BASE BALL MAGNATES MEET

Peace Conference Preliminary Session Held Between Committees.

OUTLOOK IS GROWING MUCH BRIGHTER

Prospect Good for Agreement as to the Basis on Which Terms of Settlement May Be Approached.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—All the members of the joint peace committee of the National and American Base Ball leagues met here today. The National members are at the St. Nicholas and the American members at the Grand hotel. They met separately during the forenoon with the owners and managers in their respective leagues, many of whom are present, as well as President Harry Pulliam and Ban Johnson.

The American members want the dispute over the players passed on first. Chairman Herrmann, after spending the night with Robison, Dreyfus and others, met James A. Hart and other National leaders this morning and afterward called on Charles Comiskey, Henry Killilea, Charles Somers and others at the headquarters of the American conferees.

Session Lasts Eight Hours.

The joint conference went into executive session at 2 and Presidents Johnson and Pulliam were made the fourth members of the committees of the American and National leagues respectively. The eight representatives were the only ones admitted to the conference.

The discussion lasted from 2 until almost 7 this evening, when a recess of an hour was taken. The conferees then went to another room, where dinner had been ordered, and the executive session was practically continued while they were dining.

A crowd of reporters and base ball men gathered on the outside, among them being J. E. Bruce and C. J. McDiarmid, counsel of President Johnson, and stockholders in the St. Louis club; Manager Frank C. Bancroft of the Cincinnati National league club and Manager Charles Nichols of the Kansas City Western league club. The peace commissioners were interviewed as they passed into the public dining room and stated that no action had been taken, although they had discussed all the questions in dispute. They had not yet agreed on the extent or even the character of an agreement, and were therefore unable to decide on the order of business or what questions should be taken up first.

There seemed to be a consensus of opinion that it would be necessary to reach a compromise on the questions of territory and disputed players.

One proposition discussed was that about a score of players who have signed contracts with both leagues should remain where they were at the time of the "peace" meeting in New York last month. It was also proposed that the American league should hold its franchises for clubs in Pittsburg and New York.

As to Pittsburg, there is some doubt, but it seemed to be understood that the American league would gain a foothold in New York.

One of the conferees said that the exchange of opinion had done much toward establishing confidence between the opposing forces. Before the meeting each side had mistrusted the other, as there had been considerable misrepresentation.

The general discussion was opened by each one of the eight conferees being called on to explain just what he favored, what he thought ought to be done, how it could be done and how far the conference should go. Then a general discussion followed, of the opinions thus expressed, some taking sharp issue with others, but all in a friendly manner.

Seem to Get Together.

The conference closed before 10 to meet at 10 tomorrow morning.

Chairman Herrmann said the conferees spent the evening in general discussion, without any motion or action, but that they seemed to be getting together.

In response to a question he admitted that amalgamation had been freely discussed, with specific plans for a twelve-club league and other changes, and special consideration had been given to contract jumpers.

It was conceded by all that the conference would complete its work tomorrow, and this was generally interpreted as indicating that the conferees were really getting together on the principal terms that would enter into a peace agreement. It is even stated that drafts of such an agreement have been drawn up and presented, while it is known that a number have drafts of different provisions that they want incorporated into the peace treaty. Although it was recognized that the conferees have final power it is generally understood that they adjourned sooner than expected tonight, in order to confer with others of their respective leagues.

The representatives of both leagues said that it was by no means time to arrange for a jollification, but the prospects for such an occasion were much better tonight than they were this morning.

SET DATES FOR HORSE RACES

New York Jockey Club Stewards Elect Officers and Apportion Fixtures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A meeting of the stewards of the Jockey club was held today.

Officers were elected as follows: August Belmon, chairman; F. S. Keene, vice chairman; F. K. Sturgis, secretary and treasurer.

The following racing officials were appointed for 1903: C. J. Fitzgerald, starter; C. McDowell, presiding judge; C. H. Pettingill, associate judge; H. G. Crickmore, clerk of the scales; W. W. Barretto, timer; J. L. Hall, paddock and patrol judge; W. S. Vosburgh, handicapper.

Racing dates for 1903 were set as follows: Washington Jockey club, March 13 to April 14; Queens County club, April 5 to 25; Metropolitan Jockey club, April 27 to May 8; Brooklyn Jockey club, May 28 to June 17; Coney Island Jockey club, June 18 to July 7; Brighton Beach Racing association, July 8 to 25; Metropolitan Jockey club, July 27 to August 1; Saratoga association, August 3 to 28; Coney Island Jockey club, August 29 to September 12; Brooklyn Jockey club, August 29 to September 16; Westchester Racing association, September 28 to October 10; Brighton Beach Racing association, October 12 to 24; Queens County Jockey club, October 26 to November 6; Metropolitan Jockey club, November 7 to 14; Washington Jockey club, November 26 to December 5.

FOG OBSCURES RACE TRACK

Oakland Horses Run in Hazy Weather and Disappoint Their Backers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Fog obscured the view of two of the races at Oakland today and the weather was hazy during the greater part of the afternoon. There were several surprises, among them being the victories of Action, at 4 to 1; Ravino, who was quoted at 15 to 1, and Urchin, a 12 to 1 chance.

Track fast. Summary:

First, futurity course, selling: Glendining won, Prestino second, Rose of Hilo third. Time: 1:10¾.

Second, one mile and 100 yards, selling: Ravino won, I. O. U. second, Forts third. Time: 1:47¼.

Third, futurity course, selling: Father Wentker won, Dolly Weithoff second, Mike Murphy third. Time: 1:10¾.

Fourth, one mile, selling: Urchin won, Fonami second, Nigrette third. Time: 1:42.

Fifth, 13-16 mile, selling: Action won, Wartenicht second, Leader third. Time: 1:21.

Sixth, one mile and 100 yards, selling: Beana won, Katie Walcott second, Glissando third. Time: 1:46¼.

ARRANGE ATHLETIC MEETING

Amateur Union Will Hold Championship Games in Cincinnati Next Month.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—The Ohio Amateur Athletic union state championship games will be held at the armory at Cincinnati, under the auspices of the Central association of the union, on February 26. The meet is open to all amateur athletes of the west.

Prizes will be awarded in each event and a silk banner will be given as a prize in the relay races, with a gold medal for each man in the winning team and silver medals for second place winners. The winners of each event will also represent a team of fifteen men to be picked later to take part in the Amateur Athletic union meet to be held in Chicago or Milwaukee. The entries close on February 15.

With the Bowlers.

The Gate City Juniors defeated the Bankers on the Gate City bowling alleys last night. Score:

GATE CITY JUNIORS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Welty	132	187	157	476
Happy Martin	151	190	177	518
Howard	153	153	152	458
G. Martin	126	184	148	458
Baldy	197	169	180	546
Totals	759	883	814	2,456

BANKERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Neale	150	149	153	452
Brink	150	139	153	442
Zimmerman	141	174	171	486
Hughes	171	164	165	500
Yoder	168	180	173	521
Totals	789	787	815	2,401

The Western Juniors defeated the Omaha High school team on the Western bowling alleys last night. Score:

WESTERN JUNIORS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Timber	161	145	128	434
Bengele	174	178	145	497
Clay	164	139	177	480
Manan	167	126	141	434
Foley	181	156	170	507
Totals	847	744	761	2,352

HIGH SCHOOL.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Pierce	166	158	174	498
Greenleaf	149	158	184	491
Benson	122	155	181	458
Rosewater	133	176	130	439
Sterreker	136	183	141	460
Totals	706	830	810	2,346

Only One Favorite Wins.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—Cogswell was the only winning favorite today. Nettie Regent was claimed out of the last race for $750 and Cogswell, the winner, was run up to $725 and bought in. Weather fine; track fast.

Summary:

First race, five furlongs: Sweet Nell won, Brushby second, Mistle third. Time: 1:01 4-5.

Second, seven furlongs, selling: Charles Ramsey won, Censor second, Ecome third. Time: 1:30 2-5.

Third, mile, selling: The Stewardess won, Eliza Dillon second, Thane third. Time: 1:42 2-5.

Fourth, mile, handicap: Jena won, Scotch Plaid second, Wilful third. Time: 1:43¼.

Fifth, five and a half furlongs: Uranimum won, Ahumada second, Glennevis third. Time: 1:06.

Sixth, one and one-sixteenth miles, selling: Cogswell won, Nettie Regent second, The Messenger third. Time: 1:45.

Donovan Remains with St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—It was authoritatively announced today that P. J. Donovan will continue to manage the St. Louis National league base ball team during the coming season, at a salary of $9,000. The contract is said to have been signed yesterday by Donovan, who reconsidered his decision to retire from the base ball field and enter commercial life.

Opportunity for American Firms.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Alfred Chassea of New York has been appointed commissioner to the International Engineering, Hardware, Machinery and Allied Trades exposition, to open at the Crystal palace, London, next March. It is expected that this will afford American firms a new opportunity to introduce their specialties to consumers in England and its colonies.

FUEL FAMINE IS OFFSET

Dun Says General Prosperity Minimizes Coal Shortage Evil.

TRADE OPENS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL

Tardy Deliveries Lead to Advance Orders, Collections Come in Promptly and Everything Points to Year of Success.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Collections are notably prompt at all leading centers, bearing testimony to the fine financial condition of the nation's industries at the opening of the year. Distribution of merchandise is heavy and manufacturers are pressed for prompt delivery. Orders for spring goods come freely and in some lines there is more than a sample business in fall weights. Tardy deliveries in the past lead purchasers to anticipate requirements more than heretofore and orders are being placed far in advance of actual needs.

Fuel Situation Still Serious.

The fuel situation is still the one seriously disturbing element, rendering abnormally high the cost of manufacturing and restricting the purchasing power of almost the entire population. Fortunately, this comes at a time of exceptional prosperity, or there would be a general contraction of consumption in other lines. There is little interruption because of the labor disputes, but many operations are interrupted by the delay in transit of needed materials. Railway freight rates were advanced, and one result will be a loss of exports from eastern cities, the traffic being deflected to New Orleans.

In the iron and steel industry the most significant event of the week was the discussion regarding the profit sharing proposal by the leading producer. Inadequate supplies of coal are still restricting operations. Contracts for the new year were made at $4 a ton, but prompt deliveries often commanded $6 or $7 and at Chicago some sales were reported at $10. Pig iron continues scarce, prices generally advancing during the past week, and the expected advance of $1 a ton was made in wire products. Much new business has come forward, especially in bars and sheets, which had been comparatively quiet, while there is a vigorous demand for structural material to be used in bridge work and car shops. Another year of unprecedented activity in this industry is confidently anticipated. Partially because of the published statistics of supplies, but more on account of London speculation, there was a sharp advance in prices of tin and copper, followed by some reaction, due to realizing sales.

Footwear is Light.

New England producers of footwear are busy on spring business and a few deliveries have already been made, although shipments are light in these lines as yet.

Exceptional activity in rubber goods has reduced supplies to an unusually low point. Some varieties of leather have advanced slightly and tanners of hemlock sole have only limited holdings. Exports of hemlock sole continue heavy.

No new features have appeared in the domestic demand for dry goods. The best event as to cottons has been the continued buying for export, which has exceeded expectations largely. The print cloth market has ruled firm, with business restricted by the reserve of sellers, who show no disposition to make concessions. As to woolen goods the demand for overcoatings for next fall has not come up to expectations, which may be attributed in part to the fact that the season opened unusually early. Prices are fully maintained at the opening level of the season.

Failures for the week numbered 350 in the United States, against 373 last year, and 24 in Canada, compared with 27 a year ago.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

Summary of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended January 8, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Amount.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$2,015,061,697	5.1	.....
Chicago	189,817,046	2.5	.....
Boston	160,029,715	8.7	.....
Philadelphia	146,885,909	11.3	.....
St. Louis	58,420,079	.....	3.1
Pittsburg	47,367,304	.....	3.6
Baltimore	28,929,549	.....	3.1
San Francisco	31,630,188	18.5	.....
Cincinnati	27,348,350	18.0	.....
Kansas City	20,862,047	.....	5.1
Cleveland	18,221,426	11.4	.....
Minneapolis	15,288,079	.....	.....
New Orleans	17,809,233	13.5	.....
Detroit	12,277,659	.....	20.1
Louisville	22,633,360	13.3	.....
Indianapolis	8,100,617	20.4	.....
Providence	9,954,000	15.2	.....
OMAHA	8,655,221	19.8	.....
Milwaukee	9,623,148	3.2	.....
Buffalo	7,954,324	11.1	.....
St. Paul	7,283,405	13.3	.....
St. Joseph	5,917,954	2.7	.....
Denver	4,727,874	.....	12.6
Richmond	5,027,343	.....	17.2
Savannah	5,552,994	34.6	.....
Salt Lake City	4,816,132	.....	9.2
Albany	5,370,037	24.5	.....
Los Angeles	6,796,393	39.8	.....
Memphis	4,908,257	8.6	.....
Fort Worth	3,864,353	17.0	.....
Seattle	4,021,469	25.5	.....
Washington	5,431,723	43.4	.....
Hartford	4,844,927	7.0	.....
Peoria	3,403,548	30.3	.....
Toledo	3,630,413	19.8	.....
Portland, Ore.	3,942,768	41.6	.....
Rochester	4,579,304	25.3	.....
Atlanta	4,061,009	20.8	.....
Des Moines	2,591,730	13.1	.....
New Haven	2,983,732	16.3	.....
Worcester	2,270,242	21.1	.....
Nashville	3,300,160	51.1	.....
Springfield, Mass.	2,822,197	49.8	.....
Norfolk	1,913,996	9.1	.....
Grand Rapids	1,963,000	2.3	.....
Scranton	1,485,042	.....	.....
Portland, Me.	2,158,886	.....	.....
Sioux City	1,720,708	.....	4.0
Augusta	2,027,868	39.3	.....
Syracuse	1,666,188	.....	6.4
Dayton, O.	2,083,732	16.3	.....
Tacoma	2,217,422	58.4	.....
Spokane	2,412,130	53.4	.....
Topeka	1,768,773	20.3	.....
Davenport	1,610,236	.....	10.3
Wilmington, Del.	1,447,206	5.3	.....
Evansville	1,150,896	5.7	.....
Birmingham	1,720,818	34.1	.....
Fall River	1,258,292	14.2	.....
Macon	881,000	8.7	.....
Little Rock	1,357,753	17.5	.....
Helena	553,996	.....	27.1
Chicago	1,037,275	23.5	.....
Lowell	851,106	.....	9.9
Akron	866,400	44.0	.....
Wichita	849,932	11.8	.....
Springfield, Ill.	883,510	36.4	.....
Lexington	816,089	30.9	.....
New Bedford	596,533	10.1	.....
Chattanooga	767,771	18.0	.....
Youngstown	679,573	11.4	.....
Kalamazoo	797,400	22.7	.....
Fargo	621,666	33.2	.....
Binghamton	694,600	27.1	.....
Rockford	354,743	5.9	.....
Canton	549,000	24.7	.....
Jacksonville, Fla.	538,007	25.7	.....
Springfield, O.	453,996	.....	10.4
Chester	676,877	68.1	.....
Quincy	359,826	.....	.....
Bloomington	475,823	13.3	.....
Sioux Falls	320,780	4.5	.....
Jacksonville, Ill.	248,054	4.6	.....
Fremont	254,095	18.5	.....
†Houston	12,957,142	.....	8.8
†Galveston	11,901,000	35.1	.....
†Columbus, O.	4,668,700	4.5	.....
‡Wheeling	924,884	.....	9.7
‡Beaumont	617,994	.....	.....
Utica	3,212,809	.....	.....
Greensburg, Pa.	509,404	.....	.....
Mansfield	232,270	.....	.....
Totals, U. S.	$2,996,027,124	6.2	.....
Outside New York	980,965,427	6.4	.....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 22,814,000	9.6	.....
Toronto	23,424,279	31.0	.....
Winnipeg	6,720,314	24.1	.....
Halifax	2,296,494	.....	3.6
Vancouver, B. C.	1,163,334	10.0	.....
Hamilton	1,139,475	.....	.....
St. John, N. B.	1,679,826	77.1	.....
Victoria, B. C.	536,745	.....	43.3
‡Quebec	1,543,123	2.1	.....
Ottawa	2,453,814	26.0	.....
London	1,170,576	.....	.....
Totals	$ 62,900,804	17.9	.....

†Not included in total because containing other items than clearings

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

LULL IS BROKEN BY ORDERS.

Bradstreet Says New Year Quietude is Less Noticeable Than Usual.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Bradstreets tomorrow will say:

The new year starts in aggressively and well. Wholesale distributive trade, it is true, notes something of the lull usual at this period of the year, but even here the uniformity is broken by advices that salesmen already on the road are receiving good orders for spring and that in compliance with urgent instructions shipments of spring goods are being forwarded liberally. Among the industrials activity reigns, the only deterrent features being the scarcity of cars and of fuel, limiting production of iron and steel or curtailing shipments of lumber and grain.

Prices as a whole show aggressive strength, present levels being the highest in over two years. Corn and cotton have weakened, but the only apparent result is that of encouraging and expanding export trade, a movement long and anxiously awaited.

Cotton goods remain firm, and it is a seller's market for print cloth. The feeling of confidence in the cotton and cotton goods trades extends also to woolen goods, while raw wool is strong, with supplies on hand generally small.

Liberal snows are helping lumbering operations in the northwest and in Maine. Cold weather effects the movement of white pine, while the southern yellow pine movement is restricted by the scarcity of cars. A feature is the activity in hard woods, which are in demand at all leading markets.

Eastern shoe manufacturers report that liberal sample orders are not being followed by solid orders to the extent expected and shipments are smaller than last year and last week, but leather is quiet and firm. The scarcity of anthracite coal is a feature of large expense. Efforts to keep prices down to a reasonable level seem to have failed and speculators are reported in control of the situation.

The iron and steel market is classed as quiet, but symptoms of activity are numerous. Pittsburg reports pig iron scarce and good sales have been made at nearly top prices, while heavy engagements of steel billets, bars and structural material are also reported. Coke is especially scarce at Chicago. Foreign importations of iron and steel are heavy. Cleveland reports that so active is the demand for iron ore that the immensely reduced supplies brought down from the lakes last year promise to be well cleaned up by spring.

In the hardware trade the outlook is classed as good. Copper and tin have made good advances this week.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending January 8 aggregate 5,098,951 bushels, against 3,436,236 bushels last week, 3,567,719 bushels in this week a year ago and 5,861,055 bushels in 1901. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 135,762,176 bushels, against 153,313,937 last season and 165,874,914 bushels in 1900.

Corn exports aggregated 2,856,586 bushels, against 2,537,542 bushels last week, 136,873 bushels a year ago and 4,897,340 bushels in 1901.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with January 2 number 335, as against 290 last week, 346 in the like week in 1902, 222 in 1901, 295 in 1900 and 304 in 1899. The failures in Canada number 30, against 39 last week and 32 in this week a year ago.

Prominent Missourian Ill.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—Governor Dockery is not quite so well today, but his illness is still not considered dangerous. The attending physician has instructed that he remain indoors for several days yet. Ex-Governor William J. Stone, who yesterday was nominated for senator to succeed Senator Vest, also is confined to his room with a cold.

Bank Changes Its Name.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 9.—The Farmers' and Mercants' bank today changed its title to the Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Los Angeles. As a national bank the capital stock of the institution has been increased to $1,000,000, fully paid, with a surplus of $500,000 paid up.

THE ILLUSTRATED BEE

EACH WEEK A FEATURE is the motto of The Illustrated Bee and it is lived up to with fidelity to which its readers can easily attest. Each succeeding number contains new pictures and new matter on topics of general interest, and all prepared in a way that is peculiarly The Bee's own. It is this steady endeavor to give the people the very best all the time that has made The Illustrated Bee so popular. Some splendid new features have been planned for the current year, one of which will be found in the next number.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF GRANTS is the title under which Mr. Edward Rosewater contributes a chapter of personal recollections of members of this distinguished family. It is illustrated from family photographs, showing representatives of five generations, as well as twenty-one members of the family.

TWO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS is a handsome picture showing Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell and Rev. M. P. Dowling of Creighton together. It is accompanied by a short biographical sketch of the two men who are so prominently indentified with educational affairs.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF MOTHERS' CONGRESS is a special article on the general topic of the American mother's task in rearing and educating her offspring. It debates the matter in a broad and interesting way, and is worth the reading.

BELGIAN MARKET FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURES is the title of Mr. Frank G. Carpenter's weekly letter. In it Mr. Carpenter recounts the experience of some well informed business men of Brussels in the way of handling and introducing American goods and wares. Illustrations are from photographs made in Belgium.

STURDY MEN WHO FIGHT THE SEA KINGS gives a vivid description of the life of the modern whaler. Some account of the dangers and hardships daily encountered and endured by these men, apparently incredible, in the pursuit of the leviathan, is set forth by the writer.

AK-SAR-BEN FESTIVAL CHORUS, organized and being drilled by Thomas J. Kelly, is shown in a splendid group photograph, and there are a number of other fine independent pictures. Every department of the paper has been carefully looked after, and not a thing has been slighted or omitted. If you are not now a subscriber, you should leave your order with your newsdealer today.

THE ILLUSTRATED BEE

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Mayor Koutsky Again Announces His Position on Meat Inspector.

WILLING TO APPOINT UNDER ORDINANCE

If Council Will Pass the Bill Needed the Executive Will Take the Necessary Action Without Delay.

Several days ago Mayor Koutsky stated to members of the press that he was willing to appoint a meat inspector just as soon as the city council passed the ordinance. City Attorney Murdock has been instructed by the council to draft an ordinance for the appointment of a meat inspector and defining the duties of the official. So far the ordinance has not been drafted, as Mr. Murdock has been engaged in court and on court revision matters.

Last night Mayor Koutsky reiterated his former statements and said that just as soon as the council sees fit to pass an ordinance declaring the necessity for a meat inspector he will make an appointment.

"As far as I am concerned," said the mayor, "the government inspection is a fair guarantee that all meats handled at the stockyards are in good condition. Should I be called upon to appoint an inspector I assure the public that I will place a man in the position who thoroughly understands meats and one who will make inspections according to the ordinance passed."

The mayor declines to even intimate who he will appoint, should the council pass the ordinance needed. The ordinance, when it is passed, will have to have the approval of the city attorney before it is signed by the mayor.

After Bank Robbers.

The authorities at Louisville, Neb., have sent to the South Omaha police descriptions of the persons supposed to be implicated in the bank robbery of a night or two ago. Chief Briggs was a busy man yesterday and last night. He declined to give any details, but said that the officers after the robbers were on a trail and would most likely report before long.

Some Alterations Wanted.

In the amendments to the city charter which City Attorney Murdock will take to Lincoln and submit is the change proposed for lights and water. Figures for years past show that not enough money has been provided for either of these funds, and the statement of Murdock for an increase will not be considered as sufficient by another committee which will go down to induce the legislature to provide the city with plenty of funds for proper fire protection and the supplying of the street lights absolutely needed.

Retail Clerks' Union.

There was a well attended meeting of the Retail Clerks' union at Labor hall on Thursday night. Several new members were initiated. It is expected by the present members of the union that before long every retail clerk in the city will join the organization. An organizer is to come here some time during the present month for the purpose of securing additional members to the present union. Another meeting of the clerks' union will be held on January 22 at Labor hall. At this meeting there will be an election of officers.

Fitle Expresses Thanks.

Frank Fitle, temporarily located in Lincoln in the office of the commissioner of public lands and buildings, writes The Bee to express his thanks for the acts of kindness and the flowers, etc., on the occasion of the death of his daughter, Anna Fitle. To all friends who remembered the deceased he wishes to extend his sincere thanks.

Camp Elects Officers.

Camp No. 1747, Royal Neighbors of America, elected these officers for the year 1903 at a recent meeting: Mrs. K. Sheehan, oracle; Mrs. N. Surangen, vice oracle; Mrs. E. Breen, past oracle; Mrs. M. Russell, chancellor; Mrs. M. Conley, recorder; Mrs. E. Southwick, receiver; Mrs. J. Bowley, marshal; Mrs. B. Watts, inside sentinel; Mrs. M. Nagle, outside sentinel. The managers are J. J. Breen, Mrs. M. Clinchard, Mrs. E. Carey. The physicians of the order are W. J. McCrann and Thomas Kelly.

Annual Charity Ball.

At a meeting of the directors of the hospital association held yesterday afternoon it was decided to hold the annual charity ball at the spacious dining room at the Exchange building on the evening of February 9. This annual ball of the association is considered quite a social affair in the annals of South Omaha, and a large number of tickets are usually sold. It is expected that this year the sale will be larger than usual, as more interest seems to be taken in hospital affairs than heretofore. While plans for a new building are being talked of no definite steps will be taken this winter unless a certain amount of money for a new building can be pledged.

Magic City Gossip.

A. H. Merrill is going south for a six weeks' trip in search of health.

A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Piper, Twenty-fourth and P streets.

Rev. M. A. Head will deliver an address at the Young Men's Christian association at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

John Flynn has decided not to go out of business. He is still at Lincoln at the sanitarium, but expects to return home soon.

The week of prayer closed last night with services at the First Methodist church. Rev. George Van Winkle of the Baptist church conducted the services.

There will be a social gathering for members at the local Young Men's Christian association this evening. Two games of basket ball have been arranged for.

Miss Nettie Harrington, general delivery clerk at the postoffice, is still quite sick.

A number of decrepit chairs in the city council chamber have been sent to the renovating factory for repairs.

The break in the water connections in 2411 N street is being repaired as rapidly as employes of the water company can dig down to the seat of the trouble. In the meantime ashes are being strewn on the icy pavement.

The annual meeting of the State Farmers' Insurance company of South Omaha will be held at the company's office, Twenty-fourth and M streets, on Tuesday, January 13, when officers will be elected and other business transacted.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Saturday and Sunday, Warmer Sunday, in Nebraska and Iowa.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Forecast:

For Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota—Fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer Sunday.

For Illinois—Fair Saturday and Sunday, except snow or rain Sunday in southern portion; slowly rising temperature; fresh winds.

For Montana—Snow and colder Saturday; Sunday, fair.

For Missouri—Fair and warmer in west portion Saturday and Sunday; rain in south portion.

For Kansas—Fair and rising temperature Saturday; Sunday, fair in north, rain or snow in south portion.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Jan. 9.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Maximum temperature	15	46	18	46
Minimum temperature	6	33	13	26
Mean temperature	10	40	16	36
Precipitation	.00	.00	.29	.14

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1902:

Normal temperature	18
Deficiency for the day	8
Total excess since March 1	229
Normal precipitation	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Precipitation since March 1	29.65 inches
Deficiency since March 1	.81 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902	6.35 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1901	.02 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.	Temperature at 7 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	12	15	.00
Valentine, clear	10	14	.00
North Platte, clear	18	26	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	24	36	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	32	36	.00
Rapid City, cloudy	16	24	.00
Huron, clear	—2	4	.00
Chicago, clear	8	12	.00
St. Louis, clear	22	26	.00
St. Paul, clear	—0	2	.00
Davenport, clear	6	10	.00
Kansas City, clear	20	24	.00
Havre, snowing	20	22	.06
Helena, cloudy	36	40	.00
Galveston, cloudy	60	60	T

— Zero.
T Indicates trace of precipitation.

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