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December term of court at the trial of Blair, who had been put under heavy bonds. For this reason Miss Thomas and her parents were ever on the lookout and took every precaution to prevent her being kidnaped. Within five minutes after Miss Thomas stepped out the door the parents followed, hoping to guard her, but were surprised at not finding her. A search was made and neighbors assisted. Then Dr. Fulton's dogs from Beatrice were brought, but they would not follow any trail. Farmers then organized in searching parties. Dogs were brought from Hamilton county. They traced from the door to a bridge west of the farm, where each time the dogs stopped, refusing to go farther. Those in charge of the dogs believe Miss Thomas was gagged and carried to this bridge, where a carriage was in waiting. "Was Miss Thomas murdered? Many believe she has met with foul play. Footprints of men's shoes near the Thomas home indicate a struggle, and the same footprints are near the bottom and side of the bridge. At one time feeling in Arborville township was intense toward Blair, but calmer judgment prevailed and an summary punishment was indulged. There is so far no evidence that Blair had anything to do with the kidnaping, and he denies the same.

John R. Golden of the Kingman Implement company of Omaha. After an hour devoted to progressive whist the company adjourned to the banquet hall, where a six-course dinner was served, under the personal direction of City Attorney H. G. Leigh. Covers were laid for twenty-four and the table was loaded with the delicacies of the season. Diverting Current of River. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The Elkhorn river, which so stubbornly ate its way into a new course last spring and which, on that account, forced the Union Pacific to practically build a new bridge within two weeks after one had been completed, is now undergoing a series of severe treatment and the railroad folk hope to control it soon, throwing the current back into the original stream. For several days a half hundred men have been laboring incessantly upon the project and the task is about completed. A new dam has been sunk in the center of the stream and riprapping is left to do the rest. No Action on Telephone Question. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The Board of directors held a special meeting last evening to discuss the question of declaring the franchise of the Fremont Telephone company forfeited, but adjourned without taking any action. The Nebraska Telephone company last evening moved its office to the rooms on the second floor of the Green block. The company has equipped the office with new and improved switchboards and entirely new apparatus, but the local company still has the largest number of phones. Beatrice Eagles Elected. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The Beatrice Eagles No. 531 elected the following officers last night for the coming year: W. C. Dorag, worthy president; G. E. Emory, worthy vice president; C. M. McNeill, worthy chaplain; J. A. Klein, worthy treasurer; E. D. Wheelock, worthy secretary; Dr. G. L. Roe, worthy physician; R. B. Applinger, worthy conductor; Joseph Splier, worthy inside guard; Frank Lowe, worthy outside guard; C. A. Osborne, W. Z. Warner, J. J. Johnson, trustees.

Close Call for Hunter. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—While out hunting recently, Albert Nyden met with a peculiar accident, which came nearly costing him his life. While shooting at a rabbit his shotgun exploded and a piece of the barrel passed, with terrific force so close to his head that it carried his cap into the air. He was knocked down by the force of the explosion and remained unconscious for some time. Modern Woodmen Elected. CLARK, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—At the annual election of officers of Fidelity Camp, No. 1230, Modern Woodmen of America, held last evening, the following members were elected: U. S. Adams, V. C.; James Wolfe, W. A.; E. M. Wallace, clerk; George Campbell, banker; W. W. Ferguson, escort; John H. Cole, manager; Dr. Robinson and Dr. Little, physicians. Hand Mashed in Grinder. BELLWOOD, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—A. J. This foreman as Supervisor A. A. Jones was assisting in grinding corn for his cattle one of his hands was caught in the grinder and mashed into jelly up to the wrist. Surgical aid was summoned and now the patient is resting easily. After the accident members of the mashed hand were found strewn over the yard. Mangled in Power Saw. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Andy Brust, a circular saw operator, was today caught in the belt running to the engine and dragged into the saw. Both hands were badly torn and his forearm split open. The injuries will probably make him a cripple for life. Damages for Injury. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—William Schultz recovered judgment in the district court yesterday against the Fremont Brewing company for \$2,500. He sued the company for \$5,000, alleging that because of the negligence of the company in

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Enjoins Extension of Time. PAPIILLION, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—An injunction has been served upon the county commissioners by County Attorney Patrick to prevent the commissioners from allowing the Sheely bridge builders an extension of time upon their contract to repair and build the bridges in Sarpy county. Sheely's claim that owing to their inability to obtain the necessary material from eastern houses they could not complete the contract inside the time limit. The contract had been extended three months by the commissioners, but Patrick, declaring this void, brought the matter before Judge Day, who issued a temporary injunction against the commissioners and Sheely. Bachelor Club Gives Dinner. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The bachelor members of the Overland Dancing club gave a stag party last night at the Oasis in this city, which was the swiftest affair ever given in the city. It is understood that this was the last appearance of several members of the club as bachelors, and this fact caused a good deal of merriment, particularly directed to Twenty-one lbs. Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1.00, or 100 lbs. for \$4.70. THE UNION PACIFIC TEA CO., 304 N. 16th St.

Railroads Pay Taxes. PAPIILLION, Neb., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The railroads entering Sarpy county have just paid the following taxes: Rock Island, \$438; Burlington, \$9,843; Union Pacific, \$42.15. The Missouri Pacific has not yet paid in its tax, amounting to \$7,700.

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