prefer to hold their festivities tomorrow. Last evening three companies of United States troops guarded the city as a precaution against possible disturbances, some of the Cuban negroes having made threats against Spaniards and Spanish property. Tonight went by quietly.

It Was a Dry Day in Lexington. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 25.-This was the first day in the history of Lexington that thirsty men could not get a drink. Every saloon in the city was closed by mutual agreement of the proprietors. This action was brought about by the fact that the recent grand jury indicted all saloon keepers for violating the Sunday law.

During a Carousal Two Men Are Killed and Several Others Are Wounded.

WALSENBURG, Colo., Dec. 25.-N. R. Trow, a local "bad man," shot and killed two men and slightly wounded another in a saloon at Carr, a small mining camp ten miles east of here, this evening.

The saloon was filled with a crowd of men who were clebrating Christmas eve acres. by carousing and drinking. Trow imbibed of the fact that this area with the present a large amount of whisky and then pulling rate of yield would produce nearly 260,000,a revolver began to fire. Terebio Tolmache, a Mexican, was shot through the heart, his death being instantaneous. A Slav, whose name is unknown, received a bullet in the head and died in a few minntes. Another Mexican, Deofilo Martinez, had a furrow plowed in his scalp by a leaden pellet, but his condition is not seri-

Trow surrendered and was locked up.

HYMENEAL.

Hurchell-Woolfenden.

TRENTON, Neb., Dec. 25,-(Special.)-Frank A. Burchell and Lulu Woolfenden, both prominent young people of Stratton, Neb., were married today at the residence of the bride's parents.

To Appoint Three Brigadier Generals have at his disposal under the Hull bill. rank as brigadier generals, will go on the retired list, and in October General Shafter will be relieved of active service by operation of the law. In October Rear Admiral Howison of the navy will reach the retiring age and in December Admiral Dewey himself will be dropped from active service.

FORTY GUESTS OF DEAN FAIR

One Drank Fifteen Cups of Coffee and All Sang Doxology When the Feast Was Over.

"I've knocked about the country close on to thirty years, been up against all kinds of luck, good and bad, and this is the best feed and the best coffee I ever tasted." This was the remark made by one of Dean Fair's penniless guests last evening as he gazed pensively at the dreggs in a coffee cup he had just emptied for the fifteenth time, and it well expressed the feelings of forty other homeless and friendless men and women who were grouped about dinner tables in the comfortable guild rooms of the Trinity church parish house. The occasion was a Christmas dinner given by Dean Fair to the poor and destitute of the city.

of shabby people, having in common at single impulse, the desire to be warm and well fed. The men were of all ages and tary medicines in general, nor are they adnationalities, and the women, too. Not one prefixed to the of them possessed an overcoat or a cloak. a Christmas feast. But they were ravenously hungry and thoroughly enjoyed the appetizing viands and steaming coffee set

After the dinner the guests all arose at the request of Dean Fair and sang the Doxology. Then they shook hands with the dean, thanking him for his hospitality, turned up their coat collars and went out again into the cold.

Dramatic.

Detroit Journal: The sultan was in the midst of a game of parchest, but graciously when the diplematic corps entered. "The Christian powers." announced the ambassadors, solemnly, "have decided to

"Ah, indeed!" exclaimed his majesty, appearing much interested. "I hope they will favor Constantinople with early bookings!" The sultan moreover inquired somewha minutely into the matter of management. confessing a strong feeling egainst the thestrical trust, smacking, as it did, of des-

Improved Path. Chicago Tribune: "You don't go on the warpath as you did, with bow-and-arrows," remarked the students of ethnic evolution. Young-Man-Afraid-of-His-Bicycle, chief of the Skunk Point Indians, inclined his ad, caressing his beloved Winchester the

the good-roads movement hit he answered, with the utmost frank-

Nebraska News Notes. Broken Bow is to have a telephone system

The Lynch town council has voted to erect A farmers' institute will be held at Wood

River January 19 and 20. Ray Sailor of Ponca was severely injured by the bursting of his gun.

improvements during 1898. A Rock county man claims to have hauled tons of baled hav at one load.

Tim O'Connor has been appointed one of the traders at the Winnebago agency. Aurora is discussing a proposition to re fund \$32,000 of 6 per cent water bonds at 5

John Skirying of O'Neill has been pointed colonel on the staff of General Sexcommander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Max Haskins of Harlan pastured 120 head

of hogs on twenty notes of alfa'fa all sum-mer and now has sold forty tons of hay off the same ground at \$5 per ton. Ed Laux of Bloomington, who was ar-

rested for stealing hogs from W. H. Austin, pleaded guilty to the charge and was bound over to the district court under \$200 bonds While coupling cars in the Missouri Paeific switch yards at Springfield M. Tierney, a brokeman on the local freight, and caught and badly crushed between the bumpers.

An attempt was made last Friday to wreck the eastbound passenger train on the Short Line about two miles west of Osmond. A placed across the rails on a down The train struck it while running at full speed, throwing it from the track The pilot of the engine was slightly damaged. The same day the section men ran into some spikes with their handcar. The spikes had been driven between the rails at the joints. The guilty party has not been found yet.



Figures of Crookes on Wheat Yield Are Said to Be Inacourate.

Reports Regarding Great Wheat Famine Said Not to Be Supported by More Conservative

Estimates.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- J. R. Dodge, BAD MAN WITH HIS GUN for many years statistician for the Department of Agriculture at Washington, has written to the Country Gentleman an exhaustive answer to the address of Sir William Crookes before the British Science association, in which the latter predicted a great wheat famine. He takes Sir William to task for presenting inaccurate figures, and says:

Sir William Crookes declares that there is already a deficit of wheat area of 31,000 square miles, or approximately 20,000,000 acres. This is rather unreasonable, in view 000 bushels, while the European deficiency, which is the principal one in the world, is by the Beerbohm record only 310,000,000 bushels on an average in the last eight years. He assumes the present annual requirement for bread is 2,324,000,000 bushels of wheat, while the official and export estimates of the period since 1899 average more than that figure, the compilation of such estimates for seven years by the Department of Agriculture averaging 2.477.845,000, an excess of over 150,000,000, though the eminent scientist is almost as lame in his statistics of consumption as he is in those of produc-tion, really minimizing both. He makes the supply of the year only 1,921,000,000, while in the statement quoted above the product in the statement quoted above the product of 1897, the smallest of seven years, is given

It is a very unreliable forecast and understates production nearly 10 per cent. It would be uncharitable to hope for a scarcity of bread rations; still, our wheat growers would not feel very despondent over a prospect of good prices. The Crookes' view is a WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- During the com- distinct encouragement to them, and similar ing year President McKinley will have an views have been put forth before, sometimes opportunity to make three new brigadier apparently in the hope of raising prices. Ungenerals by reason of retirements under the law, in addition to the appointments he will rise of 10 per cent is followed, as the result of natural reaction, by a fall of 20 to 30 Next month Paymaster General Stanton and Chief of Ordnance Flagler, both of whom as plain people, that lonesty is the best policy and truth in statistics cannot safely departed from. The practice of stock exchanges as well as that of bucket shops t secure a temporary advantage can never aid the cause of science or of rural economy.

TAXING MEDICINAL PROPERTIES.

Class of Preparations Considered Not Subject to War Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-The commissioner of internal revenue has promulgated for the guidance of collectors the opinion of Assistant Attorney General Boyd in regard to the taxability of medical preparations under schedule B of the act of June 13, 1898. Later on the following existing regulations will be amended to conform therewith. In the course of his opinion Mr. Boyd says:

To draw the distinction more clearly be tween medicinal articles or preparations which hold to be tenable under the provisions of the law and those that are not, I will call attention to one class of prepara-tions or medicines, samples of which have been filed with me for examination and which, in my opinion, are not taxable. They are articles which are put up in bottles, phials or other packages more particularly for the use of physicians and pharmacists. They are such articles as antistre tecoccic It was a curious gathering, this company serum, anti-tetanic serum, anti-diphtheretic of shabby people, having in common a There are many others of like character. otherwise as specifics or remedies for par-Nor had any of them taken the trouble to ticular diseases or claiming special merit, "clean up" preparatory to sitting down to a Christmas feast. But they were rayentions are simply medicinal or pharmaceutiously hungry and thoroughly enjoyed the cal designations used to indicate the class appetizing viands and steaming coffee set of medicines to which they belong and are before them by Dean Fair and his assistand pharmacists, through whom they are dealt out to consumers as prepared prescrip-tions. These articles have the technical medical name upon the bottle or other pack-age and also the formula by which they are prepared. There is no exclusive proprietor-ship or right of merit claimed in them, but any pharmacist or manufacturing druggist has the right to make them after the formula given, and there is no retail price or value stated on bottle or other package containing

It might make the distinction still more plain to say that the class of medicines which, in my opinion, are taxable under the provisions of the law are such as I have described above which go to the consumer in the unbroken package in which they are put up by proprietor, manufacturer or com-pounder, with name, disease and directions for use without the intervention or a pre-scription of a physician or physicians. While on the other hand, the provisions of the act do not refer to medicinal articles or preparations as are put up under pharmaceutical or classifying names for the use of physi-clans in their practice or of pharmacists or druggists in their trade.

Calomel is a medicine article already com-counded from a formula from mercury, sulphuric acid, chloride of sodium and distilled It is a well known remedy for certain diseases and special merit is claimed for it in the treatment of diseases like bilous fevers, jaundice, biliousness, painters' colic and other affections attended with congestion of the portal system or torpidity of the hepatic functions. The medicinal article is put up in quantities by the manufacturers after the prescribed formula and is sold to the latter in turn prescribe it for the afflicted and deal it out in quantities to suit the emergency. Now calomel is not taxable under the provisions of the war revenue act, for the reason that it does not come within the description of articles declared to be subject to tax under the provisions of the act. In the first place, it is not put up in the manner or style of patent trade-mark or proprietary medicines in general, and in the second place it is not advertised on the package in which it is put up as contem-plated by the act, and even if the manufacturer or compounder were to put on the in-closure containing the calemel the word 'anti-billous" it would, in my opinion, only have the effect to designate more particu-larly the class of medicines to which it belongs and not to advertise it as a specific or remedy for a particular disease. I have given this illustration and used the name of a well known medicinal article to make the distinction which I have attempted to

REJECTS MAHAN'S EXPENSE CLAIM.

draw the more easily understood.

Pense Will Not Be Allowed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Captain A. T. Mahan of the navy, who served on the board of strategy during the summer, has had his claim rejected for traveling expenses in returning from Rome, Italy, where he was on leave of absence, in pursuance of the order which directed him to act in an advisory capacity to the secretary of the

navy. The question has been before the auditor for the Navy department, whose view has just been sustained by the comptroller of the treasury. The latter holds that if an officer is granted leave of absence and goes away from his post of duty for his own pleasure and recreation, or upon private business, there is no just reason why his return should be at the expense of the gov-

A leave of absence to an officer is not in the nature of a contract that the government may not at any time revoke and order him to return to duty before its expiration, should the exigencies of the service require it. This may be an inconvenience, but it is a risk the officer takes when he goes abroad.

at the Local Hostelries Despite Unusual Preparations.

As a rule the big hotels of the city look forward to Christmas as one of the biggest FALSE BULL REPORTS HAVE FATAL REACTION of the big days of the year. On that occasion the chefs rack their brains to concoct new dishes to please the palates of the epicures and the managers and proprietors look forward and imagine that they see hundreds shoving their feet under the mahogany. This year the chefs and the managers and the proprietors did their work well, but the guests did not materialize.

Of course all of the leading hotels of the city did a fair business, but there was no rush and the registers did not contain page after page of the names of arrivals. In one hotel man, who said: "This year Christmas comes on Sunday and on Sunday people aim to be at home if possible. Again, the last year has been a prosperous one and the men on the road have sold great quantities of goods. They have done them a holiday and, instead of remaining in their territory, they have hurried home, leaving us without the usual trade that makes Christmas one of our big days."

The menu cards at the hotels, as a rule, were elaborate affairs. In about every instance they were made up in the form of booklets, the front cover being illuminated. The prevailing style was to have the picture of an enormous turkey gobbler upon this page. On the front of the cover of some of the cards the artist gave the bird a couchant position, but in other instances he allowed his idea to run to the rampant, making the poor turkey appear as threatening as you would expect to see a prize

the things prepared in the kitchen. At each only lawful rates. hotel there were the regulation articles of exist the uniust discrimination and the unturkey and such, there were such dainties as roast pig, bear meat, quall, duck, young dozens of other things not found on the daily bill of fare.

Most of the hotels served the principal meal of the day at from noon until 2 clock, while a few varied the rule and had the regular dinner at 7 in the evening.

And Control of the Co HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

E. G. Hobart, one of the retail merchants of Des Moines, is in the city. Speaking of trade, he said: "It has been the best in years. Some people say that the Cenaha exposition hurt our business, but I contend that it was beneficial. We broadened out and reached into territory that was never tributary before. If there is to be an exposition in Omaha next year I am for it, as I believe that it will not only help me, but t will be of great benefit to the entire west."

Colonel Stanley of London, Eng., is at one t the hotels and he will remain here over Christmas. He is just in from Wyoming, where he has interests in a number of cattle ranches. Last night he said: "Five years ago I invested \$25,000 in cattle and American securities, including mortgages on farms and city lots in the west. Some of my friends told me that I was foolish, but I am satisfied with my profits. Of course, I have not realized on my lands and lots, but I am ahead on the live stock. I have sold \$15,000 worth of cattle and have cleared up \$3,000. which I consider pretty fair, when I take into consideration the fact that today I have nore cattle than I had on the day when I concluded my purchases. My judgment is that now is the time to invest money and that the western country offers superior ad-

E. B. Church of Madison, Wis., is in the ity for a day or two. He is a manufacturer of farm machinery and says that Omaha offers superior advantages. Being so near the consumers, he says that in his judgment this is the best field in the world for the sale of goods.

Last night's registers showed about the ewest number of hotel arrivals of the year. Registers that during the last month have contained page after page of names of arrivals, last night were without the scratch f a pen. Under ordinary conditions this would be taken for a bad omen, but this year it means quite the reverse.

Speaking of hotels, one man who has been n the business for years said: "When we have a light business during he holidays it means that the country is prosperous. When the hotel registers are illed at Christmas time, it simply indicates that the traveling men are out on the road hustling for business and that the business men have nothing to keep them at home. When our registers show blank pages on Christmas it is convincing evidence to us that the traveling men have made their rounds, sold goods and are at home with

their families." Adding to his former remarks, the hotel man continued: "While hotels may not be making so much money as during former years, business is much better. Last year John Smith, the country merchant, came in and took the inside room on the fifth floor This year Mr. Smith takes a front room on the parlor floor and hardly thinks of asking the price. While our Christmas trade may not be what it was during the dulf times, on the whole it is fully 100 per cent better and, what is more, it looks as though it was going to continue."

Personal Paragraphs. R. M. McMurray of Delta, Colo., is at the

Her Grand.

H. J. Ruth of the Standard Oil company is at the Her Grand. M. A. Price, representing Swift and Com-pany, is at the Her Grand. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris of Topeka, Kan, are at the Her Grand.

Miss Helen Ridgeway of New York, who is at the Orpheum this week, is at the Her Timothy O'Keeffe of Chicago is spending

few days with his aunt, Mrs. Flynn, 2492 E. D. Martin, one of the Colorado mine owners, located at Gunnison, spent Sunday in Omaha. He says he expects to see an unusual activity in Colorado mining circles next season.

Richard M. Marsh, a commission man of Hoboken, N. J., was in Omaha yesterday on his way to Albion, this state, where he goes to visit relatives who moved out there a Ranson G. Donohoe, a manufacturer of

in the city yesterday. He has been to the Pacific coast and was hurrying through to e at home on Christmas, but was unavoidably delayed. B. C. Ketcham, a merchant of Nora Springs, Ia., spent Sunday in Omaha and ate his Christmas dinner at one of the hotels. He says that in Iowa the trade is better than ever before. He looks forward and anticipates a business boom next year.

Fred H. Jackson, owner of a big farm in the vicinity of Redwood Falls, Minn., was in the city yesterday. He came here to look over the South Omaha stock market and compare prices with those paid in Chisaid that he is satisfied with the results of the investigation. At the Murray: Louis Martin and J. R. Rooney, St. Louis: S. A. Tatum, L. A. Davis and R. L. Light, St. Joseph; L. R. Crandall, Burlington, Ia; R. O. Dodd, Chicago; A. E.

Graipe, Kentucky: T. B. Draper and A. N. Gray, Red Oak, Ia.; A. J. Carrington, Louis-

ville, Ky.; G. E. Lem.o, Rapid City, S. D.

Given a Fair Trial.

BALTIMORE & OHIO ON RATE CUTTING

Receivers Decide to Withdraw from All Traffic Agreements and Demand Protection from Ruinous Competition.

An official of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has sent to The Bee the following copy of a letter written by Receivers Cowen and fact it was one of the dull days of the Murray of that system to the interstate year, falling far below the average. The Commerce commission regarding the best so-cause of this condition was figured out by lution of the present demoralization in freight and passenger rates. In a personal letter the writer says: "While the letter is self-explanatory there may be an impression that it was written simply in order to make a 'grand-stand play.' This is not the case, as I am in a position to know so well that their employers have allowed that the receivers are absolutely sincere. For some time past, as you know, rates have been getting lower and the receivers believe that something should be done to stop it. It seems impossible for the railroads to get together and agree. As economy in railroad operation has almost reached the point where it is impossible to lessen the cost of transportation without cutting wages, Mesers. Cowen and Murray feel that radical steps should be taken in this matter."

The letter follows: BALTIMORE. Dec. 21 .- Hon. Martin A. Knapp, Chairman Interstate Commerce Commission. Washington, D. C. Within the territory north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi the railroad carmarker to the inner pages, which mentioned your commission, which are by statute the this with the great poem reciting the com-

While this condition continues there will furnished and then, in addition to just preferences and advantages between persons, localities and particular descriptions of traffic, the prevention of which is the a natural sequence ending in its complete him by the press of the different cities he tie folks. goose, oysters in every style, possum and main object of the act of congress establishing your commission. Only by securing the uniform charging of the published rates can the just equality of service and of charge required by law be secured, either

between persons or between localities.

Heretofore the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and its competitors within the territory above mentioned have maintained joint agencies or associations under various agreements intended to act as a restraint upon each carrier and to prevent the secret cutting of rates on competitive traffic. been the practice for each carrier to report to the joint agency or association any de-parture from published rates by a competing carrier, to the end that the facts might be fully ascertained and the unfair competition stopped.

The supreme court of the United States has now finally determined that the socalled anti-trust act applies to railroad car-riers and in legal effect prohibits any agreement between them which restrains compe-tition in any degree, even though such agreement goes no further than to secure the observance of the restraints imposed by the act to regulate commerce. It is therefore no longer lawful for the carriers to create by agreements between them joint agencies or associations as formerly to prevent the cutting of rates however unlawful. With-out some impartial body to investigate the complaints of one competing carrier against another and to check illegal rate cutting, if found to exist, it will be practically im-possible for the railroad carrier alone to prevent that form of competition between them, however earnest the great majority of

the carriers may be to stop it.

The Interstate Commerce commission not only commands the respect of the railroad carriers for its impartiality, but also in its powers to investigate complaints of illegal practices far surpasses any association which the carriers have ever created by agreements between themselves. We see no reason why carriers in an effort to prevent competition from taking the form of illegal concessions through secret rates, drawbacks, rebates and other devices and we see no reason why the mission in such an effort by reporting to th commission any departure from published rates, to the end that the facts may be fully ascertained and the illegal practice stopped The receiver of the Baltimore & railroad will maintain, on and after January 1, 1899, upon the lines operated by them the rates, fares and charges shown on the

tariffs published and filed with the commission as required by law. We believe that all or nearly all of the railroad carriers within the territory above nentioned will likewise maintain their published tariff rates from that date. To vent a relapse, however, to the conditions portant carrier shall long depart from the published tariff rates. Should such a parture occur to the detriment of the inerests in our charge we shall invoke the aid of the commission to stop it. We hope and believe that many other carriers will do the same. In the anticipation that the other raticond carriers formerly associated associations will adopt the course decided on the liberty of transmitting to each such carrier a copy of this letter. With great re-spect, we are, yours very truly, JOHN K. COWEN.

OSCAR G. MURRAY.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a necessity where there are children. It cures croup and

whooping cough without fail. Price, 25c. DOUGLAS COUNTY AT PARIS James Walsh Thinks an Exhibit Ought to Be Made at the

French Capital.

"In my judgment Douglas county ought to make a display at the Paris exposition," remarked James Walsh, who had charge of the county exhibit at the exposition last summer. "I have no desire to go avenue. to Paris to exploit the resources of Douglas county and the state, but as a resident and a taxpayer, I feel that we ought to be there. So far as I know there is no disposition to have the state or any portion of it repre-

sented. "At the exposition last summer our hibit attracted more attention than that of any of the other states and as a natural of the man, and after he recovered conconsequence resulted in the state at large being brought into public notice. Now, if we can continue the good work and have man and found him in a house near the Bel: an exhibit at Paris, we will accomplish a line and Decatur street. His name is New great deal, not only for Douglas county, but for Nebraska and the entire west. My idea is to take samples of our corn, wheat rye, oats and vegetables over there and produce conclusive evidence of the fruitfuiness of this section of the country. Of course we could not hope to secure the amount of space that we had at the exposition, but we could manage to get enough space to give the people an opportunity of windmills in business at Winona, Minn., was observing the resources of the great west. All of the decorations that were used in connection with the Douglas county exhibit are being preserved and will be kept in first-class condition to exhibit. This coming year everything indicates that we are to raise a bountiful crop and there is every reason to believe that we can make a display that will open the eyes of the people of the old world to the greatness of this section of the United States."

> When you ask for De Witt's Witch-Haze Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by this than all others combined.

Surprised Mr. Monts. On Christmas eve a very pleasant sur-prise was given Mr. T. F. Moats fl orwalke

handsome chair by a number of his friends made by Mr. Alex MucLean, who spoke of

STATISTICIAN IS AT FAULT CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS TEST OF LAW'S STRENGTH the high esteem in which Mr. Mosts is held by all. Mr. Mosts replied feelingly and expressed his great pleasure at being the recipient of so handsome a gift.

Interstate Commerce Commission Act to Be ENTERTAINMENTS LAST NIGHT

Church Services Out of the Ordinary that Give Pleasure to Many, Old and Young. The evening services at the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church last night

consisted of a stereopticon lecture by the pastor, Rev. S. Wright Butler, on the "Hiscustomary opening services Mrs. H. E. Ed- fill them. wards sang very sweetly the "Story of the Christ Child," by Shepherd. Dr. Butler said his lecture would be a brief illustrated resume of the Sunday school

dom. Ahab succeeded him and a scene illusthe first declension of the kingdom.

ing of the Syrians and the efforts of Haman to secure an order for the death of all the Jews and especially for the hanging of Mordecal. The partition of the kingdom was titled to all the praise that has been given with an excellent entertainment by the litdestruction by Babylon.

At Hanscom Park Methodist. The Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal Sunday school celebrated Christmas night the professor of anatomy carries his part by a special service of song and recitations, well Charles W. Terries as the bishop of Besides the entertainment provided by the Ballaret is pleasing. Charles Charters musical part of the program there were two as Richard Heatherly makes a large Christmas trees on the boughs of good lover and clever young sport which hung innumerable tiny stockings Mrs. Adele Clarke, mother of filled with bonbons. Later in the evening star, as Alvina Starlight, the old maid willeach of the children of the school was given ing to wed and only awaiting a chance, evi-

a stocking. The music was unusually pretty, that part of the program having been arranged by professor's ward, has a winning way and her Misses Lucila Affen, Josephine Thatcher and portrayal of the character is done in a most Cora Chaffee, Miss Luella Allen and Mr. George Karbach sang a duet and there were a number of solos by members of the primary classes. Among those who gave recltations were: Magdaline Mayalf, Ray Painter, Mabel Allen, Rosa Svojtek, Mabel Hoover, Erma Pickett, Horace Sisson, Ray Stephen and George Clarke.

At Kountze Memorial. At the Kountze Memorial church last evening the children of the Sunday school gave their annual Christmas entertainment. There was a number of songs and recitations by members of the different classes followed by the customary distribution of an audience from its seat and forces it presents. The infant class has earned the into the wildest sort of applause. The young given the honor of delivering the Christmas of equipose, a title they in every way de-Minnie Beach, Julia Nagle, Herbert Johnson, Hilda Goetz and Howard Brunner. The songs were by Mrs. H. Brunner and the feat that makes an audience enthusiastic choir. The entertainment was concluded by is where two of the sisters swing head downthe distribution of confectionary and fruit.

BRUTAL ASSAULT BY NEGRO

Newton Jones Attacks H. C. Case with a Club and Beats Him Into Insensibility.

While endeavoring to prevent a burly negro from beating an older white man greatly his physical inferior, H. C. Case. who fives at 4224 Burdette street, was struck with a club wielded by the negro, receiving an injury in the head that may prove fatal. Case bears a severe contusion on his forehead just above the eyes. It may have been caused by a blow of the club or by falling upon the ice when he was knocked down, but the severity of the injury rendered him unconscious for two hours and will make his condition precarious for a day or two. He was removed to his home for treatment and the colored man was locked up, charged with assault with intent to murder.

The assault occurred last evening shortly after 6 o'clock near 1509 Military avenue. Case was returning home from an afternoon's skating at Cotton's pond. He saw an altercation between the negro and an when he received the ovation that the auolder white man, and as the latter appeared to be getting the worst of the encounter, he undertook to protect him with the result that he drew upon himself the fury of the negro, who struck him with a club three times, knocking him down.

The man with whom the negro was fighting is Lewis Fletcher, who lives at 4735 them were those of Admirals Dewey, Samp Seward street. Accompanying him were two friends from Iowa, Hans T. Peterson of this and past periods. and Jacob Odson. The trouble between the men was commenced in a Walnut Hill car. Peterson has a beard and the colored mas impudently pulled it. Fletcher resented the insult to his friend and all three men becoming abusive the conductor stopped the car and put them off with the difficult feats on a moving bicycle. The ences there. This was at 1509 Military

The men were acting upon the conductor's way home After the negro struck Case he made his escape. Case did not move after he fell to the ground and his friend, fearing that he had been killed, carried him aid. City Physician Spalding took charge sciousness he was taken to his home. The police then went in search of the colored ton Jones

Overcoat Thief Arrested. William Kelly, a hackman, was arrested last evening and charged with the theft of an overcoat from William Nash, who lives at 2706 South Eighteenth street. Nash was playing a game of pool in a billiard hall at 305 North Sixteenth street, having hung his overcoat on a peg nearby. While he was engressed in the game Kelly took the cost and went out. He found a hiding place for and was arrested on suspicion a few minutes later. The police found the overcoat an hour or two afterwards.

Couldn't Keep Out of Jall. Fred Struppith, Martin and Hugh Morri son were released by Judge Gordon Satur day to enjoy their Christmas at home, bu two of them did not appear to think this great privilege, as they were brought in again yesterday for hanging around streets. The three are charged with incorrigibility. They are the boys who were having a good time the other day on the mone found in a pocketbook which one had picked

Announcements. The success of the opening performance

"What Happened to Jones" augurs well fo crowded houses during the remainder of the engagement. Those who admire refined comedy need not suffer with Yuletide ennui during the stay of this excellent company at the Boyd. Special matines today.

...AMUSEMENTS...

On account of Christmas failing on Sunday afternoon, but at the evening performances the Creighton-Orpheum turned people away by the hundreds, while the balcony at comfortably filled. As the holiday will be announce special matinees for the afternoon

have been presented to Omaha theater-goers this season and with such surprising regulessons of the last three months, a history larity that the ordinary ones have almost come to be monotonous and in many cases ate turkey and cranberry sauce, potatoee of the people of Israel. His illustrations to sit through a performance is really weart- and corn, winding up their repast with that commenced with an excellent view showing the magnificence of Solomon's court. He some. But those who attended either of the article which is more of a delicacy to them told how the great ruler had taxed his people "What Happened to Jones" performances at than anything else-pie. heavily for its sustenance until there were Boyd's theater found pleasure in this laughmurmurs from every quarter of his king- able Broadburst farce, which has been meeting with such splendid success in the east. trating the visit of Jeroboam to plead with Its brilliant lines and clever situations, comhim for relief from the taxes followed. The bined with some remarkable complications, him for relief from the taxes followed. The bined with some remarkable complications, be sold within 200 miles. For rates, limits rebellion of Jeroboam which succeeded was begot an intense interest and provide continuous merriment. The story depicts the Views illustrating the important scenes trials of a drummer by the name of Jones, in Elijah and Elisha's lives were given, the who sells hymn books, and when the prayertranslation of Elliah being one of the best, book business is had falls back upon his A brief history of Joach was related before side line, which is playing cards. The scene the speaker came to the prophet Jonah and is laid in the home of a New York professor his connection with the Listory of his peo- of anatomy, who has been induced by his ple. Mr. Butler said when God wants a man prospective son-in-law to attend a glove to go in one direction and the man rebels contest. Flying homeward after a raid by to go in one direction and the man rebels trouble is fiable to ensue as it did in Jonah's case. Jonah was also too much for the stere-opticon as the hydrogen failed and the speaker was compelled to complete his lecture without the illustrations.

He told how the kingdom was reunited a visit, and from his efforts to maintain his too didest at 10 in octoock this morning and were discharged.

The jury was locked up at 2 o'clock this morning. It was rumored at that time that it stood nine for conviction and three for acquital and it was also rumored, though it cannot be authoritatively stated, that at the conclusion the jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquital fighter.

While the cover of the menu card was a linerstate traffic and rates less than those beautiful thing to look upon, it was not a shown on the put shed tariffs filed with cline from that time, the speaker illustrating old maid, two lovable daughters of the professor and a pretty servant girl, to all of whom Jones makes himself agreeable. Harry Corson Clarke as Jones fulfills all

> has visited. He has ample scope in which to display his talent and his dry, droll way can hardly help but win favor with the most critical audience. Henry Hockey as denced a keen sense of art in the portrayal of her part. Florence Marion as Clssy, the natural way. The part of Helma, the Swedish servant, was considerably overdrawn. Miss Olive Snider, who has a rich soprand voice, sang one of Mr. Clarke's own compositions in a way that won her several recalls As a whole the entire company is admirably adapted to the amusing piece.

There will be a special Christmas matines today and the piece will continue until Friday evening, when Frank Daniels comes for three performances.

There is an act performed by three beautiful and shapely young women at the Creighton-Orpheum theater this week that raises distinction of being the banner class and to women are the three Macarte sisters, billed one of the members. Nellie Kelley, was as the most marvelous exponents of the art greeting. Some of the little folks who spoke serve. The three perform on a slender were: Will Holtz, Irene Tetaw, Harry Koch, swinging wire at one time. They do splits, kneel, sit down and do all manner of difficult movements with an easy grace. One ward from a trapeze at either side of the stage. In this position they hold the ends of the walking wire in their teeth while the third walks the wire and the three play musical instruments at the same time. Nothing approaching this act has ever been

seen here. "In a Came of Wits" an abridged version of the comedy-drama, "By Wits Outwitted." Frank Wesson, Lottie Walters, Frankie Jones, Margaret Show and Billy Marble, known as the five Castilians, have a comedietta that gives each ample scope for the display of their talents in the comedy line. There is a snap and vigor in the people that keeps the movement of the little play scintillating all the time. It is a most amusing bit of play writing, humorous situ ations and droll climaxes succeeding each other throughout its length. By the way Frankie Jones in the drama itself was its bright particular star for two seasons.

The gallery gods last night, and they were all there, went crazy over the rough and tumble work of those hard-working knockabout comedians, Topack and Steele. An appreciable lot of applause was re ceived by the team from the lower floors also. It must have made that veteran minstrel, E. M. Hall, feel coltish again dience gave him on his entrance. With his songs and banjo playing and funny storie Hall kept the audience in the best of humor several minutes after the time for his act to expire. Harry Allister, billed as the man with 100 faces, showed about ten of them to the audience last night and among son and Schley and other history creator

John and Bertha Gleason are two of the neatest and most graceful dancers that Omaha audiences have seen for many a day They were given fulsome endorsement by their auditors. Ordway and Rand, two clever acrobats, performed a great many remark they had better settle their differ- wheel was ridden in all sorts of positions Rand was given credit by several profes sional bicyclists, who witnessed his work last night, of being the cleverest trick rider advice when Case encountered them on his in the country. His work and that of his partner certainly showed a masterful control of the tricky vehicle. Bartell and Morris, two young men possessing good volces, used them to good advantage in to a neighboring house and sent for medicat duet singing and also made pleasing music on a number of strange musical instruments. Their execution on these instruments showed them to be municians of culture. An extra matinee will be given at this theater this afternoon.

TURKEY FOR THE DELINQUENTS Prisoners at the City and County

Jails Get a Feast that Makes Them Temporarily Happy.

At the county jail there was a big spread that was fit to set before a king. The breakfast was served at the usual hour and was not out of the ordinary. The big meal of the day, however, came at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. To begin with there were twenty big turkeys, all roasted to a delicate brown and served with boiled potatoes and cranberry sauce. Then there were a mince pie, andy, nuts and coffee. This was the feast that Sheriff McDonald had prepared for his 50 guests. For weeks the Indians in the county jai

save been counting the days before Christ

yesterday they got it in the most liberal quantities. The food was dished up in the kitchen and sent out into the big room in great platters, each apparently containing enough for two men. In almost every instance the Indians stowed away the alday this year the usual holiday crowds were lotted quantity, but none of them called for not present at the local playhouses yester- more. When the mince pie came the red men made havoc, but they all got what they wanted, as Jatler Shand allowed each man a quarter of a big pie. After dinner Boyd's was crowded and the lower floor cigars were passed and later on the prisoners were treated to apples, a barrel of the legally celebrated today and both theaters fruit having been relied in and distributed. When the men and women went to bed last tory of God's Chosen People." After the no doubt the regular Christmas crowds will night they voted Christmas a great success and most of them admitted that it had been the most enjoyable one that they had experi-Comedies of all kinds and descriptions enced in years.

The prisoners of the city jail were given a good dinner in order that they might not forget entirely that it was Christmas. They

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tion and five for acquital.

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