ARE UP FOR BOOTLEGGING Some of the Victims Receive Their

Sentences by Judge Munger on Being Arraigned After Indictment.

Eighteen men against whom indictments have been returned by the federal grand jury this term were taken to the federal building Saturday afternoon under guard of deputy United States marshals and a detail of police officers for arraignment before Judge Munger to plead to their indict-

William Heberling was up for alleged counterfeiting; Alfred L. Gary, charged with appropriating a letter addressed to a party of similar name and taking therefrom an express money order for \$40, and Albert Weiss, alias Smith, charged with stealing two packages from a mail box in the Karbach block, each containing a pair of eyeglasses. These three were remanded back to jail on their plea of net guilty to await trial.

Abner Gilstrap, Alonzo Shaw, alias Feath eriegs, and Frank Orr, charged with selling liquor to Indians, pleaded guilty and were remanded back to jail to await sentence. William E. Brown R. P. Ellyson and

James Stark, soldlers of the Thirtleth United States infantry, pleaded guilty to furnishing liquor to Indians. Upon motion of District Attorney Baxter the cases against the soldlers were dismissed and the soldiers were turned over to the military authorities, a guard of which took them to their station at Fork Crook.

Cinched on Second Offense. Joseph Adams pleaded guilty to bootlegging. This being his second offense he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of prosecution and to be confined in the penitentiary at Sloux Falls, S. D., for thirteen months.

Isaac B. Walters and Peter Sharp pleaded guilty to bootlegging and were sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of prosecution and to confinement in the Sioux Falls penitentiary for one year and one day each. Christ Larsen, Mike Mullen, Louis Strayer and L. E. Stephens pleaded guilty to bootlegging and were sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs and to be confined in the Douglas county jail for stxty days each. George W. Edmeson and Frank Holly pleaded guilty to boot legging but this being their first offense and from the fact that they had already been in jail five months, Judge Munger suspended sentence against them and permitted them to go free with the admonition that should they ever again commit an infraction of the federal laws in this jurisdiction they would be called into court and sentenced for this offense.

The penitentiary sentences were imposed upon those who were up before the court for a second offense of like nature. District Attorney Baxter announced he would vigorously prosecute every offender who shall be convicted of a repetition of the offense of bootlegging.

Even the solemnity of a federal court is not without its droll features. In the arraignment of the prisoners Isaac Walters, an old offender whom the federal officers have been trying to catch for some years, when asked by Judge Munger where he made his home Walters replied: "Nowheres, Judge, but under my hat," "Well." answered the judge, "we will let you hang your hat up at the Sloux Falls penitentiary for a year.

Mike Mullen, another offender, leaned complacently on the bar before the judge

'Now, I'll tell you how it is, Colonel. Judge Munger quietly remarked: "I am not a colonel; I am only a plain private; now go on with your story.'

## DINING CLUB TO BE FORMED

New Social Organization Will Be Launched by Business Men Without Delay.

Nearly 200 invitations have been sent ward. out to probable charter members of the new dining club which is to be organized at a meeting at the lier Grand hotel Monday evering. The self-appointed committee that has the matter in charge has canvassed the situation thoroughly, going into the history of organizations of a similar character at Chicago, Kansas City and St. Paul. The promotors have in mind eight monthly dinners at which matters of vital interest to Omaha will be discussed, public questions of a nonpartisan order considered and the promotion of sociability and good fellowship promoted.

While in no manner an adjunct to the Commercial club it is the intention of the promotors of the idea to have the monthly dinners in the rooms of that orat a meeting at the Her Grand hotel Mon-

monthly dinners in the rooms of that organization, and it is expected it may, in a measure, aid in extending the memberahlp and influence of the latter.

It is the intention of the Commercial club to re-establish its own catering department and in doing so to raise to a level with that of the Omaha club. Work on the renovation and refurnishing of the club rooms is progressing rapidly, the large assembly parlors being about out of the hands of the deco-

## DROPS DEAD IN RESTAURANT Laboring Man Disposes of a Lunch

is North Fifteen street, about it o'clock that pight and ordered a sandwich and a cup of coffee. He talked with the cook while waiting for his lunch and was apparently in ordinary health. After eating he paid for the food and started for the front door. Before reaching it he fell to 119 North Fifteen street, about 11 o'clock front door. Before reaching it he fell to the floor and became unconscious. As the patrol wagon happened to be passing he was at once sent to the city jail. On arrival there Assistant City Physician Leary pronounced him dead of heart disease. Carpenter was about 26 years old, as nearly as could be judged, and was a laborer. An employment office receipt showed he had employment office receipt showed he had railroad contractor yesterday, but for some reason had not gone. A card in his pocket bore the address of a Miss Carpenter, 1910 Dodge street. Such a person lives at that

Brailey failed last night to get any answer | been to repeated knockings, and the relationship of Miss Carpenter to the dead man, if any,

number, the neighbors say, but Coroner

EIGHTEEN MEN INDICTED | fice insist that he answers perfectly to the description of a purse-snatcher against whom they have received several complete specified by the state of late.

Victim Shows Fight and is Seriously Beaten by the Highway-CARBOLIC ACID IS THE

men.

at Thirty-third and California streets, was attacked by two masked robbers in his store a few minutes before 2 o'clock last night. Despite two drawn revolvers in the hands of the robbers, Jensen showed fight and as a result was hit on the head with a revolver and made to bleed freely. The resistence met with delayed their work to such an extent that the heldup men had to content themselves with taking a small amount of cash they found in the register and Jensen saved a substantial sum of noney he had on his person. His head was badly cut by the blow from the revolver and he bled profusely, but he was able to keep his feet and tell the story of the attempted robbery to Captain Mostyn

when the patrol wagon arrived. Mr. Jensen said the store had been full people ail evening until about ten minutes before the robbers entered. He thinks they had been watching his place until they found him alon- and then started n to get his day's receipts. As soon as they opened the front door Jenson saw they were masked, and, being near tha front show case, he backed off until he one of the men ordered Jensen to hand out what money he had and to be quick about it. The grocer was cool enough to temporize, and then the same man angrily ordered his comrade to shoot Jensen. Instead of shooting, the second robber reached over and as Jensen tried to dodge the anticipated shot he was hit on the back of the head with the barrel of the revolver, a blow that momentarily made his head the Red Men. Arrangements for the fureel, but did not knock him down.

The leader, no doubt thinking his partner had put Jensen down and out and would get what he had, turned his attention to the cash register, which stands on a counter on the other side of the store, and emptied it of a small amount in silver. Then, there. Today three heads of departments shouting to his companion to come on, the man who had ordered the shooting that did not come off led the way out of a convenient | C. Pohlzen goes to the new plant as chief back door into a vacant lot. As they left bookkeeper, F. A. Meyers will be head a customer came in the front door and a stockkeeper and W. H. Barnell will take telephone message was at once sent to police headquarters. The patrol wagon was quickly followed to the scene by the emergncy wagon, with Detectives Davis and Mitchell, who at once set out to search the neighborhood for traces of the thieves.

Mr. Jensen describes the men as being

tall and slim, both about five feet ten or eleven inches in height, wearing dark clothes and without overcoats. As the upper part of their faces were covered he could not describe their features, but feels sure both were young men. That they are novices at the holdup game seems certain or Jensen probably would not be allye to tell the tale. The robber who was ordered to shoot, after hitting Jensen with his gun, did not attempt to search him, did not even ask him to give up what he had in his pockets, but stood irresolute, waiting orders from his companion. An old hand in the game of thieving would, the police say, have dangerously wounded, if he had not killed, the grocer when he was down if he started to search him and Jensen had offered resistance, as he says he surely would have done. The police are of the opinion that when the robbers are rounded up they will turn out to be two of the young men who compose various gangs of cigarette smoking idlers who infest certain parts of the city and who are connected with respectable homes to a sufficient degree to escape a charge of vagrancy. On the way back from the scene of the

holdup Captain Mestyn forcibly illustrated the insufficiency of the number of policemen to properly patrol the territory embraced in the city limits. The Jensen store and a good many others in the outlying portions, is away off the beat of any regular officer, the nearest patrolman being at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets. It is comparatively easy, Captain Mostyn points out, for any lawless man or boy to perpetrate such a crime as that at the Jensen store without much danger of being interrupted in his work or of being caught after-

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Launceston, Engiand, has an eccentric town clock. The other day at 11 a. m. it struck twenty-four times. At 4 p. m. it did better, with 100 times, and at 5 p. m. it was breaking the record, and had struck continuously for fifteen minutes when a mob of infuriated citizens took it in hand and stopped it.

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An article in the London Daily Telegraph shows that at the end of July, 1994, 730,214 persons were receiving indoor and outdoor relief in England and Wales, representing 2.6 for every 1,000 inhabitants, an increase of 34,335, compared with the same time in 1902.

Same time in 1902.

The Spaniards met with the potato in Peru, where it had long been cultivated by the natives, but it was well-nigh a hundred years before it was taken over to Europe. In 183 we hear of its being introduced into Spain, while in the previous year Sir Walter Raleigh began to cultivate it in Ireland from seed which was taken over from North Carolina.

The University of Washington is in the University of Washington is in the control of Twenty-sixth is progressing rapidly.

Street Commissioner Troutan ctill keeps his road machine at work rounding up unpayed streets in the district east of Twenty-fourth street.

Mrs. F. M. Benedict and Mrs. Bechtel will entertain the Ladies of the Maccabees at the home of Mrs. Bechtel, 1916 U street, on Wednesday afternoon.

Richard Eden, formerly of South Omaha, but now located at Petersburg.

and Dies Before Reaching
the Door.

J. C. Carpenter is supposed to be the name of a man who is lying dead at the undertaking rooms of Brailey & Dorrance.

The dead man went into Louie's restaurant, 139 North, Fifteen street, about 11 o'clock 120 o'clock 131 North, Fifteen street, about 11 o'clock 132 o'clock 132 o'clock 133 o'clock 134 o'clock 135 o'cl

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could not be learned.

Charged with Purse Smatching.

A boy of 16, giving his name as Charley Brown. was arrested by Officer A. H. Jackson shortly after 6 o'clock last night on suspicion of being a purse anatcher. A woman who did not give her name complained to the officer that as she was passing the corner of Twent-fourth and Farnam a boy answering the description of Brown had attempted to snatch her purse but had failed. Young Brown was picked up a few minutes afterwards, and as he could give no explanation of his presence in the residence district, where he was picked up, except that he was looking for work, he was taken in. He said he came from Fremont only yesterday, but the positive of the policy and has failen into her oid habits.

Rebbed in a Colored Resort.

Bessic Smith, a negress of bad reputation, is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held as the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is the lat the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 and a check for \$1.000 from a white man of advanced years who is held at the city jail or the charge of stealing \$50 Robbed in a Colored Resort.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Defendants Cinched on Various Charges by ROBBERS HOLD UP GROCERY Coroner's Jury Decides Chris M. Raff Committed Buicide.

> H. M. Jensen, who keeps a grocery store Autopsy is Performed and Physician Come to Same Conclusion Regarding Death and Its Cause.

A coroner's jury decided Saturday aft ernoon that Chris M. Ran committed sui ide by taking carbolic acid. At the time Dr. Sapp was called there was nothing to show that Raff had committed suicide except a slight odor of carboile acid. Coroner Brailey caused an autopsy to be performed and the decision of the physicians was that death had been caused by drinking carbolic acid. When placed on the witness stand at the inquest Mrs. Raff testified that her husband had not been working for a week, but was expected to return to his duties as government inspector at the yards yesterday morning. He retired in apparently good health and arose about & a. m. and went to the bathroom. Within a short time he returned to bed and was soon taken violently sick. Sapp was called, but found Raff dead when he reached the house. In a search about the house a teacup which had contained was behind the counter. Uttering an oath, carbolic acid was found. Testimony went to show that for some time past Raff has been despondent and that he was badly in debt. It is presumed that the melancholy disposition he had displayed of late was caused by the demands for money made upon him and which demands he was un-

> able to meet. The deceased was a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America and also of neral have not been made, but will moslikely be completed today.

> Armour Employes Promoted. Since the opening of the Armour plant n Sioux City a number of men from the house here have been promoted and sent will leave for Sloux City with the expectation of remaining there permanently. H. the position of manager of the dressed beef department. In addition to the men mentioned, quite a number of skilled men will go to take positions in various de

> The places made vacant by the transfers from South Omaha to Sloux City will be filled by promotions. Official appointments have not been made, but these are expected Monday.

Paving Under New Law.

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An ordinance is to be introduced in the city council Monday night for the grading and paving of Missouri avenue from Thirteenth street to Twenty-fourth street. It is asserted by City Attorney Lambert that under the existing laws the city may order and paving of Missouri avenue from Thirthe paving done and charge one-third of the cost to property owners, while the balance is paid by the city at large. After the passage of the ordinance by the city council the necessary advertising will take two weeks. It seems to be the intention of the city officials to get the contracts for this paving ready during the winter and have the work start as early as possible in the spring.

Anniversary Services Today. Today will be observed at the First Methodist Episcopal church as anniversary day. Charter members of the church will be invited to seats on the rostrum and are expected to take part in the program to be randered. There is to be special music, both vocal and instrumental, at all of the day's services. Rev. D. K. Tindall, mon, and there is to be an old-fashioned love feast at the close of the sermon. All members of the church and congregation are extended a cordial invitation to attend the services today.

Departments Making Estimates. City Clerk Gillin is sending out notice, to the heads of all city departments calling for an estimate of the supplies needed next year. This is in compliance with one of the sections of the charter. All of the stationery and supplies of various kinds must be estimated in order that the finance of Mr. G. Munsey of Lincoln was the guest committee of the council may know about Sunday. what to expect in the line of expenditures These estimates are to be made and filed with the city clerk within ten days.

Magie City Gossip. Coal-J. B. Watkins & Co. Tel. 31.

Two So. Om. houses for rent. See rental Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCulloch are spend-ng Sunday in Lincoln with friends. Hard coal. See Howland Lumber Co., 438 North Twenty-fourth street. 'Phone 7. Mrs. N. M. Graham has been called to Alma, Neb., by the death of a relative. A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs Claude Moore, Thirty-third and I streets. Try Gooden's antiseptic barber shop for first-class work. Under Melcher's drug

The King's Daughters of the Presbyterian church are planning to give a dinner carry in December. Paving blocks are being laid on Railroad avenue just as fast as a double force of men can do the work.

Charles Winkler, Eightee th and Harrison streets, announces the birth of a daughter at his home. The grading of J street west of Twenty ourth street and the filling of i street west of Twenty-sixth is progressing rapidly.

#### **FATAL END OF LOVERS QUARREL** Young Man Shoots Himself in Chest While in Yard of His

Sweetheart.

Frank Svojtek, jr., residing with his parents at 2322 South Nineteenth street, shot himself family last night at 8:15 while in the back yard of the house occupied by Jacob Dokulli at 1210 Blaine street. He was attended shortly after by Assistant City Physician McPherson and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in the police ambulance. Dr. McPherson found that the bullet had entered the left breast just above the heart, and expressed the opinion that it may have grazed that organ. Svojtek had not regained consciousness at a late hour last night and it is feared he has no chance

Young Svoitek had until very recently been keeping company with Annie Dokulii, daughter of the man in whose yard he shot himself. A misunderstanding arose between them, not of a very serious character, how them, not of a very serious character, how them, not of a very serious character, how the cover, and the young man brooded over it until he had magnified it to proper tone that he thought precluded a reconcidation. Leaving his own home last evening after supper, he waited around town until he thought the Dokulii family vers in bed, when he entered their yard and fired the shot that will very likely end his life. Miss Dokulii was prostrated whan she was told.

The firemen of hose company No. 1 of the laterals. They expect to have their work entirely completed by December 16. been keeping company with Annie Dokulii. Dokulii was prostrated whan she was told what her sweetheart had, Jone.

### OMAHA SUBURBS

Benson.

Tom McGuire and Henry Thomas spent Thursday at Millard. Mrs. O. Gifts has as her guest her sister, Miss Hattle Esmey of Elkhorn. Miss L. A. Smith of Plattsmouth spent a few days last week in Benson. P. H. Coughlin of Portsmouth, Ia., spent Sunday with friends in Benson. Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan entertained out of town relatives last Sunday. Miss Alta Thomas came home from Council Bluffs to spend Thanksgiving. George Snell came home last week to pend Thanksgiving day with his family. Miss C. Johnson of this place chaperone, a theater party in Omaha last Saturday. Ed Glimore of this place and Miss May Shofield of Omaha were married last Mon-Mrs. James Walsh received a visit fron

Mrs. Chris Johnson of Bryan street en-tertained friends of Omaha and Florence Miss Hilma Edling, teaching at Laurel. Neb., was in Benson last Tuesday visiting with friends. Miss Whiteby of Omaha visited Saturday and Sunday at the home of Rev. Mr. Leidy of this place. William and Maurice Moran returned from Calhoun Friday, after a visit there with relatives. J. N. Horton of this place spent a couple of days last week repairing the Thomas home in Omaha.

The Benson public schools will open up Monday morning after having vacation since Wednesday. Miss Ethel Morgan has been selected as planist by Mr. Delmore Cheney, a vocal teacher of Omahs. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childs entertained last Thursday and Friday their daughter and family of Omaha.

A number of the young people of this place went to irvington Thursday to attend the Thanksgiving ball. Miss Edna Snell had as a guest at her home Miss Lucille Dickson of Houston, Tex., during last week. Martin Jorgeson has returned home. has been employed for some time as op-erator in Humboldt, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hull entertained friends from Omahiv and this place at dinner one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Grove gave a Thanks-giving dinner at their home to about twenty-five friends and relatives. The rummage sale held in Omaha by the women of the Methodist concess, week Saturday with good success.

Miss Alice Culbertson and Miss Ray Fuller, teachers of this place, went to Omaha Wednesday to attend a wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parmer and family went to Omaha last Wednesday to attend the Grugg-Whitlock wedding reception.
Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and family of Council Bluffs were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed E. Hoffman on last Thursday.

Mrs. A. C. Peirson of Clinton avenue en-tertained a number of young women at her home Friday for the purpose of organizing a club. I. E. Kellog, conductor on the Benson motor, whose parents live here, was assaulted on the car last week, but was not seriously injured.

The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rahm of Omaha died last Thursday of scarlet fever. The little one was a niece of Mrs. William Moran of Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons arrived in Benson last Wednesday, after spending a year if the south for the benefit of their health. They are guests at the home of Mrs. H. C. Barnes.

Barnes.

Services will be held today at the Methodist church at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth league at 6:30, at which service Miss DeGraf will sing. The evening topic by the pastor. Rev. Mr. Leidy, will be "The King with the Heart of a Man and the Man with the Heart of a King." Af anny bazar, under the auspices of the "Ever Faithful Band" will be given at the town hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, December 1 and 2 for the benefit of the Methodis. Episcopal Sunday school. A program will be giver each evening and all kinds of fancy articles may be purchased. Everyons is invited to attend.

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Catholic chapel was begun on Clinton avenue last week. The building will be 32x75 feet in dimensions. Horton & Moran are the contractors and they will complete it by May 1. The chapel will be known as the St. Bernard's church. The board will consist of Bishop Sgannel, Vicar General August Colaner. Father Harrington. B. H. Post, and Joseph McGuire as secretary. Florence.

Miss Blanche Taylor was the guest of Council Bluffs friends Friday and Saturday. John Shipley of Bassett, Neb., was here this week, the guest of D. V. Shipley and

Miss Alice Page of Sloux City, Ia., is the guest of Mrs. E. D. Bergstresser for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. August Albion of Omaha spent Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulty of Tabor, Ia., here a few days, the guests of Mr. Mrs. W. A. Anderson. Miss Edith Christensen of Crete, Neb., is spending a few days here, the guest of Miss Anna Carlson.

Miss Edna Price returned Friday from Johnson county, where she was visiting her father a few days. A. Holdredge of Riverton, Neb., was here the first of the week visiting with the family of W. A. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nelson spent Thanks-giving day in Omaha, the guests of Mr. Nelson's sister, Mrs. Cook. Miss Sofa Anderson spent a couple of days this week the guest of the family of Carl Feldhusen at Calhoun, Neb. Rev. D. B. McLaughlin and family left Monday for Florence, S. C., where he will visit his parents and remain until after

A. C. Ellick was here this week looking after some logal matters connected with the purchase of the Omaha Water com-pany's plant.

pany's plant.

Mrs. W. R. Wall, daughter Ruth and Miss Edna Price spent the last week visiting relatives in Johnson county, Nebraska, returning home Friday night.

Frank P. Brown is building an addition to his livery barn on the south side for the purpose of handling feed and grain on a larger scale than heretofore. Mrs. Waldecher of Tekamah was here a souple of days this week visiting her nother. Mrs. Mary Pilant. She returned to her home Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Backus of Bonesteel, S. D., have been here the last few days visiting friends. Mr. Backus has returned home, Mrs. Backus remaining a few days. Miss Bertie Wilson returned Monday from Bassett, Neb., where she went a few days ago to conform to the homestead laws, she having a claim of 640 acres near Bassett.

sett.

Arthur McSweeney, who has been at Bassett, Neb., the last two months assisting Jasper Smith and Friest Wilson in building houses on their Afferent homesteads, arrived home Moncay.

Rose Rebekah lodge No. 125, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, exbertained a number of visitors from the Omaha lodges at their last meeting, the recasion being the installation of the officers of the district in this vicinity.

The Ladler Ald society of the Presslay.

in this vicinity.

The Ladies' Ald Sciety of the Presbyterian church gave a social and entertainment at the city hall Wednesday night, which was a stocess socially and financially, the morey goes to the church for running experies.

The Florer se Lumber and Coal company has rebuilt its office and sheds, which were destroyed by fire October 30. They have installed a new safe also, their old one having seen destroyed by being blown by burglar a some few weeks ago.

The wrading is nearly finished on Bluff burglar a some few weeks ago.

The grading is nearly finished on Bluff stree, which finishes the job for the present. E. D. Vancourt of Omaha has his force; of men at work putting down the wadam on Main street, which will be fipished in a couple of weeks more.

The firemen of hose company No. 1 of the Florence fire department gave their annua review and dance at Wall's hall. Therefore

night. The hall was crowded by the fire-men and their friends. Certificates of seven years' service were delivered to James C. Kindred, the present president, and to W. R. Wall, the present secretary of the com-pany. This was the fifteenth annual re-view, the company having been organized in 1889.

West Ambler.

Mrs. M. J. Whitelock of Ashland is the guest of her brother, J. E. Aughe, and wife The Syas families had a reunion and din-ner at the home of Charles Syas on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. T. Smith and daughter, Neilie, from Cut-Off Lake, were the guests of her mother, Mrs. Macetrick, on Friday. Mrs. Nelson Pratt entertained her par ents. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, and state Mrs. Hoffman, at dinner Thanksgiving day Mrs. K. Hoffman and little daughter ar-rived from Norfolk on Tuesday for a visit to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Hend-

ergon.

Gorge Cunningham, wife and two children, were guests at G. Mclivaine's the first
of the week and made the acquaintance
of their new nephew. Mrs. Bert Gantz had as Thanksgiving ruests at dinner her mother, Mrs. Carbury, and two aunts, Mesdames Hickman and

Perkins, and families.

The young people and others interested in music in West Omsha met at Mr. Bewer's on Friday night to organize a class in vocal music. Place of meeting and time will be announced later.

Miles Mae Syas was the guest of her friend, Mrs. Ciayton Mann, near Fort Omaha, from Monday until Tuesday, and was accompanied home by Mrs. Mann and two children, who visited here until Thanksgiving, when she was joined by Mr. Mann, who returned home with his family Thursday avenies. Thursday evening.

Dundee.

Mrs. W. T. Robinson is visiting in St. Louis at present. A daughter was born on Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hamilton Mr. William Colfax was the guest of his ster, Mrs. W. S. Selby, last week. Mr and Mrs. S. R. Rush entertained the Dundee Card club Saturday evening. The Dundee Woman's club will meet Wednesday of this week with Mrs. W.

Miss Ella Marshall is at home from the eru Normal school for the Thanksgiving

Peru Normal school for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrotte are making a visit in different towns in lithnois and will remain some time in Chicago before returning home.

The choir of the Dundee Presbyterian church held a bagar Friday evening at Dundee hall, when fancy articles and refreshments were soid at booths presided over by young women in costume. A musical program was given during the evening-Miss Louise Van Gleson rend red some vocal scloe, accompanied by Prof. Frank Newlean. Mr. Ward Palmer and the young men's quartet of this village sang several numbers and Miss Ella Ferron recited a number of selections to an appreciative audience. A large sum for the new organ was taken in during the evening.

INCREASING VALUE OF CORN

Scientific Farmers in Iowa Boosting the Business in a Systematic Way.

Iowa is one of the great corn states in the corn belt. The value of the corn crop exceeds the value of all other crops combined by \$14,000,000. The farmers think, talk and work corn; the business of the state is depressed or buoyant with the corn crop; the railroads are "hard hit" when the corn crop falls below the normal figure, and when the corn crop is good the farmers buy organs and top buggles. The superintendent of the Rock Island railroad had been hearing a good deal from the Corn Dealers' association, from the agricultural experiment stations, from P. G. Holden, "professor of agronomy" in the State Agricultural college, about the bad farming in the state and its wastefulness, and he decided to teach the farmers of Iowa their own business at the railroad's expense.

A special train was made up, consisting of experiment cars, of a living car for the staff of agricultural sharps, and another car as an audience chamber, which the farmers at the various stations were to by invited to enter for the purpose of hearing he talks of the "profess The aid of the Grain Dealers' association was enlisted; the Grange and Patrons of Husbandry officers were notified to have their farmers at the stations "as per schedule of the corn special," and the first

ambulatory agricultural college set out on a 400-mile tour through fifteen counties of the state. Fifty stops each allowing for a twenty-minute talk and examination of the train, were arranged, and the farmers flocked to the corn special.

They there learned that of the 1.3% samples of seed tested by the Agricultural college, 18 per cent of the seed was dead and that 19 per cent was of deficient vitality. The farmers of Iowa had been in the habit of planting seed of which only 63 per cent was fit, for the purpose, which mean; that Iowa, with 9,000,000 acres planted to corn, was raising only a 6,000,000 acre crop.

Many intelligent farmers, it seemed, who had learned to select and test seed at the agricultural colleges and experiment stations, were in the habit of raising from sixty to seventy bushels an acre on an average, but the state average was only thirty-three bushels an acre. It was plain, therefore, that if the farmers would only select their seed, and the varieties of seed, with a little intelligence, and preserve their seed corn so that it would retain its vitality, it would be entirely practicable to raise, if not sixty or seventy bushels an acre throughout the state, at least fifty bushels an acre. The gain on 9,000,000 acres by an increase in the average from thirtythree bushels to fifty bushels would mean, as a simple matter of arithmetic, an increase of the crop by the tremendous total of 153,000,000 bushels each year.

In other words, a "professor of agronomy" convinced the people of Iowa that they might make about \$50,000,000 a year additional if they would only wake up and select their seed corn. Another railroad then ran a corn special with its teachers, lecturers and grain dealers' societies entered into the campaign with zest; farmers now troop by the thousands during the winter months to the State Agricultural college and learn the secret; the people talk, think and drean of corn, and a professor of agronomy of some such impracticable scientific "critter promises to make Iowa grow two ears of corn where only one grew before.-Philadelphia Ledger.

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