OPPOSE ADVANCE IN RATES

Missouri Valley Shippers Organize to Protect Mutual Interests.

FORTY DELEGATES MEET AT KANSAS CITY

Organization is Perfected by Election of Officers—A. C. Smith of Omaha Chosen One of the Vice Presidents.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Forty delegates from the Commercial clubs of Omaha, St. Joseph, Atchison and Kansas City met in executive session in the Commercial club rooms here today to formally protest against the proposed increase of freight rates by re-lassification. The delegates were selected from the transportation committees of the various clubs and the purpose of the meeting was to unite of the Missouri river cities in a permanent organization for mutual protection. This purpose was accomplished by the organization of the Missouri River Shippers' association with headquarters in Kansas City.

These officers were elected: W. W. Wheeler, St. Joseph, president; vice presidents, J. T. Richards, Kansas City; Ed E. Smith, St. Joseph; A. C. Smith, Omaha; W. F. Dolan, Atchison; W. N. Todd, Leavenworth; O. O. Fullerton, Sioux City. W. P. Trickett of Kansas City was elected secretary and treasurer. The executive committee consists of those named and in additional, Samuel M. Nave, H. M. Hunley, St. Joseph; O. Y. Wilson, Jacob Barzen, Frank A. Faxon, Euclid Martin, C. H. Pickens, F. P. Kirkendall. The details of the organization were left to the executive committee.

The St. Joseph delegation included E. C. Smith, J. C. Letts, R. W. Parnell, E. F. Weatheimer, A. J. Warner, Louis Molter, J. J. Sheridan, J. L. Davidson, C. E. Woodbury, T. C. Byrne, W. W. Wheeler, E. M. Wray, Robert Winning, H. M. Hunley, jr., J. Moss, F. W. Maxwell, John Donovan, jr., and C. A. King. Atchison was represented by Arthur Kinney, W. F. Dolan, J. C. Postlewaite and D. E. Good. Omaha was represented by A. C. Smith and J. E. Baum.

A telegram was sent to Attorney General Griggs adding the weight of the association's influence to the movement to block the attempt at reclassification and strong resolutions were adopted protesting against any increase in rates, which will be fought with all the power of the association. The discussion was all in line with the opening address of W. P. Trickett of the Kansas City Transportation bureau, who said the principal complaint against the increase in freight rates in the proposed classification was that the widening of the difference between carload and less than carload ratings would result in loss of business to all trade centers. He explained this by saying that the traffic of all jobbing points was practically in less than carload lots and the higher the rate the greater the tendency to restrict the trade area of the jobbing centers. This has the effect of driving the country merchant to the nearest market, thus depriving the jobbing centers of the patronage that the rates now in force insure.

NEW RATES WILL GO INTO EFFECT.

Trunk Line Officials Will Take Up Matter with Merchants Later.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—As a result of the protest of merchants against the reclassification of merchandise by the railways and of interviews of members of the Merchants' association in this city with trunk line officials, the latter have said that this classification will go into effect January 1, but they have promised that the matter of a readjustment of classification which it is claimed by the merchants will hurt their business, will be taken up again by the traffic officials and executive officers of the roads, who will sift every grievance to the bottom and meet the merchants half way in making proper readjustment.

The merchants have asked the classification committee to call a meeting of that committee for January 22, for the purpose of taking this matter up and considering grievances. They have put it at that date so as to give three weeks' operation to the new classification, by which time each merchant ought to know just how this reclassification will work in practice and the railroads ought to have some more definite knowledge as to how it will affect them.

RATE CASE IS UP TO GRIGGS.

Testimony About Combination to Increase Freight Rates Submitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Interstate Commerce commission decided today to comply with the request of the shippers of freight to transmit to the attorney general of the United States a transcript of evidence taken before the commission last week on the increase in rates on classified freight by the official classification commission.

The shippers in their petition urged that the testimony taken showed a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. Their desire is that the attorney general shall take action by injunction or otherwise to restrain the roads from putting the classification into effect on January 1.

OUTSIDE LINES MAY JOIN

Western Passenger Association Meets to Agree to a Division of the Business.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—General passenger agents of all the lines in the Western Passenger association and the four outside roads, the Wisconsin Central, the Northwestern, Minneapolis & St. Louis, and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, met here today to settle, if possible, the Chicago-St. Paul rate difficulties and to reach an agreement on the division of business, the chief stumbling block in the way of the affiliation of the outside lines with the association. It is considered probable that this object will have been accomplished before the meeting adjourns, as the Wisconsin Central, which heretofore has steadfastly refused to join the association has announced its willingness to come in with the other roads, providing it is given a fair proportion of the business. No serious trouble is anticipated in reaching an agreement on this question.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL HOLDS OUT.

Only Road Unwilling to Join Western Passenger Association.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—General passenger agents of the Chicago-St. Paul lines of the Western Passenger association today decided to recommend to the executive officers of their lines that the "gentlemen's agreement" to maintain normal tariffs between Chicago and St. Paul be extended to cover the first month of the year. The new agreement was based upon honor and was to have expired with the present year.

The general passenger agents instructed Chairman McLeod to continue his efforts to have the outside lines—the Wisconsin Central, the Great Western and the Minneapolis & St. Louis—brought into the fold. The St. Paul has expressed its willingness to rejoin the association as soon as the three competitors become members.

The Wisconsin Central seems to be the only road to hold back at this time, but the prospects for its taking up membership are brighter now than ever before.

The Great Western and the Minneapolis & St. Louis say they are ready to affix their names to an agreement if the Wisconsin Central obligates itself to the association lines. It is said that while the Wisconsin Central's terms have not been changed, the association roads look upon them in a more kindly manner than they did when the hostilities were at their height.

PAUL MORTON DENIES A REPORT.

Not to Be President of the Reorganized Pittsburg & Gulf.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Paul Morton, second vice president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, today denied most positively that he is to be president of the reorganized Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf road. Morton said there was not a particle of truth in the published reports to that effect.

OVER RIVER ON STREET CARS

Quincy Route Makes Arrangements for Transportation of Its Passengers.

A. J. Bandy, general passenger agent of the Omaha & St. Louis railway, is in the city from Kansas City to perfect arrangements for the transportation of passengers for Omaha coming over the Omaha & St. Louis local train from Quincy. This train runs only to the Union Pacific transfer in Council Bluffs, and heretofore passengers have been brought to Omaha via one of the Union Pacific dummy trains. As this service will be discontinued after January 1 other arrangements necessarily had to be made. Speaking of this matter Mr. Bandy said:

"Our local train from Quincy arrives in Council Bluffs at 8:35 in the evening and passengers for Omaha have been brought over the river on the Union Pacific bridge train, which left Council Bluffs immediately after our arrival. I had a conference with Union Pacific officials regarding the continuance of this train, but could not promise them sufficient business to justify the expense necessary to continue its operation. Our passengers will not suffer any inconvenience, however, as they can be brought to Omaha via the Omaha and Council Bluffs street car line. A street car leaves the Union Pacific transfer in the Bluffs shortly after the arrival of our Quincy train and passengers for Omaha will use the car instead of the dummy train. They will be transported at a less expense than at present, as the fare charged by the bridge train is 25 cents, while the street car fare is only 10 cents. This entitles the passenger to a transfer to any point in Omaha and consequently is a saving of 20 cents to the majority of passengers."

Absorbs Two Indiana Railroads.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad was held today, and propositions submitted and agreed upon for the purchase of the capital stock, railway property, corporate rights and franchises of the Evansville, Terre Haute & Chicago Railway company, and the Indiana Block Coal Railroad company. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois had operated both roads for some time under a ninety-nine year lease. Both roads were heavily mortgaged.

Clark to Manage Iowa Central.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 27.—The appointment of Thomas E. Clark as general manager of the Iowa Central railroad will be officially announced tomorrow and will be effective January 1. Clark has been trainmaster and general superintendent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis road for the last eighteen years, with headquarters at Minneapolis.

Discuss Transcontinental Rates.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Transcontinental passenger men met in this city today and discussed the difficulties that have risen from the old differential question. The meeting went to show that the prospects for an amicable settlement of the troubles are as dim now as they ever before have been.

Lease Road to New York Central.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Boston & Albany stockholders today voted in favor of the lease of the road to the New York Central, the vote standing: Yes, 186,652; no, 15,197.

Railway Notes and Personals.

Charles Clifford, general agent of the Union Pacific at Butte, is a visitor in the city.

A. E. Carter, agent for the Sioux City & Northern in Sioux City, is a visitor in Omaha.

General Agent J. A. Kuhn of the Northwestern has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

The Burlington had two extra cars attached to its Lincoln train yesterday. They were occupied by teachers enroute to attend the educational convention in Lincoln.

W. N. Babcock, general western freight agent of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, is in the city from Chicago, visiting his friends. Mrs. Babcock accompanies him.

J. A. Munroe, freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific, returned from Kansas City, where he had spent Christmas with relatives. He was accompanied by Mrs. Munroe.

William O. Carr, traveling freight agent of the Erie Dispatch, with headquarters at Indianapolis, is in the city visiting Henry P. Potter and other friends. Mr. Carr was formerly connected with the local office of the Erie Dispatch as contracting agent.

It is reported that Omaha will be invaded during the present week by a number of the officials and representatives of the freight and passenger departments of the Illinois Central. Their visit is for the purpose of becoming acquainted with Omaha railroad and commercial men.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY is now open and ready to receive all classes of freight and forward with despatch, to all points in the NORTH, EAST and SOUTH. Freight depot located at Eleventh and Chicago streets, Omaha, and on Ninth street, between Broadway and First avenue, Council Bluffs.

Announcements.

"A Colonial Girl," with Mr. Howard Gould, be who made such a good impression on theater-goers last season in "The Prisoner of Zenda," will be presented at Boyd's theater tonight and for the remainder of the week. The piece is a Frohman production and tells a story of colonial times, the hero being an officer in the continental army. Almost all the male characters are military men, either British or American, a fact that will lend brilliant coloring to a stage picture.

Tonight will be Omaha Guards night at the Creighton-Orpheum, the management having decided to give a benefit performance for this popular military organization. A large number of tickets have been sold by the members of the company and an exceptionally large audience is assured. Tomorrow night will be amateur night. Medals will be awarded to the best amateur performers. Among the amateurs who will appear are the following: W. E. Cornwell, Webster and LeRoy, Harry and Lee, Blanche Woodward, J. T. Owens, Billy Murphy, Andy J. Cochran and F. Kibben, Elsa Anita Beemer and the three Garneel sisters.

Fight for Custody of Child.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The Chronicle says that Albert Sydney Johnson and his wife of New Orleans are having trouble in this city over the custody of their son, aged about 10 years. Several days ago, it is stated, Mr. Johnson kidnaped the child. Yesterday Mrs. Johnson discovered her son and took him back to her hotel. Late in the night Johnson secured a writ of habeas corpus from Judge Cook, which Under Sheriff Martin served a little after midnight, taking possession of the boy, who is to be produced in court. The husband, wife and child passed the night at the Palace hotel, the boy being in custody of the sheriff, who did not desire to take him to prison.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough Cure for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe." Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Another Democratic Candidate for Mayor Makes His Appearance.

COUNCILMAN CLINGEN WANTS PLACE

Republicans Take Advantage of the Discord in Democratic Ranks to Lay Their Plans to Win the Fight.

Another democratic candidate for mayor has made his appearance. This time it is Councilman Harry Clingen, who figures that he can secure the undivided support of the packing house, where he is employed, and he thinks that his personal friends in the other wards will see him through. Tom Hoctor is also casting his eye at the mayor's chair, and if reports are true he is not averse to making a run for the office, provided he can get the nomination. As usual Ed Johnston of the Fourth ward is in the race, but then Johnston is always running for some office, and his friends are not inclined to seriously consider his candidacy. The Twenty-fourth street paving deal, which Johnston is credited with having manipulated, is one of the topics uppermost in the taxpayers' minds just now, and that is why Johnston may be relegated to the rear when the time for making nominations comes around.

From what can be learned several delegations will undoubtedly be in the field at the spring primaries. The reform members of the democracy are figuring on putting up a delegation, while of course the Hoctor-Johnston faction will name a delegation, as well as the Ensor faction. It is predicted that the fight to be made at the primaries will be between the three factions mentioned and fences are already being fixed up for the contest.

The republicans are taking advantage of the discord in the democratic ranks and are quietly laying their plans to elect a republican mayor, clerk and treasurer. At the present time it looks as if the choice of a candidate for mayor lies between Dr. W. H. Slabaugh, Councilman W. A. Bennett and J. B. Watkins. These men are favorably known, and any one of the trio can undoubtedly be elected if the campaign is properly handled. For city treasurer the republicans have virtually settled upon City Clerk Carpenter, and party leaders are casting about for a suitable candidate for city clerk. The financial condition of the city demands that a thorough business man be selected for mayor, and this the republicans and reform forces will try to do. While the city is acknowledged to be democratic, it is thought that by making a hard campaign the whole republican ticket can be elected.

Preparing for Derr's Hearing.

Assistant County Attorney Dunn spent some time in the city yesterday looking up witnesses and evidence in the Derr-Flaherty shooting case. Ryan and Conroy, who roomed at the Derr flat, are out on bail and can be had at any time. The other witnesses to the shooting have also been located. Coroner Swanson caused an autopsy to be held on the remains of Flaherty yesterday, and the physicians conducting the same will be among the witnesses at both the inquest and the preliminary hearing. An effort will be made to hold the inquest today, but Coroner Swanson stated yesterday afternoon that the date could not positively be set on account of the many engagements of the county attorney. In case it is found impossible to hold the inquest today it will be held Friday.

The county attorney will not file an information against Derr until after the inquest is held. While the inquest will be held in Omaha, Derr's preliminary hearing will be held in the police court here.

Derr is very anxious to get out on bond and his friends have been importuning Judge Babcock to issue an order for his release. Judge Babcock cannot do this until a complaint is filed. Friends of Derr assert that he will have little trouble in securing bail after the preliminary hearing is over, providing the complaint is one that admits of bonds being taken. Mrs. Derr is distracted over her husband's incarceration and is urging her friends to take steps toward securing his release.

Corn'ed Cattle Late in Coming.

This is the dull season of the year at the stock yards and packing houses. On account of light receipts packing house employes are working on broken time, and it will be fifteen or twenty days yet before heavy shipments of corn-fed cattle will commence to arrive. On account of the fine condition of the ranges last summer fall cattle were held back and allowed to harden on the cured grass. This holding back of range cattle caused the feed lots to be filled a month later than usual, and consequently very few corn-fed cattle are now ready for market. Live stock dealers here figure that February, March and April will be the heavy months for corn-fed stock, and a large increase in receipts over the corresponding months of 1898 is looked for. In connection with the cattle business, Thomas A. Darling, a prominent cattleman of northern Montana, said in a recent interview:

"We are coming to a serious point in the cattle business in Montana. During the dull cattle market of three years and more ago a large majority of stockmen were forced to dispose of their young stock. The last three years of prosperity have brought us to a realization of our mistake, even though we had to dispose of other property to make ends meet. There is not a cattleman in Montana who is not trying to buy young breeding stock, and thousands of head will be imported from other districts the coming year."

Work on Sidewalks Stopped.

A couple of weeks ago the city council passed a resolution instructing John Linahan to proceed at once with the laying of permanent sidewalks on Twenty-fourth street from N to Q and on Q street from Twenty-fourth west to Thirty-third. Just after this resolution was passed cold weather set in and now this work will have to go over until the frost is out of the ground. City Engineer Beal says that there is no use in trying to lay permanent walks now as the ground is too hard to be worked, and a smooth surface for sand and brick cannot be obtained. With the opening of spring this class of work will be pushed and several new permanent sidewalk districts will be created.

Catalogue for Public Library.

Director Beck of the Public Library Board is preparing a catalogue of the books now in the library and when this is completed the work of selecting books will be greatly facilitated. Additions to the catalogue will be made as often as new books are received. Quite a number of people are now borrowing books from the library, and several dozen have made applications for cards. Within a short time the library will be running in first-class shape. While donations of books are not solicited, the directors will feel grateful for gifts of books or periodicals.

Magic City Gossip.

C. W. Martin is recovering from his recent sickness.

Justice-elect Caldwell is preparing to open an office in the Pioner block.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lesure, Thirtieth and R streets, report the birth of a son.

Harry Christie is getting a little better, but is still confined to his room.

Miss Anna Hunter, a teacher in the public schools, is reported to be quite sick.

On Friday evening Miss Clark and Miss Edna VanArman will entertain the graduating class of '99 at Twenty-fourth and R streets.

Miss Cora Gosney will resign her position in the public schools about January 1.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNamara, Thirty-first and R streets.

Patrick J. Barrett, ex-member of the city council, has retired from the real estate business.

The live stock market here will be open for business on New Year's day the same as usual.

Miss Jennie Graham, Twenty-third and J streets, is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Mrs. E. Stansbery, who died at Fort Crook yesterday, will be buried at the Bellevue cemetery this afternoon.

Miss Laura Rodersdorf and Miss Edith Bennett are up from Lincoln spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Green of Atlantic, Ia., are the guests of their daughters, Mrs. A. J. Caughey and Mrs. Len Pinnell.

Colonel J. C. Sharp, secretary of the Union Stock Yards company, has returned from West Baden, Ind., where he spent two weeks.

The Ladies' circle of the First Methodist Episcopal church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. George Chace, Twenty-third and K streets.

O. A. Brown of Topeka, Kan., has been placed in charge of Cudahy's pharmaceutical department, which will be reopened about January 1.

Tuesday evening Judge Babcock married Henry E. Swelgard and Miss Mary Jindar at the new home of the couple, Thirty-second and R streets.

It is reported that the Cudahy Packing company has placed an order for half a dozen automobiles, to be used in delivering meats in this city and Omaha.

P. C. Dunham of Dunlap, Ia., had the honor of shipping the first load of stock to this market over the Illinois Central road. The hogs came across the river over the East Omaha bridge and arrived at the yards in good shape.

The cold snap has put a stop to work on the new school building at Twentieth and O streets. Architect Kiewit said yesterday that with one week of mild weather the bricklaying can be completed and the structure will then be ready for the roof.

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

Painters Elect Officers.

Painters' union, No. 109, met for election of officers Wednesday night in Washington hall. The men who will guide the interests of the vigorous organization for the coming year are: Nell Svengaard, president; T. F. Gilliam, vice president; Bert Bush, recording secretary; J. C. Russell, financial secretary; John Korff, conductor; John Goettsche, warden. W. H. Bell, Nell Svengaard and J. C. Russell were chosen to represent the body in the Central Labor union. A. C. Smith was re-elected delegate to the Building and Trades union. W. H. Bell, delegate to the national convention, made a verbal report of his trip east, which was listened to with much interest by the members of the lodge.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Burglars entered the barber shop of W. A. Allen, 133 Dodge street, Tuesday night and carried away several razors and hair clippers.

Mabel Wilkenson, the girl who ran away from St. Bernard's hospital in Council Bluffs, was captured by the police on this side of the river and returned.

Five boys were arrested Tuesday afternoon in a cave near Fifteenth and Ohio streets. They are charged with helping themselves to a chair and sofa from Reed's barn with which to fix up their cave.

Two runaway boys, Max Glessner and Rudolph Morravey, who were brought into the police station, are found to belong in St. Paul. Their parents have notified the police to hold them until they send instructions.

Yesterday was St. John's day in Masonry, the biggest anniversary among members of that order, and several Omaha Masons went to Plattsmouth in the evening to aid in the celebration of the festival by Plattsmouth lodge No. 6.

C. K. Smith, a traveling man from Tippecanoe City, O., has had an express driver named Henry Omstead arrested on the charge of stealing three whips from a sample case given by Smith to deliver to the Webster street station.

A daughter has been born to William R. Lighton, the author of "Sons of Strength" and numerous short stories. Mr. Lighton, who lived in Florence, Neb., for several years, now resides at 1363 South Twenty-ninth street in this city.

Quite a number of business men who have manifested an interest in the new home patronage bureau of the Commercial club assembled at the club rooms last evening, but the place was not lighted and no preparations had evidently been made by the officers of the bureau for a meeting.

At the meeting of Nebraska lodge No. 1 of Masons held on Tuesday the master's degree was conferred upon John Q. Goss, N. R. Wilcox, William Robinson, F. E. Caldwell, D. H. Wheeler, sr., J. R. Stafford, E. B. Duffie, O. R. Allen, B. F. Thomas, J. D. Howe and W. S. Felker. After the close of the lodge room work members and visitors to the number of nearly 200 marched to the banquet rooms, where a sumptuous luncheon was spread.

Work on the new Cass school is being pushed rapidly and nine rooms of the building will be ready for occupancy when school reopens next week. The plastering is all in place and the interior is being rapidly dried by artificial heat. While the new building has been in course of construction the pupils have occupied rooms at Eleventh and Harney streets. The quarters have been occupied jointly with pupils of the Dodge school, now used as the city jail.

Secretary Utt of the Commercial club has gone to Kansas City to attend the meeting of Missouri river jobbers to protest against the proposed increase in western railway tariffs and the raising of classifications. Omaha is not understood to be making any protest, as the advance in tariffs is said to be chiefly on shipments in small lots, which may not be a disadvantage to Omaha jobbers, but Secretary Utt attends the meeting to learn anything that may develop.

Joseph Delenick, a laborer, whose home is near Fourth and Walnut streets, was brought into the city from Paxton, Neb., Tuesday, where he has been suffering from an accident received near that town December 16. Delenick attempted to board a moving Union Pacific train and fell under the wheels, crushing one foot and severing one toe from the other foot. On his arrival here he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. J. Cox of El Paso, Tex., is an Omaha visitor.

William Moser, a Chicago shoe man, is in the city.

R. W. Grant, an architect of Beatrice, is in town.

Joseph M. Cudahy, from Chicago, is at the Her Grand.

C. M. Betts, a St. Paul horseman, is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fisher are guests of Mrs. Arthur Tinto.

R. M. Allen, interested in the Ames beet sugar factory, is in town.

H. H. Miller, a druggist from Lincoln, is in the city for a few days.

H. C. Rountree of Lincoln is in the city calling on some of his friends.

M. J. Fell, a prominent western stockman, is registered at the Merchants.

George L. Platt and C. E. Tebbetts of Beatrice are visiting in the city.

George T. Odell, representing the Illinois Central railway, is in the city on business connected with the road.

D. D. Kennedy, representing the Cudahy Packing company in Florida, is in town on business connected with the firm.

E. A. Smith, assistant secretary of the Young Men's Christian association at Grand Island, is in the city visiting Ben W. Kean.

A. E. Smith and wife of New York are at the Millard hotel. Mr. Smith is one of the eastern representatives of the Armour Packing company.

Madame Nevada and party, consisting of her husband, Dr. Ray Palmer, Miss Mignon Palmer, Charles G. Young, manager; Leonia Bleumenberg, 'cellist; Selden M. Pratt, pianist; maid and valet are at the Millard hotel.

Mrs. Edward Bridenbecker has been very ill since the birth of a son last Thursday and grave fears are entertained for her recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Bridenbecker make their home at the Bachelors' Quarters on Farnam street.

MUSIC.

Two notable events of musical interest transpired Wednesday in the Boyd theater, one being under the regular management and the second in connection with the popular Y. M. C. A. course.

The size of the audience which assembled to greet Madam Nevada, the great and renowned singer, who was the star at the matinee, was no particular credit to the refined musical taste of the city. The fact that the engagement was for one matinee only does not excuse the slimness of the house and it is to be hoped that the customary complaint about lack of superior attractions will not be heard on this occasion, inasmuch as it has again been proved that there are not enough people in Omaha to patronize a superb artist more than about once a year.

Nevada is a magnificent exponent of the pure old-master style of Italian singing. Rarely, if ever, has it fallen to the lot of a resident student of voice culture to hear such a carefully trained, well poised and thoroughly beautiful voice, together with the acme of brilliant colorature and the delicacy of tone production. The wonderful manner in which she developed the tone quality from a still, but resonant pianissimo, to a ringing forte, was in itself example worthy of the average singer's imitation.

Her program was well selected and her responses to the insistent demands of the discriminating audience were most graciously given. Mr. Bleumenberg, a 'cellist of well-known ability and professional standing, contributed some interesting numbers. The accompaniments, which were played by Mr. Selden Pratt, a finely talented pianist, were gems of artistic beauty and his solo playing was acceptable.

At the evening concert the theater was packed to its utmost capacity and scores of people were refused admission at the box office, where the sale had been discontinued some time before the hour of beginning the program.

The chief feature of the program was the pianoforte of the very popular William Sherwood. Mr. Sherwood is not a stranger to the musical people of Omaha and the applause accorded to him many times during the concert testified that the people wanted him more than ever. Whether it was due to the immensity of the audience and the consequent enthusiasm or the mood of the artist, deponent sayeth not, but the great American pianist seemed greater than ever. His technique, his style and his absolute finish are sufficiently well known and approved and require no extended gratulation. The numbers selected by him were such as appealed to his audience.

Mrs. Clara Murray, harpist, was enthusiastically received and contributed a great amount of enjoyment.

Miss Van Fursch, a violinist, who made her first appearance here, was given a splendid reception. Her tone was rich and her technique satisfying. She plays with much sentiment.

It was somewhat of a disappointment to be obliged to forego the soprano solo work of the program, but Madam Ragna Linne was suffering from a severe cold and the number which she did offer was not a criterion of her work.

The concert was an educational and interesting contribution to the musical collection of the season's presentations.

MOTHER KIDNAPS HER CHILD

After Twelve Years' Abandonment She Runs Away with Her Daughter.

Thirteen-year-old Nantie Hansen was kidnaped by her mother Tuesday afternoon and taken to Lincoln. The bright, flaxen-haired, blue-eyed girl remonstrated to such a degree that some one notified the police and the couple were stopped at the Lincoln depot and held by the authorities there until the girl's friends here could be notified. Since her first birthday Nantie Hansen has been abandoned by her mother and has lived with Miss Gragerson at 1436 Westerfield avenue, in this city. The child has been occasionally visited by her mother, but it has never been suggested that she be taken from Miss Gragerson's care.

Tuesday the mother called on the girl and asked that she be allowed to take her down town and buy her a Christmas present. Miss Gragerson gave her consent and that was the last seen of the couple.

Miss Gragerson has become very much attached to the child during her twelve years of adoption and says that she will make every demand for her return to her.

Southwest Improvement Club.

The Southwest Improvement club met Wednesday night in its hall at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets. The greater part of the evening was given over to the discussion of the widening and straightening of Twenty-fourth between Mason and Pacific streets and a committee, consisting of Councilman Mount, J. F. Behm, William Mulvahill and Byron R. Hastings, was appointed to present the matter to the city council, with a request that the street be straightened before the building of the Twenty-fourth street bridge. A series of resolutions were adopted thanking the retiring president of the club, W. H. Green, for his services in presiding over the club and his efforts in its behalf. A letter was read from George N. Brown, a member of the club now in California for his health, in which he commended the officers of the club and the way in which it was conducted and spoke highly of its possibilities. It was decided that the next meeting, January 19, would be devoted to the discussion of the municipal ownership of water works and that a good speaker would be asked to present the subject.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses for marriages were issued as follows Wednesday:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Roy Noyes, Missouri Valley	21
Fannie Crowder, Missouri Valley	21
Carl F. Bergman, Omaha	29
Mrs. Sofie Peterson, Omaha	33
Obe J. Wright, Glenwood, Ia	21
Emily C. Black, Glenwood, Ia	21
James A. Wells, Shawnee, Okla	27
Elizabeth M. Weitz, South Omaha	27
Paul Jack, Albright	21
Anna Wetzel, South Omaha	18

Small Fire.

The fluffy cotton, bespangled with diamond dust to represent snow, in one of the windows of John Hussle's hardware store at 207 Cuming street caught fire in some unaccountable manner Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock and there was a sprightly conflagration of a few moments' duration for the delectation of passing pedestrians. The fire department was called out, but the damage was confined to a few toys and some fancy articles worth but a small sum.

RECEIVED STOLEN PROPERTY

Junk Dealer is Arrested on the Charge of Buying Stolen Goods.

L. Harding, who runs a junk shop at Twenty-third and Izard streets, was arrested Tuesday night, charged with receiving and concealing stolen property. The trouble was caused by the police finding in his possession two brass soda tanks lately stolen by a boy named Albert McLain. Harding, the police say, was warned about a year ago to buy nothing more from McLain. At that time McLain stripped the fixtures from the soda fountain belonging to C. J. Canans at the Twentieth street entrance to the exposition grounds and sold them at Harding's junk shop, where they were traced by Officers Johnson and Gibbons. Last spring McLain was arrested on a complaint filed by Harding on the charge of stealing junk from a freight car. He was found guilty in the police court and placed under $700 bonds. With Harding's knowledge of these affairs the police say that his buying tanks from McLain that were stamped with the name of the Star Bottling works will make quite a serious charge.

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