

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MINOR MENTION.

Deaths since Friday... Burial services for Mrs. J. W. ...

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COME TO CHILDREN'S RESCUE

Home Society Finds Five Little Ones in a Most Pitiable Plight.

HALF STARVED AND SCANTILY CLOTHED

Overseer of Poor Furnishes Family with Fuel and Food and Parents Are Warned to Take Better Care of Children.

Five little children, ranging from a babe of 13 months to a girl of 9 years, emaciated for want of proper nourishment, indescribably dirty from inattention and almost naked from lack of clothing, were found yesterday in a two-room shack on Eighteenth avenue near High street by Rev. A. W. Laningham, agent of the Iowa Children's Home society.

Neighbors had complained to George Miller, overseer of the poor, about the manner in which the children were neglected by their parents, and the investigation was made by Mr. Laningham at the request of the county authorities.

Not only did the children present a half starved and filthy appearance, but the investigation developed the fact that there was only one small bed in the house, which was used by the father and mother, and that the five children, even when the thermometer was down to nearly zero, slept on the floor on a bundle of rags, with nothing but an old comforter to cover their frail and thin little bodies.

There was no food in the house and but little fuel, and when Mr. Laningham entered he found the five little ones huddled around a small, broken stove, in which a piece of wood was giving out its last heat. Mr. Laningham said it was one of the worst cases he had met in his long experience and that the condition of the children was most pitiable.

The father of the children, Charles Kutz, is a laborer and his wife blamed him for the conditions existing in their home. She charged him with spending what he earned elsewhere. Food and fuel were supplied the family by Overseer Miller, and the woman was notified that unless the children were better cared for, application would be made to the court to have them placed in care of the society. Mr. Laningham will visit the place again within a week and if matters are not materially improved will take the necessary steps to remove the children.

Another Heating Stove Free. The first heating stove given by William Welch to his coal customers was awarded to the Christian home. Another has been put up on the same plan, and during the next thirty days will be given away free to one of its customers. Before ordering your coal call at 16 North Main street or phone 123.

PROVIDES FEAST FOR YOUNG Large Number of Descendants of Veterans Share Generosity of General Dodge.

While the old soldiers each succeeding year become fewer their descendants and future preservers of the old flag appear to increase in numbers. At least, this seemed to be the case last evening, judging from the number of children who were guests of Major General Grenville M. Dodge's annual Christmas treat and entertainment for the children and grandchildren of the veterans of the civil war, resident in Council Bluffs. The hall of Abe Lincoln post, Grand Army of the Republic, was not large enough to hold all the little people who had been given tickets entitling them to participate in the distribution of the good things provided by the generosity of General Dodge and late comers had to be content with standing room in the hallways and anterooms. But every child got his or her share of the candy, fruit and other good things given away.

For years General Dodge has provided this entertainment for the children of his comrades and each year the children increase in number and the gathering last night was said to be the largest on record. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. James Thomson of the Congregational church, after which was read by his brother, N. P. Dodge, the greeting from General Dodge, expressing regret at being unable to be present. While wishing those present in person a Happy New Year, General Dodge stated in his greeting that to him this was a sad anniversary, as in the last few weeks he had attended the obsequies of three dear friends, referring to the death of Mrs. U. S. Grant, General Williamson of Iowa, who was adjutant of the Fourth Iowa, under General Dodge, and General Wager Swaine of New York, who served under General Dodge for three years and was his lifelong friend and legal adviser in New York.

Addresses were made by Rev. James Thomson and State Commander John Lindt, Mrs. Apted, Miss Hutchins, Miss Sylvia Snyder and others assisted in the program. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to Colonel E. J. Abbot by N. P. Dodge on behalf of Major General Dodge of a handsome gold-tipped cane in recognition of his services as secretary of the Colonel Kinman Monument association. At the moment of the occasion portions of General Dodge, mounted on cards and inscribed "Our Dear Old Santa Claus" were distributed among those present.

Don't forget to attend the dance on New Year's eve at Hughes' hall, given by the entertainment committee of the U. R. K. of P.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence. Age. ...

Storm Sues for Heavy Damages. Henry Storm has filed notice of suit in the district court against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Railway and Bridge company and the Omaha, Council Bluffs & Suburban company for \$30,000 damages for injuries received October 24 last while working on the dredge at Lake Manawa. The storm also filed a lien on half the amount sued for. Storm was injured by the breaking of a cable on the dredger, the broken end of the chain striking him in the breast. He asserts that his injuries are permanent. The petition will be filed for the March term.

Walton Gets Promotion. D. E. Walton of the railway mail service has received notice of his promotion to the position of chief clerk, with headquarters in Burlington. Mr. Walton, whose home is at 370 Lincoln avenue, has been in the railway mail service for fifteen years and for the last three years has been clerk in charge of the Burlington fast mail between Council Bluffs and Chicago. The appointment takes effect January 1 and Mr. Walton has gone to Burlington to familiarize himself with the duties of his new position.

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Dec. 26.—(Special).—Not being in many years has the city of Des Moines been so nearly up against a real fuel famine as at this time. The product of the coal mines which are in the vicinity of the city is nearly all taken by railroad companies, or is contracted for to be shipped elsewhere. Although there is abundant coal here for local consumption, yet the dealers find they cannot get it, and they are bringing in more coal than usual from other points that respect this, there is not sufficient coal in the bins of dealers and consumers to last more than two weeks and the situation is alarming. The only hope is in warmer weather for a week or two until the coal can be secured from other places. The anthracite coal strike also had the effect of bringing into the city many more furnaces using soft coal than ever before in this city and in Iowa, and increasing the steady demand for coal from the local fields.

Election Contest On. An election contest is on in Marion county at Knoxville between E. B. Ruckman, republican candidate for county auditor, and A. W. Vandervelt, democratic county auditor, who was a candidate for re-election. The returns as first reported from the precincts showed that Ruckman had a small majority, but when the vote was canvassed it was found that Vandervelt had a small majority. The charge of forgery was made and evidence introduced to show that the figures were changed. Later the matter was carried to the grand jury. In the formal contest, which is now practically concluded, it was shown that not only were the figures changed, but from one precinct the sack containing the ballots was opened and the ballots changed, so as to correspond to the returns. The matter has stirred up a good deal of ill feeling in the county.

Following Incorporations. The following incorporation papers were filed with the secretary of state today: Dexter Manufacturing company of Dexter, capital \$100,000, by W. H. and Albert Greer. Wetstein Construction company of La Porte, capital \$100,000, by Otto Wetstein and Clyde E. Tilton. Marshall County Abstract and Loan company, capital \$25,000, by B. F. Cummings, C. E. Housman and others. Dubuque Base Ball club, capital \$2,000, by A. H. Hest, Clifford D. Brown and others. Reincorporation of David Brunty & Co. of Council Bluffs, capital \$10,000. Notice by the Chicago State bank of Goldfield of a reduction of capital from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

Cherokee Hospital Full. Superintendent Voldeng of the state hospital at Cherokee has written to the chairmen of the state board of control in reference to the necessity for the establishment of another district for the inebriates in northern Iowa. It is found that the new hospital at Cherokee, which has now been open four months, is practically full. It is therefore deemed advisable to establish another place for the inebriates, or to have the hospital at Independence designated as a place for them. If this is done the north half of the state will send its inebriates and morphine victims to Independence and Cherokee, while those in the south half will all go to Mount Pleasant. This will leave Clarinda the only one of the four state hospitals not having a dipsomanic ward. It is not determined yet that Independence will be opened to the inebriates, but this seems to be inevitable.

Dedicate Elk's Hall. Governor Cummins goes tomorrow to Ottumwa, where he will deliver the principal address on the dedication of the new Elk's hall in that city. The preparations have been on a scale that will make the event a notable one. There will be a collation served in the evening and 500 persons are to be present. Besides the governor there will be other speakers, including J. B. Sullivan of the state board of control, J. S. Ottumwa, Charles Bradshaw of Des Moines, Calvin Manning of Ottumwa and J. A. S. Pollard of Fort Madison. On Wednesday afternoon there will be a reception and Wednesday evening a ball. The hall is said to be one of the finest in the state.

Big Land Case Not Settled. The attorneys are not yet satisfied with the decision of the courts in the big land case from Clay county, originally decided by Judge Thomas. This is the case of Hawley versus Griffin, involving title to many thousand acres of land once owned by John Irwin, who died insane. The land was in northwestern Iowa and in Nebraska. There were six cases consolidated for the purpose of an appeal and the court at the October term decided them, but a rehearing has been asked and an extended argument made in favor of it. The case has been in the Iowa courts many years.

MORRIS FIRM INCORPORATES Capital Stock of the Meat Packing Company is Placed at \$2,000,000. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—Articles were filed with the secretary of state incorporating the firm of Morris & Co., with a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The entire issue is common stock, valued at \$400 a share. The company is authorized to buy and sell cattle, hogs and other live stock, including poultry, and keep stock yards, packing houses, etc. The incorporators of record are Albert Odyke, Newell Lyon, Thomas J. Curran, Philip Bromberg and John V. Smith, all of Jersey City.

The articles of incorporation give the board of directors powers to appoint an executive committee with full powers of the board of directors themselves, and also gives the board of directors authority to say when and under what circumstances the books of the concern may be inspected by stockholders. It is understood that the principal incorporators of the company are members of the firm of Nelson Morris & Co., meat packers, Chicago.

TRAINS MEET ON A SIDETRACK Santa Fe Overland Is Wrecked by Crashing Into Light Engine and One Man Meets His Death. ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 26.—The Norfolk & Western passenger train which left here for Hagerstown Sunday was wrecked last night near Greenville. Engineer Baker of Roanoke was instantly killed. None of the passengers were hurt. The train was running about forty miles an hour when it struck a curve, where an angle bar had been removed.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER Fair and Warmer Tuesday and Wednesday in the Promise for Nebraska. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Forecast: For Nebraska—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, fair, warmer in east portion. For Iowa—Fair Tuesday and warmer in extreme west portions; Wednesday, fair and warmer. For South Dakota—Fair Tuesday and warmer in central and eastern portions; Wednesday, fair and warmer in east portion. For Illinois—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair and warmer, fresh south to west winds. For Missouri—Fair Tuesday and colder in northeast portions; Wednesday, fair and warmer.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

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THE CHILDREN ENJOY Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality.

CALIFORNIA? No matter how you want to go, "Southern" or "Scenic" route, in a tourist sleeper or aboard the finest train in America, the Rock Island is the line to take. Don't make any mistake about that. Thro' tourist cars daily from Kansas City and once a week from Omaha to Los Angeles and San Francisco via El Paso. Tourist cars three times a week from Omaha to San Francisco and Los Angeles via the "Scenic" line through Colorado and Utah. Golden State limited leaves Kansas City daily and offers unrivalled service to all points in Southern California. Berths, tickets and full information at all Rock Island ticket offices, or addressing, C. A. RUTHERFORD, D. P. A. 1323 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb. P. S. Write for "The Golden State" a beautifully illustrated booklet descriptive of California, Interesting, instructive practical—sent free on request.

an arm mangled. Engineer James Gray of the overland escaped by jumping. The light engine left Needles to meet overland No. 4. Engineer Hayward had run on to the sidetrack and was waiting for No. 7 to pass. The overland, instead of keeping to the main track, took the siding. The impact was terrible, completely demolishing both engines. A defective switch is said to have caused the collision. No passengers were injured. OFFICERS CAPTURE OUTLAWS Lively Exchange of Shots Takes Place, but No One is Reported Hurt. GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 26.—Federal officers are enroute to Guthrie with four outlaws, who were captured after a battle with the officers, commanded by Deputy Marshall Foster of Perry. The outlaws had robbed the postoffice at Muhlall, blowing open the safe with nitroglycerine and securing \$400 in money and stamps. They were pursued, overtaken and captured after a lively exchange of shots. As far as known no one was wounded. ENGINEER KILLED IN WRECK Nine of the Passengers Injured in Accident to Express on Norfolk & Western. ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 26.—The Norfolk & Western passenger train which left here for Hagerstown Sunday was wrecked last night near Greenville. Engineer Baker of Roanoke was instantly killed. None of the passengers were hurt. The train was running about forty miles an hour when it struck a curve, where an angle bar had been removed.

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