

FEAST OF THE NEWS VENDORS

Eighty Vigorous Appetites Collide with Turkey, Pie and Other Edibles. ONE SATISFIED, THE OTHER DEMOLISHED

No Carriages, No Flowers, No Swallow Tailed Coats, but Function Makes Up in Interest What it Lacks in Style.

Eighty of the most prominent and best known young business men of Omaha were banqueted at 6:30 last night at the First Congregational church by courtesy of the women of that congregation and as guests of the three daily newspapers whose editors they recall. Afterward they were the guests of Manager Carl Reiter of the Orpheum theater.

The affair at the church was a function of much pomp and circumstance. Hon. Joe Carroll and Hon. Mogy Bernstein, with Captain Crip of the supply station on Sixteenth and Farnam streets, were given the seats of honor at the east end of the banquet hall, facing the profiles of the other guests, who ranged along the two long tables extending westward. All were in full dress—very full by the time they were through eating. Mr. Joey Newman got his too full and had to be helped out into the air and revived.

All delivered addresses, extemporaneous, but pointed and full of philosophy. Mr. Patty Fisher said that the occasion would remain impressed upon his brain and his cerebellum through all future epochs and that in the meantime he'd be glad to get another helping of turkey. Mr. Mickey Free expressed an entire concordance with the sentiment of the occasion and wondered if he could be put next to a third slab of the angel food. Mr. Two Sticks declared that the event had inclined him to optimism, notwithstanding he was two feet shorter than he was before the feast.

Mr. Cream Saida, real Syrian, and Mr. Nano Pasha, real Turk, spoke of the facility with which one of foreign birth may inculcate himself with the germ of Yankee strength and incidentally inquired how the celery was holding out. Mr. Shanty Campbell dissertated upon the immutable law of human progress and stated that he himself was getting along very well at that writing. Mr. Goo-Goo Eves O'Brien defended as righteous and imperishable the principle of free speech, but admitted that personally he was too full for further utterance. Mr. Ohy Rosenthal denounced as maliciously and designedly false the derogatory rumor that he had surreptitiously acquired and sold a walk-in chain belonging at the police station and then to prove his good inclinations stowed seven pickles away in his right-hand pocket. Mr. Bucky Cramer "ornie" the joys of being "off to California" in a boxcar, but drew the conclusion that the mashed potatoes should come his way by express. Mr. Joy Mahan, the side too proud to hustle, deprecated any manual toil tending to detract from inherent daintiness, but allowed he could "lunch" more jolly without soiling his shoes.

Mr. Izy, who generally is not where his mother thinks he is, occupied a seat adjacent to the base of supplies, having arrived a half hour earlier than "the bunch" or that express purpose, and he was a very busy Izy through the entire proceedings, because he was interested in Shanty, a man, who had successfully gold-bricked a waiter into giving them through service to the pie works. Mr. Hunky Grapenheiser begged to be excused from speaking, because the day's open air meetings had made him drowsy. Mr. Shanty Others devoted considerable attention to the provisions of the pure food law.

Not Too Proud to Walk. Those who had not their private carriages had walked to the church from the rendezvous back of The Bee building in a body and left the same way, first pausing to give a Comanche hurrah as an expression of the gratitude they felt. Another hurrah was for Manager Reiter, and another was an encouragement to a Bee staff photographer, who was trying to get them still long enough for a flashlight.

This was but one of several annual dinners given the newboys of Omaha, but the guests seemed no less interested and pleased with the progress of the meal. There was good order, and somewhere out in this broad universe they had found water and soap enough to reduce their complexion to approximately the normal. This morning, while more fortunate children slumber peacefully in cozy beds, these ambitious little business men will have to tumble out in the semi-darkness to take up a burden almost as great as

NOBODY IS EXEMPT. A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later. Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called blood purifiers, which in many cases are merely strong cathartics. Such things are not needed. If the organs are in a clogged condition, they need only a little help and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels and often do more harm than good.

Purging is not what is needed. The thing to do is to put the food in condition to be readily digested and assimilated. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do this perfectly. They partly digest what is eaten and give the stomach just the help it needs. They stimulate the secretion and exertion of the digestive fluids and relieve the congested condition of the glands and membranes. They put the whole digestive system in condition to do its work. When that is done you need take no more tablets, unless you eat what does not agree with you. Then take one or two tablets—give them needed help and you will have no trouble.

It's a common sense medicine and a common sense treatment and it will cure every time. Not only cure the disease but cure the cause. Goos about it in a perfectly sensible and scientific way. We have testimonials enough to fill a book, but we don't publish many of them. However—Mrs. E. M. Faith, of Bryd's Creek, Wis., says:

"I have taken all the Tablets I got of you and they have done their work well in my case, but I feel like a different person altogether. I don't doubt if I had not got them I should have been at rest by this time."

H. E. Willard, Onslow, Ia., says: "Mr. White of Canton, was telling me of your Dyspepsia Tablets curing him of dyspepsia from which he suffered for eight years. As I am a sufferer myself I wish you to send me a package by return mail."

Phil Brooks, Detroit, Mich., says: "Your Dyspepsia cure has worked wonders in my case. I suffered for years from dyspepsia but am now entirely cured and enjoy life as I never have before. I gladly recommend them."

It will cost 50c to find out just how much Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will help you. Try them—that's the best way to decide.

DAMAGE CLAIMS NUMEROUS

Latest One Puts City Claim Agent in Reminiscent Mood. MUNICIPAL PHOTOGRAPHER IS KEPT BUSY

Whenever Anybody Takes a Sidewalk Fall the Picture Man Harries to the Scene with His Camera.

The city clerk has received from Mrs. Suste Cottrell a notification that she proposes to demand of the city of Omaha \$10,000 for injuries sustained by her fall a few weeks ago in front of 1401 Douglas street. She avers that the sidewalk there was rough and icy, and that the "said injury was caused on account of the sidewalk being left in such a rough and icy condition." The injury, she explains, is permanent, as by falling she broke her coccyx, the lower extremity of the spine.

When the communication was mentioned to City Claim Agent George C. Cockroft, he said: "In view of the fact that every time anybody gets hurt outside his own door yard he generally tries to get the city to pay for it, I expected that this claim would be showing up in due time. We have a file fully prepared for it. It happened to be two city hall men who picked up Mrs. Cottrell when she sat down that evening, and they mentioned the matter to me. I went down the next morning and had the photograph taken. It was a clear case of a walk could be, and in addition to the evidence of the photograph, I have several witnesses who will testify to the same."

"Measure of Self-Protection. "Attempts to make the city pay for all accidents of all kinds have become so numerous that it is necessary to take a photograph on the run nearly every time we hear of anybody falling and slipping. It is a measure of self-protection for the city that more than justifies its slight cost. One who has never had anything to do with the legal department has seen how many false claims we have to puncture right at the start to save the bother of beating them in court, nor what a help this photography is. Omaha paid out only \$150 in settlement of personal injury claims last year, whereas South Omaha, one-fourth the size, paid out in the neighborhood of \$2,500 for the same period. This year our total will run a little higher, but I do not know how much, as the annual reports are not ready yet."

"The public never hears of some of the claims and requests which are filed, as they are so rarely more than a laugh and a tease. One man wanted pay for breaking the leg of his dog, and explained very frankly that he himself had sat upon the dog and caused the fracture. He considered the city responsible because the walks were wet and slippery at the time."

Held City for His Nose. "Another man bumped into a telephone pole out in the suburbs one dark night and wanted pay for the damage to his nose. Another fell over a fire hydrant, sprained his wrist and wrote City Attorney Council that he would settle for \$50 and a week's board at some asylum. One night last winter an Italian peanut vendor was hit by a car and came up to the city hall a day or two after to make us pay for the glass broken and for having a new wheel put on.

"The city clerk had a demonstration of all was at an Omaha business man quite well known out in the north part of town. He slipped on the ice or snow in front of his own residence one evening and wanted the city to pay him for the time he was laid up with a sprained ankle. I told him if he ever made such a proposition again we would have him arrested and fined for maintaining a nuisance, endangering public safety and conspiring against the city."

HOCTOR REFUSES THE PLACE. Announces that He Will Not Accept Position in County Auditing Department.

Thomas Hoctor gave it out cold and flat in South Omaha yesterday that he will not serve as deputy in the county auditing office, for which place he was named a month ago when the deputy county clerk vacancy was given to A. J. Webb, then serving in the place to which Hoctor was appointed. Hoctor said that he "had never worked under a boss and doesn't propose to commence now."

A year ago he retired from the office of county commissioner with the consent of a majority of the democrats of his territory, and thereafter remained in the construction contracting business and in innocuous desuetude until the death of County Clerk Miller, when he promptly bobbed up as a candidate for Miller's office. He lost to John C. Drexel, but upon the latter there was imposed the condition that Hoctor be retained as a clerk. When it came to a "show-down" this was abandoned and Hoctor sidetracked into the auditor's office. This he appeared to accept, but now turns down.

IMPOSES ON OMAHA CHARITY. Yutan Citizen Sends Sick Relative Here for Free Hospital Treatment.

Mary Jordan, who claims that she is a resident of Yutan, Neb., was taken to police headquarters from the Union depot Monday evening, just after she had arrived in the city to receive treatment at a hospital. She claimed that a relative placed her on board the train, telling her that she could receive free treatment here. She is under the matron's care at the hall and appears to be slightly delirious. Surgeon Mick is in consultation with the County health authorities and the patient may be taken there, though she is not a resident of Douglas county. The authorities claim that they will receive free treatment at the hospital.

New York Governor Protests. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Governor Odell has telegraphed to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson a protest against the removal of the quarantine against Connecticut, which has been imposed owing to the prevalence of hoof and mouth disease among cattle in New England.

American Venture Co. Incorporated. ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Certificates of incorporation was filed today by the American Venture company, which has a capital of \$100,000. The directors are Augustus N. Deane, president, and Charles C. McKelvey, J. L. Leiter of Chicago and C. F. Hildway, W. J. Arkell, W. K. Gillet and E. F. Wing, all of New York.

Jeffries Would Retire Himself. BITTE, Mont. Dec. 23.—Clair, Ball, manager of J. J. Jeffries, today bowed a farewell of \$100,000, which he will pay Jack Munroe, amateur champion heavyweight of the Pacific coast, if he can again stay four rounds with Jeffries in a battle for a knockout. The bout may be pulled off this week.

Transvaal League Meeting. A meeting of the Transvaal league was called for yesterday evening in the rooms of the Jacksonian club, but not many were in attendance. The meeting was for the purpose of taking some action in the interest of Albert Leyner, the leader of the Irish commando during the Boer war, who is now confined in the Maitland hospital in the British crown. It was decided that another meeting be called as soon as possible after Christmas.

Biglow's "MOTHER" IS A MAN. Lawyer Ascertains that Federal Prisoner Has Been Fooling Him. After a comparison of notes between Attorney McFarland, Judge Monday and others about the federal building, a conclusion was reached that the person who passed as the mother of Walter Biglow, the youth convicted of robbing the post-office at Wood River, Neb., was not only not the lad's mother, but was not even a woman.

Biglow is a boy about 22 years old, and was only one of three implicated in the postoffice robbery. It is believed that Biglow played the smallest part in the affair and that he was a tool in the hands of professional burglars. The other two men were never apprehended and Biglow, up to date, is the only one to be punished for the crime.

DAMAGE CLAIMS NUMEROUS

Latest One Puts City Claim Agent in Reminiscent Mood. MUNICIPAL PHOTOGRAPHER IS KEPT BUSY

Whenever Anybody Takes a Sidewalk Fall the Picture Man Harries to the Scene with His Camera.

The city clerk has received from Mrs. Suste Cottrell a notification that she proposes to demand of the city of Omaha \$10,000 for injuries sustained by her fall a few weeks ago in front of 1401 Douglas street. She avers that the sidewalk there was rough and icy, and that the "said injury was caused on account of the sidewalk being left in such a rough and icy condition." The injury, she explains, is permanent, as by falling she broke her coccyx, the lower extremity of the spine.

When the communication was mentioned to City Claim Agent George C. Cockroft, he said: "In view of the fact that every time anybody gets hurt outside his own door yard he generally tries to get the city to pay for it, I expected that this claim would be showing up in due time. We have a file fully prepared for it. It happened to be two city hall men who picked up Mrs. Cottrell when she sat down that evening, and they mentioned the matter to me. I went down the next morning and had the photograph taken. It was a clear case of a walk could be, and in addition to the evidence of the photograph, I have several witnesses who will testify to the same."

"Measure of Self-Protection. "Attempts to make the city pay for all accidents of all kinds have become so numerous that it is necessary to take a photograph on the run nearly every time we hear of anybody falling and slipping. It is a measure of self-protection for the city that more than justifies its slight cost. One who has never had anything to do with the legal department has seen how many false claims we have to puncture right at the start to save the bother of beating them in court, nor what a help this photography is. Omaha paid out only \$150 in settlement of personal injury claims last year, whereas South Omaha, one-fourth the size, paid out in the neighborhood of \$2,500 for the same period. This year our total will run a little higher, but I do not know how much, as the annual reports are not ready yet."

"The public never hears of some of the claims and requests which are filed, as they are so rarely more than a laugh and a tease. One man wanted pay for breaking the leg of his dog, and explained very frankly that he himself had sat upon the dog and caused the fracture. He considered the city responsible because the walks were wet and slippery at the time."

Held City for His Nose. "Another man bumped into a telephone pole out in the suburbs one dark night and wanted pay for the damage to his nose. Another fell over a fire hydrant, sprained his wrist and wrote City Attorney Council that he would settle for \$50 and a week's board at some asylum. One night last winter an Italian peanut vendor was hit by a car and came up to the city hall a day or two after to make us pay for the glass broken and for having a new wheel put on.

"The city clerk had a demonstration of all was at an Omaha business man quite well known out in the north part of town. He slipped on the ice or snow in front of his own residence one evening and wanted the city to pay him for the time he was laid up with a sprained ankle. I told him if he ever made such a proposition again we would have him arrested and fined for maintaining a nuisance, endangering public safety and conspiring against the city."

HOCTOR REFUSES THE PLACE. Announces that He Will Not Accept Position in County Auditing Department.

Thomas Hoctor gave it out cold and flat in South Omaha yesterday that he will not serve as deputy in the county auditing office, for which place he was named a month ago when the deputy county clerk vacancy was given to A. J. Webb, then serving in the place to which Hoctor was appointed. Hoctor said that he "had never worked under a boss and doesn't propose to commence now."

A year ago he retired from the office of county commissioner with the consent of a majority of the democrats of his territory, and thereafter remained in the construction contracting business and in innocuous desuetude until the death of County Clerk Miller, when he promptly bobbed up as a candidate for Miller's office. He lost to John C. Drexel, but upon the latter there was imposed the condition that Hoctor be retained as a clerk. When it came to a "show-down" this was abandoned and Hoctor sidetracked into the auditor's office. This he appeared to accept, but now turns down.

IMPOSES ON OMAHA CHARITY. Yutan Citizen Sends Sick Relative Here for Free Hospital Treatment.

Mary Jordan, who claims that she is a resident of Yutan, Neb., was taken to police headquarters from the Union depot Monday evening, just after she had arrived in the city to receive treatment at a hospital. She claimed that a relative placed her on board the train, telling her that she could receive free treatment here. She is under the matron's care at the hall and appears to be slightly delirious. Surgeon Mick is in consultation with the County health authorities and the patient may be taken there, though she is not a resident of Douglas county. The authorities claim that they will receive free treatment at the hospital.

New York Governor Protests. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Governor Odell has telegraphed to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson a protest against the removal of the quarantine against Connecticut, which has been imposed owing to the prevalence of hoof and mouth disease among cattle in New England.

American Venture Co. Incorporated. ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Certificates of incorporation was filed today by the American Venture company, which has a capital of \$100,000. The directors are Augustus N. Deane, president, and Charles C. McKelvey, J. L. Leiter of Chicago and C. F. Hildway, W. J. Arkell, W. K. Gillet and E. F. Wing, all of New York.

Jeffries Would Retire Himself. BITTE, Mont. Dec. 23.—Clair, Ball, manager of J. J. Jeffries, today bowed a farewell of \$100,000, which he will pay Jack Munroe, amateur champion heavyweight of the Pacific coast, if he can again stay four rounds with Jeffries in a battle for a knockout. The bout may be pulled off this week.

Transvaal League Meeting. A meeting of the Transvaal league was called for yesterday evening in the rooms of the Jacksonian club, but not many were in attendance. The meeting was for the purpose of taking some action in the interest of Albert Leyner, the leader of the Irish commando during the Boer war, who is now confined in the Maitland hospital in the British crown. It was decided that another meeting be called as soon as possible after Christmas.

Biglow's "MOTHER" IS A MAN. Lawyer Ascertains that Federal Prisoner Has Been Fooling Him. After a comparison of notes between Attorney McFarland, Judge Monday and others about the federal building, a conclusion was reached that the person who passed as the mother of Walter Biglow, the youth convicted of robbing the post-office at Wood River, Neb., was not only not the lad's mother, but was not even a woman.

Biglow is a boy about 22 years old, and was only one of three implicated in the postoffice robbery. It is believed that Biglow played the smallest part in the affair and that he was a tool in the hands of professional burglars. The other two men were never apprehended and Biglow, up to date, is the only one to be punished for the crime.

DAMAGE CLAIMS NUMEROUS

Latest One Puts City Claim Agent in Reminiscent Mood. MUNICIPAL PHOTOGRAPHER IS KEPT BUSY

Whenever Anybody Takes a Sidewalk Fall the Picture Man Harries to the Scene with His Camera.

The city clerk has received from Mrs. Suste Cottrell a notification that she proposes to demand of the city of Omaha \$10,000 for injuries sustained by her fall a few weeks ago in front of 1401 Douglas street. She avers that the sidewalk there was rough and icy, and that the "said injury was caused on account of the sidewalk being left in such a rough and icy condition." The injury, she explains, is permanent, as by falling she broke her coccyx, the lower extremity of the spine.

When the communication was mentioned to City Claim Agent George C. Cockroft, he said: "In view of the fact that every time anybody gets hurt outside his own door yard he generally tries to get the city to pay for it, I expected that this claim would be showing up in due time. We have a file fully prepared for it. It happened to be two city hall men who picked up Mrs. Cottrell when she sat down that evening, and they mentioned the matter to me. I went down the next morning and had the photograph taken. It was a clear case of a walk could be, and in addition to the evidence of the photograph, I have several witnesses who will testify to the same."

"Measure of Self-Protection. "Attempts to make the city pay for all accidents of all kinds have become so numerous that it is necessary to take a photograph on the run nearly every time we hear of anybody falling and slipping. It is a measure of self-protection for the city that more than justifies its slight cost. One who has never had anything to do with the legal department has seen how many false claims we have to puncture right at the start to save the bother of beating them in court, nor what a help this photography is. Omaha paid out only \$150 in settlement of personal injury claims last year, whereas South Omaha, one-fourth the size, paid out in the neighborhood of \$2,500 for the same period. This year our total will run a little higher, but I do not know how much, as the annual reports are not ready yet."

"The public never hears of some of the claims and requests which are filed, as they are so rarely more than a laugh and a tease. One man wanted pay for breaking the leg of his dog, and explained very frankly that he himself had sat upon the dog and caused the fracture. He considered the city responsible because the walks were wet and slippery at the time."

Held City for His Nose. "Another man bumped into a telephone pole out in the suburbs one dark night and wanted pay for the damage to his nose. Another fell over a fire hydrant, sprained his wrist and wrote City Attorney Council that he would settle for \$50 and a week's board at some asylum. One night last winter an Italian peanut vendor was hit by a car and came up to the city hall a day or two after to make us pay for the glass broken and for having a new wheel put on.

"The city clerk had a demonstration of all was at an Omaha business man quite well known out in the north part of town. He slipped on the ice or snow in front of his own residence one evening and wanted the city to pay him for the time he was laid up with a sprained ankle. I told him if he ever made such a proposition again we would have him arrested and fined for maintaining a nuisance, endangering public safety and conspiring against the city."

HOCTOR REFUSES THE PLACE. Announces that He Will Not Accept Position in County Auditing Department.

Thomas Hoctor gave it out cold and flat in South Omaha yesterday that he will not serve as deputy in the county auditing office, for which place he was named a month ago when the deputy county clerk vacancy was given to A. J. Webb, then serving in the place to which Hoctor was appointed. Hoctor said that he "had never worked under a boss and doesn't propose to commence now."

A year ago he retired from the office of county commissioner with the consent of a majority of the democrats of his territory, and thereafter remained in the construction contracting business and in innocuous desuetude until the death of County Clerk Miller, when he promptly bobbed up as a candidate for Miller's office. He lost to John C. Drexel, but upon the latter there was imposed the condition that Hoctor be retained as a clerk. When it came to a "show-down" this was abandoned and Hoctor sidetracked into the auditor's office. This he appeared to accept, but now turns down.

IMPOSES ON OMAHA CHARITY. Yutan Citizen Sends Sick Relative Here for Free Hospital Treatment.

Mary Jordan, who claims that she is a resident of Yutan, Neb., was taken to police headquarters from the Union depot Monday evening, just after she had arrived in the city to receive treatment at a hospital. She claimed that a relative placed her on board the train, telling her that she could receive free treatment here. She is under the matron's care at the hall and appears to be slightly delirious. Surgeon Mick is in consultation with the County health authorities and the patient may be taken there, though she is not a resident of Douglas county. The authorities claim that they will receive free treatment at the hospital.

New York Governor Protests. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Governor Odell has telegraphed to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson a protest against the removal of the quarantine against Connecticut, which has been imposed owing to the prevalence of hoof and mouth disease among cattle in New England.

American Venture Co. Incorporated. ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Certificates of incorporation was filed today by the American Venture company, which has a capital of \$100,000. The directors are Augustus N. Deane, president, and Charles C. McKelvey, J. L. Leiter of Chicago and C. F. Hildway, W. J. Arkell, W. K. Gillet and E. F. Wing, all of New York.

Jeffries Would Retire Himself. BITTE, Mont. Dec. 23.—Clair, Ball, manager of J. J. Jeffries, today bowed a farewell of \$100,000, which he will pay Jack Munroe, amateur champion heavyweight of the Pacific coast, if he can again stay four rounds with Jeffries in a battle for a knockout. The bout may be pulled off this week.

Transvaal League Meeting. A meeting of the Transvaal league was called for yesterday evening in the rooms of the Jacksonian club, but not many were in attendance. The meeting was for the purpose of taking some action in the interest of Albert Leyner, the leader of the Irish commando during the Boer war, who is now confined in the Maitland hospital in the British crown. It was decided that another meeting be called as soon as possible after Christmas.

Biglow's "MOTHER" IS A MAN. Lawyer Ascertains that Federal Prisoner Has Been Fooling Him. After a comparison of notes between Attorney McFarland, Judge Monday and others about the federal building, a conclusion was reached that the person who passed as the mother of Walter Biglow, the youth convicted of robbing the post-office at Wood River, Neb., was not only not the lad's mother, but was not even a woman.

Biglow is a boy about 22 years old, and was only one of three implicated in the postoffice robbery. It is believed that Biglow played the smallest part in the affair and that he was a tool in the hands of professional burglars. The other two men were never apprehended and Biglow, up to date, is the only one to be punished for the crime.

DAMAGE CLAIMS NUMEROUS

Latest One Puts City Claim Agent in Reminiscent Mood. MUNICIPAL PHOTOGRAPHER IS KEPT BUSY

Whenever Anybody Takes a Sidewalk Fall the Picture Man Harries to the Scene with His Camera.

The city clerk has received from Mrs. Suste Cottrell a notification that she proposes to demand of the city of Omaha \$10,000 for injuries sustained by her fall a few weeks ago in front of 1401 Douglas street. She avers that the sidewalk there was rough and icy, and that the "said injury was caused on account of the sidewalk being left in such a rough and icy condition." The injury, she explains, is permanent, as by falling she broke her coccyx, the lower extremity of the spine.

When the communication was mentioned to City Claim Agent George C. Cockroft, he said: "In view of the fact that every time anybody gets hurt outside his own door yard he generally tries to get the city to pay for it, I expected that this claim would be showing up in due time. We have a file fully prepared for it. It happened to be two city hall men who picked up Mrs. Cottrell when she sat down that evening, and they mentioned the matter to me. I went down the next morning and had the photograph taken. It was a clear case of a walk could be, and in addition to the evidence of the photograph, I have several witnesses who will testify to the same."

"Measure of Self-Protection. "Attempts to make the city pay for all accidents of all kinds have become so numerous that it is necessary to take a photograph on the run nearly every time we hear of anybody falling and slipping. It is a measure of self-protection for the city that more than justifies its slight cost. One who has never had anything to do with the legal department has seen how many false claims we have to puncture right at the start to save the bother of beating them in court, nor what a help this photography is. Omaha paid out only \$150 in settlement of personal injury claims last year, whereas South Omaha, one-fourth the size, paid out in the neighborhood of \$2,500 for the same period. This year our total will run a little higher, but I do not know how much, as the annual reports are not ready yet."

"The public never hears of some of the claims and requests which are filed, as they are so rarely more than a laugh and a tease. One man wanted pay for breaking the leg of his dog, and explained very frankly that he himself had sat upon the dog and caused the fracture. He considered the city responsible because the walks were wet and slippery at the time."

Held City for His Nose. "Another man bumped into a telephone pole out in the suburbs one dark night and wanted pay for the damage to his nose. Another fell over a fire hydrant, sprained his wrist and wrote City Attorney Council that he would settle for \$50 and a week's board at some asylum. One night last winter an Italian peanut vendor was hit by a car and came up to the city hall a day or two after to make us pay for the glass broken and for having a new wheel put on.

"The city clerk had a demonstration of all was at an Omaha business man quite well known out in the north part of town. He slipped on the ice or snow in front of his own residence one evening and wanted the city to pay him for the time he was laid up with a sprained ankle. I told him if he ever made such a proposition again we would have him arrested and fined for maintaining a nuisance, endangering public safety and conspiring against the city."

HOCTOR REFUSES THE PLACE. Announces that He Will Not Accept Position in County Auditing Department.

Thomas Hoctor gave it out cold and flat in South Omaha yesterday that he will not serve as deputy in the county auditing office, for which place he was named a month ago when the deputy county clerk vacancy was given to A. J. Webb, then serving in the place to which Hoctor was appointed. Hoctor said that he "had never worked under a boss and doesn't propose to commence now."

A year ago he retired from the office of county commissioner with the consent of a majority of the democrats of his territory, and thereafter remained in the construction contracting business and in innocuous desuetude until the death of County Clerk Miller, when he promptly bobbed up as a candidate for Miller's office. He lost to John C. Drexel, but upon the latter there was imposed the condition that Hoctor be retained as a clerk. When it came to a "show-down" this was abandoned and Hoctor sidetracked into the auditor's office. This he appeared to accept, but now turns down.

IMPOSES ON OMAHA CHARITY. Yutan Citizen Sends Sick Relative Here for Free Hospital Treatment.

Mary Jordan, who claims that she is a resident of Yutan, Neb., was taken to police headquarters from the Union depot Monday evening, just after she had arrived in the city to receive treatment at a hospital. She claimed that a relative placed her on board the train, telling her that she could receive free treatment here. She is under the matron's care at the hall and appears to be slightly delirious. Surgeon Mick is in consultation with the County health authorities and the patient may be taken there, though she is not a resident of Douglas county. The authorities claim that they will receive free treatment at the hospital.

New York Governor Protests. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Governor Odell has telegraphed to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson a protest against the removal of the quarantine against Connecticut, which has been imposed owing to the prevalence of hoof and mouth disease among cattle in New England.

American Venture Co. Incorporated. ALBANY, Dec. 23.—Certificates of incorporation was filed today by the American Venture company, which has a capital of \$100,000. The directors are Augustus N. Deane, president, and Charles C. McKelvey, J. L. Leiter of Chicago and C. F. Hildway, W. J. Arkell, W. K. Gillet and E. F. Wing, all of New York.

Jeffries Would Retire Himself. BITTE, Mont. Dec. 23.—Clair, Ball, manager of J. J. Jeffries, today bowed a farewell of \$100,000, which he will pay Jack Munroe, amateur champion heavyweight of the Pacific coast, if he can again stay four rounds with Jeffries in a battle for a knockout. The bout may be pulled off this week.

Transvaal League Meeting. A meeting of the Transvaal league was called for yesterday evening in the rooms of the Jacksonian club, but not many were in attendance. The meeting was for the purpose of taking some action in the interest of Albert Leyner, the leader of the Irish commando during the Boer war, who is now confined in the Maitland hospital in the British crown. It was decided that another meeting be called as soon as possible after Christmas.

Biglow's "MOTHER" IS A MAN. Lawyer Ascertains that Federal Prisoner Has Been Fooling Him. After a comparison of notes between Attorney McFarland, Judge Monday and others about the federal building, a conclusion was reached that the person who passed as the mother of Walter Biglow, the youth convicted of robbing the post-office at Wood River, Neb., was not only not the lad's mother, but was not even a woman.

Biglow is a boy about 22 years old, and was only one of three implicated in the postoffice robbery. It is believed that Biglow played the smallest part in the affair and that he was a tool in the hands of professional burglars. The other two men were never apprehended and Biglow, up to date, is the only one to be punished for the crime.

Advertisement for Presto apple pie. Includes illustration of a man sitting at a table with a pie, and text: "Oh, Joy! 'Flap Jack'—lucky sinner—Has apple pie for dinner. Joy is yours when the pie is made from the magical Presto (Better than flour) PRESTO Apple-pie with mouth-melting crust (not even by chance can it be soggy) browned to a turn is sure to come right every time. Presto does it—not the cook. The H-O Company P 55 D

AMONG THE RECENT BOOKS

"Shadow of the Car" Deals with One Phase of Russian Life. TRAGIC TALE OF LOVE AND INTRIGUE. Romance Deals with the Fate of a Beautiful Maiden Who is in the Power of a Greek Priest.

"The Shadow of the Car." by John R. Carling, is one of the late publications of Little, Brown & Co. While in Dalmatia on a short furlough Paul Crestingham, the hero, chances to meet with a beautiful maiden who has escaped from a convent. She tells Paul that her name is Barbara, but that she knows nothing more about herself further than that Cardinal Ravenna is her guardian and jailer, for to all intents and purposes she has been a prisoner of the convent. Paul finds an ancient castle near at hand which is occupied by an old Greek servant named Lambro and his wife, Jacinta, an English woman. They refuse admittance to the castle at first, but under pressure finally allow the wanderers to enter. In the morning Barbara is found to have contracted a fever, and so she and Paul are compelled to remain the guests of the strange couple for two months. That they should fall in love is inevitable. On the last day of their stay they visit an island which is a mile or so from the main land. While there Barbara is retaken by emissaries of Ravenna, and Paul is left on the island with the princess. Paul finds an ancient castle near at hand which is occupied by an old Greek servant named Lambro and his wife, Jacinta, an English woman. They refuse admittance to the castle at first, but under pressure finally allow the wanderers to enter. In the morning Barbara is found to have contracted a fever, and so she and Paul are compelled to remain the guests of the strange couple for two months. That they should fall in love is inevitable. On the last day of their stay they visit an island which is a mile or so from the main land. While there Barbara is retaken by emissaries of Ravenna, and Paul is left on the island with the princess. Paul finds an ancient castle near at hand which is occupied by an old Greek servant named Lambro and his wife, Jacinta, an English woman. They refuse admittance to the castle at first, but under pressure finally allow the wanderers to enter. In the morning Barbara is found to have contracted a fever, and so she and Paul are compelled to remain the guests of the strange couple for two months. That they should fall in love is inevitable. On the last day of their stay they visit an island which is a mile or so from the main land. While there Barbara is retaken by emissaries of Ravenna, and Paul is left on the island with the princess. Paul finds an ancient castle near at hand which is occupied by an old Greek servant named Lambro and his wife, Jacinta, an English woman. They refuse admittance to the castle at first, but under pressure finally allow the wanderers to enter. In the morning Barbara is found to have contracted a fever, and so she and Paul are compelled to remain the guests of the strange couple for two months. That they should fall in love is inevitable. On the last day of their stay they visit an island which is a mile or so from the main land. While there Barbara is retaken by emissaries of Ravenna, and Paul is left on the island with the princess. Paul finds an ancient castle near at hand which is occupied by an old Greek servant named Lambro and his wife, Jacinta, an English woman. They refuse admittance to the castle at first, but under pressure finally allow the wanderers to enter. In the morning Barbara is found to have contracted a fever, and so she and Paul are compelled to remain the guests of the strange couple for two months. That they should fall in love