Senate and House Chambers Renovated for the Coming Section-

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INAUGURATION

Gessip Has it that Several of the Principal Legislative Plums Are Decided Upon Already.

(From a Staff Correspondent)

LINCOLN, Dec. 24 .- (Special.) -- When the legislators of the state come to the city to take up the work of the coming seasion they will find that the house and senate rooms have been newly cleaned and refurbished. Under the supervision of Secretary of State Marsh the work his been in progress for the last two weeks, and now the houses are spick and span in every particular, ready for the occupancy of the state's lawmakers. The carpets

have all been taken up and newly cleaned. Matting of a deep red color is laid in the aisles and the furniture has been freshly varnished. In place of the old-fashloned leather-covered couches that have done service for the Jounging statesmen of fashionable pattern are installed. Tho work has been done under the supervision of W. H. Clark, who is a candidate for the stewardship at the penitentiary.

Plans for Inauguration.

Plans for the inauguration of Governor Mickey have just about been completed. The governor-elect held a conference with the present incumbent in the office of Governor Savage last night, and the program for the ceremonies with which the change in the executive office is accompanied was arranged. Governor Mickey expressed his pleasure with the plans as arranged. There will be little showy display beyond the gold lace on the uniforms of the members of Governor Savage's military staff, who will be present.

Mr. Mickey met Governor Savage last night at the Lindell and talked over the plans. The inauguration will take place on January 8, while the legislature convenes and perfects its organization on January 6. January 8 Governor Savage will entertain the governor-elect at luncheon at the executive mansion. In the afternoon Governor Savage will receive Governorelect Mickey at the state house and the new governor will be sworn in. Then Governor Mickey will deliver his inaugural to the legislature in joint session in the house of representatives. In the evening a reception will be held at the state house in honor of the newly elected officials.

This part of the entertainment will be held in representative hall. The old and the new executives will be in the receiving line, with the military staff of Governor Savage in full dress uniform.

-After the conclusion of the inaugural teremonies the executive mansion will be lurned over to Governor Mickey at the earlest practicable moment.

Distribution of Legislative Plums. The distribution of the big plums in the gift of the house of representatives seems to have been settled, according to gossip. A rumor is current that John Wall of Arcadia will have no opposition in his candidacy for the position of chief clerk of the house. It is claimed also by the friends of C. H. Barnhard of Table Rock that he will get the assistant clerkship without a contest. Mr. Barnhard was jourgal clerk two years ago and gave general satisfaction in that capacity, while Mr.

Wall was the chief clerk. George L. Simpkins, deputy game and Sah commissioner, has applied to Governor Mickey for reappointment to the position and has many endorsements for the place Among his more prominent supporters are Senator Dietrich, D. E. Thompson, Congressman Burkett and G. W. Holdredge, general manager of the B. & M. His only opponent is Harry McConnell of Albion, who is his deputy at present.

Holiday Trade Good.

Local merchants are well satisfied with the holiday trade. For the last three days the larger stores have been thronged with shoppers seeking Christmas gifts. The department stores of the city have been at times so rushed that it was an impossibility to cope with the crowds. One noticeable thing about the Christmas buying this year has been the demand for highgrade goods and wares. The furniture stores especially have met with a better class of trade than in former years. The main object with the average shopper this year seems to be quality rather than cheapness.

Another advantageous factor in the Christmas trade is the seasonable weather which has prevailed during the last few days. This has aided greatly in moving the stocks of winter goods which the mer-chants had on hands. The heavy Christmas buying will undoubtedly clarify the local credit situation to a considerable extent by increasing deposits and liquidation of short-time loans.

Parole for Rushville Man.

Governor Savage has granted a pardon to Lloyd Cardwell, sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for criminal assault from Rushville, Sheridan county. Cardwell, accompanied by his wife, left yesterday for

BRUSH UP FOR LEGISLATORS the young woman and one of the witnesses who testified against her was later sent to

the penitentiary for perjury. Long and Short Man Busy.

The long and short man are again getting busy in Lincoln and as a consequence the police are also doing much scouting around. H. Hickman was held up at the point of a revolver, near Tenth and G streets, and lost \$2 by the transaction. W-H. Gerhart stood for a holdup and is out a gold watch and \$2. These two men had been making Christmas purchases. Both said a long and a short man did the work. one else touched W. B. Price for a gold watch as he was going through the crowd in the Burlington station.

Girl Thanks Governor.

A. E. Lawrence, whose release was secured from the penitentiary because of a pathetic letter written to Governor Savage by Lawrence's daughter, left the state prison this morning and has gone to Norfolk, his home. This pardon seemed to have met with general approval and the governor has received several letters commending him for the act. This morning he received a picture of the little girl, as a Christmas present, accompanying which was a letter of thanks.

Keep Suspects in Jail.

The police are having a difficult time with their suspected train robbers. This morning the men were taken before Justice he explains the time the latter has to the last two decades new oak server of a Greene on a charge of having robbed a serve: atore at Raymond, and upon motion of the ecunty attorney, they were discharged.

The police immediately rearrested the men and took them before Judge Coagrove on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Cramer and John Doe were fined \$10 and costs each and Standish was discharged. He was again arrested and lodged in jail as a suspicious character. In default of the wherewithal to pay the fines, Doe and Cramer were committed to jail, and the police believe before their sentences have expired sufficient evidence will have been found against them to keep them longer.

State House Deserted. At the state capital Christmas day will generally observed. Public buildings and cat of the stores will be closed. Most of the occupants of the state house left for their homes today and others are going. There will be special services at most of

Hold Up a Butcher.

Two masked men entered the meat market of H. Hauschildt, 711 North Fourteenth street, covered him with revolvers and then coted the cash drawer of about \$50. They at Hauschildt. There is no clue to the identity of the men.

LOSERS IN BEATRICE FIRE

Most of Them Are Partially Insured and Many Will Soon Resume Business.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special.) --The fire which broke out in the old Masonic block yesterday morning at 3 o'clock ernor thought Hills' time would be out in was extinguished shortly before noon yesterday after a heroic fight on the part of 11 Hills has been out on parele. the Beatrice firemen, and the wreck and ruin of one of the most costly conflagrations in the history of the city stands as a building, one of the most beautiful blocks

The loss on the building was \$38,000, with \$22,000 insurance. The loss to the Beatrice | that a mistake was made, for he will have National bank, which included movable store, \$8,000, with \$5,000 insurance; H. J. the penitentiary told me about it, and Dobbs, \$3,500, with \$1.500 insurance; J. E. asked for instructions, I told him to stand Cabbey, \$500, no insurance; R. W. Grant, by his written orders. The clerks in the \$3,000, with \$1,000 insurance; Trevett, Mat tis & Baker, \$2,000, covered by insurance; Beatrice School board, \$500, covered by insurance; J. R. Mason, \$1,000, with \$500 insurance; Painters' and Carpenters' lodge. \$300, fully insured; F. W. Barclay, plumbing stock and tools, \$1,800, with \$1,500 insurance; G. H. Johnson & Son. \$2,500, fully insured.

The losses in the Le Paidevin block, adoiming the one destroyed, were \$3,500 on the Voortman stock of clothing and several hundred dollars to other occupants. The building was damaged to the extent of \$5,-

Nearly all of the firms which occupied quarters in the destroyed block have enelsewhere in town.

gaged in business in temporary locations D. W. Cook says that the Beatrice National bank will erect a new and suitable building upon the ruins of its old site, and

that it will be a creditable structure for

the most prominent corner in the city. Bestrice Landlord Arrested.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-. F. Swart, proprietor of the Randall house in this city, was arrested yesterday morning on a complaint sworn out by Miss Munday, a former employe of the hotel, on a charge of assault and battery. The arrest is the outgrowth of an altercation which occurred between Miss Munday and Landlord Swart in the kitchen of the hotel Sunday morning, in which plaintiff alleges that defendant struck her. Swart's hearing is set for next Monday morning

Beatrice Firemen's Fair Opens.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special.) --The firemen's fair opened here last night for one week in the Fifth street audi-He is a ranchman, 21 years of age and frey twins of Wymore gave aw hour's enhad only been married a short time when tertainment, followed by a musical prohe was arrested for assaulting a young gram rendered by local talent. Prizes gree. She seemed to be more interested woman whom he was taking to his home to will be awarded each evening and the in who the spectators were than the pronurse his sick wife. At the trial an effort firemen intend to make the present fair was made to break down the character of the best ever held in the city.

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GOVERNOR MAKES MISTAKE IN DATES

Former Preacher on Parole Will, Unless Governor Takes Further Action, Be Responsible to State for More Than Year.

April 29, 1904-

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 24 .- (Special Telegram.) By a blunder on the part of Governor Savage, Rev. Rowland P. Hills is still a con Intending to make the bigamist preacher a Christmas present of a commutation of sentence, the governor juggled the records and, instead of accomplishing his purpose, only succeeded in taking six months and two days from the original sentence. The records show that even with this

much taken from the sentence, the minister will not be a free man' until April 29, 1904. By the following letter, which the war den of the penitentiary sent to Rev. Hills,

Letter from Warden

Dr. Rowland P. Hills, Blair, Neb.; Dear Sir—There appears to be some misunder-standing regarding your sentence and its commutation and I hasten to inform you of the facts, so that you may govern your-nelf accordingly.

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You were sentenced October 13, 1900, to
four years in the penitentiary. You secured
an order from the supreme court suspending the sentence. On the 29th of July,
1901, the supreme court affirmed the sentence and ordered its execution.

Therefore your sentence dates from July
29, 1901, under the holding of Hon. Frank
Proot, attorney general of this state. A
four-year seffence credits you with eleven
months good time, so your "good time"
sentence would expire August 29, 1904.

Now his excellency. Hon. Exra P. Savage,
has commuted your four-year sentence to
three years, five months and twenty-eight
days, thus cutting off six months and two
days from the original sentence of four
years.

This commuted sentence (practically

years. This commuted sentence (practically three years and six months), also carries with it a good time allowance of nine months. The good time sentence, therefore, with the commutation, will entitle you to a discharge on April 29, 1904, being two years and nine months from the 29th of July, 1901.

Governor Savage Intended to pardon Rev. Hills. To a reporter for The Bee he said last night: "I commuted Mr. Hills' senmade their escape after firing several shots tence so that he would be a free man by Christmas. He only had three more days to serve."

> After giving orders in regard to the letter to be sent Mr. Hills, Governor Savage ordered the employes at the penitentiary to keep the matter from the public as much as possible, as he did not want his mistake there has been considerable apprehension

Even after the letter had been sent by the warden, Governor Savage said that he had commuted his sentence in order that he might be at home Christmas. The govsix months and two days. Since August fered in the least. He was forty miles

Clerk Makes Mistake.

In an interview this afternoon in rereminder of what was, at the time of its gard to the mistake made in the papers commuting the sentence of August Hills, Governor Savage said it was his intention to free the man. "It is his misfortune to stand by the record. The first I knew furniture and fixtures, is \$1,000, with no in- of any intimation that there had been a surance. The other losers are Day's drug mistake made was when the warden of office, paid by the state, are supposed to have charge of such papers and keep them correct. I haven't the time to look over en a paper comes to me marked O. K.' I judge it is all right and go ease locked up and when he returns I shall ask him to explain. But of course the people will blame me for it," concluded the governor.

The records at the governor's office show that Hills was committed to the penitentiary October 13, 1900, and the commitment shows that his time would exfor good time. By the governor's records that the jail building was saved from de the time of his discharge would be June struction. 11, 1903, a date different from the record kept by the warden.

MRS. LILLIE TAKES IT COOLLY

Says She is Glad that Talk Which

Has Been Going Round Has Culminated. DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-As reported in these dispatches this morning. Mrs. Lena M. Lillie was arrested yesterday evening, charged with the crime of

the morning of October 24. The complaint signed by County Attorney Walling. When arersted by Sheriff West Mrs. Lilshowed no signs of humiliation whatver, as the sheriff stated to the reporter.

fected in the least." When arraigned before County Judge located. Skiles last evening Mrs. Lillie, from aptorium with a large attendance. The Jet- pearances, did not comprehend that she was charged with a crime so serious in its nature as that of murder in the first de-

eedings of the court. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie resided in this city Mr. Lillie was in the employ of the Nye-Schneider company, and was considered of their most trustworthy employes. He had the confidence both of his employers and the public. Mrs. Lillie has been considered one of the leading society women of the city and has been highly respected by all. They had one child, Edna,

about 12 years of age. The preliminary hearing has been set for next Monday morning before County Judge C. M. Skiles. This will be one of the most interesting griminal cases ever tried in Butler county. Judge Matt Miller will appear for the defendant. Mrs. Lillie positively refuses to be interviewed by the nwespaper reporters, but in speaking to others of the affair she stated that she had known of the talk that was going the rounds and was glad that it had culmi-

WOMAN DRINKS CARBOLIC ACID

Belle Crawford of Alliance Commits Saleide Without Any Known Cause for Act.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)-Belle Crawford, and 32 years, committed suicide this morning in a house of ill-fame by drinking carbolic acid. No motive is known for the act. The eceased's parents reside in Deadwood,

New Lodge of Achates.

NORFOLK. Neb., Dec. 24. - (Special.) -Norfolk lodge No. 40. Royal Achates, was instituted last night with forty charter members, by Deputy Mrs. Jennie S. Hicks, assisted by Irving G. Baright, supreme Thirty-second avenue, yesterday afternoon president, of Omaha. The following officers at 5 o'clock, Mr. Willard Edwin Chambers

the young woman and one of the witnesses HILLS NOT YET FREE MAN Manweiller; president, Mrs. W. Kitlen; vice who testified against her was later sent to Lulu Talbert; secretary, Miss May Harsch-man, treasurer, Dr. H. T. Holden.

Prison Sentence Will Not Expire Until ROBBERS DYNAMITE A BANK Secure \$3,000 at Surprise and Escape with Their Booty with Posse

in Porsuit.

SURPRISE, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-Robbers dynamited the mafe of the State bank of Surprise during the night and secured \$3,000 in money. They dug a hole in the brick vault and then blew open the safe. They made their escape, but bloodhounds have been put on the trail. At last reports they had not been captured.

Snow Disappears at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24 -- (Special.)e snow, which has covered the ground to the depth of four or five inches for the last ten days has disappeared and farmers in this section will attempt to gather the corn remaining in the fields before another snow comes.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER Christmas Will Be Cold and Fair Ex

cept in Western Portion of Nebranka.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Forecast: For Nebraska-Fair in east, snow in west portion Thursday; continued cold; Friday warmer, with fair in south and snow in north portlon.

For Iowa-Thursday, fair; Friday, fair and warmer in west portion-For Illinois-Fair Thursday and colder in south portion; Friday, fair and continued cold; brisk to high north winds. For Colorado-Fair Thursday, except probably snow in northeast portion; Fri-

day, fair and warmer. For North Dakota-Fair and continued cold Thursday; Friday, fair and warmer. For South Dakota-Fair and continued cold Thursday, except south winds in extreme west portion; Friday, snow and warmer.

For Kansas-Fair Thursday and coninued cold Friday. For Wyoming-Fair and warmer in west, snow in east portion Thursday; Friday, fair and Warmer. For Missouri-Fair Thursday and colder

in southern portion; Firday, fair. SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS.

Stockmen Feel Ne Alarm.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 24 .- (Speciai.)-Since the heavy snowfall of the last two weeks throughout the range country as to the condition of stock. Sylvan Winter, a prominent stockman and a member of the firm of Kaufman & Winter, has just returned to Chamberlain from a two days tour of investigation west of the Missouri river, and he reports that stock has not sufwest, and says that there is an abundance of feed on the sidehills and the uplands. and that some of his stock that was found miles from the home ranch was in better condition that the stock that had not strayed away from home, He declares that stock is doing well; that there have been no losses and that there is absolutely nothing in present conditions to create the least

Burned to Death in Jail.

SIOUX FALLS, SonDarDec. 24 .- (Special.) -Full particulars have been received here concerning the burning to death at Garretson, Saturday night, of Chester Weatherburn, while an occupant of the jail at that the jail he was badly inebriated. He got ahead. Mr. Clancy has the papers in this an idea that by burning down the door of his cell he could escape from prison. With this purpose he pulled the excelsior out of a mattress and piled it and all the loose articles in the room against the door and then set fire to the pile. When the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that it was impossible to put it out in time to save the unfortunate man's life. pire November 13, after making allowance fact, it was only after a desperate fight

Bishop in Recovering.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 24 .- (Special.) -South Dakotans in general, and, for that matter, thousands of other residents of the northwest, will be pleased to learn that Right Rev. W. H. Hare, Episcopal bishop of South Dakota, who was badly injured a few days ago by being thrown from a wagon while driving to a mission station on the Standing Rock Indian reservation, has returned to his home in this city. He is mending rapidly and expects within a few days to have fully recovered from the efsurdering her husband, Harvey Lillie, on fects of his unpleasant experience.

Charged with Ugly Crime. ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-Thomas McDonald is charged with having robbed his employer, M. D. Widdls, of sev-"She seemed somewhat dazed at first, when cral hundred dollars in cash and other arrested," said Sheriff West, "She sat down property. Mr. Widdis has been quite ill on the lounge for a few minutes, but aside and had left his business in the hands of from this I could not see that she was af- McDonald, whom he trusted implicitly. McDonald has disappeared and cannot be

Flow of Gas Near Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)strong flow of natural gas was struck while drilling an artesian well on the farm of A. F. Brooks, fifteen miles southwest of Aberdeen. The gas is of good quality and burns well. The well is being drilled deeper or eight or ten years. During this time and the result is being watched with great

Herreid Names Examiner.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 24 .- (Special Telegram.) Governor Herreid this evening appointed E. E. Hemmingway of Brookings public examiner, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Examiner Aurand. Mr. Hemmingway has accepted the appointment and will qualify at once.

HYMENEAL.

Reynolds-Austin. FULLERTON, Neb., Dec. 24 - (Special.) There occurred last evening at the home of Edward Reynolds in this city the marriage of Raymond J. Reynolds to Miss Jezsie Austin. Rev. J. M. Bothwell of the Methodist Episcopal church was the officiating clergyman. The groom is a partner of Reynolds & Sons, a prominent grocery firm in this city, and the bride is a very estimable young woman, whose home is in Yorkville, Ill., but who has spent a considerable portion of the last

Webb-Otteman.

two years with friends at Wayne, Neb.

SIDNEY, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special Telegram.)-Herbert A. Webb and Mary A. Otteman were married here today, Rev. Leemer of the Lutheran church officiating. The groom is employed at the Union Pacific shops and the bride has resided here since childhood with her parents. left for Omaha tonight.

Chambers-Shelley.

At the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Shelley, 1502 South were elected: Past president, Mrs. Charles and Miss Ora Pearl Shelley were quietly CALIFORNIA?

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Bushnell-Barnard.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 24.- The marriage of Major George Bushnell of Fort Logan, Colo., and Miss Ethel Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnard of this city, was solemnized at the bride's home this afternoon

HELD FOR AIDING ESCAPE Canon City Man Must Answer Charge of Assisting Fleeing

Prisoner. CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 24.-Thomas Prescott of South Canon was arrested day on an information filed by the district attorney, charging him with aiding in the escape of Frank Cook from the state penitentiary.

Cook was serving a life term sentence for murder and had a large sum of money deposited with the prison authorities, which, a few days before his escape, was given to Prescott on an order from Cook



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