John L. Howe Instantly Killed by a Fellow Express Emp oye.

CHARGE OF BUCKSHOT ENTERS HIS BODY

Messenger John Gordon Was Taking Londs from His Gun When a Shell is Accidentally Exploded.

John L. Howe, a messenger in the employ of the Pacific Express company, was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of C. John Gordon, another express messenger, about 7 o'clock last evening at the Union Pacific Transfer depot.

The accident happened in the outer room of the offices of the express company. Both men had but a short while sefore arrived at the depot on their runs. Howe on the fast mail from the west and Gordon on the first section of No. 6, through train from Denver. The fast mail was two and a half hours late, this bringing the two trains into the depot about the same time. Howe had started toward the express office shead of Gordon to check in his run when he remembered that he had left his gun in the express car and went back after it. But for this he would have checked in and left the office before Gordon arrived to do likewise and would be alive Howe had just returned to the office and was proceeding to check in when Gordon reached there carrying his gun. Stopping at the outer door Gordon proceeded to pump the cartridges out of his ons will be considered. gun. He had extracted all but two when one was discharged. The gun was pointed toward Howe, standing but a few feet inside the room and the entire charge of the heart and tearing both lungs to pieces. He dropped to the floor dead.

When Gordon realized what had happened he was almost crazed with grief and his

Gordon Beside Himself.

first thought was to kill himself with the remaining charge, but was restrained by the other employes. On the arrival of Coroner Treynor Howe's body was removed to Cutler's undertaking rooms and Gordon was taken by friends to his boarding place at the house of Jacob Landis, 2019 Seventh avenue. When importuned to go to his boarding house Gordon at first refused, saying he had to wait until the officers arrived to arrest him and it was only when the coroner ordered him to go and stay

there that he permitted his friends to lead him away from the scene of the accident.

John L. Howe was a veteran express messenger, having been on the road for the Pacific Express company for twenty-two years. His run was between the transfer and Cheyenne. He was a single man and made his home with his brother, Lewis Howe, foreman for the Milwaukee railroad, at 111 Angle avenue. He was a man of most exemplary habits and during his long service with the express company. his long service with the express company had accumulated considerable property. His parents live in Pennsylvania and last summer Howe enjoyed the first vacation he taken for a number of years and naid . them a visit. He was about 50 years of

Gordon is also an old time express messenger. His home is in Denver, Colo. Until about three mouths ago his run was from Denver to Juleaburg, but since then Mary Wilkinson, Dubuque, Ia....... he has been running through to this city. Harry Nicholson, a clerk in the express office, had a narrow escape. He was standing but a few feet from Howe and was in direct line of the gun wien it was discharged.

Coroner Treynor had not decided last night whether to hold an inquest or not.

## MRS. GEIST WANTS A DIVORCE Alleges Her Husband Was Insane

at the Time of Their Marriage.

Mrs. Margaret A. Geist commenced action in the district court yesterday for the annulment of her marriage to James A. Geist, who was committed Wednesday to St. Bernard's hospital by the commissioners for the insane. Mrs. Geist bases her action on the alleged grounds that her husband was at the time of her marriage to him and had been for some time prior thereto of unsound mind. She alleges she was induced to enter into the marriage with Geist by reason of fraud perpetrated on her by him and his relatives. Mrs. Geist is a daughter of John E. Hill,

1129 Fifth avenue, this city, and at the

time of her marriage to James Geist, Au-

gust 5, 1901, was known as Mrs. Margaret A. James. She alleges that soon after her marriage her husband was taken by his brother to West Point, Neb., his former home, and from there sent to the asylum at Hastings. She says that then she learned for the first time that her husband was not mentally sound and that he had been at different times an inmate of the saylums at Norfolk, Hastings and Lincole. In support of her allegations Mrs. Geist submits a statement from Superintendent Kern of the asylum at Hastings showing that Geist is now and was at the time of his marriage to her a paroled patient from that institution. Superintendent Kern's statement further shows that Geist was committed to he Norfolk asylum in 1897 and from there transferred to the asylum at Hastings, from which place, after being paroled, he was discharged in 1899. In January, 1900, he was again committed to the asylum at Hastings and since then twice released on parole, but never discharged. When Geist was taken in charge by his brother Mrs. Geist returned to the home of her father in this city. Last August Geist, who had again been paroled from Hastings, went to Denver, but stayed there only a short time and turned up in this city at his wife's home. His case was brought before the commissioners for the insane and he was sent to St. Ber-

being released about two menths later. In addition to the annulment of her marriage Mrs. Geist asks that her former name of Mrs. Margaret A. James be restored to her.

nard's hospital for temporary treatment,

Geist was committed to St. Bernard's hospital pending the determination by the commission as to his legal residence. statement from Superintendent Kern of the Hastings asylum and the facts brought out in Mrs. Geist's suit for the annulment of her marriage have satisfied the board that Geist is a resident of Nebraska and he will be turned over to the authorities of

Renews Divorce Petition.

About a year ago William Kirby, a well to-do farmer of Keg Creek township, instituted suit for divorce from his wife. Nellie Kirby, and she in turn filed a cross-petition Before the case came to trial they settled

ACCIDENTAL SHOT IS FATAL their difficulties by Kirby deeding his wife farm, valued at \$12,000, and the suit and counter action were withdrawn. Now, in a petition filed yesterday in the district court, Mrs. Kirby asks for a divorce on the alleged grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, and, in addition, asks that Kirby required to pay her \$25 a month for the support of their minor child, a son, aged years, during its minority. Mrs. Kirby also began replevin proceedings to secure possession of household furniture valued at \$250, which she claims she purchased with her own money.

Approve Paving Estimates.

and went over the paving recently com- plans submitted by architects in competipleted by Contractor Wickham on South tion for the Iowa building at St. Louis Sixth street, between Eighth and Sixteenth The commission had invited Iowa archiavenues, and on Ninth avenue, between tects to submit plans for a building, the Main and Sixth street. The work was ac- cost to be not to exceed \$44,000 for the cepted and the assessment schedule as pre- building alone. It is the intention to spend pared by the city engineer adopted. On about \$50,000 on the building and its fur-Sixth street the aldermen decided that sev- nishings. The commission met today to eral pieces of property were unable to bear receive the plane and hear from the archithe full cost of the improvement and the tects, all the members being present except city will be called upon to assume about one. Plans were submitted by sixteen \$1,000 of the expense. The city will also architects or firms as follows: Liebbe, assume the cost of part of the paving at Nourse & Rasmussen, Des Moines; Proudsome of the intersections, the amount being foot & Bird, Des Moines; Smith & Gage estimated at near \$1,000. On Ninth avenue Des Moines; W. C. Barton, Des Moines; all of the abutting property was found able John P. Larkins, Dubuque; John F. Spento bear the cost of the improvement. After cer, Dubuque; C. S. Busch, Lubuque; F. inspecting the pavement the aldermen ad- Heer & Sons, Dubuque; Wiifred W. Beech, journed without taking up any other mat- Sioux City; C. E. Edwins, Boone; Cox & ters to Monday evening, at which time a Schoentgen, Council Bluffs; W. &. J. C. meeting of the committee of the whole Woodward, Council Bluffs; Dieman & will be held. At the meeting of the com- Fiske, Cedar Rapids; Netcott & Donnan, Inmittee of the whole the ordinance providing for the placing of telephone wires in underground condults and the matter of had before it all these plaus and specififurnishing the expressmen with a location cations, the exhibition showing a great where they can stand their teams and wag- variety of designs, but the commission was

### Compromise Damage Case.

The \$50,000 personal injury damage suit of Miss Edna C. Hoyt of this city against buckshot struck him in the back just under the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and ment were made known today. The comthe left shoulder blade, evidently piercing Bridge company, which had been assigned pact entered into between the strikers and for trial in the district court yesterday, was settled by the defendant company offering to confess judgment in the sum of tion of the union. This latter was what \$3,600. Miss Hoyt prior to the accident was caused the delay in reaching final terms, employed as a stenographer and lives at but the labor unions were confronted with 2646 Avenue B. On November 8 of last year expensive litigation, which would cause unwhile alighting from a car the motorman necessary expense and the labor leaders closed the gates before she left the steps. She was caught between the gates and re- terms possible and quit. The contracts ceived injuries which it is said will make call for nine hours a day labor and the her an invalid for the rest of her life and preclude all possibility of her following her work before January 1. The telephone profession as a stenographer.

## Real Estate Transfers.

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

B. Johannsen and wife to William
Van Buren, lots 9 and 10, block 2,
Whitney, Crawford & Merriam's add

Total five transfers .....

Marriage Licenses Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following: John McKenzle, Macedonia, Ia... Edith May Price, Macedonia, Ia...

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockert sells carpets and rugs. Expert watch repairing, Leffert, 409 Bway, For rent, 6-room house, 719 Sixth avenue. Wanted, good girl at once for housework, squire at Bee office. Myrtle lodge. Degree of Honor, will hold a special meeting this evening.

Burnt wood and leather goods. C. E. Alexander & Co., 333 Broadway. Windsor Aylesworth has been elected cap-ain of the high school foot ball team for For rent, nicely furnished front room, reasonable price. Inquire 366 North First

Wanted at once, carrier with horse for oute on The Bee. Apply at the office, No. 10 Pearl street. We are headquarters for glass of all kinds. See us before you buy. C. B. Paint, Oll and Glass Co.

S. P. Thomas, 1704 Avenue E. was reported to the Board of Health yesterday as suffering from smallpox. Star chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will hold a special convocation this evening for work in the past master's degree.

Unity guild of Grace church will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Roberts, 513 Vorhis street.

Building permits were issued yesterday to J. B. Long for a \$2,000 frame cottage on Fifth avenue and to Mrs. Fanny P. Plunk-ett for a \$3,000 frame cottage. A warrant was issued last evening from the court of Justice Bryant for the arrest of John Boyd and James Brown on a charge of assaulting Louis Hansen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Test Stewart and daughter returned from New York yester-day, where Mrs. Stewart and daughter have been spending the summer with relatives. The insanity commissioners have recom-mended the parole for ninety days of Soren Sorenson of this city from the state asylum at Clarinda, he to be in the care of his wife. Picture Free-Any girl bringing this ad, accompanied by parent, to 304 Broadway, bunday morning. Dec. 21. from 8 to 12. can ave her picture drawn from life, free.

Manager J F Letton of the Grand hotel is in Kansas City attending the annual meeting of the Kansas-Missouri Hotel Men's association. Mr. Letton was one of the original organizers of the association and its first president.

Council camp No. 14, Woodmen of the World, will meet in regular session this evening. A number of visitors from Omaha are expected to be in attendance and following the meeting a banquet will be served and a social session enjoyed.

The toot and shee workers of Council Bluffs effected a temporary organization last night with a view to joining the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union of North America and affiliating with the American Federation of Labor. A. A. Jones is temporary secretary. secretary.

M. E. Weatherbee began suit in the dirtrict court yesterday for \$500 damages
against the city of Council Bluffa, D. J.
Duval, E. Maxwell and the plumbing firm
of Jefferis & Millard. Maxwell and Duval
engaged a carriage and double team from
Weatherbee on the night of August 14 last
and drove into an open trench on Sixth
avenue and Twelfth street. The horses
were both killed and the carriage badly
damaged. It is alleged that the trench was
dug by Jefferis & Millard and that the city
authorities had failed to see that it was
protected by danger lights at night.

N. Y Plumbing Co., telephone 256. All the new books at Bushnell's.

A 14k gold pen, with handsome pearl holder, in plush box, \$1.50; by registered mail, \$1.60. DeLong The Printer, 307

Fountain Pens at DeLong's. Fourtain Pens, from \$1.00 to \$5.00, De Long The Printer, 307 Broadway. Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

# PLANS FOR IOWA BUILDING

Fair Commission Has a Large Number from Which to Select.

LONG TELEPHONE STRIKE IS SETTLED

Court Rules that Taxidermists Are Not Excepted from the Operation of the Iowa Game Laves.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 18 .- (Special.)-The Iowa commission on the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis is in session here, holding meetings this forenoon, after-The city council met yesterday afternoon noon and evening, for the consideration of dependence; Prescott & Co., Marshalltown; G. A. Hanssen, Davenport. The commission unable to decide at once on the plan to be

used. Terms of Telephone Settlement.

The terms of the telephone strike settlethe Iowa Telephone company provides for liberal wages, but not for formal recognidecided that they ought to make the best eight remaining strikers shall be put to operators shall receive wages from \$18 to \$30 a month and \$1.25 a day for Sunday and holiday work. The agreement is generally satisfactory to all parties and was signed up today. A stipulation also was filed in the federal court for dismissal of the injunction case and division of the costs.

Taxidermists Not Exempt. The lows supreme court decided today PRESIDENT that the lows game laws make no exception in favor of taxidermists who are col-750 lecting game birds for scientific purposes. A man named Field was arrested in Blackhawk county for having in his possession several quails in violation of the game laws of the state. The district court dis-\$9,083 school. The state appealed the case to get set in the form of a sem a ruling and the supreme court decided the exception does not extend to game birds.

Court Decisions. The following decisions were filed by the supreme court today in appealed cases: Farmers and Merchants State bank, ap-ellant, against Rock Creck school townpellant, against Rock Creck school township, Jasper county, Judge Dewey; action on a school order; reversed by McClain.
H. C. Ball, appellant, against Edith M. Camp, Union county, Judge Tedford; dividends on mining stock; affirmed by Sherwin.

Henry Necker against N. L. Bates, appellant, Buchanan county, Judge Blair; damages for malicious prosecution; affirmed by Bishop.

John W. Richards, appellant, against M. A. Orr, Clarke county, Judge Towner; action to subject land to judgment; affirmed by Ladd.

T. E. Fels, against Judge Baller, and

by Ladd.

T. E. Eels, against Judge Baller and Quartan; certiorari case; dismissed.

Tolerton & Stetson company, appellant, against John L. Skelton, Harrison county, Judge Macy; action on mortgage; affirmed by Bishop. Called to Chicago Church.

Rev. I. N. McCash of this city has received a call to the Jackson Boulevard Christian church in Chicago and is considering it. Mr. McCash was conspicuou at the recent Christian church convention in Omaha. He is now paster of the University church here, which is in proximity to Drake university, and it is claimed is the church having the largest membership of any in that denomination in the country. It is reported the salary offered him in Chicago is \$3,000 a year. In addition to the call he is being urged to go to Chicago by the general board of the church from Cincinnati. Mr. McCash has been here ten years, and is regarded as one of the strongest preachers in the state.

## FAVOR ELEVATING SCANNELL Conference of Bishops at Dubuque Takes Favorable View of Recommendation.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 18 .- (Special Tele gram.)-At the conference of the four bish. ops of the province of Dubuque at the archiepiscopal residence today the establishmen of an archiepiscopal see west of the Missouri river, with Omaha as the see city was discussed, but no action taken. Local priests take this to mean that at the next conference a joint letter will be sent to the holy father recommending that Bishor Scannell be elevated to the archiepiscopacy The only other business transacted was the sending of a joint letter to Rome approving the biblical commission recently established for the study of sacred scripture. Bishop Scannell attended the conference.

## IOWA POSTMASTER ARRESTED Held for Embeszling Three Hundred Dollars from Middleton

Office. PEORIA, III., Dec. 18 .- Nels C. Matson ostmaster at Middletown, Des Moines ounty, Ia., who has been wanted since May for embessieing of postoffice money order funds to the extent of \$300, was arrested in Pekin this morning.

He acknowledges his guilt and was taken before United States Commissioner Howe who fixed his bond at \$2,000 and ordered him remanded to the county jail.

Major Dunlap Withdraws. MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 18 .- (Special.)-Major Dunlap has withdrawn from the race for colonel of the Fifty-fourth Iowa National Guards. Major Bishop's election is now assured, as Dunlap has advised his

friends to support Bishop. Found Dead in Chair. BOONE, Ia., Dec. 18 .- (Special.) -- H. Deffinbaugh, city Twent of the United States | feet will be entered.

Express company, was found dead in a chair at his home this morning at 9 o'clock. He had died early in the night. He has no

Iown State News Notes. The State university foot ball team has not yet been able to devise a way to fill up the \$5,000 hole in its finances for the last

The towns of Iowa are blue with cold and green with envy at Waterloo, which received twenty-two carloads of hard coal

the other day.

A Clinton man who is described as "a collecter and solicitor" carried on his business so briskly that he is now under indictment for bigamy.

All the rallroads doing business in Iowa, except the Rock Island, are now sending in monthly reports of gross earnings, as required by law. The truant officer in Muscatine has in prospect a busy season, since it is dis-covered that there are 22 children in that town who under the law require his atten-

The Iowa National Guard will soon be clothed with the new regulation uniform in which Adjutant General Corbin made such a sensation among the military men of Europe last fall. Congressman Hull has been so pursued by contestants for postoffice appointments that he has at last cut the matter short by ordering elections in several of the

cases in his district. The lowa newspapers are printing un-usually elaborate Christmas editions, but the Muscatine Journal caps the climax of prolixity by printing its full telephone list and a detailed school census.

Governor Cummins says that he is not the judge of the qualifications of a member of the national house and that therefore he will issue a certificate to Judge Wade, who received a big majority in the Second congressional district. A Bohemian resident of Cedar Rapids stricken with smallpox fought strenuously against being removed to the pest house, but would not tell why. It turns out that he had \$1.500 in cash buried in his cellar, which he wanted to guard.

### ISLANDERS GENERALLY LOYAL Officers Report on Filipinos and but Few Have Grave Faults to

Find.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-The military information division of the War department has received detailed descriptions of the posts and stations of United States troops in the Philippines.

Most of them represent the inhabitants as peaceful, law-abiding and loyal, but there are several notable exceptions. In regard to Gerona, Tarlac province Luzon, Captain M. F. Howell, Eleventh in-

fantry, reports that the inhabitants are apparently obedient, respectful and possibly friendly, but undoubtedly critically disposed and treacherous. He adds that they are greedy. The inhabitants of Tuy Batangas province, Luzon, are reported by First Lieutenant F Skiohaski, Philippine Scouts, to

be "very unfriendly and untrustworthy." According to Captain R. Bryan, Fifty-eighth infantry, the inhabitants of Sanisidro Nueva Ecija, Luzon, are semi-civilized, mild-tempered and lazy. The conditions are similar to the feudal ages in Europe. Abstract justice is little understood. Their loyalty to the United States is uncertain. Grasshoppers have injured corn and early rice and the rinderpest killed many carabos. Surro has also killed many horses. For these reasons and the ravages of war the country in the vicinity of Sanisidro is

DINES CABINET Distinguished Party of Legislators and Others Are Entertained

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The president missed the case on the ground that there and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a dinner at the is an exception made in favor of taxider- White House tonight in honor of the cabi- shocks followed at intervals. These, howmists, and he had shown that he wanted net, to which a large number of other ever, were of diminishing severity. qualls to be mounted for the State Normal guests were also invited. The table was decorations were mainly red and white

at White House.

The gues's were as follows:

Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay, Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, Secretary of the Navy Moody, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Miss Wilson, Secretary and Mrs. Cortelyou Colonel and Mrs. Bingham, Captain and Mrs. Cowles, the president of the senate, Socaker of the House and Mrs. Henderson, Senator Allison, Senator and Mrs. Hale, Senator and Mrs. Addrich, Senator Proctor, Senator and Mrs. Forely, Senator Cockrell and Miss Cockrell, Senator O. H. Platt, Senator Beveridge, Senstor and Mrs. Quay, Senator Morgan, Senator T. C. Platt, Senator and Mrs. Falrbanks, Senator and Mrs. Kean, Senator and Mrs. Alger, Representative Cannon, Representative and Mrs. Dalzell, Representative and Mrs. Hopkins, Representative John S. Williams, Representative and Mrs. Rixey, Lyman J. Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Stuyvesuant Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Frick, Colonel and Mrs. William R. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Emlen Roosevelt, General Young, Charles E. McKim, Commissioner and Mrs. William D. Foulke and Miss Hitchcock. The guests were as follows:

## Agrees with Dakota Indians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The secretary of the interior today transmitted to the house a copy of an agreement with the Indians of Fort Bertholdt, Indian reservation in South Dakota, and the draft of a bill ratifying it.

Senate is Sustained. WASHINGTON, Dec 18 .- The conferees

of the senate and house of representatives on the coal strike commission bill have reached an agreement. It is understood most of the senate amendments were re-

Revenue Cutter for Hawaii. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The senate committee on commerce took favorable action on Senator Perkins' bill for a revenue cutter for the Hawaiian islands.

Agrees to Eight Hours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- The senate committee on education and labor today agreed upon a favorable report to the house on the eight-hour labor bill.

## NEVADA IS FINALLY TESTED Easily Beats Speed Requirement at Long Delayed Official

Trial.

ROCKPORT, Mass., Dec. 18 .- On its official trip over the Cape Ann course today the United States monitor Nevada made an average speed of 12.25 knots, exceeding by DIVINITY a considerable margin the contract requirements of 11.5 knots. For more than a week a succession of

gales have prevented a trial, which would have gone over until next summer had conditions been unfavorable today, Nevada was built at the Bath Iron works at the cost of a little less than \$1,000,000

and is for harbor defense. The ship is about 195 feet long and carries eight-inch armor. Its armament consists of two twelve-inch guns, four four-inch guns and several five pounders. upon her at the point of a revolver at Clifton, Ariz.

UNITED FRIENDS INSOLVENT Referee Says There is No Hope for Order and Recommends Its Dissolution.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- J. S. Froat eferce in the affairs of the imperial council. Order of United Friends, has reported to the supreme court that he finds the corporation is completely insolvent, and recommends its dissolution. An order to this ef-European countries.

# MESSAGE FROM THE KING HEARS LICENSE PROTESTS

Edward Calls Parliament's Attention to s Variety of Topics.

REFERS TO THE VENEZUELAN AFFAIR Document Concludes with Paragraph Relating to South African War

and Prorognes Parliament

Until February 17.

LONDON, Dec. 18 .- Partiament was prorogued this afternoon by the royal commission

Only a score of members of the House of Commons were present when "Black Rod" summoned the House of Lords to hear the king's speech, which was an unusually lengthy recapitulation of public events since January, including the action taken in connection with Venezuela, regarding which the speech said:

"I regret that the constant complaints which my government found it necessary to address to the government of Venezuela in regard to unjustifiable and arbitrary acts against British subjects and property during the last two years have been persistently disregarded, and that it has become necessary for my government, acting in concert with that of his majesty, the German emperor, which has also serious cause for complaint against the republic, to insist on measures of redress." The speech refers to the conclusion of the South African war and adds:

"There seems to be every reason to hope that material prosperity, greater than any the Transvaal and Orange River colonies have yet experienced, may visit these regions and that all sections of the popula- THURSTON RIFLES' BIRTHDAY tion may live together in friendship for each other and loyalty to the crown." Paragraphs deal with the postponed coronation, the colonial conference and Secretary Chamberlain's tour, which to-

gether are expected to be of the "utmost value, both in respect to their immediate effect and as precedents in the future." expedition against the Mad Mullah and the at the old Athletic club's rooms on Harney ceptance by Chill and Argentine of the very properly celebrated at the Rifles' British boundary award, the Brussels room, Eighteenth and Harney streets, last sugar convention and the alliance between night. Many of the original roster were Great Britain and Japan which the king in attendance. believes "will be of advantage to both governments and contribute to the maintenance of general peace in the extreme Parliament was prorogued until Feb-

ruary 17.

### NOW PRESIDENT IS Head of the Army Takes Possession of the National Palace in Hayti.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 18 .-- General Nord, having been proclaimed president of Hayti by the army, took gossession of the national palace this morning.

Wounded in a Duel. NICE, Dec. 18 .- The duels following the

bombastic challenge of the Italian fencing champions. Vega and Pessins, to the French champions, Merignac and Kirchoffer, were fought here today and resulted in both long as the boys live, will the anniversary Italians being wounded. Their wounds are be permitted to pass unobserved. not dangerous.

Costa Rica Shaken Up.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 18 .- Two vio lent earthquake shocks were experienced here at 4 this morning. Several other

claim to the throne in favor of his son, Don Jaime. ASK FOR PAUPERS' BODIES

MADRID, Dec. 18 .- The Heraldo today

Indiana Colleges Seek to Obtain Subjects for Dissection by Legitimate Means.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18 .- A demonstrators' pool for the distribution of bodies among local medical colleges is expected to be established in Indianapolis, through the efforts of Harry Tutewiler, coroner-The object of the "pool" is to obtain

bodies in a legitimate manner and thus put a stop to the wholesale grave robbing carried on about the city for years. The coming legislature will be asked to pass a law making it obligatory on superintendents of county asylums and other institutions to furnish the colleges with paupers' bodies

Throne. NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- A dispatch to the limes from Fez, by way of London says that the pretender to the throne has complete possession of Tesa and the neighbor-

Brother of the Sultan of Morocce

Sets Up an Opposition

ing districts. The pretender has appointed vizers and other officials and has set up a court with every symbol of royalty. The tribes east of Fez almost without exception acknowledge the pretender as the aultan.

The correspondent says that very heavy rains impede the progress of the emperial troops.

FIGHT DUEL DURING DANCE Texas Men Shoot Straight, Every Bullet Finding Billet in Oppo-

nent's Body. BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 18 .- During a fance here tonight a duel was fought between John Broach, street contractor, and Frank Matthews, both using pistols. Broach

is dead, H. M. Matthews is fatally wounded and Frank Matthews has a builet in the The shooting took place outside the dance hall and only three shots were fired.

SEEKS DIVORCE Indian Woman Claims Wedding Was Forced Upon Her by

Revolver.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.-Santa Teresa, believed by the Yaqui Indians and many Mexicans to possess divine powers. has sued her Indian husband, G. N. Rodriquez, for divorce. It is alleged that he forced the marriage

MAKING SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS Nearly Half Million Dollars in Money Orders Going to Europe in One Steamer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The last steamer from New York which will reach the other side of the Atlantic before Christmas, St. Paul of the American line, has sailed with \$460,615 in money orders payable in foreign

Fire and Police Commission Devotes

Evening to Two Contested Cones.

It was after midnight before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners completed its labors last night. The time was occupied in hearing two cases wherein contests had been made against the issue of

Heense. The first case heard was one where a number of persons doing business in the Aria. vicinity of Fourteenth and Douglas streets protested against the granting of a license to N. V. Halter and Harry Hayward at the old site of the Fuller Drug company. In the second case there was a cross contest, one against the application of D. A. Sampson, the representative of Walter Moise & Company and the other against the application of Henry Schroeder, both wanting to sell liquor at 2312 Cuming street. The case involved the right to the location, Schroeder being in possession and Moise & Company having a lease for the

year 1903. When the evidence in this case had been submitted the board retired to consider oth cases, together with a number of applications in which no contests had been filed. Upon returning from secret session the board announced that the following licenses would be granted: W. C. Cole, 1409 Douglas street; Peter Gravert, 2814 Cuming street; S. I. Cole, 218 South Fifteenth street; George W. Tierney, 311 South Sixteenth street, and Charles Metz, 2705 Leavenworth street.

No decision was reached in the contested cases and the board adjourned to meet Monday evening.

Ninth Anniversary of the Organization of the Famous Company Celebrated Last Night.

It was nine years ago last night that the Thurston Rifles, later Company L of the Other topics touched upon were the Nebraska National Guards, was organized co-operation of Italy therein, the ac- street, and the anniversary was duly and

> There wasn't any dancing and nobody played tiddledewinks, but it must be confessed that a few of the erstwhile bronzed warriors plunged into the mad revels of ping pong.

Captain Stockham, who was general overseer of the destinies of the boys during the real campaigning, was on hand, life size, last night, but it developed upon one "Tubby" Stokes to do the leading, because "Tubby" knows a lot of songs and things that made the night a memorable one, much like the companies of their dads, and added to the general good cheer. Sergeant Joe Little, who had discharge papers with recommendations a mile long on the back, did the "pleased-to-serve-you" stunt and made a real hit. But then "real hits" were numerous, because everybody was in his hest humor and willing to do anything the boys desired. Last year there was no reunion, but the success of this year's effort was such that erstwhile Captain Stockham declared that never again, so

# LOCALS GIVE MINSTREL SHOW

Members of North Omaha Improvement Club Shine in Black Face.

The North Omaha Improvement club ac members of the organization successfully says Don Carlos purposes to renounce his produced a minstrel show, which won favor with a fair sized audience. During the exhibition some very warm local rossts were handed out by the end men, which brought rounds of applause and laughter. The jokes were all new and sparkling, while the songs rendered were of the latest "coon" type and were warmly received. The first parconsisted of a song and dance by William F. Dunn; solos by "Chip" Lehmer, M. H. Kassall, George Aulabaugh, H. F. Dodd, H. Wilson, Chayce G. Taylor, Prof. J. N Watson and R. L. Davis. End Men Dunn, Kassall, Dodd and Wilson produced enough mirth to do honor to professionals. The olio was well arranged and comprised a monologue by Mr. Sylvester, duet by Dodd and Healy, solo, Miss Katle Dorsey; man- his physician has ordered absolute rest for dolin trio, Kassall, Dunn and Potter; upto-date specialties, Johnson and Painter; solo, A. Waugh; selection by the T. C quartet; song and dance, Master Calvin Brader; white sketch, Mr. Inglebaugh, Prof.

J. N. Watson made an able prestidigitator. PRETENDER GAINING GROUND CONVICTS TO MAKE ROADS Illinois Citizens See Help for Farmers

> Criminals. QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 18 .- Resolutions favor ing the employment of convicts on publiroads were adopted by a convention of

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citizens held here today. R. W. Richardson of the Department of Agriculture at Washington delivered the principal address and dwelt on the offectiveness of convict labor on the roads of southern states.

To Restrain the Pennsylvania. NEWARK, S. J., Dec. 18.—Final argument on the rule to show why an injunction should not issue to restrain the Pennsylvania Railroad company from removing or interfering with the Western Union Telegraph company's wires along its system was begun today before Judge Kirkpatrick in the United States district court.

Keep Louisiana Day ST. LOUIS. Dec. 18.—A proclamation was issued by the mayor today setting aside Saturday as a half holiday to commemorate the ninety-ninth anniversary of the acquisition of the Louisiana territory.

## Amusements.

At the Boyd. Katherine Willard, supported by Wright Lorimer, in the production of "The Power Behind the Throne," a romantic play in four acts by Theodors Kremer, founded on and adapted from scenes in Schiller's "Kabale and Liebe" or "Love and Intri-

gue." The cast:

Katherine Willard has every reason to feel satisfied with her reception in Omabo. She was welcomed here for her single and first appearance at the Boyd by an audience that was large, appreciative and sympathetic. She really won a triumph, personal in a large measure, but in some part due to the fact that she is given a part which readily enlists the support of the audience. which might, under the spell of the situation, easily overlook any save the most patent of shortcomings. And Miss Willard's mistakes last night were few. Almost from first to last she has to sustain an attitude of defense, with only one little breathing spell from the suspense of combined at tack, yet she acts her part quietly, convincingly, and at times almost superbly Once she let the situation get away from her, just at the close of the third act, and her exit cut short a scene that was almost spoiled by the effect of anxiety to excel.

"The Power Behind the Throne" tells a story of how the whole machinery of a principality is set in motion to crush one poor girl, the daughter of a musician, who has come between a beautiful and unscrupulous duchess and the man she pretends to love, but who loves the poor girl. It hurries through four acts that teem with melodramatic situations and climaxes, and finally the curtain goes down on what the finally united lovers believe to be their double suicide, but which a faithful orderly explains is merely the effect of a powerful anodyne which he has substituted for the poisonous drug his master bade him procure. It introduces the inevitable intriguing minister, the proud and to all visible intents heartless father (who happily relents in the end), the penniless nobleman who is forced to sell his honor and the necessary court ladies, gentlemen. soldiers and the like. It is well staged and moves with precision and certainty that come from careful management and an earnest desire to present a pleasing per-

formance in creditable fashion. Miss Willard's role calls for acting in a minor key, subdued, controlled, but concentrated. She well presents the innocent girl who is placed in most trying situations with nothing but her girlish instincts and love for her parents to guide her, and last evening had to respond to several curtain calls from the audience, which gave generous expression to its appreciation of the young star's efforts. Only once in all her powerfully sustained presentation did she lose control of the situation, and that single slip occurred at a moment where the

action of the play is most difficult. Her supporting company is very well balanced. Mr. Lorimer is an actor of ability and makes a charming lover, although he evinced a slight inclination to overact in one or two of his scenes. Mr. Nesmith, who has the Metternich part in the play, does the work of the scheming secretary very well, and Miss Durand, as the "power behind the throne," made much of the unlovable character of the duchess.

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