

CURRENT NEWS OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs. Stockist sells carpets and rugs. Expert watch repairing. Letter, 49 Bway. Officer is selling dwellings cheap. 419 B. E. B. wood and leather goods. C. B. Alexander & Co., 22 Broadway.

POOR ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Organized Charities See to it that Christmas Brings Some Cheer.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Evening to Be Filled in with the Usual Festivities of the Holiday Time—Public Offices to Be Closed.

Christmas day will be observed in Council Bluffs in much the same manner as it has been for a number of years past. There will be the usual church services and other religious observances and the numerous festivities in the evening.

Paul's Episcopal church will enjoy their Christmas entertainment Saturday evening in Royal Arcanum hall. Luncheon will be served at 6 o'clock, following which the evening's program will be carried out.

CHANGES NAVAL SCHOOLING

British Admiralty Combines Training for All Branches of Service. OFFICERS MUST BE ALL-ROUND MEN

Minister Claims that Times Demand Combination of Seamen, Soldiers, Scientists and Engineers to Manage English Ships.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The admiralty have published details of a new scheme of naval education, under which cadets for all branches of the service will get the same training.

The earl of Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, in an explanatory article, argues that modern developments of the navy require a change in the personnel of officers and cadets.

In the old days it sufficed if a naval officer was a seaman; now he must be a seaman, a soldier, an engineer and a man of science as well.

The scheme will become operative next July. For the first seven years all cadets will receive identical training in every branch of the service, special attention being given to scientific study, but thereafter from the age of 20, the cadets will be drafted into the different branches and will begin to specialize.

The scheme enables speedier promotion, provides for revised rates of pay, the disappearance of engineers' disabilities and promotion to the rank of commander by selection.

While the newspapers this morning generally comment on the scheme as a courageous reform, it is expected that it will meet with considerable opposition. Its principal defect, as pointed out in editorial articles, is that engineers and marine officers will be drafted into the state dining room and that all cadets, therefore, will want to enter for the executive branch.

UNRAVELS SMUGGLING CASE Porto Rico Court Hears Further Evidence Incriminating Army Officers.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 24.—The charge of smuggling preferred against Lieutenant Commander George W. Meitz and James Brennan, an employe of the country club, was continued today at the court house.

Witnesses said they brought about twenty cases of liquor from St. Thomas on Uncaes on October 22 for Captain Dulais, Lieutenant Commander Meitz, Charles W. Parks, Robert Giles and Mr. Lowndes.

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INVOLVES URUGUAY LEGATION

Attempt of Woman to Recover Nephew Presents Some Interesting Complications.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The State department is considering a singular case involving the legation of Uruguay here in a possible conflict with the United States courts as represented by the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

The author of the completion of national music which is now used by the United States army and navy, called at the State department to seek its aid in recovering her 10-year-old nephew, Joseph Preston Ames, who, according to her story, was removed from Washington while technically in the custody of the District of Columbia supreme court and sent out of the country.

The boy is now on the British steamer Soldier Prince, enroute to Buenos Ayres, and Mrs. Sparhawk wishes the State department to cause the United States consul at that port to call to take custody of the boy and ship him back to the United States.

The department will make a thorough investigation of the case, with a view especially to determining what part, if any, was taken by the legation officials here in the removal of the boy.

WHITE HOUSE TO MAKE MERRY All Roosevelt Family Will Be Present and Dinner to Friends Will End Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The president's family will all be together at the White House to spend Christmas. They will not have a tree, but will exchange presents in the morning and will afterwards lunch with Captain Cowles.

RUSSIA SEEKS DAIRY TRADE Votes Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars to Perfect Creameries in Siberia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—To increase the exports of Siberian butter the Russian department of Agriculture has appropriated \$39,000.

IN HIS report of the plan to the State department, the United States consul at Moscow says the money will be used to increase the number of creamery instructors in western Siberia, in maintaining creamery schools in Kuragan and Omak provinces, in paying educational courses in creamery economy, establishing five examining laboratories, in the organization of creameries in western Siberia and for traveling expenses of instructors.

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Within the reach of all—Swift's Jersey Butterine is a wholesome, palatable, and attractive table food. Put up in 1 and 2-pound printed paper wrappers like illustration. Ask your dealer.

WANTS NEGROES IN HAWAII Shaw's Labor Commission Thinks Blacks Can Save Plantations. SUGGESTS PLAN TO KEEP OUT CHINAMEN Points Out that Africans Have Made Agriculture Possible in Hot Southern States and Should Do as Well in Islands.

What Did It Do? The perfection of quality in Hunter Whiskey is what struck the taste, appreciation and approbation of the American people.

Poor Indeed are those weighed down by mental depression. Men rise in this world through buoyant nerve force.

QUAKER MAID RYE Absolute Purity and Delightful Flavor are Properties of QUAKER MAID RYE.

DR. MCGREW'S SPECIALIST Treats all forms of DISEASES AND DISORDERS OF MEN ONLY.

HEAD OFF A DANGEROUS BLAZE

Prompt Action of Firemen Saves Commercial Bank from Destruction.

Fire, which for a while threatened to destroy the building at 608 West Broadway, in which the Commercial National bank is located, broke out about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The fire started in the second story of the building, where the flames burst through the skylight on the roof was noticed by the operator at the telephone exchange, who sent in an alarm to the fire company at No. 3 hose house.

It was thought at first that the fire had originated from a defective electric light wire, but subsequent investigation showed that it had been caused by live ashes being dumped in a wooden chest.

The damage to the fixtures in the bank was estimated yesterday at about \$600 and to the building, which is owned by A. A. Clark, at about \$750.

During the progress of the late Captain Frank Hitchcock, assistant chief of the fire department, was struck on the head by falling glass from the skylight and severely cut and had to be removed to the Woman's Christian Association hospital, where his injuries were attended to. He was able to be on duty again yesterday.

Cashier I. Pece of the Commercial bank estimated the damage to the bank fixtures by smoke and water yesterday at about \$600, which is fully covered by insurance.

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Special Music at Churches

This program of special music will be rendered this morning in St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Professional—Adeste Fideles... Reading... Gloria Patri... Woodward... Te Deum... Dudley Buck... Introit—Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem...

High mass will be sung at St. Francis Xavier's church at 8 a. m. in commemoration of the day.

At St. Paul's Catholic church high mass will be solemnized at 8 a. m. and low mass every half hour until 10:30, when a solemn high mass will be sung, with Father Burk celebrant.

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