NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells glass.

Fine A. B. C. beer, Neumayer's hotel.

Weisbach burners at Bixby's. Tel. 153.

Budweiser beer, L. Rosenfeldt, agent.

Gravel roofing. A. H. Read, 541 B way.

Miss Lucille Norman is visiting friends in South Omaha.

Dr. W. A. Gervais, osteopath, 304 Merriam block, Council Bluffs.

The place to have your framing done, Alexander's Art emporium.

Get your work done at the popular Eagle laundry, 724 Broadway. 'Phone 157.

City Engineer Etnyre is spending the holidays with relatives in Oregon, Ill.

W. C. Estep, undertaker, 28 Pearl street. Telephones: Office, 97; residence, 33.

Lodge No. 86, Star of Jupiter, will meet in regular session tonight in Woodman of the World hall.

G. M. Kellogg, chief of the fire department, at Sioux City, was an Elk guest in the city yesterday.

The Enthusiastic club will meet this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Sackett, 116 Third avenue.

Sheridan coal makes a large flame and clear fire but no smoke, soot or clinkers. Fenlon & Foley, sole agents.

The case against Chester Egbert, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was continued by Judge Aylesworth in police court yesterday until Saturday morning.

The preliminary hearing of Fred H. Hanson, charged with breaking into and robbing the residence of Alvin Huster, was continued in police court yesterday until Saturday.

E. W. Caldwell, city editor of the Sioux City Times and one of the best known newspaper men in the state of Iowa and South Dakota, was in the city yesterday assisting in the Elks' festivities.

Fritz Bernhardi, Robert Bernhardi and Edward Kelly, three of the Sunday working barbers, charged by the Barbers' Protective association with violating the Sabbath closing law, were each fined $1 and costs in the superior court. The cases will be at once appealed to the district court.

J. T. Harrihan, second vice president; A. H. Hanson, general passenger agent; T. J. Hudson, traffic manager; W. E. Keepers, general freight agent for the northern and western lines, comprised a party of Illinois Central officials who were in the city yesterday making arrangements for the inauguration of the through passenger service between this city and Chicago.

The announcement contained in the telegraph dispatch from Chicago that the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad had purchased over 15,000 acres of zinc lands in Arkansas is of more than passing interest to a large number of Council Bluffs people. The Ozark Zinc and Lead Mining company of this city, the stockholders of which are nearly all residents of this city, own 5,000 acres of zinc lands in the vicinity of the property purchased by the railroad company.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250.

MISS MABEL WILKINSON FOUND.

Truant Girl Discovered in Omaha and Detained by the Police.

The police received word yesterday that Mabel Wilkinson, the young woman who made her escape from St. Bernard's hospital about two weeks ago, has been found in Omaha and is being detained at the police station pending an investigation into her sanity. Miss Wilkinson claims she is perfectly sane and her actions and appearance, it is said, indicate that she is. She does not want to be sent back to the hospital here and has asked that she be examined by a competent board of insanity commissioners.

In telling the story of her escape from the hospital, Miss Wilkinson says that after climbing through the window of the music room, where she was practicing a piece for the Christmas entertainment, she ran to Broadway, where she met two men who stopped her and asked her what she was doing on the streets without a hat or wraps. One of the men went to get her a cloak, but she was afraid of being taken back to the hospital, so she ran away from the man who had stayed with her after his companion had gone for the cloak. She turned down a side street, and seeing a man coming towards her, hid in a barn until he had passed by. She then made her way back to Broadway, where she met an elderly man who gave her a dime to pay her carfare across the river. Since she has been in Omaha she has been living with a colored family.

The young woman, who is of rather prepossessing appearance, was sent to St. Bernard's hospital from Deadwood, S. D., about three months ago by her parents, who were unable to control her. It is said that during the exposition, she ran away from home and was found, after considerable trouble, in Omaha in a rooming house.

Tuesday night of this week Officer Ryan saw her standing near the corner of Eleventh and Farnam streets, Omaha. He spoke to her and told her she had better go home, as it was getting late. She walked on, but came back again, and then she was taken to the station. The girl was taken back to the hospital Wednesday afternoon, and will be kept there. She seems to be perfectly sane at times and her only idiosyncrasy seems to be that of stealing away from home.

Veterans to Be Entertained.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the veterans of the civil war and their families, provided by the generosity of General G. M. Dodge, will be held tomorrow evening in the Grand Army of the Republic hall. N. P. Dodge will preside and the following program will be carried out:

Music, drum corps; song, "America," audience; invocation, Rev. G. W. Snyder; solo, Miss Lida McFadden; recitation, Miss Cora Gretzer; address, Judge Carson; solo, Miss Sylvia Snyder; recitation, Miss Hazel Brown; duet, Misses McFadden and Hoon; dialogue, Claud Smith, John McMahan, James McMahan, Hugh Pettit, David Perine, Henry Perine, Charles Grason, Joseph Grason; recitation, Miss Jennie Gretzer; music, drum corps.

Court Notes.

Judge Thornell of the district court has set Tuesday, January 9, for hearing the application of Ervin Dryer for a permanent injunction restraining the city council from entering into a lighting contract with anyone else except himself.

Mrs. Anna H. Eden filed her petition for divorce from Cornelius O. Eden, whom she married in Chicago, April 14, 1890. She and her husband moved to Persia, this state, in the spring of 1891, and a month or so later he deserted her.

The defendant in the case of the Duncan Shoe company against the Iowa Merchants' Mutual Insurance company filed a motion yesterday for a new trial.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of J. W. Squire, 101 Pearl street:

Council Bluffs Savings bank to H. E. Gould, lot 4, block 8, Howard's add, w d	$ 40
Peter Longer and wife to Gustav Homesberger, e½ sw¼ 24 and nw¼ ne¼ 25-77-41, w d	5,000
John Bennett and wife to George H. Bird, 6 acres in nw¼ se¼ 28-75-43, w d	1,200
Total, three transfers	$6,840

Howell's Anti-"Kawf" cures coughs, colds.

Davis sells paints.

FARM LOANS
Negotiated in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa. James N. Casady, jr., 126 Main st., Council Bluffs.

FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES BOUGHT
For Cash or Loaned On.
E. H. SHEAFE & CO.,
5 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

HORNED ELKS OWN THE TOWN

Take Council Bluffs by Storm and Hold it All Night.

INSTALLATION OF A BIG NEW LODGE

Two Hundred and Fifty Charter Members Initiated Into the Secrets—Omaha Elks Officiate as Godfathers at the Ceremonies.

The installation Wednesday night of the officers of the newly-organized Council Bluffs lodge No. 531, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will go down in the history of the city as one of the greatest events in fraternal and secret society circles ever witnessed here. From noon yesterday until early this morning Council Bluffs was to all intents and purposes in the possession of men from whose watchchains dangled gold-mounted elks' teeth or upon the lapel of whose coats might be seen a miniature elk's head, the emblem of the order.

The fact that the new lodge, the first of its kind in Council Bluffs, was to start life with close upon 250 members, the largest charter list ever known in the history of the order, had attracted considerable attention and interest among the different lodges throughout the state and across the river. Elks from many cities throughout Iowa and from Omaha had signified their intention of being present at the ceremonies which would give the new lodge its existence and standing in the order. They kept their promise and every train brought in its quota of visiting Elks.

Headed by Huster's uniformed band, the local prospective members marched to the different depots and escorted the visitors to the Grand hotel, where the Elks' headquarters had been established. The crowd that came from Sioux City over the Northwestern attracted the most attention on the streets, as it was headed by Colonel William Barnes seated in a light road wagon and drawn by his two famous pacing elks.

The installation ceremonies were held in the large hall of the Masonic temple, which was elaborately and gorgeously decorated for the auspicious occasion. The installation was performed by Exalted Ruler Ed Mullen, Esteemed Leading Knight Lysle I. Abbott, Esteemed Loyal Knight D. M. Vinsonhaler and Esteemed Lecturing Knight Frank Crawford of Omaha lodge No. 39, assisted by about seventy-five of the members.

The officers of the new lodge installed were: Exalted ruler, John N. Baldwin; esteemed leading knight, Dr. T. B. Lacey; esteemed loyal knight, W. J. Davenport; esteemed lecturing knight, Emmet Tinley; secretary, Harry Haas; treasurer, F. A. Buckman; trustees, Lucius Wells, William Arnd and Dr. G. E. Smith.

Charter Members.

The charter list of the lodge follows:

C. E. Smith, H. Z. Haas, L. H. Greer, Geo. S. Wright, S. K. Shriver, J. M. Fenlon, C. L. Corpening, Fred D. Empkie, Emmet Tinley, S. B. Wadsworth, Joseph C. Ried, Victor E. Bender, Will C. Estep, P. R. Goodrich, L. Zurmuehlen, jr., R. C. Peregoy, W. F. Sapp, Wm. Moore, Howard F. Culver, Thomas D. Metcalf, Geo. S. Davis, John N. Baldwin, Thomas Bowman, Chas. D. Blaine, D. A. Hamilton, August Bereshein, Chas. S. Morse, H. A. Quinn, M. B. Grout, T. C. Jarvis, J. A. Gorham, F. R. Davis, J. P. Davis, W. H. Town, Fred Johnson, T. B. Lacey, John H. Mithen, Edward W. Hoyt, Robert Henderson, E. H. Merriam, J. H. Cleaver, E. H. Haworth, G. H. Mann, E. C. Brown, C. B. Atchison, Donald Macrae, jr., V. L. Treynor, G. C. Shepard, W. A. Maurer, F. A. Buckman, I. M. Treynor, F. E. Sellers, B. W. Walters, S. T. McAtee, J. B. Long, N. C. Phillips, Victor Jennings, F. T. True, B. M. Sargent, Geo. H. Mayne, E. H. Odell, J. W. Camp, John C. Woodward, W. L. Douglass, C. E. Grafton, Henry I. Foresyth, M. C. Vanderveer, Geo. H. Nicholl, I. C. Bonham, J. E. Wallace, Joseph W. Smith, Gus Louie, Ray W. Bixby, John T. Mulqueen, H. D. Brown, Chas. A. Wiley, J. F. Wilcox, Chas. R. Hannan, E. L. Empkie, N. M. Little, A. S. Hazleton, J. C. Waterman, H. A. Searle, F. H. Searle, J. P. Greenshields, H. G. Faerber, R. H. Bloomer, D. J. Clark, F. F. Everest, Geo. Gerner, Wm. Arnd, G. M. Gould, Emil H. Lefferts, James I. Henry, W. S. Reed, H. H. Van Brunt, Lucius Wells, M. L. Woolman, H. S. Jones, J. T. Stewart, jr., Fritz Bernhardi, Will F. Seidentopf, A. L. Hayes, F. T. Seybert, W. W. Hanthorn, L. C. Brackett, Wallace E. Shepard, C. R. Crockwell, H. B. Randsdall, A. Whitelaw, Frank R. Levin, John S. Gardiner, C. H. Lougee, James P. Mulqueen, Adolph Beno, H. S. West, H. S. Hutchins, W. H. Dudley, S. Farnsworth, Geo. J. Crane, J. C. Small, A. P. Hanchett, Harry Schmidt, H. B. Jennings, D. E. Walton, Geo. A. Keeline, F. H. Hill, Walter S. Stillman, F. W. Osborne, D. B. Beno, E. P. Bowman, E. W. Dana, Frank S. Haas, D. J. Rockwell, Theodore N. Peterson, C. A. Cook, J. B. Bishel, Karl Mayne, B. O. Brunington, A. T. Elwell, D. C. Smith, Samuel Haas, Edward Nelson, F. H. Keys, A. T. Bailey, Chas. Edwards, C. W. Macdonald, John W. Smith, W. M. Piper, A. J. Kelley, W. W. Loomis, H. C. Cook, F. T. Snyder, W. F. Stephan, E. J. Gilbert, A. W. Rickman, Geo. E. Williamson, J. H. Chambers, C. E. Parsons, P. Gunnoude, J. J. Hess, A. L. Etnyre, H. W. Binder, F. C. Brendel, A. J. Manderson, A. R. Ellis, Geo. S. Davis, M. L. Evans, J. W. Maguire, L. W. Kinyon, J. D. Edmundson, H. C. Beebee, Leonard Everett, H. J. Nichols, Thos. G. Green, Chas. M. Hart, R. V. Innes, E. E. Smith, F. E. Kingsbury, A. W. Casady, C. G. Saunders, W. A. Southard, J. H. Grady, L. B. Cousins, E. P. Schoentgen, A. B. Tabor, W. S. Dimmock, E. P. Lalueson, H. L. Cummings, J. J. Steadman, Wm. L. Helen, Rev. Geo. Edward Walk, W. J. Davenport, W. A. Travis, H. W. Findley, A. L. Smith, A. H. Carter, O. C. Thayer, L. Pagenstecher, E. A. Troutman, Jos. R. Reed, S. S. Faos, John P. Organ, G. A. Yancey, E. P. Johnson, Thos. E. Duggan, C. C. Yancey, C. Straub, Mar. Bouricius, Thos. E. Casady, L. C. Dunn, C. F. P. Broom, M. F. Rohrer.

From outside the city: James F. Hielman, W. F. Pierce, Carson; H. M. Bostwick, Woodbine; Claude Dye, Tabor; Harry L. Harvey, Allen Van Scoy, Logan; W. J. Burke, Missouri Valley; A. L. Ingram, Treynor; Samuel Payne, Red Oak; D. V. Fisher, Creston.

List of Visitors.

Among the visiting Elks were:

From Sioux City—A. F. Adams, W. B. McNidey, Al Crooks, Dr. G. C. Rich, Col. W. Barnes, Harry Streif, W. F. Knittle, C. B. Waterman, H. M. Birdsell, E. W. Caldwell, A. E. Carter, C. E. Turnbull, G. M. Kellogg, chief of fire department.

From Lemars—C. D. Symms, F. E. Powers, J. U. Sammis, George E. Pew, G. L. Mouton.

From Perry—F. H. Reid, A. S. Munroe, J. J. Courtney, Otis Anderson, J. J. Kelly, D. Graney, S. D. Marchree, F. Leonard, L. A. French, W. C. Kelley, H. A. Nash, C. McGee, R. Rall.

From Atlantic—S. Hoffman, jr., Arthur Walker, W. A. McWaid, W. W. Eller, J. W. Cykendall, W. A. Wilkins, A. L. Friend, O. P. Tyler, Ed Young, C. Johnson, Dr. H. D. Miller, J. H. Marshall, T. M. Turner, G. T. Spangler, W. H. Crow, W. C. Sievers, J. C. Spangler, Don McCurdy, F. M. Leet, A. Boyson, M. P. Broyson.

Following the installation and initiation ceremonies the visiting Elks and the members of the new lodge adjourned to the Grand hotel, where a banquet was served, covers being laid for 300. When the bill of fare had been paid ample homage, cigars were lighted, chairs tilted back and then the fun commenced.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following persons:

Name and Residence.	Age.
W. C. Grote, Council Bluffs	21
Clara Bockemuehl, Council Bluffs	20
Robert Corcoran, Kansas City	21
Rosa Hanrigan, Fremont, Neb	19

GOOD PLACES FOR FACTORIES

Mayors of Iowa Towns Set Forth Some of the Claims of Their Cities.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Asked as to the best business opening in this city, Mayor L. L. Tilden said: "The biggest opportunity in this city is the establishment of a starch factory to operate independently of the trust. The starch works here, and now unused, were a paying institution until it went into the combine. At the time it was conceded that better starch was made here on account of the purity of the water, than anywhere else in the state, if not in the United States. This, with the abundant supply of corn, would enable a company to produce an excellent product at a minimum cost. To operate such a concern plenty of capital would be required. Another opportunity for investment in this city is in a foundry and machine shop to handle the business of that nature which is now sent elsewhere. Some light manufacturing might be done in connection therewith. This offers opportunity for immediate return upon the investment. A pickling establishment could be operated with profit. A dozen or more large poultry farms could be made profitable with Atlantic's three wholesale houses."

HAMBURG, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mayor W. B. Houts says that, in his opinion, Hamburg is one of the best locations for the investment of capital in the state.

"We are in the midst of the great corn belt, hence it is a great stock feeding center," said the mayor. "In the more hilly portions of the county near here the soil is especially well adapted for fruit raising and gardening. Again, there is a large territory adjacent to us which is more or less subject to overflow in the spring and cannot be cultivated until late in the season, but this same ground is very productive for late vegetables for canning purposes. Again, our railroad facilities are such that we have easy access to about six large business centers, which would afford a good market for factories."

FIND MORE NEBRASKA COAL

Railroad is Now Trying to Buy the Recently Discovered Fields Near Jackson.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—A man representing one of the big lines operating in this section of the northwest was at Jackson, Neb., today trying to buy up the newly discovered coal fields in the interest of his company. That there is much coal in that section of Nebraska and within twelve miles of Sioux City is a centainty. Today a third strike was made on the Goodfellow farm. A vein of coal six feet thick was found at a depth of 162 feet. Samples were burned. On the Riley & McBride farm three strikes of wonderful coal have been made, over a mile distant from the Goodfellow farm. In addition some very fine pottery clay has been found. There is excitement over these two discoveries. That Nebraska will have a mining town within a year seems almost certain. Mining will be begun soon.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES UNITED.

Local Concern at Sioux City Absorbed and Rates Will Advance.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The Home Telephone company, a local corporation, has been absorbed by the Iowa Telephone company and henceforth Sioux City will only have one telephone exchange. The deal was made today between the majority of the stockholders of the Home company and the Iowa company officials. C. E. Yost of Omaha is president, E. B. Smith, general manager, and G. E. McFarland of Davenport, superintendent. The transfer will include the Sioux City exchange and also the toll lines in Iowa and South Dakota. The company had a line of 143 miles to Parker, S. D., and 128 miles to Remsen, Ia. This means telephone rates in Sioux City will go up almost at once and for this reason the majority of the stockholders have been fighting against the sale. The president, F. L. Eaton of Sioux City, has been trying to interest local capital to buy the company's property, but failed. This gives the Iowa company a monopoly in northwestern Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Confronted with Serious Charge.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—At Central City, in the northern part of this county, J. L. Jenkins, the mayor of the town, was today held in bonds of $2,000 to await the action of the grand jury. It is charged that he attempted to criminally assault his 14-year-old stepdaughter. Jenkins has been prominent in politics and at the last republican convention was a candidate for representative.

Iowa News Notes.

The broom factory at Jefferson burned, involving a loss of $1,000.

The southwestern Iowa poultry show is now being held at Sidney.

The Burlington is rushing work on its new bridge across Skunk river at Rome.

The people of Winterset had a Christmas tree at the court house for the poor of the city.

The new towns on the Fonda extension of the Milwaukee road are all reported to be booming.

The Mississippi river is now closed at Dubuque. This is one of the latest closings on record.

There is a rumor that Judge Scott of the Grinnell district is to resign his place on the district bench.

Mrs. J. H. Fleener of Hendrick took morphine with the intention of killing herself, but swallowed too much and will recover.

S. Downs, one of the pioneers of northwestern Iowa, fell dead Sunday evening while attending church services at Manson.

H. G. Curtis of Atlantic, now serving on the bench in Puerto Rico, is the latest candidate for the federal judgeship for the northern district of Iowa.

Judge Eichelberger of Ottumwa has rendered a decision in which he holds that the law under which all the paving of cities done in recent years is unconstitutional.

After being out fifteen hours the jury in the case of Frank Dahlen of Lemars brought in a verdict of guilty. Dahlen was accused of assaulting a 9-year-old girl.

Colonel Sweeney, who for several terms represented the Fourth district in congress, is suing for a divorce on the ground of desertion. He married his wife while in Washington and she was a society belle of that city.

Burrell Poor of Columbus Junction has sued the city for $5000 damages. He was one of the spectators who were viewing the celebration in honor of the return of Iowa soldiers from the war when a sidewalk gave way and precipitated him and others into a basement, seriously injuring him.

STRUGGLING FOR THE TOGA

Iowa Senatorial Contest Continues to Excite Much Interest.

GEAR FORCES GROWING MORE CONFIDENT

Backers of the Senator Claim that There is No Doubt of His Election—Situation Succinctly Sized Up.

DES MOINES, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Politics is more quiet in Des Moines this week than last. The question seems to have resolved itself in this form: Will all the Gear men go to Bowen, or will some of them go with Eaton, according to their previous pledges, or at least leanings?

The Gear men called upon all their friends to vote for Bowen, since Eaton's candidacy had become identified with Cummins' senatorial aspirations. It seems to have taken some effort to convince all the Gear members that it would be wrong to their side of the senatorship to vote for Eaton. The Cummins men have been anxious to retain certain Gear votes for Eaton, because they realized that a victory for the lesser office would be an advantage in the great contest. The Gear men are now satisfied that Bowen will poll practically all of the Gear strength in the house and probably a few of Cummins' votes. They figure out that they already have twelve votes more than enough to nominate their candidate, with more to gain.

Eaton was not here today. Bowen says he feels certain he will win. He is now anxious to make his majority as large as possible.

As to the Senatorship.

On the senatorship itself the Gear men claim that there has been no doubt for some time past. Their forces are growing more and more compact. "We cannot see," said one of the Gear men today, "how we can lose a vote of the ones which we have, but we can see, and that very clearly, how we are going to gain more votes." There is not a Gear man who believes that the senator can receive fewer than seventy-six votes on joint ballot. No one seems to be able to show that any changes have been made in the vote since the fight began in Des Moines. Drs. Elker and Prentiss are claimed as gains by the Cummins men, but the Gear men say the question marks had never been erased behind the names of the two doctors and it was known to the Gear men that if the third doctor, Bowen, was made the candidate, Drs. Elker and Prentiss would desert them. To offset these losses the Gear men have bee assured of the undoubted support of Boyesen of Audubon and Coyles of Kossuth. The general feeling in the Gear camp today was one of confidence and cheerfulness.

"There are too many younger men in Iowa," said one of the non-combatants, "to allow Cummins to run away with the biggest political plum in Iowa in a contest with one old man, for they have certainly made out Senator Gear to be an old man. Cummins may go to the senate, but it will be after a contest with a number of the younger men, such as Shaw, Dolliver, Lacey, Hepburn, Perkins, Cousins, and perhaps others. These men have not come out as candidates this year, whether their refusal to do so is the result of a senatorial combine or not, and the people of Iowa are not going to decide the Gear successorship until after Gear has ceased to be a factor or a candidate. Then there will be a battle royal in Iowa politics."

Representative Crounse of Adams county today authorized the publication of a letter in which he not only says that he is going to vote for Gear, but that in his opinion all Gear men ought to fall in line upon the speakership. This letter is important in view of the fact that the Cummins men have claimed that he was another one of the eighth district men who was hanging in the balance.

FATHER KIDNAPS A CHILD

Husband of Mrs. Lillian Hammond of Des Moines Regains Baby at St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—While Mrs. S. E. Holland, the wife of a carpenter, lay sick at her home on Bartlett street, yesterday afternoon, a strange man and woman entered the room. The man held Mrs. Holland while the woman seized a 2-year-old adopted baby girl from the bed and carried it away.

The child is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian Hammond, formerly Miss Lillian Lemon, of Des Moines, and is supposed to have been kidnaped at the instigation of her husband. Mrs. Hammond is now a traveling saleswoman for a Chicago wholesale house. She left the baby here.

WORK ON THE UPPER MISSOURI.

Report of Improvements—Recommendations for Yellowstone Park.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Colonel H. M. Chittenden, United States engineer in charge of the upper Missouri river improvement work, with headquarters at Sioux City, is preparing a report for congress on the necessities of the Yellowstone park in the way of improvements. This report will be accompanied by photographs showing the insecurity of some of the bridges leading to the principal attractions, and the necessity of widening some of the roads, not only that teams may pass in safety, but also in order that the sun may reach the deep snows and thus make the lines of travel passable earlier in the seasons. Some of these photographs show teams at work on the 15th of last June, hauling away snow so that ordinary vehicles could get along. Immediately on the northern side of the highways the snow had melted, as the sun had been able to reach it; but in the roadway itself, which was more in the shadow of the dense forest, the drifts were still piled many feet high. The cutting of these trees would permit the sun to throw its rays upon the snow and thus open up the road for travel much earlier in the season.

Work on the improvement of the upper Missouri is about finished for the year. All that remains to be done is to haul across the ice some timbers for work around Pierre. But at Yankton the rip-rap work and dyke work is about completed, and the gangs of men have been paid off. At Mandan, Elk Point and other places along the upper river nothing more can be done. Regarding Sioux City, congress will be called upon to place a construction upon the bill appropriating $75,000 for river protection at this point. The money was voted in the general sundry bill, but owing to the wording the treasury department has not paid over the money. It is not expected the present congress will vote any money for river improvement work, as the best is being made out of what is left over from the last allowance.

Imparts Energy
Horsford's Acid Phosphate
When vitality and nerve force have become impaired by illness its value is wonderful. Induces refreshing sleep.
Genuine bears name Horsford's on wrapper.

THWING EULOGIZES THE TEACHER.

Claims that He Holds a Higher Place Than the Preacher.

DES MOINES, Dec. 27.—President Charles F. Thwing, LL.D., of Western Reserve university and Adelbert college, Cleveland, is now in the west addressing meetings of teachers' associations. This evening he spoke here on "The Teacher as a Force in Civilization." In his address he referred to some of the reasons for believing that the higher leadership of the community is passing from the church to the school and the college, from the clergyman to the instructor.

He said that the church fills in the minds of the better classes a less conspicuous place than a score of years ago; the school and the college occupy a more conspicuous place. The attendance upon the services of the church relating to the whole population diminished; the attendance at the school and the college increases.

"The superintendent or director of schools in many communities has come to fill a place not unlike that which the pastor of a former generation occupied. He is the guide, philosopher and friend. His office has increased in importance and its enlarged value brings to itself men of greater power or wider intelligence and of nobler character. The pastorate is certainly getting richer or finer personalities than twenty or thirty years ago. The head of the educational system in not a few localities is the tacitly recognized head of the community itself. More frequently is he the head than the pastor of any individual church. The ordinary teacher, too, finds that he is something far more than a teacher. He is the counsellor, the companion, the general helper of his boys and girls. These youth are not simply his students, scholars—they are his boys and girls.

The relation has ceased to be simple and single, it has become general and manifold. The causes of this change of leadership lie, on the side of the church, in the increasing commercialism of the age and the current unsettlement of religious doctrines, and on the side of the school and the college in the great educational revival manifest in better school houses, better courses of study, better systems of education and richer and finer personalities in the teaching force.

"Of course, there are exceptions. Of course, too, the present lack of effectiveness in the church may prove to be only temporary. Let us pray that it is only temporary. But for the present at least the teacher's desk has become a more important power in the higher leadership of the community than a minister's pulpit."

TO EQUIP THE PANAMA CANAL

Company Incorporates for $30,000,000 to Acquire by Purchase the Railway and Canal.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—The Panama Canal Company of America, with an authorized capital of $30,000,000 was incorporated here late this afternoon. The object of the company, as shown by the articles of the incorporation, is to acquire by purchase the ship canal of the Compagnie Nouvelle du Canal de Panama and the railway across the isthmus of Panama; also to construct, equip and operate said canal and railway and the various enterprises connected therewith.

The articles also empower the company to enter into arrangements with any government that may seem conducive to the company's object.

The capital stock is divided into first and second and preferred common stock. The incorporators are three New York and New Jersey men.

The following companies were also incorporated here today: The Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company, capital $5,000,000, to manufacture plumbing and sanitary fixtures and supplies, one-half of the stock is preferred, with 7 per cent noncumulative dividend. The incorporators are all of New York and Jersey City.

HYMENEAL.

Ferris-Frahm.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Sheriff Thomas W. Farris of Wahoo and Miss Ella Frahm of Prague were married here today at the New York hotel. The groom is the youngest sheriff in the state, having just passed his 23d year. He was elected sheriff of Saunders county at the November election, having previously been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father.

Naval Wedding Affair.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The marriage of Miss Zenaide Sheppard, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Edwin Malcolm Sheppard, U. S. N., to Lieutenant Theodore Vogelsang, U. S. N., of San Francisco took place at high noon today in St. Paul's Memorial church, Stapleton, Staten Island. The wedding was a naval affair and many of the guests were in full uniform.

Phillips-Wells.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred E. Phillips of the Argus-Leader and Miss Helena A. Wells, daughter of R. J. Wells, a prominent local attorney, were married here this evening.

PACKING HOUSE STATISTICS

Western Slaughterings Show Something of a Falling Off During the Past Week.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: The holiday season has served to lessen the marketing of hogs. Western slaughterings for the week are 525,000, compared with 570,000 the preceding week and 610,000 last year. From November 1 the total is 4,190,000, against 5,105,000 a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

	1899.	1898.
Chicago	1,350,000	1,775,000
Kansas City	460,000	625,000
Omaha	380,000	475,000
St. Louis	310,000	285,000
Indianapolis	220,000	258,000
Milwaukee	180,000	225,000
Cincinnati	120,000	170,000
St. Joseph	223,000	228,000
Ottumwa	142,000	118,000
Cedar Rapids	95,000	90,000
Sioux City	98,000	88,000
St. Paul	73,000	70,000

TAKE UP PINGREE RESOLUTION

After Sharp Struggle in Michigan Senate, Tax Law Proposition is Made Special Order.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 27.—Both branches of the legislature are reconvened tonight after the Christmas adjournment. The center of interest was the senate, where the Pingree joint resolution, providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to amend the state tax laws is pending.

The committee to which the measure was referred last week reported it with several amendments and after a sharp struggle to proceed with its immediate consideration, it was referred to the committee of the whole and made the special order for tomorrow afternoon.

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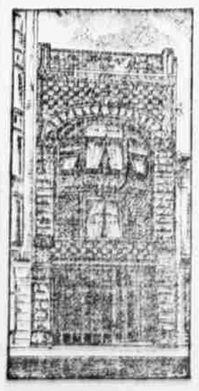

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The Isle of the Winds is essentially a story of adventure. Its hero, Phillip Stansfield, the younger, is kidnapped by his father, Phillip the elder, and carried from Scotland to the pirates' isle. Phillip the elder, a pirate captain, has murdered his father, Sir James Stansfield, and deserted his wife for Janet Mark, the shameless wife of Saul Mark, a gypsy sailor who is Stansfield's evil genius. Janet as accomplice in the murder of Sir James is sold into slavery into American plantations. Phillip Stansfield the elder also carries off his deserted wife and Janet's daughter, little Anna Mark. Both children have been adopted by Humphrey Spurway, a rich English cloth-merchant, living on the Stansfield estate. He loves young Phillip's mother, but has no hope of marrying her. Notwithstanding, he goes in search of the captives as soon as he discovers their fate.

After months on the pirates' isle they manage to escape from it by help of Ebora, a negro, and his mother, an Obeah woman. They find refuge in Porto Rico and there discover the sometime Janet Mark transformed into a great lady, wife of the Spanish governor general. She befriends them after a fashion, but cannot save Phillip from being taken back to the pirate isle. His father and Saul Mark, routed by other pirates, come to Porto Rico and persuade the governor general to send back an expedition to secure Morgan's treasure. The famous buccaneer has left it in boxes, stuck fast in a lake of burning pitch. No man could bring it out of the pitch and live, hence the plan to make young Phillip the bringer. It is frustrated by the discovery that the lake has become a volcano. Then the expedition plans to attack the pirate stronghold and loot it. Ebora, sent to spy, encourages the commander and leads him, full of confidence, to a night assault. The pirates offer no resistance; they cannot, since they are all hanging on trees; but English ships and English sailors rout the expedition utterly Humphrey Spurway is with the warships in a vessel of his own. Then follow briefly the sack of San Juan, the death of Phillip Stansfield the elder and Saul Mark, the rescue of little Anna and young Phillip's mother, the voyage home, the recovery of the estates, and the general knitting of loose ends. From first to last the action is breathless and told with all the author's fire and force.

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