# YEAR OF PROSPERITY

Omaha Oloses Another Twelve Months of Business Expansion.

GROWTH IN ALL DIRECTIONS IS NOTED

Record of Transactions in Each Line Shows Bigger Total.

BANK CLEARINGS A GOOD INDICATION

More Than Thirty-Two Millions Larger Than During 1902.

OTHER FIGURES TELL SIMILAR STORY

Every Avenue of Industrial or Com mercial Activity feems with Life and All Look Forward with Confidence.

Bank clearings ...... 8393,505,547 Vol. joboing Business.... 101,387,500 Manufacturing ...... 130,583,050 Output Omaha smeltery. 33,809,961 Real estate transfers .... 6,992,367 2,435,357 Real estate migs, filed .... 3,184,092 Real estate migs, released Building permits issued . . 1,093,95 Money orders issued at

484,80 Money orders paid at 2,283,128 1,071,177 2,231,007 Cattle ..... Нода ...... 1,863,763 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Omaha citizens can scan the year's bal ance sheet with much complacency this morning, for there is not an item that does not show an advance over the year preceding, with the exception of building operations and smelter output. Labor disturbances are responsible for both of these is ordinarily the busiest time of the year the building lines operations were at a standstill owing to differences between employer and employe; but once the trouble was adjusted, things went forward with such a rush that the total of 1902 was very nearly overtaken, even with the great handicap. Projects already under way insure a busy season for 1994. The troubles in the mining country had a similar effect on the smeltery and its output falls about \$2,000,000 behind that of 1902.

In the other avenues of industrial and commercial effort Omaha went to the front rapidly during the year. Bank clearings increased by more than \$2,500,000 a month, the total increase being a little more than \$22,000,000. The volume of jobbing and manufacturing also show a healthy growth. In real estate transactions there was an actual growth of nearly \$2,500,000, although the figures show an apparent decrease of 29,090,000. Just before the close of 1922 Instruments showing the transfer of the property of the Omaha Street Railway were put on file, the consideration being ed at \$10,000,000; this was entered in the total of real estate transfers for the fore the total business for 1903 is really a healthy and encouraging increase over that

Fewer real estate mortgages were filed during 1903 than for the year preceding. difference amounting to more than 00,000, while the amount of mortgages released is almost the same for both years, vale Steel works in Nicetown, nd that the bulk of the business was cash. ne difference in the totals of mortgages and mortgages released is encourag-

nother potent factor in the local proity is shown by the money order busiof the Omaha postoffice. Both money rs paid and money orders issued show er totals, than for 1902, and the total rders paid at this office is \$500,000 greater that amount of money was brought the city in balance of trade from this it was decided to break it open. irce alone. Stamp sales and postdiections were greater for the year

sutlook for 1904 is encouraging in its aspect. men engaged in every line injured. ess look forward to a continuation steady growth of the city and are establishment of a grain market h its kindred and allied industries, conservative men realize that its cill be developed slowly. New life all branches of industry and the sentiment of the citizens is one of confidence that 1904 will exceed 1903, just as 1963 has exceeded 1962.

# JOBBING AND MANUFACTURING General Advance in Totals, with an Excellent Outlook for the

Coming Year. The increase of Omaha jobbing business during the year just closed, which was approximately 12.25 per cent, and the increase se to 2.33 per bent, o in the main due to the cumulative eff.ct of good times. Other things which have helped to swell the totals of business in Omaha during 1903 are the broadening of stocks, the higher cost, at least in some lines; the big crop in the west, the floods, which hindered empetitors; the abglition of the bridge arhitrary, the better standing of the houses due to longer continued business and the natural increase in value of farms, in pop-

uistion and in wealth. The year has seen the growth of nearly all the formerly established jobbing and manufacturing houses, but in new firms only three have been set up and these not of the first importance. The great drawback to additions in Omaha business has been the lack of proper buildings. This has been the feature of the business situation. Several houses would have located here absolutely if they could have found proper buildings for their use, and other house talked of coming, but gave it up. The jobbers and manufacturers on the one hand and the owners of real estate on the other have so far been unable to get together on the question of rent for such buildings. The houses now in business have worked no ritory which was not traveled during 1902, but the old ground has been more of the bollers in the power house of the thoroughly worked. The number of sales-men from the city as a whole has been in-December 21, today declared its inability creased, but not a reason for the accident because other hands have been added to much more of the conflicting evidence submitted. The and there has been a natural increase in verdict reads:

Volume of Jobbing Sales. The total of job! os sales has been \$101.-\$30,360,000 for 1902 and a Fourth Page.)

# PROCEEDING AGAINST SMOOT FIRST HOSTILE MOVEMENT MARK PASSING OF THE YEAR DEAD, INJURED OR MISSING National Union of Women's Organiantions Declares War on Mor-

monism and Polygamy. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.-The National Frederick Schoff of Philadelphia chairman

Union of Women's Organizations, Mrs. today issued a circular announcing the formation of a preliminary organization, To protect the country against the treasonable and polygamous teachings and practices of Mormonism, and to maintain Christian ideals of marriage."

The circular declares that the moral standards of the nation will be what the women of the nation demand; that this is a critical time in our national life, and that the formation of the National Union looked upon as the first step toward war of Women's Organizations is the result of on the isthmus has been taken by Co- ing year. But New Year's day comes only the earnest plea of non-Mormon women in lombia. Colombian regulars have landed Utah, who begged the help of eastern on the San Blas coast, have occupied terhad become intolerable. The degradation prisoner an ally of Panama, an Indian of womanhood and the demoralization of childhood, it is said, under the conditions of Mormonism, is beyond words to describe. The union charges the president and apostles of the Mormon hierarchy with the open practice of polygamy, notwithstanding the solemn vow made to the government when Utah was admitted to state-

A lawyer has been retained by the women to co-operate with the counsel retained by the ministerial alliance and the committee of Salt Lake City in a campaign. against United States Senator Smoot.

### WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL Number of Rural Carriers Named and Routes Established in Iowa and Nebraska,

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)-Rural routes ordered established Nebraska-Bladen, Webster county, two additional; area covered, sixtysix square miles, population, 1,610. Camp discrepancies. For six months during what bell, Franklin county, two routes; area, seventy-four square miles; population, 1,025. Roseland, Adams county, one route; area, twenty-six square miles; poulation, 500, Stockholm, Hamilton county, one additional, area, twenty-eight square miles population, 500, Iowa-Burt, Kossuth county, one route; area, forty-three square miles population, 625. South Dakota-Clear Lake, Deuel county, one route; area, forty-seven square miles; population, 545. Bradley, Clark county, one route, area, fifty-four quare miles; population, 610. Desmet Kingsbury county, one route; area, fifty-

one square miles; population, 505. Rural carriers appointed: Nebrasks tute, Clara C. Senter. Iowa-Mediapolis, regular, Alfred Sparis; substitute, Henry

J. Thackenbery. Postmasters appointed: Nebraska-Carlisie, Fillmore county, Richard A. Sher-bondy, vice C. F. Lambert, resigned; Saint Michael, Buttalo county, William L. Clark, vice H. M. Walker, resigned. South Dakota-Epiphany, Hanson county, Nicholas C. Martin, vice J. P. Wingen, removed.

### **EXPLOSION EXCITES SUSPICION** form than an actual transaction. There- Government Thinks There May Have Been Conspiracy to Blow Up a Battleship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Secret service agents are investigating a mysterious explosion which occurred in the Mid-Lo-This indicates that the larger volume of cently, news of which has just be real estate business done represents cash come public, according to a Herald dispatch transactions, a fact that is supported by from Philadelphia. How the charge got the testimony of the real estate men, who into the shell is a mystery. By some permy that most of the business for the year sons it is believed to have been the work in the sale of property for homes of conspirators who had in view the de-

struction of a battleship. The steel works recently shipped a lot of projectiles to Boston, where they were delivered to the government officials and recelpted for. Included in the lot were shells hollowed out so they could be charged with a high explosive. Some of them were found defective and were sent back to the works. Workmen set about 'to examine them carefully. One of the big shells rethe total of orders issued, indicating sisted effort to open it and after a coupl of expert workmen had given up the task Carl E. Meyer Given Charge of Bal-

> Hardly had the heavy hammers descended when the shell exploded. Fragments were scattered in all directions, yet the workmen nearby were not killed nor seriously

It was declared in Boston that the officials were positive the shell had not been g to keep step with the progress of loaded when it left their hands. The au-a City. Much is expected to result thorities in Washington were notified and secret service agents were set to work on

### -ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW Scientific American Breeders De termine Who is to Be at

Head of the Work.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31 .- A new association called the American Breeders' association has been perfected at a meeting of prominent scientists here. It includes both breeders of plants and animals and scientists who are interested in the study of heredity in plants and animals. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, was of manufacturing output, which was quite elected president and the following additional officers were chosen: Hon. H. L. Kerrack of Bloomington, Ill., vice presi dent; Prof. W. M. Hays, Minnesota Agricultural college, secretary; Prof. Oscar Erf, Kansas Experimental station, treasurer; Dr. H. J. Webber, United States Department of Agriculture, chairman of plant section; Prof. H. E. Hanson, South Dakota Agricultural college, secretary plant section; Hon. John Dryden, minister of agriculture of Ohio, chairman of anime section; M. B. Mumford, Missouri Agricultural college, secretary of animal section The constitution provides for a council of seven, made up of all the officers named except the president. Dr. Webber was chosen chairman of the council and Prof. Hays secretary and general executive offi-

# FAILS TO PLACE THE BLAME Coroner's Jury at St. Louis Cannot Tell Why Boilers Ex-

ploded. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.-The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the explosion

verdict reads:

From the conflicting evidence submitted the jury is unable to state the exact cause of the explosion, but is of the epinion that either the boilers and apparatus connected therewith were not in good condition or there was incompetency or negligence in some of the details of the running of the

Colombian Troops Land on Panama Territory and Take Indian Prisoner.

COGHLAN SENDS SHIPS AGAINST THEM

Entire Available Force of Marines on Isthmus Hurried on Board Three Vessels for Scene of

Trouble.

(Copyright, 1903, by Press Publishing Co.) COLON, Dec. 31 -(New York World Cablegram - Special Telegram.) - What is women in combatting a situation which ritory belonging to Panama and have made chieftain. Upon receipt of the news Admiral Coghlan dispatched three United States warships in great haste and they are now on their way to the scene.

An armed hostile force of 1,500 soldiers of the Colombian army landed on the coast 200 miles southeast of Colon on Christmas day. They seized an Indian village and captured Prince Inanunquina, leader of one of the Indian tribes which had declared in favor of Panama, and had been rewarded with gifts of rifles. He formerly had been a colonel in the Colombian army, but repudiated his commission, and his Dancing, refreshments and a short protribe is now supporting the Panama gov- gram were the features of the event. Over

News of his capture and the seizure of his village was received in Colon yesterday. Admiral Coghlan immediately summoned to his fleet all the marines on shore. His flagship, the Olympia, a protected sea and dispatched in haste down the San Blas coast.

Much significance is given to Admiral the Castine was unprepared for the trip. It had just arrived from Philadelphia and ceived of the landing of the Colombian provided by the committee. regulars. It departed with the work of coaling uncompleted.

# SKINNER'S TASK ACCOMPLISHED Treaty with Ethiopia Secured and Menelik Pleased Into Great

Generosity.

JIBUTAL, French Samoliland, Dec. 31 .-The United States expedition to Abyseinia under Consul General Skinner has success-Bancroft, regular, Guy A. Senter; substi- fully carried out the principal features of for the first time friendly commercial rela-

in the St. Louis exposition. As a personal tribute from Emperor Menelik to President Roosevelt, Mr. Skinner present. has been charged to deliver to the president two lions and a pair of elephant tusks. official character of the expedition.

Menelik to Mr. Skinner and the leaders of devoted to services pertinent to the the American escort was of a particularly cordial character.

# MINISTER'S SON KILLS HIMSELF Pargo Squiers Accidentally Shot While Practicing with Re-

volver in Cuba,

HAVANA, Dec. 31.-Fargo Squiers, eldest son of the United States minister to Cuba, accidentally shot and killed himself today He was practicing shooting with a revolver and as the weapon failed to act prop erly young Squiers began to examine it when it went off while the muzzle was pointed at his left side. The bullet pussed through his heart and he soon expired.

# HEADS HOT AIR DEPARTMENT looning and Balloon Inflating at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS. Dec. \$1,-Space 600x100 feet has seen granted by the World's fair to the German government for a unique outdoor transportation exhibit which will show the practical operation of the German railways under government control in that country. Carl E. Meyer of the "balloon farm," Frankfort, N. Y., has been appointed superintendent of the aeronauting grounds and buildings and will report for duty February 1. Among Mr. Meyer's other duties he will establish a shop in the aeronautic grounds for making repairs to balloons and air ships and any new constructions which will be required. He will make and operate the signal balloons used for marking a course in the grand races: will also have charge of the operations of the hydrogen gas plant and, in general, will conduct the races under the direction of the international jury. A gas plant for the manufacture of hydrogen will be built. There will be pipes and valves for the inflating of ten balloons at once. There will be a balloon testing building eighty feet high and a structure for the air ships

# W. J. BRYAN BRINGS SUIT Starts Proceedings at New Haven to

Determine Validity of Parts

of Will. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 81 .- A suit in the Bennett will case was instituted today by counsel for William J. Bryan, as execu-

tor, against Mrs. Bennett and other legacourt pass upon the validity of certain taken to jail paragraphs in the will. These include the bequest of \$50,000 to Mr. Bryan through a scaled letter to Mrs. Ben-

# among educational institutions. DRIVERS DECIDE TO STRIKE Threatened Trouble in St. Louis Seems About to Come to a

Head.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31 .- Three hundred mem bers of the Cabmen's and Cab Drivers' ow. They union have voted to strike tomor demand an increase in weekly wagen to 117.30, a twelve-hour day, with 25 gents an hour for work overtime, and a binding the liverymen to furnish intform livery, made by union manufactu It is feared this strike may sp other drivers, as has been threattie up the traffic of the city.

# Many Social and Centernal Clubs and Societies Make Merry as It Good.

Yesterday was a cay that made every one feel glad they had come to Nebraska. It was an ideal end-of-the-year day. The rank and file of humanity felt in the mood to swear off from certain and sundry vices, ranging all the way from chewing gum to

telling how old Ann in. It is said that a certain road is paved with good resolutions, and if this be true, that famous thoroughfare was well paved in Omaha last night. And if Mark Twain's statement, "Be good and you will be lonesome," is a true one, there will be a host of lonely mortals hereabouts during the comonce a year, and "what's the bloomin' odds

so long's a man's 'appy." Nearly all the halls were filled last night with merry dancers, who danced the old year out and the new one in. Many private parties were given and watch services held. Chambers' new academy presented a pretty scene last night, when the Cotillion club gave its last dance of the year. Many novel features were introduced to make the event a notable one. Dimiek's orchestra occupied the balcony and the patronesses were: Mesdames Princhet, Preston, Brady, Kirkendall and McShaus.

Washington lodge No. 27, Degree of Honor, held its eleventh anniversary and New Year's party at the Ancient Order of United Workmen temple last evening 100 were in attendance and watched the passing of the wanter year and heralded the birth of the new one

Canton Ezra Millard No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, gave its New Year's ball last night at its hall, 102 North Fourcruiser; the auxiliary cruiser, Prairie, and teenth street. About seventy-five couples the gunboat Castine were prepared for embraced the oppo tunities during the hours which covered parts of two years.

Banner lodge No. 1 Fraternal Union of America, was in command at Myrtle hall Coghlan's prompt action by the fact that last night. This jelly group of young peo ple were enjoying the naselves until the last night car, stopping now and then to parwas coaling at the time the news was re- take of the refreshments that had been

The Fraternity Dansing club was much in evidence at Creighton hall. A lively crowd greeted the new year at this hall. Washington hall was occupied by the em ployes of the Omaha Merchants' Express company, who held their fourteenth annual ball. A very large g thering was present

The Resomena Ples ure club gave one of its pleasant dances and parties in the Bee building hall. This tappy group of lads and lassles enjoyed themselves in a manner seldom surpassed.

Choirmaster J. W. Lampman of the the mission. A treaty between the United Trinity cathedral tentered a watch-night States and the empire of Ethiopia, opening party to the adult members of his choir at the parish house last night. An inter tions, has been negotiated and signed. Emperor Mencilk has also given his formal funny stories of Mr. Travis kept the comacceptance of the invitation to participate pany in the best of spirits until the chimes announced the midnight hour, Severa members of the St. Mathias' choir were

Watch-night services were held at the People's church from ::30 until 12 o'clock. Each member of the American party has The first hour was . soted to the young been tendered a decoration the acceptance reonle; the next is need in abeyarce, owing to the tional exercise; the following hour was taken up with the annual oburch election The closing audience granted by Emperor of officers and the next two hours were casion. Rev. Charles W. Savidge preached a sermon and the choir sang a number of songs. The last seven minutes was devoted to allent prayer,

The watch-night service at the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel church consisted of vocal and instrumental music, speeches, refreshments and devotional exercises from 11:00 until 12 o'clock.

The First Methodist church held services from 9 until 12 o'clock. The first hour was in charge of the young people and the second hour was of a social nature. From Il until 12 o'clock an old-fashloned Methodist love feast and watch-night service was held. Rev. E. Combie Smith and J. P. Bailey, state secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, delivered addresses There will be preaching at this church this

# ARREST BENSON ONCE MORE San Francisco Real Estate Dealer Taken in Charge in New

York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 .- John A. Benson of San Francisco, is in Ludlow street jail, on account of his inability to furnish \$10,-000 ball. He was arrested here today on a charge of bribery at the instance of secret service officers who feared that he was about to leave the city. Benson was recently indicted in Washington for bribing a federal official. The indictment which reached here today from Washington contained sixty typewritten pages. charged that Benson and Frederick A. Hyde of San Francisco were engaged in the business of unlawfully obtaining possession of titles to the public lands in California and Oregon known as school lands. The indictment stated that following the securing of the lands by the two men, the interior department, through special agents, A. B. Pugh and H. E. Steece, com nenced an investigation.

It is charged that on May 15 last Benson paid Woodford D. Harian, chief of the secret service division of the interior department \$200 to furnish him with advance information concerning the report Messrs, Pugh and Steece, It is further claimed that a second payment of \$200 was made to Harlan on March 20, a third on March 25 of the same amount and a fourth on December 18 to the same federal officer

A claim is made that on December 16 Benson paid William E. Yolk, a clerk in the the form of a supplementary proceeding in land office the sum of \$150 to permit him to ses certain reports.

After his arrest the accused man was taken before Commissioner Hughes who set tees of P. S. Bennett. The sult is brought his examination for January 12. Being unfor the purpose of having the superior able to procure bondsmen Benson was

J. G. Campbell, one of Benson's counsel. sald his client had appeared before a United States commissioner in Washington nett, and three bequests of \$10,000 each in December 17, and that the examinations trust to Mr. and Mrs. Byan for distribution | had gone over to January 7. "Not caring to wait," said be, "the federal officers there yesterday indicted Mr. Benson on the same identical charge he was arraigned on there We expect to be able to show that Mr. Benson had been guilty of no such crime. We will furnish ball for him tomorrow,"

### LATEST WRECK KILLS THREE Occurs on the Lake Shore Line is Ohio, with Enginemen as Victims.

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 31.-The double header easthound limited on the Lake Shore raffroad was deralled here today by an open switch. Two engineers and one ed, and fireman were killed. Two passengers and six trainmen were injured.

Record of the Harvest of Death at the Iroquo a Theater.

NAMES OF THOSE KNOWN TO BE LOST

Incomplete List of the Identified Dend, Some of Those Who Are Hurt and Many Known to Be Missing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-The following is list of the dead thus far identified; ADANACK. MRS JOHN, Bartlett, Ill. ALDRICH, MRS. JOHN, partially identi-

AUSTRIAN, Walter D., LaPorte, Ind.
BON OF JOSEPH D. AUSTRIAN.
ARMON, MARGET.
ADAMS, MRS. JOHN, Lola, Ill.
ALSSON, FRED.
ANDERSON, ANNIE. ALFSON, FRED.
ANDERSON, ANNIE.
ALEXANDER, MELBA, 8 years.
BRENNAN, MARGARET.
BURNSIDE, ESTHER.
BANNER, H., Burlington, Ia.
BYRNE, CONSILA.
BARTLETT, MRS. WILLIAM.
BURGH, MRS. ARTHUR.
BOBBS, MRS. M.
BATTENFIELD, MRS. D. H., Delaware,

BROWN, HAROLD,
BRADY, LEON,
BOND, MISS LUCILLE, Hart, Mich.
BOYCE, MRS. W. P.
BARKER, MRS. ETHEL.
BARTLETT, MRS. C. D., Bartlett, III.
BARNHEISEL, CHARLES R.
BEUTELL, WILLIAM C.
BRYERSLOTH, HELEN.
BISSINGER, WALTER B.
BIRNDSLEY, MRS. H. G.
BODICE, N. W.
BRINCKLEY, MISS EMMA.

ODICE, N. W.
GINCKLEY, MISS EMMA.
BEUHMANN, MARGARET.
BUTLER, MRS. L. ROSEHILL.
BUTLER, ROSE. BYMFURTH, RUTH,
BOYER, ALEXANDER,
BREWSTER, MISS JULIA,
BRENNAN, PAUL,
BROWN, MISS, Evanston, IIL,
BROICE, W. W.

BROWN MISS, Evanston, IIL

BOICE, W. W.

BARRY MISS WILMA.

BECKFORD, GLEN.

BICKFORD, HELEN.

BLOOM, MRS. ROSE.

BOWMAN, LUCIEN.

BEYER, INFANT

BATTENFIELD, ROBERT, Delaware, O.

BATTENFIELD, JOHN, Delaware, O.

BROWN, HAZEL, Crocker, Minn.

BUTLER, MRS. S. T., Evanston, III.

BETSFORD, MISS MABEL, Racine, Wis.

BLISS, HARRY F., Racine, Wis.

BUFFIE, REBECCA.

BRADWELL, MISS MYRA.

BOEIN, PAUL.

BOWMAN, MISS BEATRICE.

BEZENEG, JOSEPH.

CHRISTIAN, HENRIETTA.

COOPER, WILLIS W., KSNOSHA, WIS.

COOPER, CHARLES, KenoSha, WIS.

CHAPIN, AGNES.

CLARK, E. D.

COOPER, MRS. MILLIE J.

KER, MRS. MILLIE J. L. THOMAS.

LTS, R. H. RAN, MAY. IN, MRS. JACOB. YTON, VINTON. TWELL, MRS. THOMAS A. DWELL, ROY A. G. CALDWELL, ROY A. G.
COPLER, LOLA.
CUMMINGS, MISS IRENE,
CHRISTOPHER, MISS L., Decorah, Ia.
CUDELMAN, SOFIA.
COCHRANE, MISS FLORENCE.
CASPER, CHARLES F., Kenosha, Wis.
CORBIN, LOUISA.
CORBIN, VERNON W., 10 years old.
DUNLEY J.

DUNLEY, J.
DECKER, MYRON.
DAWSON, GRACE, 5 years.
DAWSON, MR4 WM. Berrington, IU.
ERYCHAER, MRS JOHN, St. Louis.
DORRE, LILLIAN.
DALLELY, MRS. J. L.
DOLAN, MARGARET.
DUVALL, SARAH, South Canesville, O.
DELEE, VIOLA.

IFFENDORF, LEANDER, Lincoln, III. MRS. J. F., Delaware, O. MICHAEL, H., address unknown. MISS A. FLORENCE. ORTH, RUTH. EN, TAYLOR. ORYDEN, TAY

DRYDEN, TAYLOR.
DRYDEN, MRS. JOHN.
DRYDEN, MRS. JOHN.
DRYCHOUT, MISS MAY.
DONALDSON, MRS. CLARA A.
DUNEGAL, MISS MARY.
DOWST, MRS. CHARLES, Evanston, IB.
DONALDSON, MRS. CLARA A.
DECKER, MAMIE.
DIXON, EDNA.
DEE, EDDIE, 7 years old.
DODD, MISS, Delaware, O.
DUVAL, MRS. ELIZABETH.
DYRENFORTH, HELEN, Evanston, III.
ECKERSTEIN, MRS. J. A.
ENGEL, MAURICE.
EISENSTEAD, HERMAN,
ELDRIDGE, MORT.
ENGELS, MINNIE.
ESPEN, MISS.
EBERSTEIN, FRANK B.

ESPEN, MISS.
EBERSTEIN, FRANK B.
ERNEST, ROSINE,
ENGLES, WILLIAM.
EDWARDS, MARJORIE, Clinton, Ia.
EISENDRATH, NATALIA.
ERLIND, ELMA, Evanston, III.
EALIAD, ELMA.
EBERSTEIN, MRS. J. G.
ESTER, ROSA.
ELKAN, ROSE.
FRANTZEN, LINDA.
FRACK, ODESSA, Ottawa, III.
FORBUSH, MRS. C. W.
FORT, MISS IRENE.
FOLKE, ADA.

FOLKE, ADA. FORT, MISS P. I., (supposed), 146 Thirty STALKENSTEIN, MISS GERTRUDE,

TZGIBBORS, ANNA.

OX. GEORGE SIDNEY, son of F. MorFox. Winnetka. III.

ANNAGAN, THOMAS J., Indianapolis.

DLKENSTEIN, MISS GERTRUDE R.

RADY, MRS. LILLIAN M. RADY, LEON.
DLEY, H.
DIZ, HELEN.
TZGIBBONS, JOHN J.
TZGERALD, MISS ANNA.
OLTZ, MRS C. O.
EISER, MARY.
OX. EMIL. WINDSTIKA, III.
FORT. MISS PHOEBE.
AHEY. MARY.
HUDHART MRS. ADELAIDE.
BAHN. MISS J.
GARTZ, MARY DOROTHEA.
GARTZ, BARBARA.
GERON, MABEL, WINDSTIKA, III.
GERRY, MISS PAULINE.
GERRY, MISS WILMA.
GOHAN, J.
GO

D. MRS. B. E.

GOULD, R. E.
GARN, FRANK,
GARN, WILLIS,
GOLDSBY, VERA,
GRADY, LEON,
GOSS, MRS, JOSEPH G.
GRENEY, MRS, BELLE,
GUSTAVSON, ALMA,
GAGE I. N. GUBEREFF, SOPHIE.
GRAVES, MRS. CLARA.
GESTREN. ALMA.
GESTREN. ALMA.
GESTREN. Bloomingto

F. R. Bloomington, Ill. F. MRS. REINHOLD, Bloomingn. III.
GOODHEART. MAX.
GOEIK MRS. EMMA.
HIGGINSON, MRS. JAMES.
HART. MRS. NELLIE E., Atkinson, III.
HIRSCH. MARY.
HALBERTON, E. R.
HUTCHINS, MISS JEANETTE.
HUTCHINS, FLORENCE, Waukegan,

HIGGINSON, MRS GEORGE, Winnettka HEWMES, MRS. L., Petersburg, Ind. HAVILAND, MRS LEE. HALL, EMPERLY, HARBAUGH, MRS. HOLLAND, JOHN, HOLLAND, ILLLIAN, Des Moines, HOWARD, MRS. MARY E.

HENRY MRS G. A., Galesburg, III. HENNING, EDWARD,
HIGGINSON, ROGER.
HOLST, ALLEN.
HARBAUGH, MARY E.
HAVULAND, LEIGH.
HERRON, BESSIE L., Hammond, Ind.
HEWINS, DR. EMERY, Petersburg, Ind.
HIGGINSON, JEANNETTE,
HICKMAN, MRS. CHARLES,
HENNESSY, WILLIAM,
HOLST, GERTRUDE,
HOOPER, W. W., Kenosha, Wis.
HOWARD, MISS HELEN.

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# **NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST**

Partly Cloudy and Much Colder Frifing was holsted over the Omaha forecaster's station at 4:30 p. m. Thursday. The cold wave will move down the Missouri valley Friday and zero temperature is looked for by Friday night.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: . Deg. Hour. D Hour. 6 a. m ..... 27 2 p. m ..... m..... 27 S a. m..... 28 9 n. m..... 20 10 n. m..... 34 6 p. m..... 38 7 p. m..... 36 11 a. m ..... 38 19 m..... 44

# FIRST ARRESTS ARE MADE

Employes of Company Charged with Being Accessory to Manslaughter. CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-Twelve employes of

the Iroquois theater were tonight arrested

on orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neill.

The charge against them is at present that of being accessory to manslaughter. They will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury. They are William Cariton, stage manager; William Plunkett, assistant stage manager; Edward Cummings, stage carpenter; Frank Jandrew, R. M. Cummins, E. Engle, Thomas McQueen and men, women and children w S. J. Mazoni, William Stack, Samuel Hell, ported to the police as missis Victor Bozart and Edward Wines. The and this morning have doub last are stage hands and scené shifters. After being taken into custody by the police four of the men told Chief O'Neill that they had been requested by people connected with the theater to leave Chicago. When asked who advised them to do so they at first refused to say, but later city building department had n admitted that the advice was given by As- enforced one or two sections of the sistant Stage Manager Plunkett. They said they were about to follow Plunkett's advice and all of them had packed their trunks and would have been out of Chicago had not the police arrested them. Orders were issued tonight by Chief O'Neill to find members of the company or other theater employes, who were wit- sioner this morning, in company nesses of the fire. This order will mean, the police say, that more than twenty arrests will be made tomorrow, chiefly among his return to the city hall be said: dancers and members of the chorus, who were crowded in the wings waiting for their cues when the fire was discovered. According to Coroner Traeger, a large placard had been placed in the hotel where large number of the actors are staying. ordering that all members of the company should be ready to leave Chicago on short notice. Believing that this was a move to keep witnesses from testifying before a coroner's jury, the arrests were decided

## ILLINOIS FORGETS POLITICS Lowden's Campaign Deferred and Mayor Comes Home to Ald Generous Council.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- Mayor Harrison was on his way to the south for a hunting trip and Comptroller McGann was acting mayor. A telegram was at once sent to Mayor Harrison, informing him of the from problem of the first train,

It happened that the finance committee of the city council was, in session when at the city hall. Mr. McGann at once walked into the committee room and was told by Chairman Mayor of the committee to direct the fire marshal, the chief of police and the commissioner of public works to proceed in the emergency without any restriction of any kind as to expense. He was told to do everything needful, spend all the money necessary and look to the council for his warrant. will be your authority for doing so," said Alderman Mayor.

Because of the disaster, the gubernatorial campaign of Colonel Frank O. Lowden, who aspires to be chief executive of Illinois.

was temorarily postponed. Arrangement had been made for conference at which "the organization leaders who favored Lowden's candidacy were to appear and declare themselves. The men gathered promptly, but it was decided that no business should be done over the great calamity which had overwhelmed Chicago and that the opening

# of the campaign would be put off. FORMER OMAHA WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. Dal Jones One of the Victims of the Iroquois Theater

Among the dead is Mrs. Dal Jones, the wife of a telegraph operator, formerly employed by the Western Union in Omaha, where he and his wife are both well known. Mrs. Jones was also a telegraph operator, and at one time managed the branch Western Union office in one of the leading

Miss Alpha Livingston, who lives with her mother at 1816 Dodge street, was at the Iroquois theater on Wednesday afternoon and as the list of injured contained the name of Miss Livingston, her mother was greatly worried. Inquiry was made by The Bee, with the result that it was ascertained that Miss Daisy Livingston of Oakwoods, Ill., a school teacher, was dead from her injuries, and that Miss Alpha Livingston had escaped from the theater without injury. It will be a happy New Year's at the Livingston home in Omaha

# FINDS WHAT HELD CURTAIN Insurance Inspector Discovers it Was Wire Used to Secure a Fairy

Effect.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-The cause of the 'jamming' of the asbestos curtain, considered the cause of the disaster, was explained today by an inspector for the underwriters, who made a tour of the house and found that the wire on which the queen asbestos company. The bits were of aerial ballet flow out over the audience to be of asbestos, although the ex in the second act held the asbestos curtain in place and prevented its falling.

NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 31 - (Special)-Charles A. Madsen, formerly of this city and whose mother lives at 410 Madison avenue, was among those in the Iroquois theatre fire at Chicago. He luckily escaped. Florence Oxnam, a nlece of J. H. Oxnam, mail clerk on the Union Pacific between Norfolk and Columbus, was suffocated and found dead.

At New York—Arrived: Majestic from Liverpool: Bovic from Liverpool. Bailed: La Touraine for Havre. At Liverpool—Arrived: Teutonic from New York. Salled: Ionian for Halifax New York. Salled: Ionian for Halifax and St. John.
At Queenstown-Salled: Celtic for New York.
At Hamburg-Arrived: Graf Waldersee from New York via Plymouth and Cher-

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Deputy Building Inspector Evasions of City Ord

CHICAGO SPENDS HOLIDA'

Mayor Issues Proclamat ing No Noise at Begins Year Because of Calamity.

CHICAGO, Dec. 81-At last had been identified, the injursons had received attention still reported missing. As on bodies are still unidentified ered from their fright and return

CHICAGO, Dec. al. Although quois theater was as safe as any Chicago it became evident toda; ordinance. William Corcoran, a building

was in the theater only a few me fore the catastrophe, saying th thing was in good condition. H this fact this morning to Deputy Inspector Stanhope. The deputy spectors Laughlin, Lenz and Dal to the theater to make an inspec "The theater and its managemen strictly within the law. I shall not g details until I have completed my re Section 185 of the local building ordi provides that in buildings of the claswhich the Iroquois theater belongs t shall be a system of automatic sprint There were no sprinklers in the Iron theater, and Mr. Stanhope, when this called to his attention, said: no sprinkler sysetm in the theater, but

provision about the iron doors made it necessary to have them." Section 189 provides that theaters equipped with fire alarms connected wit the city fire alarm system.

Mr. Stanhope said: "The Iroquois h fire alarm connections. I did not see t box, but that is my information." City Electrician Hyland said: "The Iroquois had no fire alarm connection with the city alarm system. No application is on

file for any such connection. The alarm of fire was turned in from box more than half a block from the theater. The law provides that there shall be veutilating skaft at the rear end of the stage to conduct fames and smoke away

from the auditorium in just a possessed no such ventilating shaft. Aldermen Start Investigation. Twelve aldermen today inspects theater and returned to the city hall called on the building department.

Mr. Stanhope produced them. "How about sprinklers?" deman Alderman Jones "The way the theater is built they can ! left out," Mr. Stanhope replied, "and, and how, the flames spread ac rapidly that I aprinkler system would have availed

asked to see the plans of the theater

Alderman Jones then remarked that the ordinance requires all exits to be ma "That will be looked into," Mr. Stanl said. "Remember, however, that the lie were out and that many of the people killed in their seatm."

Pointing to the diagram of the the Alderman Herman said: "Here is & sageway on the south of the Bratcony which tooks as though it led stairway, but in the darkness crambling through it were caught rats in a trap. They could not get way. The confusion of exits was as no one could find his way in the dark those things are regarded as exits I th know what constitutes an exit that

Mr. Stanhope told the alderman th had made an inspection of the bi and that structurally it was good. "You cannot convince me," declare derman Herman, "if you talk for a dred years that people could get of that place. I don't care what they can exits; they did not work, there enough of them open and the per

be of any use."

not get out. These plans show alales at end of the first floor, but we were there and saw the seats ren bu against the railing, leaving no also Now, what I want to know is, did people in building this theater live : the plans they submitted to the city. ing departments? Here there so ample exits on paper, but a cur friends of mine got badly scorched last same."

"On the first floor they got out." sa Stanhope "My friends were on the first fl they received burns on their backs

Asbestos Curtain Low Grade Alderman Fiestdo declared that his second balcony there was not at com when the seats were down to a anyone to walk between them. Alderman Scully and Alderman took from the floor of the stage hite than the palm of a hand, to the store of

pronounced it of a low grade. "They wanted a cheap curtain as got it," an incautious cierk remarked, was instantly hushed up by one of members of the company, who added they did not wish to discuss the real nasmuch as they had bid on supply) surtain to the theater and their

been rejected for a lower one. For the first time since Chica possessed bells to peal, whistles to and horns to blow the old year lowed allently to take its place in and the new year permitted to co no evidence of joy at its birth. All C mourned for the 600 persons wh resterday in fire, panic and suffor the Iroquois theater. In an official mation issued this afternoon Mayor Harrison suggested that the usual Year's eve celebration be omitted idea found a ready response in the

Movements of Ocean Vessels Dec. 31. of the people and the mayor's