

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Alleged Coal Shortage Has No Serious Aspect at Present.

PACKING HOUSES WILL NOT BE CLOSED

Plenty of Steam Coal on Hand to Run the Plants Until the Additional Supply Now Enroute Has Been Received.

"The coal situation is not nearly as bad as has been represented," said a well known packer to a Bee reporter last night. "While it is a fact that the packers have been calling upon local dealers for steam coal for the last few days there is no necessity for making the statement that the plants are likely to close down."

All of the packers, as well as the stock yards company, contract for steam coal each year. This coal comes mostly from Iowa, and Missouri mines. As a general thing the packers keep quite a supply ahead, as about sixty cars a day are used by the packers and the yards. Special tracks for the storage of coal were laid out long ago by the stock yards company, but of late there seems to have been a scarcity of cars, for the contracts have not been filled. General Manager Kenyon of the Union Stock Yards company said last night that every effort is being made by his company and the packers to hurry forward shipments. The mine owners have been wired and also the heads of the railroad companies used in forwarding steam coal. Inquiries at the freight offices show that coal is enroute and that there will be cars in here before the present supply is exhausted.

Local coal dealers say that there is likely to be a shortage of anthracite coal, as the shipments from the east have not been made as per agreement since the miners in Pennsylvania went to work. There is also a shortage of western coal here, but this is attributed to the Union Pacific strike. A big run of coal from points south of here is expected within the week.

Shy Refrigerator Cars.

Local packers are complaining about the scarcity of refrigerator cars. It is asserted that heavy shipments are being held back on account of the inability of the railroads to furnish cars for the shipping of dressed meats and other packing house products. All of the packing house managers have united in a demand to the railroads and it is hoped that a sufficient number of cars will be furnished shortly. A large number of refrigerator cars are being used on the California fruit lines. These cars go east with fruit and are then loaded with packing house products and sent to the coast. The demand in the west, and also in the east, for cars has been heavy of late and consequently there is a shortage here.

Costs Waited Money.

W. S. King is telling a good story on Colonel J. B. Watkins. Both started down the river on Catalina and intended getting the boat to St. Louis before the river went dry. About twelve miles this side of St. Joseph the boat went aground on a sandbar and by morning was fast in the ice. King says: "Watkins got home first and he told a nice story about a pleasant voyage and all that, but he did not tell the one feature of the trip because it was on him. When the boat was fast in the ice Watkins made his way to shore with the determination that he would walk to St. Joseph. He went out into an old Missouri quail hunter. He gave the hunter \$10 to pilot him within seeing distance of St. Joseph, and then walked in as if nothing had happened. We fellows who remained on the boat managed to catch a train in and were waiting for Watkins when he came trailing down the railroad track." Colonel Watkins admits the story, but says that he gave the Missouri an I. O. U. instead of good money.

Appealed Cases.

All cases appealed from the police court of South Omaha will be called up before Judge Baxter of the district court on Monday next. About a dozen cases have been appealed recently, mostly consisting of minor offenses, where the defendant has not been satisfied with the ruling of the police judge here. None of the appealed cases are of any particular importance.

Royal Neighbors Elect Officers.

Clover Leaf camp No. 8, Royal Neighbors of America, elected their officers Thursday evening: Mrs. A. C. Jacobs, oracle; Mrs. W. G. Henderson, vice oracle; Mrs. Frank Jones, recorder; Mrs. H. B. Miller, chaplain; Mrs. S. H. Hathaway, receiver; Mrs. N. D. Cockrell, marshal; Mrs. W. D. Cox, inner sentinel; Mrs. A. Pinley, outside sentinel; Mrs. W. M. Davis, Mrs. B. F. Hobbs and John Mochous, board of managers. The lodge delegate is Mrs. A. C. Jacobs.

Dirty Meat Markets.

Mayor Koutsky proposes calling the attention of the sanitary inspector to the condition of some of the meat markets. It has been reported to the mayor that some of the cheap butchers shops east of the tracks are in a bad condition and the suggestion was made that these be thoroughly cleaned. An investigation will, the mayor asserts, be made at once and all butchers will be required to keep their counters in first-class sanitary condition.

King's Daughters' Dinner.

The King's Daughters of the Presbyterian church gave a chicken pie dinner at the Troop armory yesterday. A bazaar was held and many articles were sold, the proceeds going into the treasury of the society. On account of the stormy weather the attendance at the bazaar last night was

not as large as expected, but still quite a number of sales were reported.

Officers Nominated.

A meeting of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange was held yesterday afternoon, when officers for the coming year were nominated. Captain D. S. Parkhurst was nominated for president and R. Gilchrist for vice president. For directors for a term of three years W. H. Dudley, Sol Degen and William Reed were named.

Magic City Gossip.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Larkins, Twentieth and O streets.

State Secretary Bailey of the Young Men's Christian association was a guest of local Secretary Marsh yesterday.

South Omaha Live Stock exchange will give a dance at Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, December 16.

Frank Furry, a clerk at Cudahy's celebrated his 30th birthday yesterday. He was presented with a gold watch by the clerks in the office.

Rev. D. K. Tindall will deliver the last of his series of lectures on his travels in Palestine and the Young Men's Christian association rooms Sunday afternoon.

Teddy Shanahan of the Packers' bank was reported much better yesterday. The fever has been broken and his physicians are greatly encouraged at his condition.

JERVIS W. CARTER IS DEAD

Pioneer of South Dakota and Formerly a Resident of Gage County, Nebraska.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The people of Sioux Falls were greatly shocked by the announcement this morning that Judge Jervis W. Carter, an old and respected resident of the city and state, had been found dead in bed.

He was born in Vermont in 1830 and came to Dakota in the 70s. Prior to coming to Dakota he lived in Wisconsin, where he was county attorney and a member of the legislature. While a resident of Gage county, Nebraska, he was judge of the probate court two terms.

After coming to Dakota he was county attorney of Lincoln county for six years and district attorney of the Fourth judicial district four years.

In 1890 he moved to Pierre, where he was in the United States land office four years. During the last six months of Governor Sheldon's term of office he was his private secretary.

He took up his residence in Sioux Falls in 1890. He leaves a widow, two daughters and five sons. As a mark of respect to his memory the state circuit court, which was in session here, took an adjournment today until Monday.

Woman Loses Husband and Son.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Some two months since Michael Shea, an ex-union soldier, living with his family on a farm a dozen miles southwest of Wessington, was accidentally killed while stacking hay. On Sunday last Mrs. Shea, accompanied by two sons, went to the schoolhouse a few miles distant to attend church, leaving a boy about 12 years of age at home. It appears that he had attempted to light a gasoline stove, which exploded, setting fire to the house, which, together with all contents, was consumed before help arrived. On the ruins of the mother the charred remains of her son were found near the doorway. The unfortunate woman was left destitute and friends here and elsewhere have liberally contributed to her relief.

Indians Growing Industries.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Indians in the vicinity of Ionia, in southern Lyman county, have recently been paid over \$10,000 in cash for their summer's work on Rosebud reservation in the making of dams and roads, and the work is yet going on. The Indians appear to prefer this way of making a living rather than to wait around for government rations, and next year they may make many times that amount paid out on the different reservations in western South Dakota. While the Indians are earning money in this way they are also improving their property and making it more available for stock raising, which is the branch of agriculture most to the taste of the Indians, and the one in which they have the best success.

Buffalo Steaks for Christmas.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—G. H. Jaynes, a local meat dealer, has purchased two full-blood buffaloes from the Philip herd at Fort Pierre at a cost of \$1,000, and will kill them for the Christmas trade. Mr. Jaynes has for several years furnished different cities with buffalo meat for the holidays, and will this year handle a larger amount than formerly.

South Dakota Contest Settled.

TYNDALL, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—In a recount of votes to decide the contest between E. D. Wood, democrat, and W. J. Robinson, republican, candidates for superintendent of schools, Wood came out five votes ahead.

Four Inches of Snow at Pierre.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—About four inches of light snow fell last night, the first important snow of the winter. The accompanying temperature is very mild.

SLEEPING WOMAN AWAKENS

After Six Days' Slumber She Rouses Herself for Several Hours.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Mrs. James Abernathy, the woman who has been asleep for six days, has awakened.

Late last night she ceased her slumbers for several hours, but was unable to talk coherently, though she recognized friends and relatives. Her sleeping spells are now growing constantly shorter.

RETAIL TRADE LIVENS UP

Sales Largely Exceed Those of Corresponding Week Last Year.

STEEL IS HAMPERED BY CAR SHORTAGE

Dan Reports Less Business Failures, Says Leather Stays Quiet, but Cotton and Wool Both Show Healthy Activity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Lower temperature and holiday demands have combined to accelerate retail trade, sales largely exceeding the corresponding week in preceding years. Much postponed business is being made up and shipping departments are crowded with work, but wholesale trade has been quiet. Railroad earnings for the month of November exceeded last year's by 7 per cent and those of 1902 by 2.5 per cent.

At the first glance the sudden rise in furnace stocks of pig iron to 94,200 tons, as compared with 71,300 on November 1, might suggest that consumption was below production, but obviously no such situation occurs here. The increase is due to the fact that the steel industry, since needs are urgent, as evidenced by the imports of eastern steel works. The pressure is still greater for railway supplies, with structural material next as to urgency of demand.

Shoe Season Is Over.

Small supplementary orders for spring shoes are received by New England shops, but the season is practically over. From activity in union sole the leather market has been quiet. Further recessions have occurred in the market for the other hand, foreign dry hides are firmly held, despite increased receipts. On the whole, conditions are practically unchanged as to cotton goods, a fair volume of orders for printing and stationery has been opened at an average advance of from 5 to 10 per cent.

Failures this week in the United States are 28, against 24 last week, 23 the preceding week and 23 the corresponding week last year, and in Canada 20, against 15 last week, 16 the preceding week and 17 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TABLE.

Summary of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearing for the week ending December 11, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Amount.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	\$1,367,850,275	15.8	15.8
Chicago	1,050,000,000	10.0	10.0
Boston	323,000,000	6.0	6.0
Philadelphia	306,941,025	12.0	12.0
St. Louis	48,529,540	10.0	10.0
Pittsburgh	35,232,911	18.7	18.7
Baltimore	22,667,905	6.0	6.0
San Francisco	22,108,109	10.0	10.0
Cincinnati	22,828,050	16.0	16.0
St. Paul	17,347,000	10.0	10.0
Cleveland	14,130,211	10.0	10.0
Minneapolis	17,296,796	10.0	10.0
New Orleans	17,347,000	10.0	10.0
Detroit	10,294,460	27.4	27.4
Louisville	11,000,777	7.6	7.6
Indianapolis	12,590,724	25.0	25.0
Providence	6,862,300	2.0	2.0
Omaha	7,410,521	1.4	1.4
Milwaukee	8,100,000	1.0	1.0
Buffalo	7,002,352	6.0	6.0
St. Joseph	3,791,013	30.5	30.5
Denver	4,448,437	7.4	7.4
Richmond	4,448,437	7.4	7.4
Savannah	4,448,437	7.4	7.4
Salt Lake City	4,448,437	7.4	7.4
Albany	4,448,437	7.4	7.4
Los Angeles	5,010,000	20.0	20.0
Memphis	5,010,000	20.0	20.0
Portland, Ore.	3,584,283	2.0	2.0
Rochester	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Seattle	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Des Moines	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
San Antonio	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Worcester	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Nashville	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Springfield	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Norfolk	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Grand Rapids	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Scranton	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Portland, Me.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
St. Paul	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Evansville	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Syracuse	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Dayton	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Tacoma	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Spokane	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Davenport	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Wilmington, Del.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Evansville	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Birmingham	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Palm River	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Albany	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Little Rock	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Macon	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Knoxville	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Lowell	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Wichita	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Springfield, Ill.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Lexington	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
New Bedford	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Yonkers	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
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Kalamazoo	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Sargo	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Binghamton	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Rochester	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Canton	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Jacksonville, Fla.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Springfield, O.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Chester	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Quincy	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Bloomington	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
St. Louis	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
St. Paul	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Jacksonville, Ill.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Premont	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Houston	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Galveston	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Columbus	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Wheeling	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Wilkesbarre	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Decatur, Ill.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Utica	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Greensburg, Pa.	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Mansfield	2,410,294	11.0	11.0
Totals, U. S.	\$2,082,914,355	17.6	17.6
Outside New York	\$16,025,000	3.5	3.5

CANADA.

Montreal	\$19,222,007	12.0	12.0
Toronto	16,222,007	12.0	12.0
Vancouver	5,434,882	12.0	12.0
Halifax	3,530,515	14.0	14.0
Winnipeg, B. C.	1,602,535	16.3	16.3
Hamilton	1,097,631	15.9	15.9

St. John, N. B.	\$13,607	4.0	4.0
Victoria, B. C.	81,167	22.2	22.2
Ottawa	1,610,811	12.0	12.0
London, Ont.	2,028,420	12.8	12.8
Totals, Canada	\$5,010,500	25.0	25.0

*Last week's total.
†Not included in total because containing only the week's business.

‡Not included in total because of no comparison for last year.

GOOD WEATHER AIDS BUSINESS.

Bradstreet Reports Heavy Holiday Trade on Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Retail distribution, further stimulated by colder weather and the advance of the holiday season, has expanded largely until now it easily occupies first position in the trade situation. Wholesale trade, except where inroads upon retailers' stocks have reduced re-orders, is keeping into the quiet season at the stock-taking period.

Heavy trade activity has been checked by the climatic influences prevailing, and the distribution of lumber and building materials generally is active. Other leading industries also note the quieting down usual at this season. Great basic conditions, however, make for future prosperity.

Railway earnings, swelled by heavy traffic in grain and miscellaneous products, offset smaller movements of live stock, provisions and cotton, show an increase of 12 per cent for November over the same month a year ago.

Cold weather and snow have helped distribution with retail in the Northwest, and the outlook is for an unprecedented holiday distribution on the Pacific coast.

Re-orders of heavy goods from whole are still of moderate proportions in the west, but spring orders are larger than a year ago in dry goods, shoes and clothing.

Holiday trade is brisk for this early season of the year. It has been a narrow market for cotton. Heavy clothing, shoes and rubber goods have moved with considerable activity. The market for spinning and weaving is reported of mattering.

There is but little new in the cotton goods market, the export branch being still dull. The cost of goods would be equal to high rental it was decided to remain in the present quarters. One of the new features of entertainment for the boys is ping pong, a number of regulation tables having been placed in the rooms.

Lower prices for coke iron at the west and weaker quotations for foreign foundry iron at the seaboard may be really regarded as realizations of abnormal conditions previously prevailing. Heavier terms of finished material show no signs of weakness.

Rather more interest is taken in pig iron, judging from the reopening of negotiations by the leading interest with the Bessemer association for deliveries in the second half of 1903. Pig iron is still in demand.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 11 number 27, as against 185 last week, 233 in this week last year, 247 in 1900, 211 in 1899 and 234 in 1898.

Wheat, including foreign, exports for the week ending December 11 were 1,757,347 bu., as against 5,704,440 last week, 3,879,908 in this week last year and 4,875,577 in 1900. Wheat exports aggregate 120,007,405 bu., as against 126,303,281 last season and 86,000,000 in 1900.

Corn exports aggregate 1,301,296 bu., as against 1,523,561 last week, 278,398 last year and 1,588,450 in 1900. The difference in exports are 5,150,138 bu., as against 18,754,833 last season and 54,006,396 in 1900.

BALL MAN GETS THREE POSTS

Harry Pulliam Becomes President, Secretary and Treasurer of National League.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The National League of Base Ball Clubs completed its business tonight and adjourned subject to the call of Harry Pulliam, who was elected president, secretary and treasurer today. The next session will probably be held until its peace committee, appointed to confer with the American league, is ready to report.

Before the election of officers the committee met the representatives of the American league, the season was executive, and at the close it was announced that a further conference would be held on January 5.

The principal business transacted by the National league members today was the abolition of the executive committee and the unanimous election of Harry Pulliam of Pittsburgh to the consolidated offices of president, secretary and treasurer. The only rival mentioned as Mr. Pulliam's rival was John Montgomery Ward, who yesterday announced that the use of his name had been without his consent.

A new executive officer of the league will be allowed to name his own assistant, for which position it is understood there are two prominent candidates, D. Mills of this city and Charles Murphy of Cincinnati.

Before Mr. Pulliam's election a letter of resignation from N. E. Young was read. Mr. Young has directed the affairs of the National league for many years and retires because of ill-health. He was elected to honorary membership and subsequently made an honorary life member of the board of directors.

The following new board of directors was elected: John T. Brush of New York, A. H. Roden of Boston, Harry Dryden of Pittsburgh and James A. Hart of Chicago.

At the conclusion of the "peace" committee meeting Mr. Herrmann of the National league said:

"We were informed by Mr. Johnson that while he and his companions had authority to arrange for a peace conference they could do nothing until the American league had met, appointed a committee to meet that of the National league and clothed the committee with power to act. He said that this would be done as soon as possible and suggested that January 5 be fixed as the date of the first conference. This was satisfactory to us. No other matters were discussed and after a little informal talk we adjourned. I think the first conference will be held in Chicago."

When seen later Ban Johnson said: "There is little to say regarding the proposed peace conference. My people are for peace first, last and all the time. I don't know why an amicable arrangement should not be reached."

Mr. Johnson admitted that under no circumstances would the American league consent to withdraw from New York. He further intimated that a statement as to the exact location of the new conference might be looked for in a day or two. The American league will, it is understood, insist at the peace negotiations that contracts with players now signed be rigidly lived up to. This means that large salaries will be maintained until present contracts expire.

The Americans will also insist that each organization retain the players it now has and that severe penalties be meted out to those who violate contracts.

KENILWORTH AGAIN VICTOR

Horse Wins Ingleside Handicap with Ease Over a Muddy Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Kenilworth again showed his ability at Ingleside today when he took up 123 pounds in the six and a half furlong handicap and won easily over Mike Rice over Duke of York II.

The steeplechase resulted in victory for Mike Rice over Duke of York II. Result: First race, three