CURRENT NEWS OF IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Davis sells drugs. Leffert's glasses fit. Stockert salls carpets. A store for men-"Beno's." Diamond betrothal rings at Leffert's, 459

14-K and 18-K wedding rings at Leffert's, 409 Broadway.

Calendars for New Year's gifts at cost prices. Alexander's, 329 Broadway.

FOR RENT-5-room cottage, 377 Harri-son st., city water, paved street, good cel-lar. 8.50 per month. Inquire of E. F. Watts, 399 North First.

The funeral of Mrs. Herman Mendel, one the victims of the Iroquois theater fire Chlengo, will be heid this afternoon at o'clock in Neola and will be under the upless of the Order of the Eastern Star. terment will be in the family burial lot in a Moola cemetery.

the Neola cemetery.

The overcoat stolen from the Neumayer hotel Friday evening was recovered yesterday in Omaha by Detective Harding. C. Balley, who is said to have stolen the coat, and his companion, C. Atherton, said to have sold it at the pawnshop, are in jall in Omaha and have refused to return without requisition papers. They claim to be from Fremont, Neb.

John Pruitt, the young lad charged with the theft of a pocketbook containing money and Jewery, the property of Mrs. Martha Baughn, was bound over to the grand Jury yesterday by Justice Ouren. In default of bail placed at \$500 he was committed to the county jail. The police have recovered all of the Jewelry, but young Pruitt is supposed to have spent the money.

Charles H. Stanken of 713 Madison averaged to have spent the money. is supposed to have spent the money.

Charles H. Stephan of 7:3 Madison avenue fell yesterday afternoon while at Pearl street and Broadway and suffered a double fracture of his left thigh. Mr. Stephan has been suffering from lomotor ataxia for some time and was endeavoring to get out of the way of an approaching motor when his leg gave way and caused him to tumble. He was removed to his home in an ambulance.

F. H. Hill. W. J. D. S. B. Wadsworth, Flickinger, T. N. P. Dr. V. L. Treynor.

Guests of the guests of home for the control of the guests of home in an ambulance.

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

There will be no services today in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Bishop Morrison having advised the vestry that he would unable to come here, as he had expected. Sunday school will be held at noon, 'What We Should Add to Our Spiritual Life the Coming Year" will be the subject of Rev. James Thompson's sermon this morning at the First Congregational church. In the evening he will deliver, another of the series of illustrated lectures on Sheldon's story, "In His Steps." Services will be at 10:30 a, m. and 7:30 p, m.

Rev. Harvey Hostetler will preach at the Second Presbyterian church this morning "The Bread of Life." His subject in the evening will be "The Life of Joseph." which will be profusely illustrated with stereopticon views,

At the First Christian church there will be morning worship and sermon by the paster, Rev. W. B. Clemmer, at 11 o'clock. In the evening at 7:30 there will be a revival service, with a blackboard sermon on the subject, "What is the Gospel?" Bible school will be at 9:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor society at 6:30 p. m.

There will be a communion service at the Latter Day Saints' church at 10:30 a. m. and sermon by Elder James Caffail at 7:30 of will be at noon. The regular midweck prayer meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, will hold services in the Sapp building at 11 when the subject of the lesson will be "Life." Sunday school will be held at the close of the services. The midweek testimonial meeting will be Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Bervices will be held by the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in the Modern Woodmen hall in the Merriam block at 10:45 a. m., when the subject will be "Life" Sunday school will be held at the close of the services and the regular weekly testimonial meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'eleck.

Services will be held this afternoon at 2 c'clock in the Christian Union church, Thirty-fifth street and Eroadway. Sunday school will be held at 2 p. m.

What is an Old Maid? See Harvey DeLong's ad.

Fast Mail Strikes Switch Engine.

The Burlington fast mail due here at 7:55 m, struck a switch engine crossing the main line track just west of Main street yesterday morning. The accident was due o the fact that the mail train was reported fifteen minutes late and the switch engine was hauling a string of cars out of the switch track to the implement warese of Bradley & Co.

The engine of the fast mail struck the der of the switch engine with sufficient force to throw it off the track onto its side and derail the switch engine on the other side of the track. Engineer Linebarger and Madison of the switch engine fumped when they saw the collision was unavoidable and both escaped serious in-Engineer Linebarger received an gash in his right cheek, as in jumping he fell against a fence.

The pilot of the locomotive of the fast mail was wrecked, but the train was able to back down on another track and into the transfer depot after a slight delay.

Ogden Hotel-Rooms with or without board; steam heat; free bath; public par-

Archie Walker Under Arrest.

Word was received by the local authorities yesterday that Archie Walker, wanted here on the charge of being implicated in the holdup at Samuel Graves' growry store summer, was under arrest at Nevada, Mo., and Sheriff Cousins left last evening for there to bring him back. Walker is said to have been the companion of C. E. better known as "Stretch" Bird, who at the November term of district court was found gutlty of robbing George W. Catter-

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tes. 250; night, F 567

lin, a railroad man, during the holdup at

Graves' store. Bird was sentenced to fif-

teen years in the penisentlary at Fort Madi-

Real Estate Trunsfers. Those transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of Squire & Annis, 13 Poarl street;

Three transfers, total Hafer sells lumber. Catch the iden?

LEWIS CUTLER

BANQUET TO LEGISLATORS

Arrangements All Made for Enterta nment of Visitors on Monday Evening.

CAMPAIGN TO RETAIN SCHOOL FOR DEAF

Seven Senators and Mineteen Representatives Accept the Invitation of the Commercial Club to

Watts, 36 North First.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rogers received word pesterday of the death of their niece, Miss Kate Fagan, daughter of John Fagan, at her home in Onslow, Ia.

The winter term of the day and night school at the Western lowa college commences Monday, Jan. 4. Beginning classes in all departments will be organized. This is the best lime of the rear to enter.

Peter Casper of Hinton Station is the guest of his brother, Alderman L. A. Casper. His children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, grandchildren and great grandchildren living number ninetysix, a fact of which he is justly proud.

The funeral of Mrs. Herman Mendel, one as large as had been expected, but nevertheless the gathering will be a fairly representative one.

Advices are to the effect that most of the visitors will reach the city about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, when, if the weather is favorable, they will be taken for a drive about the city and to the Iowa School for the Deaf. Dinner will be served in the ball room of the Grand hotel on the sixth floor at 6 p. m., and will be followed by a short program of addresses, in which Congressman W. I. Smith, State

F. H. Hill, W. J. Davenport, M. L. Beattle, S. B. Wadsworth, E. H. Walters, A. T. Flickinger, T. N. Petersen, Dr. D. Macrae,

Guests of the Occasion

The guests of honor will be Lieutenant Governor John Herriott of Stuart, Superintendent H. W. Rothert of the State School for the Deaf, D. L. Heinsheimer of Glenwood, Elmer Stern of Logan, H. M. Bostwick of Woodbine, Hon. Webb Byers of Harlan, in addition to the following

members of the state legislature:

Senators—R. A. Hazelquist, Chariton; D. W. Turner, Corning; James E. Bruce, Atlantic; C. G. Saunders, Council Bluffs; C. J. A. Ericson, Boone; John H. Jackson, Sloux City; John L. Bieakley, Ida Grove, Representatives—C. T. Crose, Shenansdoah; F. M. Laird, Tabor; F. F. Johns, Villisca; R. H. Gregory, Nevinsville; Scott Skinner, Creston; M. L. Temple, Osceola; R. W. Hollenback, Casey; L. L. DeLano, Atlantic; W. H. Freeman, Oakland; Robert J. Martin, Hancock; H. B. Killog, Woodbine; D. C. Mott, Audubon; E. W. Weeks, Guthrie Center; C. C. Colelo, Carroll; W. A. Davis, Dunlap; Chris N. Jepson, Sloux City; W. W. McElrath, Moville; R. M. Wright, Fort Dodge; O. P. Wyland, Harlan. members of the state legislature:

Local Men to Be Present.

The members of the Commercial club who have signified their intention of being pres-

ent are:

President V. E. Bender, H. W. Binder, H. H. Van Brunt, H. A. Quinn, C. W. McDonald, F. R. Davis, M. L. Beattie, W. N. Clifford, W. J. Davenport, A. T. Flickinger, William Groneweg, E. E. Hart, C. Hafer, Charles M. Harl, Lewis Hammer, C. Jensen, Peter Jensen, P. H. Keyes, I. Lovett, E. H. Merriam, W. A. Maurer, C. Jensen, Peter Jensen, P. H. Keyes, I. Lovett, E. H. Merriam, W. A. Maurer, J. Montgomery, William Moore, T. N. Petersen, F. J. Pierce, M. F. Rohrer, Chrisstraub, C. G. Saunders, Luctus Wells, S. B. Wadsworth, Merton B. Grout, J. E. Wallace, N. P. Dodge, G. F. Hamilton, S. F. Henry, F. H. Hill, C. H. Huber, C. H. Chisam, F. J. Day, W. B. Fisher, J. G. Lemen, O. J. McManus, V. L. Treynor, J. P. Hess, Harvey DeLong, D. G. Morgan, B. T. McAtee, D. J. Clark, H. F. Knudsen, H. Sperling, George Wickham, A. S. Hagelton, John P. Davis, Frank Petersen, John Olson, D. W. Bushnell, Mar Bourleius, J. C. Bixby, August Beresheim, R. H. Bloomer, Chaffes Beno, L. Cutler, W. N. Children, E. H. Doollttie, F. A. Fox, A. P. Fair, L. C. Empkie, John M. Galvin, Dr. J. P. Hanchett, Dr. Jennings, W. H. Kimball, T. E. Metcalf, C. E. Price, Joseph Smith, John Schoentgen, Emmett Tinley, Dr. Matt Tinley, T. G. Turner, F. T. True, W. H. Towne, J. F. Wilcox, E. H. Walters, E. A. Wickham, Lucius Wells, W. W. Hanthorn and L. Besley.

The Commercial club in inviting the legislators of this western section of the state to be its guests has done so for the purpose of enlisting their support in retaining the School for the Deaf here.

PAST WEEK IN BLUFFS SOCIETY

Holiday Season Brings an Unusual Number of Pleasant Events.

Miss Elizabeth Beno entertained at a uncheon Saturday. Mrs. Wood Allen entertained at a lunch-con Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Opal Goodman entertained informally at cards faturday afternoon.

Miss Marguerite Walker of Omaha is the guest of her cousin, Miss Georgia Mitchell. Miss Squire entertained at luncheon Thursday afternoon. Covers were laid for

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mitchell gave a family dinner party Friday, covers being laid for twelve. Mr. and Mrs. Hoy of Sloux City are suests of Miss Opal Goodman of First Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Roe entertained at a New Year's dinner. Covers were laid for

Miss Vernice Rogers of Lincoln, Neb., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barrett of Washington avenue

Miss Butler of Frank street entertained Thursday evening in honor of Miss Mignon Maynard of Iowa City. The Misses Agnes Cooley and Marie Butts of Omaha were the guests during holiday week of Miss Lucille McAtee.

The United Commercial Travelers' Social club gave one of its popular dances last night in Royal Arcanum hall.

Mrs. Emma Webb of East Orange, N. J., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morehouse, 1009 Fourth avenue. Miss Huichinson of Franklin avenue en-tertained at a watch party Thursday even-ing. About twenty guests were in attend-

ance.
Miss Virgie Meyers of Park avenue entertained about thirty of her schoolmates at a card party given at her home Thursday

Miss Hazel and Miss Bessle Hammer en-tertained six neighboring girl friends at a chafing dish luncheon given at their home Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gorham entertained twenty friends Thursday at a night watch party, supper being served in time to bid the old year goodbye and to greet the new

Miss Panele Morehouse, who has been spending the holidays with her parents in this city, will leave this evening for Chicago to resume her studies in the Chicago

The members of the Council Bluffs Danc-ing club gave a dancing party Thursday evening at the ball room of the Grand hotel. A large number of Council Bluffs and Omaha society people were in attendmembers of the adult class of the

Chambers Danchig academy entertained a number of their gentlemen friends at a loap year party given at the Royal Ar-canum hall Friday evening. About 100 were

in attendance.

Miss Sadie Besley entertained about twenty of her girl friends at her home Tuesday afternoon. Hearts was the game played during the afternoon. Prizes were won by Miss Mary Wadsworth and Miss Mabel Hongland.

Mr. Gien Reed entertained the members of the Alpha chapter of the Omega Eta Tau fraternity at his home Wednesday evening. High five formed the evening's entertainment. The prize was won by Miss Mary Wodsworth.

room and tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and terns, the color scheme being red and green. Following the dinner cards were played, the prizes being won by Miss Georgia Mitchell and Mr. Harry Van

Brunt.

Miss Ellen-and Mr. Richard Organ entertained at German whist Thursday evening, their guests numbering sixty. Prizes were won by Miss Fanny Davenport and Mr. Harry Van Brunt. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Miss Fanny Davenport, accompanied by her guests, Miss Vera (Wheeler and Miss Lora Wheeler, will leave today for Chicago after spending the holldays in the city with Miss Davenport's parents. Colonel and Mrs. W. J. Davenport of South Eighth street.

Mrs. A. B. Sweeting of Glen avenue en-

W. J. Davenport of South Eighth street.

Mrs. A. R. Sweeting of Glen avenue entertained at cards Wednesday and Thursday afternoon complimentary to her guests, Mrs. H. H. Brown of Chicago and Mrs. H. M. Pulker of Chicago. About fifty guests were in attendance at the entertainments.

Miss Denny entertained at a kensington Thursday afternoon. Her guests were Mrs. Roscoe Lemen, Mrs. W. W. Peasley, Miss Beno, Miss Benton, Miss Beach, Miss Beno, Miss Benton, Miss Bach, Miss Georgena Bebbington and Miss Livingston of Omaha.

The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. O.

ter, Mr. A. D. Smith, Mr. Frank Hughes and Mr. Otts Alvisson.

One of the most pleasant social events of last week was the banquet tendered Messrs. William Grone weg. John Schoentgen and R. H. Nichols of the Groneweg & Schoentgen company by the employes of the firm. The banquet was held in the dining room of the Grand hotel, Smith's string orchestra playing during the service. Toasts were responded to by Messrs, Groneweg, Schoentsen, Nichols, Harmon and Green, C. D. Sutphen acting as toastmaster. Covers were laid for twenty-two, these being present: William Groneweg, John Schoentgen, R. H. Nichols, Herman Groneweg, R. F. Heilamy, C. E. Harmon, Howard Heisler, F. H. Ashley, James Pierce, W. E. Green, Julius Mueller, C. W. Woodford, E. A. Woodman, James Taggart, W. A. Stone, C. D. Sutphen, M. F. Cunningham, R. P. Robinson, M. C. Sorensen, E. L. Combs, J. S. Groneweg, J. C. Hill, C. R. Hite, P. F. Fenlon, O. D. Holgh, R. D. Seitz, John Herod, F. W. Schwake, J. A. Kaplan.

TABOR LINE ORDINANCE READY Several Provisions Inserted Not in Agreement at Informal

Session.

After being in session all the morning special committee of the city council, consisting of Aldermen Lougee, McDonald and Casper and City Solicitor Snyder, agreed upon an ordinance granting the Council Bluffs, Tabor & Southern Electric Railway company a franchise to enter and perate in Council Bluffs.

The provisions of the ordinance, with a the terms agreed upon at the recent meeting between the committee and President incorporated in the ordinance yesterday requires the company to complete its line from the school for the deaf into the city about \$400,000. construct the first section of its line in the company shall not charge more than | will do in the case. 5 cents fare to or from the school for the deaf from any or to any point within the

Another new provision incorporated is that the company's passenger depot shall be located between the intersection of Main street and Fifth avenue and the intersection of Washington avenue and Bryant and Main streets.

The ordinance as amended will now go before the city council at its meeting Monday night for its approval.

What is an Old Maid? See Harvey DeLong's ad.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following: Name and Residence. N. C. Bichard, Pottawattamie Co., Ia... 67 Rozetha Stokes, Pottawattamie Co., Ia... 47 George F. Taylor, Council Bluffs...... Lizzie Woodruff, Council Bluffs.....

FALLS SIXTY FEET IN SHAFT Miner Hurled to Death by Breaking of a Gin Pin-Two Others Are Slightly Hurt.

CLARINDA, Ia., Jan. 2.-(Special Tele gram.)-Charles Villers, a miner employed at the Tom Johnson coal mines, two miles west of this city, died last night from the affects of an accident five hours earlier. With two others he was on a cage ascending the shaft, when the gin pin to the horse power mashinery broke and precipitated the cage with the men a distance of about sixty feet. The others escaped with slight injuries. Mr. Villers was about 25 years old. He leaves a wife and a 2-yearold child. He will be buried at Guss, In.

IOWA LAD KILLS HIS BROTHER Twelve-Year-Old Son of H. A. Hoveland of Randall is the

Vietim. WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Jan. 2.-(Special Telegram.)-The 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoveland, residing four miles east of Randall, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by his half-brother, a boy of about his age. The accident occurred while the boys were hunting. They were shooting in a careless way at a mark when the Hoveland boy was shot. The ball en-

tered his breast and plerced the heart. No

inquest was held. Storm Lake Bank Fails.

STORM LAKE, Ia., Jan. 2.-The First National bank of this city was closed today by order of the comptroller of the currency, It has been known that the bank was in trouble ever since the suicide of Harry Maine of the Farmers and Merchants bank at Linn Grove. W. E. Brown, president of the First National and owner of about 65 per cent of its stock, was also he chief owner of the Linn Grove bank. The report of the condition of the bank at the close of business on November 17 1903, the date of the last call, showed its reources and liabilities to be as follows: Loans and discounts, \$188,974; United States onds, \$50,000; stocks, securities, claims ere., \$5,714; real estate, \$15,192; due from banks and bankers, \$38,733; cash and cash

\$184,977; other Habilities, \$2,400; total, \$396,632. Eleven Horses Are Burned. CLARINDA, Ia. Jan. 2.—(Special Tele

tems, \$7,926; total, \$293,632. Liabilities: Cap-

Ital stock, \$50,000; surplus and undivided

profits \$9.157; circulation, \$49.907; deposits

gram.)-The livery stable of Widney Bros. at Yorktown, Page county, burned night. Eleven horses perished in the fiames.

mated by the Legis'a ure.

COMMISSION REPORTS ON WORK DONE

Heating During December Cost Almost Five Hundred Dollars More Than Ever Before in History of Building.

r (From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Jan. 2 .- (Special.) -- The first report of the Iowa Capitol commis-sion has just been made to the governor. The report shows that the commission ha already provided for expenditures exceed ing by more than \$70,000 the funds which the legislature made available for work on the state capitol up to this time. The cost of all work has been much greater than estimated by a former commission, on whose estimates the legislature acted in appropriating \$250,000 to continue work on The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Wickham and daughters at their home on South Seventh street Monday evening was one of the brilliant events of the week. The house was lavishly decorated in cut flowers and paims. The dining room was in red, quantities of American Beauty roses and shaded candles being used. Whaley's orchestra, stationed in the hall at the head of the staircase, furnished music. About 200 guests were in attendance.

Miss Helena and Miss Kats Poblesco. the capitol with a view to completion and

of the staircase, furnished music. About the staircase, furnished music. About the staircase, furnished music. About the staircase in attendance.

Miss Helena and Miss Kate Robinson entertained at cards Monday evening at their home on Willow avenue. The house was prettily decorated in red and green. Refreshments were served. The guests were: Miss Edna Keeline, Miss Helen Wallace, Miss Edna Keeline, Miss Helen Wallace, Miss Edna Keeline, Miss Helen Wallace, Miss Edith Brock, Miss Josephine Jennings, Miss Ethel Cobb, Miss Blanch Patterson, Miss Edith Patterson, Miss Josephine Jennings, Miss Edith Patterson, Miss Nana Prichard, Miss Minnile Prichard, Miss Florence Leach, Miss Beulah Leach and Miss Cary of Roston, Mr. John Keeline, Mr. John Lutz, Mr. Charles Reynolds, Mr. Wallert Lutz, Mr. Charles Reynolds, Mr. Clarence Empkie, Mr. M. VanOrder, Mr. Harry Longstreet, Dr. Claude Lewis, Mr. Chesnut, Mr. Royal Comstock, Mr. W. Foster, Mr. A. D. Smith, Mr. Frank Hughes and Mr. Otis Alvison.

One of the most pleasant social events of The work done thus far has been to complete the for \$197,412.48 additional to complete the work.

The Capitol commission consists of A. B. Funk, Spirit Lake; E. P. Shoentgen, Council Bluffs, and Charles A. Cumming. Des Moines, Frank D. Hersh was made secretary and J. R. Crawshaw, who had been master mechanic on the work of the capitol when it was built, was made super-intendent of repairs. C. L. Liniey of Chicago was employed as supervising engineer. The plans for the superintendent of commission consists of A. B. Funk, Spirit Lake; E. P. Shoentgen, Council Bluffs, and Charles A. Cumming. Des Moines, Frank D. Hersh was made secretary and J. R. Crawshaw, who had been master mechanic on the work of the capitol when it was built, was made super-intendent of repairs. C. L. Liniey of Chicago was employed as supervising engineer. The plans for the new work were captured by experts and afterwards submitted to Prof. Bissell of the State college for approval, and most of the work has been done on con The work done thus far has been to completely rebuild the mechanical equipment and add an electrical equipment. New boilers have been put in the power and heating station, new heating and ventilating apparatus, new elevators, wiring for electricity with motors and engines, the repair of the windows and many rooms, replacing much of the wood work, a vast amount of painting and a new roof. The heating and ventilating apparatus are just now being tested.

The commission found many obstacles at the outset that were unforezeen. The legislature had appropriated \$16,000 for a ware ouse, but it was deemed best to build it where it could in part be used for a power house, and the cost, owing to change plans and the increased cost of material and labor, was \$18,465. The new roof was to be of tile, but it was found impossible to do this and a copper roof was put on at a cost of \$19,178, instead of the \$13.(5) contemplated for the tile roof. Similar additional expenses were found all the way through and the repair work necessary and the greater part of the afternoon the was found to be greater than had been ex pected when the appropriation was made Estimates are furnished of the work needed to complete the repairing. This includes decoration of the walls, gilding of the dome, a vast amount of painting, rebuilding the steps leading to the capitol, rebuilding all the walks and coping in the yard, new marble in the basement floor, few changes, is drawn up practically on taking out all the encaustic tile floors and replacing them with mosaic vitreous tile of modern patterns, and much work done Dobbs of the Tabor line. A new provision to preserve the walls and stone. The estimate is for \$197,000 for this work, which would bring the total of expenditures to The commission will not in the same time that it is required to ask for any additional appropriation, but merely submits the estimates and leaves the city proper. Another provision is that it for the legislature to determine what it

Convictions in One County.

The report of the county attorney of Polk county for the past year shows there were 160 persons tried in the district court in Polk county and 141 persons convicted Of those convicted sixty-six were for felonies and seventy-five for misdemeanors. Two who were convicted were not sentenced, one forfeiting his bond and the other committing suicide. There was one convicted each for first degree murder, second degree murder; manslaughter and assault with intent to commit murder, four for assault to commit manslaughter and ten to commit great bodily injury. There was collected of the fines imposed during the year \$2.564.80.

Actress to Ill.

Virginia Drew Trescott, the actress, who played "Satania" at Foster's Tuesday night, is very ill at the Hotel Elliott with abcess on the brain. Fears are entertained that she will not recover. Manager David man. Traitell of the company is with her and the best medical attendance has been secured. Miss Trescott formerly lived at Marshalltown. She has played with Warde & James and also starred in "Lord Strathmore." Her "Satania" trip has not been profitable. The company has disbanded.

Coal Bill for State is Large.

The December coal bill for the heating of the state house of Iowa was over \$1,200, the largest coal bill for any one month the history of the capitol. The largest bill during the session two years ago, when the whole building was heated, was for \$740. The state buys slack and nut coal mixed at \$1.40 a ton. The large coal bill is incident to the work of testing the new heating apparatus and to some extent to the fact that the regulators were not in place and there was a vast amount of waste. But the executive council is makng an investigation of the matter to find out if the coal bills are to be so much higher than in the past, for if they are an additional appropriation will be neces

Contest for Postoffice. The contest for the postoffice at Winter set is nearing an end and it is now between the editors of rival republican newspapers -Miller and Smith. The former is postmaster and the latter claims a right to the office, but Congressman Hull is not ready to decide. The appointment will probably be made some time during the present month. C. C. Stiles, who was a leading candidate, has accepted a perma nent position in the office of the secretary of state and withdraws from the race. The secretary of state has received no tice of the increase of capital of the Ringgold Mercantile company of Mount Ayr to

SOME OTHER FOLKS' WEATHER

What the Mercury is Doing at Winnineg, Kansas City and Other Seaports,

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 2.-A cold wave

lescended on the northwest during the night and today the official record of the mercury was 12 degrees below zero. In Winnipeg. Manitoba, the mercury dropped to 30 and in North Dakota to 26 The cold was accompanied by a

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2-A cold wave spread over this portion of the southwest hat night, and today in western Missouri, Kansas and part of Oklahoma the tem perature averages 7 degrees above zero Steet and snow covers the ground and in Kansas the wind is blowing at the rate of twenty miles an hour,

CAPITOL REPAIR BILL LARGE LEFFERT'S GLASSES FIT

It is quite a trick to fit glasses to the eyes. Only the trained optician with accurate, scientific instruments can do it properly. The appointments of our testing room are modern and complete. Experience, skill and a thorough knowledge of the optical business enables us to fill the requirements of our customers to the utmost satisfaction. We guarantee every pair we fit to relieve the strain, secure perfect vision and perfect comfort.

Herman M. Leffert

Telephone L607.

Jeweler and Optician.

409 Broadway.

RECALLS THE CUDAHY CASE

Letter Writer in Chicago Refers to Omaha Incident in Threatening Manner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.-When anonymous leters alleged to have been written by Leo Brennan were read before United States Commissioner Foote today it developed that intimations were made to kidnap the grandson of Marshall Field.

"Don't forget the Cudahy case," was one of the sentences in one of the letters sent, In another it was stated that unless \$50,002 was left in a bag at a place designated "the entire family must go," and that Marshall Field would be the last to go, so that he could see what a few dollars would have saved him. The reading of the anonymous letters in court was the first time the real threats in the letters were made public. Overruling motions of the prisoner's attorney that the young letter writer be discharged, Commissioner Foote held the defendant to the federal grand jury.

SUSPENDS ELECTION OFFICER

Recalcitrant Official is Dismissed by Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2 - Mayor Schmitz today suspended Thomas J. Walsh, registrar of voters, because of Walsh's persistent refusal to obey a subpoena duces tecum issued by the speaker of the house of representatives commanding him to appear before the committee on contested elections and bring with him the ballots cast at the last general election in the Fourth congressional district,

The seat from this district is now held by E. J. Livernash and is being contested by Julius Kahn, the former incumbent and the republican candidate, who on the face of the returns was defeated. The mayor says that as the term of the registrar will expire in a few days he would not be an official of this city and county when he arrived in Washington with the ballots.

FALLS FROM HIS- CHAIR DEAD D. F. Collier, Said to Be Former Omahan, Expires Suddenly in

St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2 .- (Special Telegram.)-Surrounded by friends who were spending New Year's at his home, D. F. Collier, 52 years old, suddenly fell from a chair at 22 South Tenth street and died before a doc tor came. Friends were getting ready for dinner and Collier remarked that he was feeling particularly well. Dr. Owen of the city dispensary could not determine the cause of death. Collier came here from New Orleans, where he was employed by the government. His home is in Omaha.

The city directory gives the name of no D. F. Collier and none of the Colliers found in this city can offer any light on this

JAMES LYNCH NOT TO HANG Utah Board of Pardons Commutes His Sentence Beenuse of Good

Behavior. SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 2.-The State Board of Pardons today commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of death parsed on James Lynch for the murder of Colonel Godfrey Prowse in a raid on a Salt Lake

City gambling house. During the recent prison outbreak here Lynch was instrumental in saving the lives of two prison guards and for his bravery on that occasion his life was given him. Lynch was to have been executed next Friday.

TRACTION CAR IS WAYWARD Goes Where it Pleases, with Colliston and Many Brulses as Result.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 2-A traction car or the Knoxville & Mount Olive line got beyond control of the motorman while dending Monastery hill today, and after colliding with two wagons, jumped the ralls and was wrecked at the foot of the The conductor, motorman and four passengers were seriously burt and eight others sustained slight injuries.

BAILEY APPOINTS ATKINSON Kansas Governor Names Successor to Pollock on State Supreme

today appointed W. D. Atkinson of Parsons a judge of the state supreme court, to succeed J. C. Pollock, whom President Rossevelt recently appointed district judge to succeed Judge Hook. Judge Hook sucseeded Judge Caldwell as circuit judge. Mr. Atkinson, who is a practicing attorney, came to Kansas from lows in 1883.

PIUTE INDIANS IN REVOLT COUNCIL BLUFFS. Two Prospectors Killed, by Members of Tribe While Working in

Nevnda.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.-A dispatch to the Tribune from Calientes, Nev., says that word has reached there of the killing of two prospectors, William Jones and Henry Alexander, by Plute Indians, who are threatening revolt against the whites.

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LEAP YEAR having returned after a long absence of eight years, we are beginning to hear a great-deal about "old maids," "bachelor girls," etc., some of the comment being of a decidedly sarcastic nature. WE RISE TO THE DEFENSE OF THE OLD MAIDS and have decided to offer three cash prizes for the best answers to the question, "What Is An Old Maid?" You do not have to buy anything to enter this contest, and any person may compete. For the best answer submitted we will pay \$5.00; for the second best, \$3.00; and for the third best, \$2.00.

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3-Answers must be received not later than Friday, January 15, 6 p. m. 4—A number of the best answers and names of the writers, including the prize winners, will be published in The Bee of Sunday, January 17.

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