POSTOFFICE NOTICE

m. December 3, for dispatch per s. s. Moana.

JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA and specially addressed mail for PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Seattle, close at 6 p. m. December 4 for dispatch per s. s. Lyla.

HAWAII, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 5 for dispatch per s. s. Alameda.

HAWAII, JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 8 for dispatch per s. s. Gaelic.

JAPAN, KOREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Tacoma, close at 6 p. m. December 16 for dispatch per s. s. Yangtsye.

JAPAN (except Parcels-Post Mails), KOREA, CHINA and specially addressed mail for PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close at 6 p. m. December 20 for dispatch per s. s. Empress of India.

TAHITI and MARQUESAS ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 26 for dispatch per s. s. Mariposa.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and GUAM, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. December 26 for dispatch per U. S. Transport.

MANCHURIA (except Newchwang) and EASTERN SIBERIA is at present forwarded via Russia.

NOTE—Unless otherwise addressed, West Australia is forwarded via Europe; New Zealand via San Francisco and certain places in the Chinese Province of Yunnan, via British India—the quickest routes. Philippines specially addressed "via Europe" must be fully prepaid at the foreign rates. Hawaii is forwarded via San Francisco exclusively.

EDWARD M. MORGAN,
Acting Postmaster.

Postoffice, New York, N. Y., November 25, 1904.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1904.—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., until 2 o'clock p. m. January 9, 1905, for the construction of an outlet tunnel about 125 square feet cross section and about 500 feet long, and two vertical shafts, in solid granite, to serve as a diversion tunnel for the Pathfinder dam, about fifty miles southwest of Casper, Wyo., on North Platte river. Forms of proposal, plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, Washington, D. C., or at the office of the United States Reclamation Service, Chamber of Commerce building, Denver, Colo. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for $1,000, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Interior, as a guaranty that the bidder will, if successful, promptly execute a satisfactory contract, and furnish bond in the sum of 20 per cent of the contract price for the faithful performance of the work. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, to accept one part and reject the other and to waive technical defects as the interest of the service may require. Proposals must be marked "Proposals for Pathfinder Tunnel, North Platte Project." Bidders are invited to be present. THOMAS RYAN, Acting Secretary.

Nov. 29 D1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Lands and Buildings of the State of Nebraska will receive bids for the furnishing of stationery, office supplies and printing, etc., for the coming session of the legislature. Specifications will be on file in the office of the secretary of state on and after December 1, 1904. All bids must be filed with the secretary of state by noon of December 5, 1904. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

GEO. W. MARSH,
N24d10t Secretary B. P. L. & B.

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UNION STATION—TENTH AND MARCY

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

EAST.	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago Daylight Ltd.	a 3:35 am	
Chicago Daylight Local	b 7:00 am	a 9:35 pm
Chicago Express	b12:01 pm	a 5:15 pm
Des Moines Express	a 4:30 pm	b11:50 am
Chicago Fast Express	a 5:40 pm	a 1:20 pm
WEST.		
Rocky Mountain Ltd.	a 7:20 am	a 2:50 pm
Lincoln, Denver & west	a 1:30 pm	a 5:05 pm
Oklahoma and Tex. Ex.	a 5:35 pm	a11:55 am
Fast Chicago	a 5:50 pm	7:30 am

Chicago Great Western.

St. P. & Minn. Ltd.	a 8:30 pm	a 7:15 am
St. P. & Minn. Ex.	a 7:35 am	a 8:25 pm
Chicago Limited	a 4:50 pm	a10:35 am
Chicago Express	a 4:30 am	a 1:05 pm

Chicago & Northwestern.

Local Chicago	a11:30 am	
Mail	a 8:10 pm	8:30 am
Daylight St. Paul	a 7:50 am	10:00 pm
Daylight Chicago	a 7:10 am	11:50 pm
Limited Chicago	a 8:25 pm	9:15 am
Local Carroll	a 4:00 pm	9:30 am
Fast St. Paul	a 8:15 pm	7:55 am
Local Sioux C. & St. P.	b 4:00 pm	a 9:30 am
Fast Mail		8:30 am
Chicago Express		a 3:45 pm
Norfolk & Bonesteel	a 7:40 am	10:35 am
Lincoln & Long Pine	b 7:40 am	10:35 am
Deadwood & Lincoln	a 2:50 pm	5:15 pm
Casper & Wyoming	d 2:50 pm	e 5:15 pm
Hastings-Albion	b 2:50 pm	5:15 pm

Wabash.

New World's Fair	a 7:45 am	a 9:00 pm
Local from C. Bluffs	a 9:15 am	a 3:00 pm
St. L. Cannon Ball Ex.	a 6:30 pm	a 8:20 am

Missouri Pacific.

St. Louis Express	a 9:30 am	a 6:00 pm
K. C. & St. L. Ex.	a11:15 pm	a 5:00 pm

Union Pacific.

The Overland Limited	a 9:40 am	a 8:05 pm
Colo. & Cala. Ex.	a 4:10 pm	a 6:40 am
Chicago-Portland Sp'l	a 4:20 pm	
Eastern Express		a 5:30 pm
Columbus Local	b 6:00 pm	b 9:35 am
Colorado Special	a 7:45 am	
Chicago Special		a 6:50 am
Beatrice Local	b 5:50 pm	b 1:15 pm
Fast Mail	a 8:50 am	3:20 pm

Illinois Central.

Chicago Express	a 7:25 am	a10:35 pm
Chicago Limited	a 7:50 pm	a 8:05 am
Minn. & St. Paul Ex.	b 7:25 am	b10:35 pm
Minn. & St. Paul, Ltd.	a 7:50 pm	a 8:05 pm

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

Chicago Daylight Ex.	a 7:55 am	a11:00 pm
California-Oregon Ex.	a 5:45 pm	a 3:10 pm
Overland Limited	a 8:20 pm	a 7:25 am
Des. M. & Okoboji Ex.	a 7:55 am	a 3:10 pm

BURLINGTON STATION—10TH & MASON

Burlington & Missouri River.

Wymore, Beatrice and Lincoln	a 8:50 am	b12:05 pm
Nebraska Express	a 8:50 am	a 7:40 pm
Denver Limited	a 4:10 pm	a 6:45 am
B. Hills & Puget S. Ex.	a11:10 pm	a 6:08 pm
Colo. Vestibuled Flyer		a 3:30 pm
Lincoln Fast Mail	b 2:57 pm	a12:05 pm
Ft. Crook & Plattsm'th	b 2:52 pm	10:35 am
Bellevue & Pac. Junc.	a 7:50 pm	a 8:35 am
Bellevue & Pac. Junc.	a 2:35 am	

Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs.

Kansas City Day Ex.	a 9:15 am	a 6:05 pm
St. Louis Flyer	a 5:25 pm	a11:05 am
Kansas City Night Ex.	a10:45 pm	a 6:45 am

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

Chicago Limited	a 8:05 pm	a 7:40 pm
Chicago Special	a 7:00 am	a 3:55 pm
Chicago Vestibuled Ex.	a 4:00 pm	a 7:25 am
Chicago Local	a 9:15 am	a11:00 pm
Fast Mail		2:45 pm

WEBSTER DEPOT—15TH & WEBSTER

Missouri Pacific.

Nebraska Local via Weeping Water	b 4:50 pm	a11:40 am

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha.

Twin City Passenger	b 6:30 am	b 9:10 pm
Sioux City Passenger	a 2:00 pm	a11:30 am
Oakland Local	b 5:45 pm	b 9:10 am

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday. d Daily except Saturday. e Daily except Monday.

NEWS OF INTEREST FRO

COUNCIL BLUFFS

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Leffert's glasses fit.

Stockert sells carpets.

Domestic cooking, 33 No. Main st.

Duncan sells the best school shoes.

Night school at Western Iowa college.

Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl st.

For rent, modern house, 723 Sixth ave.

Duncan does the best repairing. 23 Main.

New stock of pictures and moldings, Borwick, 211 So. Main st. Tel. 683.

20 per cent discount on picture moldings this week. C. E. Alexander, 333 B'way.

Missouri oak dry cordwood $6 cord delivered. Wm. Welch, 16 N. Main st. Tel. 128.

F. L. Reed, clerk of the district court, and Mrs. Reed left last evening for a visit in Chicago.

Wanted, at once, all parties owing me to call and settle their accounts and save costs. George S. Davis.

Board and room, by young man in private family, in walking distance from Milwaukee railway depot. Good references. Address C, Bee, Council Bluffs.

John W. Bower, formerly of Shenandoah, Ia., who was married to Miss Grace Reasoner of this city last September, died Thursday at Colorado Springs, Colo.

2,000 lbs. to the ton guaranteed. Morton & Bridenstein, the new firm. Prompt service, best coal and wood, lowest prices. Yards, 14th avenue and 6th st. Tel. 182.

The records of the Board of Health of the city for November show that twenty-one cases of diphtheria and twenty-four cases of smallpox were reported during the month.

The district court grand jury will complete its deliberations this morning and report its findings. It has had twenty-five cases before it, this being an unusually large number at one term.

The bicycle belonging to A. W. Hannibal of Hazel Dell township, which was stolen while the owner was in a dentist's office, Wednesday, has been found in an Omaha pawnshop, where it had been sold by the thief for $5.

General Manager S. Stickney and a party of officials of the Great Western railroad were in the city yesterday inspecting the local terminals. From here they went to Omaha, and left last evening in their special train for St. Paul.

A meeting of Concordia lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held Saturday evening for the purpose of considering new bylaws. Owing to the importance of the business to come before the meeting all members are requested to be present.

Council Bluffs camp No. 715, Modern Woodmen of America, at its meeting Thursday night, elected the following officers: Consul, James Knuth; adviser, Arthur Stine; banker, M. E. Sutton; clerk, William Bush; escort, John Timberman; watchman, Harry Davis; sentry, William Bettey; physician, Dr. C. W. Bower; first manager, T. Sheldon.

Morgan & Klein, whose upholstery stock was badly damaged by the fire in the frame building occupied by them on Main street, Thursday night, stated yesterday that they estimated their loss would be covered by the insurance which they carried. It is thought the fire started from the boiler used for renovating in the second story of the building.

Mahlon Bethers, Charles Franks and W. F. Bannick, charged with stealing coal from the Illinois Central, were found guilty in police court yesterday morning. Bethers was fined $50 and costs, Franks $25 and costs and Bannick was sentenced to ten days in the county jail. Bethers and Franks were committed to the county jail to board out their fines. Elijah Timmel, who was also charged with the same offense, was discharged. The case against Mahlon Bethers on the charge of threatening to kill the officers who went to arrest him has been presented to the grand jury.

Mrs. Mary Meneray, wife of R. C. Meneray, 208 Stutsman street, died at an early hour yesterday morning from apoplexy, aged 43 years. Besides her husband, two daughters and three sons survive her. Mrs. Meneray was a member of Rebekah lodge No. 3, Lilly camp, Royal Neighbors of America and Homestead lodge, Brotherhood of American Yeomen. The funeral will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the First Baptist church, where the services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Case. Interment will be in the Crescent City cemetery and the Daughters of Rebekah will have charge of the services at the grave.

Doubt About Vail Story.

Investigation by the police yesterday led them to cast suspicion on the story of James Vail that he had been dragged into Hoagland's lumber yard Thursday night by three men, who robbed him of $71, after beating him almost into insensibility. The police learned that the electric light in front of the yard was burning brightly and that there were several of the employes in the office at the time Vail said he was robbed. Vail failed to put in an appearance at police headquarters yesterday, as he promised, and is thought to have left the city. By a somewhat strange coincidence a woman who keeps a boarding house in the south part of the city notified the police that a James Vail had recently skipped a $20 board bill.

Specials for Saturday at

Brown's C.O.D. Market

128 W. Broadway. Tel. 65

Smoked Bacon at 11c

Fresh Dressed Spring Chicken 11c

Our Best Pot Roast Beef.......... 5c-6c

Boiling Beef.......... 2½c

Mutton Stew.......... 3c

Mutton Roast.......... 6c

Prime Rib Roast Beef.......... 7c-8c

3 pounds Sirloin Steak..........

3 pounds Porterhouse Steak..........

3 pounds Round Steak..........

3 pounds Home Made Pure Pork Sausage.. 25c

Remember, we will not charge over 5c to 6c for our best Pot Roast of Beef. Regular price 8c to 10c.

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TELEPHONE RATES REDUCED

Present Company Meets Suggestions of Retailers' Association.

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY FIRST

Retailers State Their Reasons for Opposing the Installation of a Second System or the Granting of a Franchise.

The committee consisting of H. F. Knudsen chairman, Charles H. Huber and J. C. Jensen, appointed at the meeting of the Retail Grocers' and Butchers' association Thursday night to confer with the Nebraska Telephone company with a view to securing a reduction of rates for residence 'phones lost no time in getting to work and yesterday was successful in securing from General Manager Vance Lane a written agreement to make the reduction asked for on and after January 1, 1905.

In compliance with the request of the committee General Manager Lane promised that commencing January 1 the Nebraska Telephone company would make a reduction of 50 cents a month on residence 'phones, providing patrons would pay their bills for such service on or before the 10th of the current month.

Under the reduced schedule the rate for individual 'phones will be $2.50 instead of $3, two-party line 'phones, $2, in place of $2.50, and four-party line 'phones, $1.50, instead of $2.

Mr. Lane also assured the committee that his company fully expected to install 1,000 more residence 'phones within the next year and that no expense would be spared to make the service as near perfect as possible. The meeting between the committee and Manager Lane was a most cordial one and the committee was greatly pleased at the success of its mission.

Who Retailers Oppose.

Chairman Knudsen of the committee yesterday explained the reasons why the Retail Grocers' and Butchers' asosciation was opposed to the granting by the city of a franchise for another telephone company in the city. He said experience had shown that franchises had been secured in the past for the mere purpose of enabling the parties receiving them to dispose of them at considerable pecuniary profit to the company, and he cited as instances the gas and electric light franchise which was secured by persons claiming to represent an independent company and who lost no time in disposing of their charter to the old company, and the street car franchise secured by the promoters of the Suburban company, who finally sold out to the old motor company. The association, he said, was also opposed to having the paved streets of the city again torn up for the purpose of placing underground conduits especially as but few business men would be benefited by the establishment of another telephone system. Again the members of the association, he said, failed to see where the benefits they would derive from a second telephone system would compensate them for the extra expense they would be put to by maintaining two 'phones in their stores and also possibly in their residences.

BOY MAY BE FATALLY INJURED

Fearing Arrest He Was Attempting to Get Out of Town.

Ray Laungeway, one of the five small boys against whom informations had been filed in the juvenile division of the district court, charging them with stealing coal from Illinois Central cars, is lying seriously injured at his home on Sixteenth avenue. His injuries are the result of his attempt to escape arrest by leaving the city on a freight train.

Young Laungeway, who is but 10 years of age, learned that the officers were likely to take him into custody, and he became terribly frightened. He left home hurriedly without saying anything to other members of the family and went to the Great Western yards. A freight train was just pulling out and the lad tried to jump it, but missed his hold and was thrown against the adjoining tracks. When found by some of the yardmen he was unconscious and it was some time before he could be identified and sent to his home. The boy is sufferig from spinal injuries and concussion of the brain. His condition yesterday was said to be quite serious.

Working on Electric Line.

The committee appointed to take charge of all preliminaries connected with the formation of a company to construct an electric railroad between Council Bluffs and Carson in Pottawattamie county met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Commercial club, those present being Henry H. Van Brunt of this city, chairman; Dr. W. F. Pierce of Carson, secretary; George Dye, Thomas Flood, Perry Kerney and C. F. Kimball.

Reports from the several members of the committee showed that the project was meeting with much encouragement from farmers along the proposed route of the line and that if they carried out their promises there would be little difficulty in obtaining the required capital.

At the former meeting of the committee in Treynor last week it was decided that 10 per cent of the subscriptions would be called for as soon as $100,000 had been subscribed. At yesterday's meeting it was decided to call for only 5 per cent, as this amount would be sufficient, in the opinion of the committee, to defray the preliminary expenses of the survey, etc.

H. H. Van Brunt, Thomas Flood and Dr. Pierce were appointed a committee on publication. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Carson on call of the chairman.

Matters in District Court.

The jury before which the $20,000 personal injury damage suit of Mrs. Lillie Smith of Missouri Valley against the motor company was tried in the district court decided yesterday that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover and accordingly brought in a verdict for the defendant company.

The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock last evening and half an hour later the verdict for the defendant company was reached.

As there are several juvenile cases to come before Judge Green today, the trial of the suit of Mrs. Bessie Harris as administratrix of her deceased husband against the Chicago Great Western railroad will, it is expected, not be taken up before Monday. Mrs. Harris sues for $10,000 for the death of her husband, who was fatally injured at McClellan October 27, 1903, while in the employ of the defendant company as a brakeman.

Board Closes School.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Board of Education closed the Monroe school building yesterday until Monday on account of diphtheria. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ziller, who attended that building, was discovered to have a slight attack of the disease, and, though no new cases have been reported, the building is being thoroughly fumigated and precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Entertainment for Charity.

The members of the Council Bluffs Comedy club scored an unqualified success last night at the New theater when they presented four short plays for the benefit of the Associated Charities' Creche. The entertainment attracted a large and fashionable audience, which was evidently well pleased with the performance, judging from the liberal applause showered on the different members of the caste.

As a curtain raiser "My College Chum," with Bernard Brown, Clifford Heyn, John Stubbs, Carl Miller, Miss Edith Runyon and Miss Helen Bixby as the caste, was presented. The stage settings were of the most elegant character and the costumes of the young women most elaborate. This was followed by the one-act romance, "The Sword of Remembrance," in which Miss Hazel Cook, Miss Helen Bixby, George Phelps and Carl Miller took the several parts. Mr. Phelps in the difficult role of Colonel Washington Fitzhugh made a decided hit and had to respond to a curtain call. The comedy in one act entitled "The Dummy," with Miss Edith Runyon, Miss Hazel Cook, Miss Elizabeth Macrae and Miss Hazel Brown, John Stubbs and George Phelps as the caste proved most amusing and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. By special request the club repeated "Jerry Burke," which it presented last year, and this brought the evening's entertainment to a close. The characters in this were assumed by Miss Fannie Dietrich, Jack Byrne, Carl Miller, Richard Rutherford and Leah Jones. The entertainment was under the direction of Miss Lillian Fitch of Omaha.

Object to Taking Off Train.

The West End Improvement club at its meeting Thursday night started a movement to protest against the proposed changes on the Union Pacific, which mean the withdrawal of the train known as the Columbus local, and adopted the following resolution:

> Whereas, The proposed withdrawal of the Columbus local passenger train on the Union Pacific railroad on Sunday next is an injury to the wholesale and retail trade of Council Bluffs and its neighboring cities, and this club condemns the proposed withdrawal and asks the Commercial club and other improvement clubs in this city to take measures leading to the rescinding of the withdrawal of such train.
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> The first injury to the trade of our cities will be felt in the retail establishments of our respective cities during the Christmas season, to be followed later by a further decrease in the jobbing and retail trade, until Council Bluffs, Omaha and South Omaha become mere "whistling stations," with the home markets of western Iowa and Nebraska tributary territory removed hundreds of miles away, to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul.
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> To remedy these arbitrary withdrawals of our railroad train facilities, we are in favor of the enlargement of the powers of the interstate commerce commission, giving that body power similar to the powers of the Iowa railroad commission to establish rates, to put on local freight and passenger trains where needed, and especially in control of the interstate local traffic rates and trains between the cities of one state with the adjacent territory in an adjoining state. The interstate commerce commission should be given full power to enforce its decrees, with any suitable penalty for the punishment of any company neglecting or disobeying its orders.
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> We ask our congressional delegation at Washington to use their efforts to have these suggestions incorporated in the bill now pending in congress.

Saturday Silver Special.

For today only, one Lily teaspoon (large size), $1.25; one Lily dessert spoon, $2.00; one Lily dessert fork, $2.00; also 20 per cent discount on all sterling silver butter knives and cold meat forks. Every pattern subject to this sale price. At Leffert's. Remember that with every dollar's cash purchase you will receive a coupon entitling you to an opportunity to receive free one of the following presents December 31: A fine diamond ring, a solid gold watch, a rich cut glass dish, or one dozen sterling silver teaspoons.

Eagles Elect Officers.

Council Bluffs Aerie 104, Fraternal Order of Eagles, elected the following officers last night: Worthy president, Thomas D. Metcalf; worthy vice president, George R. Anderson; corresponding secretary, J. T. Bryant; financial secretary, F. C. Hendricks; treasurer, George S. Davis; chaplain, Lee Evans; conductor, W. A. McTwiggan; inside guardian, E. A. Jones; outside guardian, John Beech; physicians, Dr. Smith Bellinger, Dr. C. H. Bower; trustees, W. H. Ware, W. W. Rogers, W. B. Fisher.

Norse Pottery.

The latest thing at Leffert's. Look in his east window.

Gas Plant Explodes.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—J. F. Hunter, a merchant of Bertram, was severely burned by an explosion of his acetyline gas lighting plant in the basement of his building. He was cleaning and refilling the tank, when he lit a match and some gas that was in the tank, ignited, causing an explosion that severely burned Mr. Hunter about the face and head. It is thought that he will recover.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250; night, F667.

Committee on Lights and Water.

Mayor Macrae announced yesterday that he had appointed Aldermen Maloney, Crippen and Olson as members of the special committee to investigate the matter of water and electric rates. This committee will be expected to secure information for the use of the city council in renewing the city's contracts with the waterworks and electric light companies, both of which expire during the life of the present city council.

Rooms and cafe. Ogden hotel.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee December 2 by the Title Guaranty and Trust company of Council Bluffs:

Basis J. Osler and wife to John Harding, se¼ 2-74-39, w. d.	$ 200
Christian Thomsen and wife to Christian Peterson, lot 6, block 3, Babbitt Place, w. d.	400
Samuel Wood, referee, to John A. Mitchell, se¼ 2-74-39, w. d.	10,400
Three transfers, total	$11,000

Plumbing and heating. Bixby & Son.

Searching for His Sister.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Tripp of Akron called on Chief of Police Dineen today for assistance in a search for his sister, Loretta, aged 16, who recently left home. She answered an advertisement of "Rich bachelor who wanted to marry a girl not older than 18 years." She then started out for Sioux City or elsewhere to meet him. Correspondence found in her room showed his name to be Seldon Manss and Webster City was given as his home. No trace of the girl has been found.

First Skating at Cedar Rapids.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The first snow of the season fell here last last night and the thermometer fell several degrees, making it have the appearance of winter. The snow was a light one, barely covering the ground, and as most of the farmers are prepared for winter, its appearance was not entirely unwelcome. The slough is frozen over and part of the river and the boys are already skating, though the ice is not yet safe.

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POLITICIANS EAT 'POSSUM

Annual Post Election Event Celebrated at Iowa's Capital.

JEFFERSON LOGAN, COLORED, THE HOST

Director Sage of the Weather and Crop Bureau Says Iowa's Corn Crop Will Exceed Three Hundred Million Bushels.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The annual event in local and state political circles, second only to a state convention, was held tonight, the same being the annual 'possum supper of Hon. Jefferson Logan, colored. For years Jeff Logan has followed the custom of having a big 'possum supper soon after election and inviting thereto the state officers, members of the legislature, judges and others from all parts of the state. At these annual gatherings at the humble home of a modest negro who rose from slavery to a position of competence by his own efforts and who perhaps knows as many public men of the state as anyone here, have been the occasion of many brilliant debates and impromptu discussions of great political questions. This year Governor Cummins, Secretary of State Martin, Treasurer Gilbertson, Auditor Carroll, Attorney General Mullan, Senator Dowell and many others participated in the event, and after the repast there was a program of responses to toasts. It was an event of the year in political circles.

Reduced Rate on Barreled Oil.

The Iowa state railroad commissioners went on record today as ready to do something to help oppose the Oil trust, and entered an order directing that the classification of oil in barrels should be changed from third to fourth class. This reduces the freight rates in Iowa on barreled oil of all kinds. As the larger companies operating in connection with the trust handle their oil entirely in tank cars and wagons, and the independent and smaller concerns nearly all make use of barrels in their rail shipments it is figured that the benefit will be to the independent concerns and to the disadvantage of the trust. The change has long been demanded by the independent operators.

Iowa and Nebraska Lead.

State Superintendent Riggs today issued the annual educational directory in which he gives various statistics as to Iowa's schools. He shows that as compared with other states Iowa leads all in the lowest percentage of illiteracy save Nebraska, and is on a par with that state. His figures show that the Iowa and Nebraska illiteracy is 2.3 per cent, which is far below other states. The report shows that there are in Iowa now 12,492 schools in the country, 6,458 rooms in the graded schools, a total of 18,950, while there were actually employed 29,625 teachers, of whom 3,606 were males. The total enrollment was 545,023 and the attendance 373,366. There are volumes in the school libraries to the number of 714,492. The amount paid teachers for salaries was $6,541,723, and for other purposes there was paid $4,154,938.

Start a Chicago Daily.

It was announced here today that a company, chiefly of Des Moines persons, associated with some from Chicago and New York, will on December 10, commence the publication of the Daily Review in Chicago, an entirely new daily newspaper on a new plan. It will be a cheap and small daily paper largely for rural circulation in many states, condensing news and having features much like those of the magazines which are gaining enormous circulations. It is understood the plant has been purchased and is being installed and all arrangements are complete. John J. Hamilton, formerly and for many years publisher of the Daily News here, is head of the company. His sister, Ella H. Durley, will be editor of the departments, especially the household and women's departments. It is also announced that Mr. Ora Williams will be managing editor.

Reports on Corn Crop.

Final reports received from various parts of the state indicate to Director John R. Sage of the Weather and Crop Service, that the Iowa corn yield will go beyond Mr. Sage's estimate of 300,000,000 bushels, made several weeks ago. The total may reach 325,000,000 bushels. Comparatively few of the reports have been received, although Director Sage had planned to issue his final estimate about December 1.

"The crop reporters all over the state are taking great pains to make their estimates accurate," said Mr. Sage. "They are giving more time to the work this year than heretofore, and the result, I believe, will be a series of county reports from which we will be able to make up a good estimate of the total yield. The county is the unit from which the state estimate is made. Indications are that the yield will be greater than was estimated by the bureau earlier in the season.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

A jury today found Charles Morton, colored, guilty of manslaughter in the killing of an unidentified man on the street a few weeks ago. The stranger had approached Morton, who was washing windows at a department store, early in the morning. It is supposed that they quarreled and Morton knocked the man down and he struck his head on the curb, and this killed him. The stranger was evidently drunk at the time and Morton claimed he had first assaulted him. The identity of the stranger was never established.

Des Moines College Gift.

Announcement is made that Des Moines college is to have a gift of $25,000 from some donor, whose name has not been mentioned, provided the college take care of its musical department and erects a musical conservatory. The trustees are planning to do this and to care for the musical department.

Baron Becomes Naturalized.

Judge McPherson, in the United States court, has issued naturalization papers to a member of Troop L, Eleventh cavalry, who claims to have been a German baron. This is Baron von Shmeitz, or Frank M. S. A. Minsky, who came to this country six years ago and enlisted in the army. He has been in the United States army and now takes out naturalization papers.

Shortage Was Known Here.

The shortage in the Wapello State bank of Wapello, Louisa county, has been known in the office of the auditor of state for some time, since the shortage was disclosed there, when a verification of accounts was demanded from the bank's correspondents in Chicago. The directors made good the impairment at once and the bank nor its customers will suffer. Then the bank directors brought on a crisis by having the cashier arrested. He has confessed a shortage of $23,000, covering a number of years.

Scotch Society at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The finest thing in a social way which has come to the lot of Shenandoah was the social given by the Scottish people of this community last evening at the home of Hon. and Mrs. W. P. Ferguson on Thomas avenue, where about sixty-five guests assembled and listened to songs and toasts and readings and saw, many of them for the first time, the old Scottish reel danced by three sons and one daughter of the bonnie land who have come to this country responded to by Rev. Ross, C. G. Willson, William Orr of Clarinda, W. D. Jamieson, W. P. Ferguson and John Berwick. Officers were elected as follows: President, C. G. Willson; first vice president, William Orr; second vice president, W. D. Jamieson; treasurer, J. J. Cardwell; secretary, E. R. Ferguson; chaplain, Rev. Ross; trustees, John Berwick, W. P. Ferguson and F. J. Driver. The name of the new society is the Caledonian club and forty-five last night signed the adopted constitution. It is expected that this society will dedicate the new $10,000 Carnegie library which is being built here and which will be dedicated some time in January probably.

Take Evidence in Ditch Case.

ONAWA, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The examination in the ditch appeal case of Judge Addison Oliver from the decision of the Monona and Harrison boards of supervisors on the big Monona-Harrison ditch was commenced at 1 p. m. at the court house before W. E. Cody of Sioux City as commissioner. P. A. Sawyer of Sioux City for the ditch petitioners and George O. Oliver and Addison Oliver are taking an active part as objectors. Messrs. Adams and Harrison and Seibolt of Monona, who spent considerable time at Des Moines last winter in working for the new drainage laws, are present and taking an active part in the proceedings. Four witnesses have been examined this afternoon and objections and interruptions are frequent. There is a good attendance and the hearing is likely to last some days. All steps in the case are taken very carefully, with a view to an appeal to the higher courts.

Ban on Tobacco Users.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—In response to a lecture by Dean Stookey of Coe college on the use of tobacco by the male students of the college, the female students have taken it upon themselves to assist the dean in breaking up the habit among the boys of using tobacco, and the girls have signed a solemn compact that they will have nothing to do with a young man who uses tobacco in any form, and have adopted as their motto, "The lips that touch tobacco shall never touch mine." They seem to be in earnest and the result of the experiment is being watched with much interest.

Big Estate to Be Divided.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The estate of William Trailer, who died last year from injuries received by being thrown from a buggy in a runaway accident, is to be divided among the heirs. Mr. Trailer was the largest land owner in this section, being the possessor of 2,700 acres of land in Cass and Pottawattamie counties. This estate is to be divided into fifteen equal parts, the widow of the deceased to get one-third and the remainder to be equally divided among Mr. Trailer's ten children. In the event that the heirs cannot agree on the division, J. S. Harlan, M. A. Duval and H. W. Fulton, clerk of the courts, have been appointed to parcel out the estate. Mr. Trailer lived near Marne, and was one of the oldest settlers, as well as one of the most highly respected.

Organize County Endeavor Union.

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—At a recent delegate convention held at the Logan Christian church the Harrison County Christian Endeavor union was reorganized and the following officers were elected for the term of one year: President, Harriet McWilliams of Woodbine; vice president, Mrs. E. C. Longman of Logan; secretary, Ida Willis of Woodbine; treasurer, Hattie Pugsley of Woodbine; superintendent Junior Christian Endeavor, Sadie Pugsley of Woodbine. It was decided to hold a convention at Logan in May, 1905.

New Heating Plant.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—For the first time the heat was turned on yesterday in the new city heating plant here, which is owned by the Shenandoah Ice company, and which will soon be used in nearly all of the store buildings of the city. The experiment showed the system to be a complete success. About eight blocks will be covered by this line of heating.

Bee Raising Not Farming.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Henry T. Reed of the federal court, in a decision adjudging Bert A. Aldrich bankrupt, holds that a man who raises bees is not necessarily a farmer. Aldrich tried to dodge bankruptcy proceedings on the ground that he was a farmer.

Creston Woman in Philippines.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—A cablegram has been received from Mrs. Warren Ickis by relatives in this city announcing her safe arrival in the Philippines November 30, after a pleasant voyage. Mrs. Ickis was accompanied by Mrs. Brade Hurst. They were met at Manila by Mr. Ickis.

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Oysters, per quart	25c

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Grape-Nuts, per package	9c
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Salt Pork, 3 lbs	25c
Good Roast, lb	5c to 6c
Butter, good, in rolls, lb	17½c

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FLOUR Blue Bell, sack	1.40
Reliance, sack	1.40
Cremo Valley, sack	1.45
Marshall's Blend, sack	1.45
Gold Medal, sack	1.50
Rice, whole Japan, 10 lbs	25c
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Leaf Lard, 15 lbs	$1.00	Pot Roast, lb	5c
Butter, good, lb	19c	Boiling Beef, good, lb	2½c
Hams, lb	6½c	Sausage, home-made, 3 lbs	25c
Sirloin Steak, 3 lbs	25c	Pork Roast, lb	7c
Porterhouse Steak, 3 lbs	25c	Pork Chops, 3 lbs	25c
Round Steak, 3 lbs	25c	Lard, home-made, 3 lbs	25c
Good Steak, 5 lbs	25c	Best Salt Pork, lb	8c
Fresh Oysters, quart	25c	Dressed Spring Chicken, lb	11c
Home-made Mince Meat, 2 lbs	25c	Mutton Stew, lb	4c
		Fresh Country Eggs, doz	20c