ONLY BRIGHTNESS IS SEEN

Dun's Review of Trade of Week is Favorable in Tone.

USUAL POST-HOLIDAY DULLNESS ABSENT

Transportation Facilities Continue Inadequate to Satisfy Demands, as Fuel Necessities Divert Cars from Ordinary Uses.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Despite the interruption of a holiday, taking of inventories and other disturbing elements incidental to the closing of the old year, the past week has been far from dull. Consumers were not perceptibly lessening purchases, while the approach of higher freight rates accelerated shipment of goods.

Transportation facilities continue utterly inadequate, the pressing need for fuel diverting rolling stock from other classes of freight. New wage scales have become effective, largely enhancing the purchasing power of the people. The new year opens with every prospect of exceptional activity in all branches of business. Railway earnings thus far available for December show a gain of 7.7 per cent over 1901 and 10.3 per cent over 1900, while for the full year there are increases of 4.1 and 16.5 per cent respectively, notwithstanding the heavy loss of coal traffic. The declines in clearings for the last week are not actually unsatisfactory, as the percentage would suggest, owing to the fact that last year's figures include one day of January and those of two years ago, embrace two days in January, when payments are abnormally heavy.

The question of higher freight rates complicates the situation regarding iron and steel, but now orders are constantly coming forward and the activity of plants would equal capacity were it not for the fuel shortages. Quotations for all the products in this industry are fully maintained, with a tendency toward still higher prices because of freights and fuel. The first advance is expected in wire nails, although this is not officially announced.

No new features have developed in the footwear situation, prices remaining firm and order books full. Aside from slight reaction in union backs the leather market is strong, hemlock sole receiving the additional support of exceptionally high heavy exports in Europe. Domestic hides are dull, prices again declining.

Textile mills are busy, with only a hand-to-mouth home demand for cotton goods, but export buying for China continues large.

Farm products weakened as visible supplies increased, and reports from the west indicate that much more grain is offered for shipment than the railroads will accept.

Exports of corn are steadily gaining. For the week at Atlantic ports 2,235,403 bushels were sent out, compared with only 347,193 bushels the corresponding week a year ago.

Atlantic exports of wheat, including flour, amounted to only 1,495,061 bushels, against 2,706,044 bushels a year ago, and arrivals at interior cities were 3,773,265 bushels, compared with 3,736,369 bushels last year.

Wool tends upward, shipments to the mills continuing heavy and inquiries numerous.

Bradstreet's tomorrow under the heading of "Canada" will say:

Canada this week completed from a business point of view the most successful year in its history. For the last five years the Dominion has been experiencing what has been called the growing time. The truth of this has found ample proof in the great expansion that has taken place in manufacturing, mercantile and financial circles, as well as in the agricultural sections of the country. There was a great increase in the wealth of the country during the last year. Various figures and statements now in course of preparation for the calendar year just ended, but which are still incomplete, unmistakably prove this fact.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW OF WEEK.

Holidays Limit Business, but Do Not Destroy Confidence in Conditions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Holiday observance and stock-taking limit new business, but do not decrease satisfaction and confidence. Wholesale distribution has been down to a minimum, while retail buying, although satisfactory, reels reaction from previous activity. Additional returns as to 1902 trade confirm earlier estimates of increases in nearly all lines of distribution and industry. Aside from this developments are scarce. Perhaps the most notable features are the strength of prices of staples, as the year opens and the hopefulness as to the outlook for next spring and summer's trade. One unfavorable feature is the continued shortage of anthracite coal in the east.

Reports of increased trade in 1902 over 1901 continue to come from nearly all northern, eastern, southwestern and Pacific coast points. Examples of this are given in the case of Kansas City, which despite the corn shortage of last year and the winter wheat shortage of this year shows a net gain in all trade over 1901. The same report comes from St. Louis. Chicago reports jobbers having more orders on their books than in previous years; that 3,000,000 tons of pig iron was made or handled in that district during the year and that Chicago banks hold 8 per cent more of deposits, while loans are 14.5 per cent more than at the beginning of 1902. The outlook for 1903 on the Pacific coast was almost unanimously favorable. The largest business ever done was transacted at Portland, Ore., last year and San Francisco reports the condition of growing crops excellent.

At New Orleans the outlook is classed as fairly good, but Montgomery reports 1902 not as satisfactory as 1901, owing to the short cotton yield. Atlanta reports that manufacturers are doing well on an increased output and banks are making good profits. At eastern points it is noted by Philadelphia that the textile trades were generally prosperous and the outlook in the dry goods trade is bright.

There is little new in the iron trades. Merchant furnaces are sold ahead from six to eight months, but the independent iron men say that high raw materials and low-priced finished products leave little or no margin for profit.

Nearly all lines of trade show gains for 1901 at New York, the majority ranging from 5 to 10 per cent. The most important feature in the eastern dry goods market this week is the increased buying for export to China of brown cottons, by which all floating supplies of this commodity have been cleaned up and the mills have secured orders ahead. The rest of the market is steady, with, on the whole, cautious buying. Woolen goods retain their good conditions and raw and manufactured materials have closed the week at the highest prices, with machinery well employed.

Eastern shoe manufacturers have still something to do to fill winter orders and already some are being importuned for prompter delivery. The leather trades are quiet, with some selling at cut prices of old or undesirable grades reported from Boston. Aside fom this prices are firmly held, and there is even some talk of further advances in sole leather.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending January aggregate 3,326,196 bushels, against 3,560,486 last week, 4,818,471 in this week a year ago and 3,914,901 in 1901. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 130,699,225 bushels, against 149,746,227 last season and 97,913,819 in 1900.

Corn exports aggregate 2,537,542 bushels, against 1,962,441 last week, 270,235 a year ago and 4,414,420 in 1901. For the fiscal year exports are 10,726,429 bushels, against 20,820,481 last season and 97,853,609 in 1901.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

Summary of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended January 1, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Amount.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,153,816,892		16.2
Chicago	133,630,769		10.7
Boston	130,968,184		4.1
Philadelphia	109,309,827	18.0	
St. Louis	29,475,887		8.6
Pittsburg	21,915,430		15.1
Baltimore	19,307,949	1.5	
San Francisco	27,900,808	3.3	
Cincinnati	17,645,800	8.7	
Kansas City	14,999,939		3.8
Cleveland	12,090,895		6.2
Minneapolis	11,140,958		22.5
New Orleans	14,180,153		1.0
Detroit	7,767,344		26.1
Louisville	7,749,003		3.2
Indianapolis	5,190,028	27.0	
Providence	6,224,500		5.4
OMAHA	6,077,650	5.3	
Milwaukee	6,368,555	2.6	
Buffalo	5,132,630		3.3
St. Paul	5,410,830		4.3
St. Joseph	3,948,171		2.2
Denver	3,528,356		5.7
Richmond	2,776,641	8.6	
Savannah	4,120,371	50.6	
Salt Lake City	3,376,476	8.3	
Albany	3,279,047	5.4	
Los Angeles	4,273,093	39.7	
Memphis	3,512,562	34.4	
Fort Worth	2,251,228		18.8
Seattle	3,293,577	29.4	
Washington	3,050,491	24.3	
Hartford	2,151,699		2.1
Peoria	2,319,439		2.6
Toledo	2,256,382		30.9
Portland, Ore.	2,585,343	5.5	
Rochester	1,934,113		22.6
Atlanta	2,532,291	19.0	
Des Moines	1,532,975		
New Haven	1,348,703		15.0
Worcester	979,987		32.2
Nashville	1,834,670	8.7	
Springfield, Mass.	1,748,642		14.8
Norfolk	1,226,779		5.7
Grand Rapids	1,472,978	8.2	
Scranton	1,485,042		4.4
Portland, Me.	1,180,859		14.1
Sioux City	1,116,386		13.6
Augusta	1,405,567		40.0
Syracuse	1,038,696		18.7
Dayton, O.	1,499,953		21.0
Tacoma	1,913,948	75.3	
Spokane	1,649,420	45.8	
Topeka	1,459,390	19.5	
Davenport	470,729		110.4
Wilmington, Del.	1,602,986		26.5
Evansville	949,390	13.3	
Birmingham	1,334,447	13.5	
Fall River	1,408,007		24.6
Macon	909,000	1.1	
Little Rock	911,014		
Helena	758,353	37.9	
Knoxville	740,298	35.3	
Lowell	586,008		32.7
Akron	706,000		13.6
Wichita	970,648	2.6	
Springfield, Ill.	622,248	14.2	
Lexington	445,341	1.8	
New Bedford	538,946		20.8
Chattanooga	516,053		5.8
Youngstown	480,746		27.6
Kalamazoo	567,800	14.7	
Fargo	468,860	14.2	
Binghamton	514,000		28.2
Rockford	372,633	15.5	
Canton	280,000		1.1
Jacksonville, Fla.	315,517		
Springfield, O.	276,902		21.0
Chester	326,099	55.9	
Quincy	367,290		
Bloomington	277,996		2.8
Sioux Falls	243,739		2.8
Jacksonville, Ill.	139,683		14.1
Fremont	149,704		15.3
†Houston	13,413,455		
†Galveston	8,409,000		14.4
†Columbus, O.	6,547,000		5.7
§Wheeling	468,974		25.4
§Wilkesbarre	760,977		14.3
Decatur	788,613		
Utica	132,550		
Greensburg, Pa.	415,011		
Mansfield	179,900		
Totals, U. S.	$1,857,682,377		11.2
Outside New York	703,865,485		1.8

CANADA.

Montreal	$ 12,507,187		15.0
Toronto	12,528,518	1.4	
Winnipeg	4,481,040	19.9	
Halifax	1,464,822		10.1
Vancouver, B. C.	1,165,421		
Hamilton	784,344		
St. John, N. B.	713,872		1.1
Victoria, B. C.	925,568		
‡Quebec	463,780		1.1
Ottawa	1,384,013		
London, Ont.	670,500		
Totals, Canada	$ 37,068,065		3.3

†Not included in total because containing other items than clearings

‡Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year.

TROUBLE IN PLEASURE CLUB

Members Get Out Restraining Order from Court Against Secretary Meyers.

"No. 173 Pleasure club," voluntary and unincorporated, is troubled with an internal disturbance, as a result of which Judge Dickinson of the district bench has issued an order restraining J. J. Meyers, the society's secretary, from enjoying its benefits or disturbing its program of dances at the Creighton hall, Fifteenth and Harney streets, pending a hearing in the suit next Friday.

G. W. Newman, A. G. Gibson, M. Gibson, William Jordan, J. G. McLean and Henry Rasmussen, the plaintiffs in the suit, allege that on September 1, 1902, the club leased the Creighton hall from W. R. Morand for one year, at a rental of $75 per month for the first ten months and $25 per month for the last two; also that on December 24, though the club was prospering and was treating him well, Meyers went to Morand, told the latter the club was going to the bad, surrendered the lease and secured a new lease for himself, having Morand destroy the old one on the spot in order that it might not be put in evidence.

On the strength of these alleged facts the plaintiffs ask the court to make Meyers surrender his new lease to the club.

BAXTER APPOINTS SHERWOOD

Bailiff Then Takes Oath to Do Proper Things During Ensuing Year.

It is assumed that through the new year all the district court bailiffs will be retained, but as yet George Sherwood of Judge Baxter's court is the only one to be formally commissioned. Judge Baxter signed and filed yesterday his appointment of Sherwood to serve until January 1904. Sherwood, in order to make the transaction complete, then swore to uphold the constitution of the United States, take good care of all juries intrusted to him, keep the ice pitchers full, the janitors sober, the reporters informed, the public excluded and the other bailiff awake.

OMAHA WINS FROM LINCOLN

Local Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball Team Easily Victorious.

LOSING TEAM COMPLETELY OUTCLASSED

Seasoned Players on Home Team Have Little Difficulty in Scoring, but Play is Fast and Brilliant.

Outclassed from the start, the basket ball team of the Lincoln Young Men's Christian association was defeated by the local team in the association gymnasium here last night by the overwhelming score of 34 to 12. The visiting quintet was not nearly so strong as the one which represented the Capital City association last winter, and, opposed as they were to the strong veteran Omahans, the strangers never had a lookin from the first whistle to the last. The Lincolnites were younger, weaker, slower and less experienced than the seasoned locals, but they played a hearty game from the start, never faltering in the face of certain defeat.

A late train delayed the visitors in their arrival somewhat, so that they did not get into their togs till long after 8 o'clock and the big game did not commence till 9. As a preliminary meanwhile the second team of the local association played the High school team a game of two fifteen-minute halves, with a five-minute intermission. The second team won by 18 to 9 in a snappy contest.

When the big card of the evening was finally called a large crowd of spectators was gathered in the end seats on the gymnasium floor and in the gallery above. Enthusiasm was rampant as the opening whistle sounded, but it did not take three minutes to expose the discrepancy in the teams and the result was never in doubt after the first ten minutes of play.

Play Was Fast and Fierce.

Six points in each half was all the visitors could score. Meanwhile the locals rolled up thirteen the first half, playing carefully. In the second half they let go a little, knowing they were safe, and added twenty-one more. Although the play was fierce at times, it was well controlled by the officials, and there were no injuries. Every man lasted clear through and the condition of the players seemed excellent. At the end of the ten-minute intermission they were fresh and strong as ever and finished the match in good wind and form.

"Uncle Gus" Miller, captain of the local team, was a prime favorite with the crowd and he, with Jardine, the other forward, and Hanson, the center, threw four field goals each. The most remarkable ones thrown were accomplished one each by the two guards, the Willard boys, who landed the ball in the basket from positions and distances that seemed well-nigh impossible.

Captain Hammill of the Lincoln team succeeded in making two field goals, but no other member of his team found the basket for two points. Meanwhile Miller was very weak on landing goals from the foul line, he scoring on only four of sixteen trials. Hagensick did better, making eight points in this way out of sixteen trials. The summary:

OMAHA—34.		12—LINCOLN.	
Jardine	L. F.	R. F.	Hammill (C.)
Miller (C.)	R. F.	L. F.	Hagensick
Hanson	C.	C.	Field
C. Willard	L. G.	R. G.	Gutting
G. Willard	R. G.	L. G.	Matson

Goals from field: Miller (4), Jardine (4), Hanson (4), Hammill (2), G. Willard (2), C. Willard. Goals from foul line: Miller, 4 out of 16 trials; Hagensick, 8 out of 16 trials. Fouls: Matson (6), G. Willard (6), Gutting (5), C. Willard (4), Jardine (4), Field (4), Hagensick (3), Hansen (3), Hammill (2). Miller. Referee: Nelson. Umpires: Jones and Ryan. Timekeeper: Monahan. Scorer: Pentland. Time of halves: Twenty minutes.

PUBLIC UNFORTUNATE AGAIN

One First Choice at Ingleside Track Realizes Anticipations of the Speculators.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Ballroom Belle was the only favorite to win at Ingleside today. The weather was cold and the track muddy, especially on the inside. There were several close finishes, Ballroom Belle and Preskano both landing by narrow margins. The last named was a "good thing" and beat Bernotti a nose. Burns on Greyfield carried Axminster two deep going in the fifth race and but for that the favorite would have won. Results:

First race, Futurity course, selling: Rose of Hilo, 105 (Burns), 6 to 1, won; Torilla, 101 (Minder), 6 to 1, second; Angelino, 106 (Bullman), 8 to 1, third. Time: 1:15. Faustino, Ben Magen, Nona B, Esternell, Intrepido and Corilla also ran.

Second race, six furlongs, selling: Ripper, 103 (Reed), 3 to 1, won; Andrew Sing, 109 (Birkenruth), 6 to 5, second; Tammany, 109 (Burns), 8 to 1, third. Time: 1:19. Ante, Indiana and Walter P also ran.

Third race, seven furlongs, selling: Gold One, 107 (Carson), 5 to 1, won; Star Cotton, 109 (Minder), 4 to 1, second; Illioun, 109 (Ransch), 3 to 1, third. Time: 1:32. Mission, Dwight Way, Saintly, Castine, John and Lone Fisherman also ran. Halmette left at post.

Fourth race, one and one-sixteenth mile, selling: Ballroom Belle, 105 (Cielly), 8 to 1, won; Quatre, 105 (Waterbury), 6 to 1, second; Gus Lanka, 104 (Birkenruth), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:51. Leasch, Salver and Stunso also ran.

Fifth race, one mile and seventy yards, selling: Greyfeld, 108 (Burns), 4 to 1, won; Expedient, 108 (Ransch), 8 to 1, second; Axminster, 110 (Bullman), 8 to 5, third. Time: 1:48¼. Constellar and Larry Witt also ran.

Sixth race, Futurity course, selling: Prestano, 108 (Minder), 7 to 1, won; Bernato, 110 (Bullman), 8 to 1, second; Matt Hogan, 113 (Burns), 8 to 5, third. Time: 1:15. Ting-a-Ling, Idogo, Muresca, Jim Brownell and Educate also ran.

FAVORITES HAVE A GALA DAY

Only Two, Inspector Shea and Barbara Freitsche, Come in Under the Wire Too Late.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—Inspector Shea and Barbara Freitsche were the only beaten favorites today. Weather clear, cooler; track heavy. Results:

First race, five furlongs: Tioga, 110 (O'Neil), 7 to 2, won; Giortiamundi, 110 (H. Booker), 8 to 1, second; Brush By, 105 (Redfern), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:06 4-5. Selg, Woodmont Belle, Offset, Vienna, Sweet Nell, Neapolitan and Patrice also ran.

Second race, selling, six furlongs: Alpaca, 102 (McCafferty), 8 to 5, won; Flora Levy, 92 (Wishard), 10 to 1, second; Jim King, 94 (Fuller), 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:24 4-5. War Cry, Miss Shanley, The Bronze Demon, Polly Bixby, Crutchfield, Alinz, Sue Johnson and Prince Herman also ran.

Third race, seven furlongs: Ben Frost, 105 (Murphy), 6 to 1, won; Robert G. Lansin, 90 (H. Preston), 20 to 1, second; Maister, 104 (H. Booker), 10 to 1, third. Time: 1:35 4-5. Insolence, Lieutenant Woods, Inspector Shea, Masterful, Spere and Doctor McNally also ran. Kaloma left at post.

Fourth race, seven furlongs: St. Tammany, 100 (Davison), 12 to 5, won; Belvino, 108 (Hoar), 4 to 1, second; Ahumida, 106 (Preston), 30 to 1, third. Time: 1:33 4-5. Aurie B, Bedlam and Barbara Freitsche also ran.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs: Star and Garter, 104 (Hagerson), 5 to 2, won; Glennovis, 112 (Creamer), 10 to 1, second; Pirate, 100 (A. Hall), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:11 4-5. Welcome Light, Doc Woods, Anseiger, Flambuoyant and Daddy Bender also ran.

Sixth race, selling, one mile and a sixteenth: Fake, 108 (Otis), 11 to 5, won; Eliza Dillon, 98 (Helgerson), 10 to 1, second; Bean, 103 (Scully), 7 to 1, third. Time: 1:58. Blue Ridge, Compass, Charles Ramsey, Swordsman and Atheola also ran

With the Bowlers.

H. D. Reed, W. W. Hartley and A. C. Reed were defeated on Clark's alleys last night by M. R. Huntington, Herman Beselin and W. H. Emery. Score:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	Tot.
Huntington	187	155	158	201	177	883
Beselin	212	177	157	183	183	912
Emery	196	158	166	189	198	907
Totals	595	490	481	573	558	2,707
	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	Tot.
Hartley	194	199	133	170	142	808
A. C. Reed	156	149	168	129	136	736
H. D. Reed	173	148	177	181	182	861
Totals	492	496	476	480	460	2,404

OLD SOLDIER ON LEASING

Takes Decided Stand Against the Cattlemen's View of the Proposition.

OMAHA, Jan. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: While I understand there is a grand jury of the United States in session in the federal building (having a recess for a few days at present) which it is generally understood is taking evidence in these alleged fraudulent homestead entries by certain negroes and soldiers' widows, also the cattlemen's fencing in of government lands, with a view to say whether in its judgment infringements of the law have been made, and if so bring in "true bills" of indictment against them, the very interested parties—the fence builders—have not had the patience to wait and see what the grand jury had to say on the subject, but are doing everything possible to make the world believe they are being very much maligned, and that in compelling them to pull down their fences, fencing in large tracts of land which do not belong to them, a very unjust thing will be done. I guess the bulk of us know their little game. The gentlemen of the grand jury, you may rest assured, read the newspapers, and are not likely to skip anything bearing on the question. The proper thing to have done would have been to have waited for the grand jury's verdict without any attempt from the outside to bias its judgment either one way or the other. I would have preferred this, but I don't see why, now that the public is being treated—in my judgment—to some extent a one-sided view of the position it should not also have a view from another side.

From newspaper reports and otherwise it is well known the grand jury has, with the assistance of the district attorney, called for evidence from the cattlemen, the soldiers' widows, the local land officials, Colonel Mosby and Mr. Lesser (the special and ex-special land office agents from Washington), and I think the public interest is safe in the hands of the twenty-three good men and true forming the grand jury, which is probing the matter to the bottom.

I will not attempt to go into the whole thing from the beginning to where it is now, although much tempted to have my views brought out as well as others, but will content myself with simply referring very shortly to one or two things. An attempt has been made to throw discredit on Colonel Mosby, but without harm to him, I guess. He is the accredited servant of the government and it is well understood held in high esteem for his sterling honesty, integrity and fearlessness, and it is well known his reports are held in high respect by such men as the president and others who will "hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may." He knows what he is about, and these men referred to know the lay of things perhaps as well as he does. It is well known Colonel Mosby would prefer that instead of congress being asked to carry through an act to lease these grass lands in large stretches miles and miles in length and breadth for the benefit of the cattle kings to have a measure making it lawful to allow homesteaders to acquire a certain number of sections to a moderate amount and thus enable men of small capital to establish homes in the state and strengthen not only the state in which they live, but the whole nation. The extent of land for each homestead could be easily fixed by surveys made by competent men with reference to quality of land, water supply, etc. The scarcity of water is much exaggerated, and for a purpose, besides a great deal of this grazing land will ultimately become irrigated land and be more valuable than much of that now looked upon as being our best agricultural land. This progression is going on all over the world. To carry out what the cattlemen want in the way of leases is to hinder the growth of the country both in wealth and population, and should be strenuously opposed.

One other point: In your last Sunday's issue you represent C. J. Greene, the cattlemen's agent, as saying: "There are laws governing the entry of land by the widows and orphans of soldiers. As we understand the laws they give these parties the right to make entries and to secure patents without the entryman residing upon the lands entered and that from the time they make entry until they come to make final proof they have the right to deal with the land as they see fit." He further says: "The department places another construction upon the law." I am not surprised the department does! The wonder to me is that any man of any intelligence would construe the law as he does. The law reads as plain as day that a soldier must go on his homestead the same as any other homesteader, but is allowed to count off from the time of settlement the time in the service, but never more than four years, making it compulsory that he must live on the land one year previous to proving up. It does allow his widow, if he has never settled on the land previous to his decease, the right to prove up without ever living on the land—a wise provision in such a case, for seeing they had never gone onto the land previous to his decease, it might prove a hardship for her to go on then to make it hers. The law makes no provision, however, for a soldier's widow whose husband had not filed for a homestead to file in her own name and never reside on the land, but the very opposite. It says she can file and under the same conditions that her deceased husband was under had he filed for a homestead. If Mr. Greene can show me the law where it reads as he says it does, be would very much oblige. AN OLD SOLDIER.

GRANTS SOME MORE LICENSES

Police Board Will Hear Protests at Session to Be Held Tuesday.

The following licenses were granted at the special meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon: Max Flothow, 1405 Farnam street; Fred H. Krug, 4013 South Thirteenth, 4024 North Twenty-fourth and 914 North Sixteenth; Fred Krug Brewing company, Tenth and Jackson; Albert Krug, 414 South Fifteenth; Henry Rohiff, 2569 Leavenworth; Harding Distilling company, 1303 Farnam, and William Jetter, 1202 South Thirteenth, 901 Jackson and 412 South Thirteenth.

No further business was transacted, owing to Carl C. Wright being called away by a telegram announcing the probable fatal illness of his mother-in-law. Mrs. Russell, at Glenwood, Ia. The hearing of the protests against the granting of licenses was postponed until Tuesday, on which day meetings will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening.

SELECTS OFFICIAL PAPERS

City Council Adopts Resolution Designating The Evening Bee as One.

At a special meeting yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock the city council designated The Evening Bee and the World-Herald as the official papers of the city for 1903, and a resolution to that effect, drawn in due form by Assistant City Attorney Adams, was adopted.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Charter Revision Committee Suggests Doubling Membership of Council.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO BE REDUCED

Miss Anna Fitle, Principal of Brown Park School, Dies Suddenly—Live Stock Exchange Discusses Situation.

It was reported on the streets last night that a number of the members of the charter revision committee favored the election of twelve councilmen. This would increase the number from one representative from each ward to two. When the question of expense is brought up it is stated that the salaries now paid, $50 a month to each member, could be reduced to one-half that amount and thus maintain twelve members instead of six.

Those who favor an increase in the number of councilmen assert that the opinion of a dozen men is better than that of six and that more work can be performed and better satisfaction given by having two representatives from each of the wards.

On the other hand, some of those who favor an increase in the number of councilmen met last night and talked over school board matters. These same men favored a reduction in the number of members of the Board of Education. An amendment to the present laws is to be suggested, so it was stated last night, that the number of members of the Board of Education be reduced to seven and that the secretary of the board be an outsider. The idea is to have a secretary who will devote all of his time to the duties of the office. At present the secretary is a member of the board and receives a salary of $50 a month.

Sometime next week there will be a general meeting of the charter revision committee, when the amendments suggested will be read and voted on. It will then be up to those who desire a change in the existing laws to provide ways and means for sending a committee to Lincoln to properly present the matter to the legislature.

Death of Miss Anna Fitle.

The announcement of the death of Miss Anna Fitle, principal of the Brown Park school, was a great shock to her many friends in this city. The immediate cause of death was peritonitis and the death certificate has been issued to this effect. Miss Fitle was taken ill on Wednesday and immediately went to the home of Dr. Hostetter, Sixteenth and Nicholas streets, Omaha, where she was a frequent visitor. When Miss Fitle seemed to be getting worse Dr. Hostetter called in Dr. Hamilton, but in spite of all their efforts the woman died. The remains are now at Brewer's undertaking rooms and the funeral will be held on Sunday. Frank Fitle, father of the deceased, came up from Lincoln last night to give directions about the funeral.

Want Lines Extended.

Residents in the southwestern part of the city are anxious to have the street car lines extended so as to take in Corrigan addition and the property south. It is asserted that this section of the city is building up rapidly and that a transportation line is badly needed. A meeting of the Southwest Side Improvement club is soon to be held, at which the matter will be discussed and a committee appointed to wait upon the officers of the street railway company with a request that a southern extension to the present Q street line be made.

Live Stock Exchange Meeting.

A meeting of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange was held yesterday afternoon. There was an unusually large attendance of members on account of the question of solicitors coming up. At the present time and under the existing rules three solicitors are allowed each commission firm doing business at the yards. Some of the larger firms object to this rule and desire to have the limit taken off. There was a long discussion over this matter of solicitors, but no action was taken, the entire matter being deferred until the next meeting. An election of officers of the exchange will be held on Monday, January 5.

Working on Conduits.

Yesterday bricklayers were working on the three manholes, making connections with the conduits being laid by the electric light company across M street. This work was commenced some time ago, but the cold weather put a stop to the operations. While the conduits are laid, the manholes have not been completed. With a few days of soft weather the work will be done. There has been some delay about getting the cables for the conduits, but a report has been received here that the cable has been shipped. The big transformers will not be moved to the basement of the company's plant here until the cable is laid under M street.

William Montgomery Dies.

William Montgomery, aged 77 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Mack, 3410 K street, Wednesday. Cancer was the cause of death. Funeral services over the remains will be held at the Baptist mission on Sunday forenoon. Interment will be at Fairview cemetery in Council Bluffs. The deceased leaves a wife and six children. Friends are invited to attend the funeral services.

Magic City Gossip

C. A. Bennett of Hornice, Ia., is visiting Dr. Wheeler and family.

Stephen Flynn of Laurel, Neb., is in the city, the guest of friends.

Knoxall council of the Royal Arcanum met last night and installed officers.

C. A. Melcher is at Atlantic, Ia., visiting relatives. He is expected home today.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Twentieth and Harrison streets.

William Wheeler of Fairfield is here, the guest of his brother, Rev. Dr. R. L. Wheeler.

Mrs. David Mulcahy died yesterday and funeral services will be held today at St. Agnes' church.

August Papez is figuring on grading down the lot at the southwest corner of Twenty-fifth and L streets.

James L. Paxton, superintendent of the Union Stock Yards company, is back from an extended western trip.

The street crossings in the business part of the city were swept yesterday by the street force in anticipation of a freeze.

C. C. Coffeen plead guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace in police court yesterday afternoon and was fined $5 and costs.

Frank E. Jones, city sanitary inspector, writes from Harvard, Neb., that his mother-in-law is still alive, but little hopes are given by physicians for her recovery.

Yankton Left in Darkness.

YANKTON, S. D., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The explosion of the main steam pipe in the electric light plant last night wrecked it badly and left this city in darkness. F. O'Neill, one of the employes, was badly burned by escaping steam. It will take several days to repair the plant.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
John C. Anderson, Omaha	32
Flossie S. Gilbert, Omaha	20
Morris Gross, Omaha	32
Rosa Motz, Omaha	25
Edgar A. Tuills, Omaha	25
Elsie K. Poulton, Omaha	24
Louis Frank, Omaha	25
Sarah Leventhal, Omaha	20

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