Clerk Carpenter occupied the secretary's desk. The amendments were taken up one at a time and, while some were passed without comment, others brought forth criticism. When the section referring to the appointment of a tax commissioner came up Mr. Van Dusen said he had inserted the clause allowing a salary of \$2,000 a year for such commissioner. This officer was to be elected every two years and was to be allowed to appoint two or three deputies. County Commissioner Hoctor, who was present, objected to the scheme, asserting that it would be an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers to support such an officer. Mr. Van Dusen then said that the salary provision could be reduced to correspond with the ideas of the citizens, but he insisted that if a man was expected to do his duty he would certainly have to be paid a reasonable slary. He did not think that for a small salary a capable man could be found-one who would make the assessment and collection of taxes a study, In order to secure a competent person it would be necessary to pay a salary commensurate with the responsibilities of the position. The idea is to increase the valuation so as to reduce the levy and thus avoid paying the large amount of county and state taxes now assessed and at the same time procure a sufficient amount of money to meet the obligations of the municipality. Mr. Van Dusen thought the revenues

should be sufficient to provide for the run ning expenses of the city, besides making some provision for the payment of interest on bonds which are constantly falling due If a sufficient sum was raised each year above the running expenses there would be no necessity for borrowing money from the banks to meet maturities and the city would in a few years' time be in a first class condition financially.

The bill as now sketched provides for the change in the charter at the spring election in 1900 and calls for the election of a tax commissioner at this time, along with election of other city officials whose terms will expire on or about that time.

A surety bond is provided for of the council and this is done for the purpose of preventing unlawful expenditures of public money and insuring a check on the action of these city officials.

No final action was taken, as it was sired that more taxpayers should be pres ent before the amendments are finally adopted. Some minor changes will be made in the draft presented and the com pleted bill is to be brought up at a meeting to be held at a later date.

Work of Sidewalk Inspector.

At Monday night's meeting of the counci complaint was made that Street Commissioner Ross had not complied with the instructions issued by the city council in the matter of repairing sidewalks, etc. The matter was brought up by the request of the East Side Improvement club for better walks in the eastern portion of the city, and it ness men asking the judge of the United developed that orders for the repairs asked States court to grant John McCarty a new for had been issued some time ago. Mr. trial. McCarty was recently convicted of Ross was at the city hall yesterday, and counterfeiting, after a trial lasting a week when told what the members of the council had said about him and his work he did the petition, but as a rule the business not hesitate to say that he was following the instructions of Mayor Ensor in cutting down expenses. Mr. Ross stated that he had been engaged for some time past in repairing sidewarks in various parts of the city, and claimed that his records would show what had been done in this line. During the controversy Councilman Wear as serted that a large quantity of lumber had been purchased for repair work, but in the face of the complaints he could not see what had become of the material. Ross asserts that he can account for every foot of lumber mal Industry has been transferred to Linbought and also for every nail purchased If he can do this the members of the council will admit that he is all right, but they

ignores orders to make repairs to certain walks. In defense, Ross says that Mayor Ensor revokes the orders passed by the council, and this shows that there is either too much politics in the management of the street department or else the council is too free with the people's money when ordering expenditures. It is a fact that the sidewalks are in a dilapidated condition and damage suits are piling up every day on account of injuries alleged to have been received on defective walks. The Mary Johnson and Patrick Hickey cases are now on the call in the district court, and the costs alone will pay for many a block of sidewalks. There is a feeling among the council that Ross should be removed and the place given to some man who will obey orders, but even if a new commissioner were appointed and

the mayor instructs the commissioner to

disobey the orders of the council, he will

cannot understand why he persistently

have to do so, as the office is an appointive To be plain, the street commission placed in rather an awkard position. If he submit to the importunities of the council he is censured by the mayor, and if he disobeys the orders of the chief executive he s liable to be dismissed. The street crossings need cleaning and the sidewalks need repairing, but there is no money to pay for the work, and that is the reason the mayor will not permit Ross to go ahead.

Examination of Teachers.

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opals, \$2.00. opals, \$2.09.

Baby and children's Rings, 50c to \$1.00.

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Solid gold Baby Chains, \$3.50 to \$5.00.
Solid gold gentlemen's Chains, \$8.50.
Solid gold gentlemen's Studs, spring button back, \$2.00.
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ladies, \$15.00. 14 kt. solid gold, with Waltham movement, \$25.00. 14 kt gold filled, diamond in back and

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nonth at the High school building. A difference of opinion existed among the nembers of the board as to the length of the term of the examiners, but this matter has been straightened out and the announce ment is made that the examiners selected year ago will hold office until after the coming examination. The board of examiners is composed of W. C. Lambert, Rev. C. C. Smith and Miss McCarthy. The first named is one of the best known attorneys in the city, while the second is an educator of standing. Miss McCarthy, who takes the place of Rev. Irving Johnson, who resigned, s principal of the Pacific school, Omaha

and is well known among teachers. Postoffice Employes Rushed. Postoffice employes are kept on the jump hese days on account of the large increase in holiday business. Monday sixty-seven noney orders were sent from the office here, o say nothing of the number paid. Every carrier has more mail than he can handle now and the clerks in the mailing room are compelled to work overtime. In the registry department the business is unprecedented and more help is needed. Deputy Postmaster Bentley is on the sick list and this leaves the office shorthanded. Postmaster McMillan works all day at the money order window and Miss Keiffer is compelled to look after the registered mail in addition to her duties at the stamp window. This month's receipts at the office will, it is estimated, exceed any month this year and will be in excess of the corresponding month of last year.

Barrett After Walbridge. According to the statements made by President Barrett of the city council, com plaints are being received almost daily about D. Walbridge, the city weighmaster. It is asserted that Walbridge does not attend to his business and frequently makes serious errors in issuing certificates of weight. Walbridge was appointed by President Barrett at a meeting of the city council held on June 28, but the records do not show that he filed the requisite bond. The apcointment was confirmed by the council and Walbridge took charge of the office and scales within a few days after the appoint-

ment, relieving Major Cress. As Walbridge

has not filed a bond he cannot be held liable

for errors and therefore the council will

appointing some one who will procure the required bond. Mrs. John McCarty and a friend from Bellevue spent yesterday afternoon in the city circulating a petition among the busi

men were wary of signing it. Magie City Gossip. The public schools close on Friday for the holiday vacation. Miss Mary Ross will spend the holiday va-

cation in Kansas City. The Ideal club will give the first dance o the season at Masonic hall tonight. Al Barlow, hog buyer for Armour at this market, has been transferred to Chicago. Inspector Cosgrove of the Bureau of

Mrs. Mildred Seater has returned from Waterloo, Ia., where she went to visit her

A special meeting of Modern Woodmen will be held tonight for the purpose of initiating candidates. On Friday evening of this week the paid fire department will give its tenth annual ball at Modern Woodman hall. B. R. Hawley reports that he was robbed of a watch and a ring while making the

trip to Omaha on a street car Monday John Gallagher, brother of A. M. Galla-gher, has returned from Denver, where he spent some time looking after his brother James, who is quite sick. Monday, January 2, will be observed as oliday here, as New Year's falls on Sunday

The banks and city offices will be closed

but the live stock market will be open as On the evening of December 27 at Masoni hall the local camp of Sons of Veterans wil give a grand ball. Committees are now be ing appointed and it is the intention to give a first class entertainment. The new officers of the camp are taking hold of their duties

ing the ball one long to be remembered.

Lorraine Club Dance.

At the invitation of the members of the Lorraine club a host of their friends met las: evening at the Thurston Rifles' armory to enjoy an informal dance. The affair was one of a series of social hops arranged by the entertainment committee to be held during the winter months. An enjoyable fea-ture of the dance was the music, for which special arrangements were made and no effort was left undone that could add to the pleasure of the occasion. The committee which had the arrangements in charge was W. W. Fyfer, F. Buelow, George Gillespy

## HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

of the t. p. a. was nearly exhausted. Fi charm, Mr. Fitzgerald. What does

"Young man, that is the year I was born solemnly replied the t. p. a. from the south toward the door.

the carbon copy to the g. p. a. and the

be compelled to take some action toward other copy to the g. p. a's assistant. a. took the carbon copy and gazed at it intently for a moment. Then he said to his paint from imagination and not from models, assistant: "Jimmie? Jimmie?" with a rising inflection of the voice. "Jimmie? Have

> Personal Paragraphs F. M. Libbie of St. Joseph, Sante Fe Route,

J. G. Mitchell of the Blue Line railroad in C. A. Hunter went to Des Moines for a S. L. Ackley, a real estate man from Con-J. C. Stephens, an extensive stockman o

H. G. Knowlton, one of the cattle raisers of Pennington county, S. D., is in the city. and residing in Troy, N. Y., is in the city. John B. English, merchant at Ida Grove

Down's Grove, Mo., is in the city for a day C. C. Cory, traveling passenger age

York and taken his old quarters at the

N. C. Peterson, a banker at Middlesex, Vt.

Omaha club.

Dr. Albert E. Stuht of Colfax, Wash., son of Councilman Stuht, is in the city on a

At the Murray: C. B. Newell, Massa-chusetts; W. O. Terrell and A. S. Hough, Chicago; C. E. Mitchell, Renna Northrop and Hellia Mitchell, Marion, Ia.; M. White, Hastings; F. C. Howard, Cedar Rapids; J. F. Kirkendall and F. B. Finch, New York, At the Millard: W. C. Brooks, Beatrice

LECTURES ON VICTOR HUGO Professor De Kolty Gives an Entertaining Discourse on the Great French Dramatist.

"Victor Hugo" was the subject of a lecture which filled Library hall last evening with a gathering of men and women who are interested in French literature. The lectures was Prof. Jean C. De Kolty, and his entertaining discourse on the eminent French dramatist and his works merited and received the rapt attention of his hearers.

Prof. De Kolty made of his subject three divisions. One treated of Hugo's poetical works, the second of his prose creations and poet's life. "Poetry is the form of language which best gives answer to the inexpressible long-

ing of the heart," was the lecturer's definition. He continued: "Some one has said. 'What is too stupid to be said is put in "C. H. F." on one side, and "1884" on the song, and we may add, what is too elevated, the little Willie fingered it, fondled it and pressed in any sensible language we put in expression and Victor Hugo has more nearly realized the mission of words than any other writer. On this truth is based his claim to immortality. Like other true poets, he is

> and intuition is the combined experience of centuries. Knowing this, we can understand how he unconsciously hit upon the very word he needed to portray an idea. In his By way of illustration Prof. De Kolty read in the original extracts from Hugo's poems and dramas that would best show his use of

guided more by intuition than by reasoning

onomatapoetics. The verses quoted were from the battle scene in "Hernani" "Pour la Pauver." Considering Hugo's prose works, the lecturer said the ideas and characters found in them were fashioned deductively and abjectively; that as a novelist Hugo began with characters and from their attributes created principles and ideas. "In all the fifty-three volumes of his works," Prof. De Kolty said, "there is in reality but a single character, that of the lyric poet, Victor Hugo. The only difference in all the characters is the different phases and component parts of the poet's character structure. Hugo's greatest power is showing character in its sublimity, but like artists who he is sometimes not true to life. His ideas are presented by startling contrasts, everywhere are unheard-of feats of strength,

titanic proportions, sublime virtues, all clothed in the language of genius." The lecture was concluded by a few re-

#### marks on Hugo's life. HYMENEAL.

Sargent-Imson. George A. Sargent and Miss Maud Imson were married Tuesday, December 20, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Charles W. Savidge. The groom is a well

known policeman. Separated from His Coin.

According to the story Robert Moraine told the police last night he had \$14 in his pocket before he entered a saloon at the corner of Ninth street and Capitol avenue and made the acquaintance of a comely col-ored woman named Julia Rose. A few minored woman named outs the conversation between the two ended and Moraine left the place, he discovered that his money was gone and suspected the woman of stealing it. The loss was reported to the police and the inmates of the saloon were arrested. bartender, Max Smart, being held as the

woman's accomplice. Arrested for Wife-Benting.

George Bagley was arrested last night at his home, 917 South Thirteenth street, on the charge of wife beating. Mrs. Bagley was the complaining witness. Her husband, she said. was a victim to the morphine habit. Last night, returning home under the influence of that drug and whisky combined, he struck her several times and tore her clothing. To avoid a repetition of the offense she had him locked up.

Sheep Breeders' Association TOLEDO, O., Dec. 20.-After a two-days' meeting the American Sheep Breeders' association adjourned tonight. The following are the newly elected officers: President, John E. Webb of Indianapolis: vice president, S. R. Holiday of Ionia, Mich.; secretary-treasurer, E. V. Burnham, Woodstock, O.; directors, Dwight Lincoln of Illinois, W. s. Hanson of Utah and Mr. Benner of Belle

#### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Mineral Point Mining and Milling company will be held in this city on January 2.

The second annual ball of the Elevator Conductors' association will be given on De-cember 22 in Morand's hall. The organiza-tion expects to direct effort toward enforcing the ordinance regarding competency of elevator conductors and in other worthy di-rections and the ball will be for the benefit of those objects.

move a temporary wooden structure erected

Don't give the tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-0? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-0 you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-0 is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/2 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 5c.

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Winnebage Indian Dies from Effects of

the Gas is Blown Out.

has been in the city a number of days attending United States court as a witness, has gone to the happy hunting grounds. He departed for that bourne from which no 10 o'clock vesterday morning. He chose the gas route. He was brought down from the igency, to testify against Henry Phillie, a white man, indicted on the charge of selling and giving liquor to Winnebago Indians: White Eagle, was the complaining witness, as he was the Indian to whom the liquor

The dead body of White Eagle was found hotel at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. This is the hotel where the Indian witnesses who are in attendance upon United States court are boarding. Monday afternoon Phillie entered a plea of guilty, and the witnesses against him, including White Eagle, were paid off and discharged. During the evening White Eagle visited a number of the stores in the city and made purchases of Christmas presents for his wife and three children, intending to start for home yesterday. He retired to his room short time before midnight and after remaining there a few moments returned to the hotel office, saving that he could not

escape. It is more than likely that the demise of

he entered the room and locked it, as it was found fastened when the discovery of escaping gas was made. The jury's verdict was that he came to his death from his own carelessness or ignorance of the manner in

Attempted Robbery of the Postoffice

siderable property.

The postoffice at Albion is in a room which occupied jointly by a newsstand. Last Friday some individual entered the room, stole \$15 from the drawer of the man who conducted the newsstand, and then turned his attention to the postoffice safe. A hole was drilled through the top of this safe and a quantity of powder poured in, which was afterward exploded. The concussion sprung the sides of the safe, but failed to

After leaving the postoffice, a meat market across the street was entered and \$15 There was one arrest made, but as there was no evidence to connect the party with the commission of the erime, he was dis-United States Marshal Thummel has reselved information that last Monday night the postoffice at Oedar Bluff, this state, was robbed of cash and postage stamps of the value of \$200. The office was in a store

Two more of the people, residents of Nebrasks, have filed their applications with Clerk Hillis of the United States court, asking to be declared bankrupts. Addison Van Klick says that he resides at Creighton.

in the city have been paid off and dis-charged. Most of them have returned to

indicted by the late grand jury, it having been charged that he was short in his ac-Judge Carland, who has been in the city

Jacob Krechbaum has written to Postmas

The regular semi-annual examination of teachers for positions in the public schools will be held on the last three days of this and Charles Foster.

C. H. Fitzgerald, traveling passenger agent of the Louisville & Nashville, is as well known in Omaha, where he has been coming for the last half dozen years, for his fine sarcasm as for the tremendous amount of avoirdupois he lugs around with

Fitz was in town last week, and, as is the wont of all successful t. p. a's, he invited a pair of ticket agents to a neighboring cafe to sip a few elevated spheres. While in there one of those Willie lads who is always getting into other people's way, the final part was a brief biography of the and poking his nose into their private affairs, came in. He was introduced to Fitz. and immediately displayed a marked fascination for a charm attached to the watchchain of the heavyweight t. p. a. It is reverse side. The latter side was out, and too abstract, too materially deep to be explayed shuttlecock with it till the patience nally the youth with the inordinate curiosity | sound of a word than by any definite logical peeped out: "That's an awfully pretty 1884

mean?" land, while his young questioner blushed first scarlet and then crimson and backed

Local passenger men are enjoying a good story on a general passenger agent of this city, and as traveling passenger agents drop in town for a day and hear the story they go away smilingly vowing to tell it in their respective fields of labor. The general passenger agent in question is a charming gentleman in social intercourse, but in business matters is exceedingly punctilious. Recently a meeting of the local passenger men adopted a set of resolutions on a matter that had been considered for some time. The stenographer of the g. p. a. made two copies of the resolution from his stenographic notes, placing a sheet of carbon paper in his typewriter before making the copies. When he had finished he handed

you checked this over with the original?"

is at the Her Grand. or more. Several names were secured to a guest of the Her Grand. brief visit last evening. cordia, Kan., is at the Her Grand. Long Pine, Neb., is at the Her Grand.

the Southern Pacific, is stopping at the Iler Grand. Rudolph Brooks of England is in the city or a couple of days. He is on his way to Mr. E. M. Dixon has returned from New

from a trip into New Mexico. Clinton Briggs leaves tonight on a through the east and south. He will be away from Omaha about three months and before returning he expects to visit Mexico. Nebraskans at the hotels: T. J. Brown-field and F. M. Woods, Lincoln; J. D. Irving, Tekamah; A. M. Johnson, Curtis; George F. Palmer, Crawford; G. E. Thompson, Grand

visit of several weeks. A couple of years ago Dr. Stuht removed to Colfax, of which town he is at present the mayor.

At the Millard: W. C. Brooks, Beatrice, Neb; Miss Anna Evans, Chicago; G. W. Becher, David City, Neb.; H. E. Wells and family, Oakland, Neb; Mrs. W. S. Munger and child, Fremont; Joseph Jones, New York; J. A. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. C. Miller, Glenwood, Ia.; J. W. Latimer, manager Markel's hotel at Rawlins, Wyo.; Fred Sonnenschein, West Point; Mrs. Thummel and daughter, Grand Island; A. S. Yamer, St. Louis.