BANQUET FOR THE BISHOP

Catholic Knights of Columbus Honor Prelate from South Dakota.

BISHOP O'GORMAN EXPLAINS SOME THINGS

Takes Advantage of Occasion to Make Clear Attitude of Church in Connection with the Philippine Islands.

One of the most pleasant functions of the season was the banquet of the Knights of Columbus, given at the Iler Grand last night in honor of Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, bishop of Sioux Falls. Covers were laid for about 100 members of the order, and the arrangements, which were in charge of a committee consisting of E. W. Simeral, William Hayden, Martin Langdon, T. J. Fitzmorris, John E. O'Hern, T. F. Swift, P. H. Johnson and P. J. Bourke, were complete in every detail.

The banquet was served at 8 o'clock and at 9:30 the toastmaster, E. W. Simeral, introduced in apt language, Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha, who welcomed the bishop of Sioux Falls to the city, saying in part:

I have known the bishop of Sioux Falls for many years and he can introduce himself much better than I can. I will tell him what the Knights of Columbus are. There are knights who are such for amusement, but the Catholic knight, the true knight, longs after better things. There is a way of making fun of the knights of old, but they were said not to be practical. I think we should pray not to be practical men, for they do nothing unless they are paid for it. To help the unfortunate is not their ambition, is not practical; but it was the object of the old knights, and if they were not practical they were gentlemen and Christians. If they pushed the principles of chivalry to unwarranted lengths at times they were honest and unselfish. They were each of them a soldier, a Christian and a gentleman. And is not that what you Knights of Columbus profess to be? Your work is a great work. It is the work of the Christian laity and you have a great field in which to perform it. Your work is to stand up for the supernatural. In America naturalism, outside of the church, has taken possession of the pulpit, and the preacher's chair and the church alone is the bulwark against naturalism. In this work you have your duty. You must fight, not like common soldiers, but like true knights. Any man can carry a gun, but it is your work to show others in your life what Catholic principles can do.

Bishop O'Gorman Responds.

Bishop O'Gorman, in response, speaking of Bishop Scannell, said:

You have here a great city, the gateway to the west. You have a great city in spite of the hard times of a few years ago and in spite of the tale a faulty census shows. Its future no man can tell. It may outrival the giant to the east of it, Chicago, and the giant to the south of it, St. Louis. There is but one thing it needs. It must be as high and as great in church circles as it is in material things, and I hope very soon we will have to address Bishop Scannell as the Archbishop of Omaha. (Continuous cheers.)

I thank the Knights of Columbus for honoring me as their guest. There are many Catholic societies in the United States having diverse objects. There has arisen an association which has spread as none other has, the Knights of Columbus, wherein a Catholic can find his spiritual and moral uplifting and where, I am told, he finds instruction in the catechism. Well has it chosen the name of Columbus. Columbus was actuated by a love of God, a love of country and the extension of Christianity and the sway of Spain over the lands where he was to plant the cross of Christ. He sought first the kingdom of God but he did not exclude personal gain. That is the spirit of the Knights of Columbus—the honor of God, the love of country and their personal advantage. The anchor and the sword I see here. It is by Christianity you are anchored in all duties. The sword represents the country. The church and the United States—may their advancement be your guiding spirit always.

Philippine Question.

I had the honor to have gone to Rome to discuss with the holy father questions which have arisen in regard to the Philippine islands. Who could have seen that Dewey at Manila bay would have added 8,000,000 Catholics to the 12,000,000 or 14,000,000 in the United States, making us the fourth Catholic country in the world? Who could have seen that the United States would be brought into close connection with the pope of Rome over questions of politics and religion? These results have followed.

There was during the first year a great deal of agitation among many Catholics concerning this unprecedented movement. There were some who imagined Uncle Sam was going to Rome to browbeat Leo XIII. Some made public announcement of fears, some expressed confidence in the pope's diplomacy, forgetting that when the pope takes under consideration a matter that matter becomes a reserved case which should not be touched upon till the pope decides.

From Rome came a desire to come into contact with Washington, to discuss these questions. The cardinal secretary of state wrote a letter to Archbishop Ireland asking him if it were not possible to discover America's idea in regard to these matters. The archbishop thought such a meeting was justifiable. The letter to Archbishop Ireland met a letter from him relating to a conversation with President McKinley and Secretary Root, asking a similar question. That was the beginning of all this matter. That was before the great and loved president fell at the hands of an assassin. Then came delay and it was decided that a commission would be sent to Rome to interview the church authorities in regard to the questions. So the commission went to Rome, received as extraordinary envoys. Governor Taft was entrusted with a personal letter from the president to the pope, with congratulations and a present of the works of the president. The pope asked with interest: "Are these the personal works of the president. Written before he became president?"

"Yes, your holiness."

"Well, there is no other ruler who could have sent me such a present," he said.

Spanish Union of Church and State.

Under Spanish rule in the Philippines there was such union of church and state that no deeds were ever given for church property and churches, priests' residences and cemeteries were the property of the crown. They became the property of the United States, and the government wanted to give deeds and get rid of the property. Questions arising from this had to be settled in the islands. There were many charitable and educational trusts—the funds in the hands of the crown of Spain. Some government functions were administered by the church authorities. The United States asked for a sifting of these and this had to be settled on the islands.

Then there is the question of the lands. The United States does not want to buy the convents and churches, but some religious orders have landed estates. On these estates there are at least 60,000 tenants. Since the revolution no rents have been collected. The title is good in the hands of the orders and can be enforced, but it might create an insurrection and the United States desires to have the lands sold to the government and the land sold to the tenants. This was agreed to, but the holy father went further and decreed that all money resulting from the sale should remain in the Philippines for the education of native priests and the reorganization of the church in the islands. The bull says that the result of the war has brought the church into a higher degree of liberty than it had under Spanish authority. Practically the division of church and state works to a better purpose than their union.

Other Toasts.

John Rush, in responding to the toast, "The Catholic Laity," spoke of the work the members of the church have to do to present the truths taught by the church to the people at large and dwelt upon the necessity for liberality united with an uncompromising spirit of faith in the church.

Father P. A. McGovern, who responded to the toast, "The Catholic Knight," said that in order to attain the highest desire the Catholic knight would have to fight more deadly battles than those in which the crusaders joined; that no treaty of peace can be made with the world, as the true knight must conquer or be overcome.

The closing toast was by T. J. Mahoney, who spoke of the "Catholic Citizen," on which he insisted that the Catholic American should feel that he was a part of the country; that this is not a place of refuge, but his home, and expecting fair treatment from all people at all times, thus disarm suspicion and cause his fellow citizen to accord him that equality in all things to which he is entitled.

The banqueters then drank standing the toast, "To the President of the United States," and adjourned.

SING THE SONGS OF SWEDEN

Ladies' Quintet Gives a Pleasing Entertainment at the Boyd.

During's Swedish Ladies' quintet, composed of Jenny Dahl, Agnes Erikson, Elsbeth Wickers, Clara Ahlberg and Emilia Andreen, leader, sang Swedish and other songs under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association to a large audience in Boyd's last night. While the quintet numbered no unusual voices, it was well balanced, and the ensemble excellent. Only two numbers on the program were in English, but of the encores, which were generously given, several were in that tongue. Miss Ahlberg sang two soprano solos, in a clear and pleasing voice, and Miss Andreen's "Linnea" revealed a sympathetic alto. The humming accompaniment to these solos was effective. The "Chinesser-Marsch" proved to be an unusual composition and the singers did good work in imitating the drums and Chinese cymbals. Curtis Morse was a popular entertainer and ruffled his hair up or down and responded to many encores. His best and most ambitious work was done in a selection from "David Harum," the mortgage scene. The program:

PART I—In Evening Dress.

"Brudefarden i Hardanger" (Wedding March) ..... Kjerulf
Quintet.

"The Fight in the Wilderness" ..... Penny
Mr. Morse.

Soprano Solo—"Ballada" ..... Arr. During
Miss Ahlberg.

"Chinese-Marsch" (Chinese March) J. Otto
Quintet.

Reading—Selected .....
Mr. Morse.

PART II—In National Costume.

(a) "Sweet and Low" ..... Barnby
(b) "Badn Lat" (Humorous) ..... E. Grieg
Quintet.

Alto Solo—"Linnea" ..... Wiberg
Miss Andreen.

"The Servant Girl's Troubles" ..... Anon
Mr. Morse.

"Home, Sweet Home" (Closing Number).

FAINTING BERTHA CONFESSES

Tells of Stealing a Diamond Brooch and is Sent to Galesburg Courts.

Bertha Liebbecke, known as "Fainting Bertha," made the eyes of the officers around police headquarters bulge with wonderment Thursday afternoon when she calmly announced to them that she had become conscience-stricken and desired to make a confession. She was led quickly into Captain Mostyn's office lest she suddenly change her mind.

To the captain and other witnesses, Bertha told the story of her latest theft, relieving Mrs. Robinson of Galesburg, Ill., of a valuable diamond brooch. The prisoner admitted that she met her victim on the train January 28, while en route to Chicago, and while in the toilet room assisting her in putting on her jacket, stole the gem. Going to Chicago she registered at the Palmer house, later going to a pawnshop near Van Buren street and trading the brooch for a diamond ring. This she wore a few days, afterwards selling it for $15. She admitted that she could not locate the store where she disposed of the ring, but thought she might find the pawnshop if taken to Chicago and permitted to start from the Palmer house. She was taken into custody and returned to Galesburg last night.

This is the first confession Bertha has made regarding any of her purloinings, and came as a surprise to the officers, who admit that they did not think a conviction could have been secured inasmuch as the owner of the brooch could not determine in which state it was taken by the woman.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

St. Valentine's dance Saturday evening, February 14, by The Gardeners, at 16th and Capitol Ave. Tickets, 25c.

Ethel Overton petitions for divorce from Richard, alleging abandonment, and asks the custody of their son, aged 13 months. They were married at Plattsmouth, August 15, 1900.

Unity club meets this evening at the residence of William Wallace, 2420 Harney street. There will be an address on "Modern Dentistry" by Dr. Leah Mills. All are invited.

Guy Brown, a minor, by his mother, Eva, sued Dr. R. W. Stone and Dr. Elmer Porter for $400, alleging that they set his arm improperly after he had broken it while in the employ of an express company. Yesterday the doctors confessed judgment in the sum of $150 each and the case was settled.

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PRINTERS MEET AT SMOKER

Omaha Typographical Union Entertains the International President.

HARMONIOUS FORECAST FOR ARBITRATION

Speakers Talk of Unionism and the Necessity of Fighting to Get The Good Things of Life.

If the same dove of peace that circled above the printers and their employes in their social gathering at the Dellone hotel last night hovers over their representatives on arbitration bent today, the conference will have more the nature of a love feast than a session at which capital and labor are striving for a point. Harmony and good will were so marked at the smoker which Omaha Typographical Union 190 gave in honor of James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union, that it was impossible to discern any traces whatever of a recent encounter. The printers had invited the Omaha Typothetae, their employers' organization, to the affair, and with their own national secretary, Edwin Fregaard of New York, the employers presented fully as good a front as did their men. In addition there were distinguished guests, prominent among these being Edward Rosewater and Mel Uhl, while G. M. Hitchcock sent his regrets and best wishes. Then there were from Kansas City Eugene Kirk and Frank B. Pierce, respectively president and secretary of Kansas City Typographical Union 80, who were special guests of the local union.

Though informally arranged and of almost impromptu origin, the smoker was in all ways a success. The men, near 100 in number, sat at tables in the hotel dining room, which was comfortably filled. Light refreshments were served, after which attention was concentrated on fragrant cigars which the printers had there in good store and upon the speakers. K. S. Fisher, president of the local union, was in charge, and he called upon L. J. Quinby to welcome the guests on behalf of the printers. To this A. L. Stonecypher for the employers responded.

Spirit of the Occasion.

Edward Rosewater was then called upon as the speaker of the evening. He said in part:

"I am proud to address this large gathering of the members of your craft. I had imagined that you had assembled to honor the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, intending to take an example from his conduct for your own life's battle. There are scarce a dozen men now living in Nebraska who ever shook hands with Lincoln, but I, as a government telegrapher in the War department at Washington, had the good fortune to come in daily contact with him for ten months. He was a typical American and the greatest of them all from the standpoint of the man who built himself up with his own hands. He occupied the highest station, and yet never forgot that from which he came. Thus he looms like Saul above all the other presidents. George Washington alone was his peer, but Washington was born in affluence, a pampered gentleman, of aristocratic stock, and is not to compare with Lincoln as a lover of mankind. He did not stand for the highest ideal of manhood—the equality of man—as did Lincoln. So let us pledge ourselves tais night to carry on that same great principle, to live in it and die in it.

"As to this gathering tonight, let me say that I approve of labor being organized. I believe that the craftsman should go armed, armed by his union; should be by its existence prepared to strike. But let him beware of any abuse of that power that the union gives him by using it to demand what is not just.

Fighters Are Necessary.

"And I believe in fighting for your rights. You can never argue me into the idea that it is not fitting and right for men to unite and withhold their labor if they are not treated fairly. From the beginning force has governed the world, and always will. We must have fighters. They are the victors. It is often the survival of the fighters rather than the survival of the fittest.

"Arbitration is doubtless to be commended, but we are not always so anxious to indulge in it for ourselves. We are all willing to let our neighbors arbitrate. Yet when you have reached that stage at which both parties are willing to arbitrate, as with you men in the present matter, then it is appropriate and right to do so. Yet if there is any man among you who is not willing to fight for his rights to get them he has no right to live on this side of the earth."

Between the Two.

Mr. Fregaard, secretary of the United Typothetae of America, was called upon. "Typothetae has never been arbitrary or unjust," said he, "although sometimes it resists the demands you make upon it. Our organization results from yours; we must have it in self defense against you. Yet that is no reason why there should be any permanent antagonism between the two associations. They are not always at variance. As men to men we should be on good terms, and it rejoices me to see this harmony here tonight.

"Regarding this arbitration, let me say that it never satisfies entirely both parties to it. By its very nature it cannot. Each side must yield something. It is a case of bear and forbear. So neither you employers nor you printers must expect to get all that you wanted. You'll never get that by arbitration."

President Lynch was among the last speakers. Said he: "We printers have been gently rebuked here several times tonight for being so slow in coming to this idea of arbitration, for going on a strike at all. Let me explain that. We had heard much of the genial Mr. Fregaard, but had never seen him. We wanted to have a look, so went on a strike. He immediately appeared, and now we arbitrate.

"I am glad to see the employers' association arbitrating through a national representative. That is far better than acting with local members. Where employers are organized we can always accomplish more and accomplish it quicker. Those who are willing to give us the fair thing will sweep along with those who are not, and compel them to do it. Thus often Typothetae does our work for us.

Science of Arbitration.

"Arbitration has come to be more or less of a science. It is not generally understood, but it is now enjoying a great wave of popularity in this country. Since the big coal strike was turned over for settlement by this method it has become a procedure dear to the hearts of the people. Arbitration is a great institution, and its results are always satisfactory."

Other speakers were Mel Uhl, F. A. Kennedy and Eugene Kirk. Clint Miller furnished vocal music and H. Miller instrumental selections.

Woman's Mind Affected.

E. M. Leighton, wife and child, spent last night in the matron's department of the police station. The three were on the way from New York City to Cheyenne, Wyo., their home, but Mrs. Leighton, who has been showing signs of failing mind for several months, became so much worse shortly before reaching Omaha that it was impossible to continue westward. It is thought that a few days' rest will much improve the condition of the sufferer.

WOMAN IN CLUB AND CHARITY

For the benefit of the Home Queen's Circle, Mrs. Frank Moriarty entertained an informal musicale and later at cards at her home on South Thirty-fifth avenue, on Wednesday afternoon.

The Acme Woman's club of Wayne celebrated its eighteenth anniversary on Thursday evening, February 12, by giving a dinner party. Acme is among the oldest, if not the oldest woman's club of Nebraska and is one of the strong clubs of Wayne.

A representative delegation of the Philadelphia Women's clubs went to Harrisburg recently to urge the senate to enact the bill before it providing for the continuance and improvement of the Juvenile Court. The New Century club of Philadelphia has a juvenile court department of its permanent civic committee and the club is occupied at present with plans for a house of detention for juvenile offenders.

It is said that the influence of the Texas women's clubs has within the past five years increased the number of libraries in the state of Texas from six to fifty-six; the young women of the Texas university have a $75,000 dormitory in process of erection; plans for an industrial school have been accepted and a school of medicine and pharmacy established.

The Business Woman's club of Denver is soon to begin the publication of a magazine. The first number will soon be out and is to be made up chiefly of contributions from Colorado writers.

Miss Ellen Stone will lecture at the First Congregational church on the evening of March 27, under the auspices of the Woman's society of that church.

The Nebraska club women have recently contributed $150 to the fund for the education of Miss VanDerzee, in the Kindergarten Training school at Washington, D. C. Miss VanDerzee is a young colored woman from Lincoln who is preparing to go among the colored people of the south and give the kindergarten training. The club women of the state have undertaken to give Miss VanDerzee this education, and she will begin her work at the place that they shall suggest. She has entered upon her second year in the Washington school.

Mrs. Edith D. Garloch will lead Sunday afternoon's gospel meeting at the Young Women's Christian association at 4:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the subject to be "Books That Have Influenced Me." There will be a violin solo by Mrs. Shadduck.

The following is taken from the monthly report of the secretary. Average attendance at gospel meetings, 53; at noon meetings, 40; at Bible classes, 14; at Sunday evening tea, 53; Shakespeare club, 25; lecture entertainments, 120. During the month twenty-three have been directed to boarding places, there have been thirty applicants for employment and twenty-one applicants for help.

Miss Flora Ticknor, physical director of the association, has resumed her duties after a week's illness.

The fourth annual club directory of Chicago, just issued, shows ninety-five clubs in existance in that city. The first issue, published for the year 1899-1900, reported sixty-six clubs. The next year the number was 112. The following year a number of these clubs merged and last year's directory included the names of ninety-seven clubs. Almost all of the clubs named in the first directory are still in prosperous condition.

Miss Nellie Magee, city missionary, has returned from a fortnight's trip to Chicago, where she visited the various missions and studied their work.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Alliance of Unity church in the church parlors at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The women gave their regular monthly supper last evening at the church and on February 20 will give a dancing party at Metropolitan club for the young people.

Almost the entire membership of Mu Sigma club attended Wednesday's meeting, which was held at the new home of Mrs. H. D. Neely at Walnut Hill. Mrs. Belle M. Stoutenborough of Plattsmouth was to have been the guest of honor and addressed the club, but was unable to be present. In her absence the club took up its regular study of Holland, taxation being the principal topic, Mrs. Frank Holmes acting as leader.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ritchardson and it is expected that Mrs. Stoutenborough will be present.

The regular meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance union was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Young Women's Christian association rooms.

Strikebreaker Locked Up.

Cahn Norhunce of Chicago, who has been working as a machinist at the Union Pacific shops, started yesterday evening for Chicago, but went only as far as the police station via the Union depot. Norhunce started all right, but tried to take along too many Omaha drinks, and at the depot became obnoxious. He had among his other personal effects a billy and a pair of brass knuckles and was charged with carrying concealed weapons.

TELEGRAPHERS GET RAISE

Northern Pacific Agrees to New Wage Schedule for Railway Operators.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 12.—The Northern Pacific committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers disbanded today, having secured modifications of the existing schedule.

Hereafter all Sunday work is to be paid for as overtime, making an increase of one-sixth to all operators who work on Sunday.

Station operators who are called out of their regular hours for special work will receive the hourly wage scale, but no call, however short, will be paid less than 50 cents.

The extra time schedule of the large offices is raised from 29 to 40 cents per hour.

GHOUL CASE NEARING END

Lawyers Conclude Arguments and Jury Will Decide Doctor's Fate Today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 12.—Arguments in the Dr. Alexander grave-robbing trial were completed this afternoon. The judge admonished the jury against separating or allowing any one to discuss the trial with them and court adjourned until tomorrow, when the instructions will be given and the jury retire.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

John Zwonechek, a mill owner of Wilber, Neb., is at the Schlitz.

A. M. Morrissey of Valentine, Neb., prominent in state affairs, is at the Iler Grand.

Ralph Bittinger, formerly one of the proprietors of the Merchants hotel, is in Omaha, registered at the Schlitz as a resident of Meeker, Colo.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Coroner Brailey and Jury Inquire Into Death of Joseph Rezek.

PATRICK SHEA NOT PRESENT AT INQUEST

William Seager, Tried in Police Court on Charge of Purloining a Bridge, is Found Guilty and Fined.

Coroner Brailey held an inquest in the court room in South Omaha yesterday afternoon over the remains of Joseph Rezek. After hearing the testimony of a number of witnesses the jury adjourned until 10 a. m. today. The jury is made up of John Riches, D. R. Berlin, James Heath, James Glennen, Frank Swanson and C. E. Scarr.

County Attorney English conducted the examination for the state while Patrick Shea was represented by A. W. Jefferis. The first witness was John Briggs, chief of police. Briggs told about arriving at the saloon of Anton Bazarr at 7 o'clock on the night of February 7 and finding Rezek on the floor, with a doctor bending over him. Chief Briggs said that the first question he asked was "Who committed the crime?" In reply to this question he was told that Pat Shea was the guilty party. In reply to further questions the chief said that he went to the Shea residence for the puprpose of investigating. Further, he said that upon arriving at the house Mrs. Shea said her husband was visiting neighbors. The chief stated that he found Shea next door to his own residence and placed him under arrest. While driving to the station the chief said that Shea admitted doing the cutting, but said it was done in self-defense.

Dr. E. L. Delanney described the wounds on the head and breast of Rezek. This testimony was of little import as compared with that of Dr. Slabaugh, who was one of the physicians who performed the autopsy. Dr. Slabaugh explained in a technical manner the cause of death, making his deductions from the post mortem examination. According to Dr. Slabaugh death was caused by a knife stab just over the heart.

One of the features brought out by County Attorney English was the fact that Shea had not complained of feeling ill prior to the time he was taken to the county jail. Now it is asserted that he is too ill to attend the coroner's inquest.

While the verdict of the coroner's jury will not necessarily influence the county attorney, it is expected that it will have some little influence with the court in the matter of binding Shea for trial in the district court. While Shea was absent, his wife was present at the hearing and listened attentively to every word of testimony given by witnesses.

Seager Gets Fined.

William Seager, as the complaint reads, was brought before Judge King yesterday for the larceny of a bridge from the city of South Omaha. It was asserted in the complaint that William Seager and his brother John did upon a certain date "load up and carry away and convert to their own use one bridge owned by the city of South Omaha." After hearing all the talk of the attorneys the judge declared William Seager guilty and imposed a fine of $25 and costs.

The bridge that Seager is supposed to have stolen was a portion of the roadway to the Emergency hospital. The fact that the bridge was removed did not prevent the officials of Douglas county from conveying patients to the hospital. Arrangements are now being made to leave Mr. Seager out of the deal entirely and secure a road to the hospital through ground where there will be no monthly charge.

Examining for Commissions.

Captain Bruce McCulloch, commander of the South Omaha cavalry troop, First Lieutenant Harry E. Tagg and Second Lieutenant James H. Duncanson left for Lincoln yesterday afternoon to take the examination for commissions. The examining board will consist of the adjutant general and a number of field officers of the Nebraska National Guard. Last December the troop held an election and elected the officers mentioned, but no examination has been held. The result will determine the fitness of the officers for the positions they hold.

Boys' Mask Entertainment.

The boys' department of the local Young Men's Christian association will give a mask entertainment at the association parlors on Saturday evening of this week. Every member of the department is requested to attend in costume. Parents of the boys who are members of the junior classes are requested to attend. There will be a mask parade, a program, a game of basket ball and refreshments.

Presenting Forged Check.

Joseph Forman, with a number of aliases, is in jail charged with having attempted to pass a forged check at the South Omaha National bank yesterday afternoon. The check was apparently all right, but when the paying teller looked at it closely he started to refer to a signature file and Forman started out. He got as far as the railroad tracks before he was apprehended. He is now being held at police headquarters awaiting an investigation.

Loading Down the Mails.

David H. Mercer, member of congress, whose term expires on March 4, is loading down the mails with bundles of seeds. Yesterday fourteen sacks of seeds, all stamped with the frank of Mr. Mercer, were received at the South Omaha postoffice. The funny part of the transaction was that the seeds were sent indiscriminately. Some of the letter carriers who live in boarding houses were sent bags of onion seeds, while young men who never had a home and may never acquire a farm were sent cabbage, onions, cucumber and pumpkin seeds.

Funeral of Joseph Rezek.

Joseph Rezek was buried yesterday from the Bohemian Catholic church. Interment was at St. Mary's cemetery. The remains were followed to the grave by a large number of friends and acquaintances. The ceremony at the church was most impressive and the edifice was filled with mourners.

The deceased leaves a widow and three children.

Magic City Gossip.

Clover Leaf camp No. 8 of the Royal Neighbors gave an enjoyable social at the camp hall last night.

T. B. Scott has returned from Excelsior Springs, Mo. He reports that A. H. Merrill and John Flynn are getting along nicely.

The degree team of South Omaha lodge No. 66, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will give a dance tonight at the troop armory.

The junior class of the Young Men's Christian association will enjoy a mask ball at the association parlors on Saturday evening.

The Young People's society of the Christian church will give a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Shrigley, Twenty-third and E streets, this evening.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday as follows:

Name and Residence.	Ages.
George F. Krelle, Omaha	26
Anna D. Hay, Omaha	25
John Polivka, Omaha	24
Filothea Skripal, Omaha	20
Walter A. Porter, El Reno, Oklahoma	23
Ethel Lancaster, Lincoln, Neb.	20

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Colder Today and Tomorrow in Most Parts of the Middle West.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Forecast:

Nebraska—Fair Friday, colder in south portion, Saturday continued cold.

Iowa—Fair, colder Friday, Saturday, fair continued cold.

Colorado—Snow Friday, Saturday fair, not so cold in east portion.

Wyoming—Fair Friday except snow in southeast portion, continued cold, Saturday fair, not so cold.

North and South Dakota—Fair, continued cold Friday and Saturday.

Kansas—Snow Friday, Saturday fair, continued cold.

Missouri—Snow and cold Friday, Saturday fair, cold in southeastern portion.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 12.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Maximum temperature	22	29	32	34
Minimum temperature	17	16	7	17
Mean temperature	20	22	20	26
Precipitation	T	.00	.00	.05

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

Normal temperature	21
Deficiency for the day	1
Total excess since March 1	403
Normal precipitation	.02 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Precipitation since March 1	30.50 inches
Deficiency since March 1	.71 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902	6.22 inches
Departure for cor. period, 1901	.00 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.	7 P. M. Temperature.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, snowing	17	22	T
Valentine, cloudy	10	12	T
North Platte, cloudy	16	16	.04
Cheyenne, snowing	2	14	.14
Salt Lake City, clear	16	22	.00
Rapid City, clear	12	18	.00
Huron, clear	2	10	T
Williston, clear	2	10	.00
Chicago, cloudy	34	34	T
St. Louis, cloudy	36	44	.00
St. Paul, clear	12	16	T
Davenport, cloudy	30	32	.00
Kansas City, cloudy	28	30	.00
Havre, cloudy	22	26	.00
Helena, clear	16	20	.00
Bismarck, clear	—4	4	.00
Galveston, clear	60	68	.00

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