

CURRENT EVENTS OF IOWA COUNCIL BLUFFS

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

Today Will Be Generally Observed as a Holiday.

EXERCISES AT CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

Annual Treat for Veterans' Children Will Be Given Tuesday Afternoon-Accused Janitor Won't Talk.

Christmas having fallen on Sunday today will be generally observed as a holiday in Council Bluffs. All of the public offices in the city hall and county court house will be closed and the larger stores of the city will also keep their doors closed and give their employes a much needed rest after the rush of the holiday trade, which was unusually heavy this year.

This evening in several of the churches the children of the Sunday schools will have their Christmas entertainments and treat. At the First Congregational church there will be a program of appropriate songs and recitations by the young folk, who will be rewarded with gifts distributed from an old-fashioned Christmas tree.

Yesterday the 2nd children of the Christian Home enjoyed a splendid Christmas dinner, which was served in the new dining hall. This afternoon at 2 o'clock each child will be made happy with a suitable gift, which will be distributed from a large Christmas tree in the chapel of the institution. There will also be a Christmas program, Saturday evening the children gave the cantata, "The Old-Fashioned Santa Claus," in which fifty of the young folk took part.

Christmas, following the usual custom, was happily celebrated at the school for the deaf. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the pupils assembled in the chapel, where a short Christmas service was followed by a lecture appropriate to the occasion by Prof. Long. While the pupils were gathered in the chapel for the purpose of distributing the gifts, presents for all pupils being placed in their rooms, where they found them after dismissal from chapel. Today will be observed as a holiday at the school and the younger children will enjoy an official gathering in the afternoon, while in the evening there will be the usual party for the older ones in which the teachers will participate.

Two Church Programs. This is the program arranged for the entertainment this evening at the Latter Day Saints' church: Organ voluntary, Miss Stella Harding, Soloist.

Christmas dinner at the jail. The five prisoners in the county jail enjoyed as good a Christmas dinner yesterday as was served in many first class hotels. In honor of the occasion the prison-

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SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

Indication That Speaker Brown Will Have No Opposition to Re-election.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)

Within a few days of the gathering of the legislative session the indications are for no contest for the speakership. J. L. Browne for re-election to that place appears to have the endorsement of a large majority of the members elect, and the only other announced candidate, J. H. Carroll of Kingsbury, is reported to be preparing his candidacy to lag and will probably announce himself out of the race at any time.

Among the other candidates who have developed for minor places are David Stratton, stenographer to Governor Herrell, who would like to be clerk of the house, and Robert Lockhart of Deuel county, who will try for one of the house clerkships.

Campaign Against Trespassers. The State Land department has been pushed to the limit by the numerous trespassers on state lands, and as the result of this campaign against trespassers has turned over to the various state institutions over \$100 for a December apportionment of income.

Two-Headed Calf. G. M. Jaynes of this city has secured possession of a freak calf, which was born at the Grand Pacific barn yesterday. The calf was born with two heads, two perfectly developed heads, while it was normally developed calf in every other way.

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Burlington Route

HOLIDAY RATES

Table with 2 columns: City and Return Rate. Includes Chicago (\$17.00), St. Louis (12.00), Peoria (15.00), Milwaukee (19.70), Denver (17.50), Colorado Springs (17.50), Pueblo (17.50), Hannibal (13.60), Quincy (13.60), Burlington (11.90), Kansas City (6.30).

Table with 2 columns: City and Return Rate. Includes St. Joseph (\$4.45), Atchison (5.00), Leavenworth (5.65), Lincoln (2.15), Beatrice (3.35), Hastings (5.05), Grand Island (4.95), Deadwood (18.75), Hot Springs, S. D. (16.40), Superior (5.25), York (3.65).

The above are some of the Burlington's Holiday Rates. Proportionately Low Rates to thousands of other points. Tickets on sale December 26th, 31st and January 1st and 2d; return limit January 4th, 1905.

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DAWES COMMISSION REPORTS

Work Allotting Indian Lands Will Be Completed by July 1, 1905.

REVIEW OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED

Twenty Million Acres Has Been Divided Among 90,000 Natives at a Cost Not Exceeding Ten Cents an Acre.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The annual report of the Dawes commission on its work for the five civilized tribes of Indians in Indian territory, which was made public today, is a general review of the partition of and allotment of those Indian lands during the last six years.

Difficulties in the Way. Of the difficulties of these various divisions of the work they say: Every adult or head of a family in a total of more than 200,000 citizens and for sections of persons of the same unit.

Costs Ten Cents an Acre. The report adds: We have been witnesses of the distress of the people caused by delay, not only of the approximately 90,000 citizens of the tribes, but also of the estimated 90,000 other residents of the territory, whose legitimate interests suffer from an unsettled state of affairs.

ATTORNEY FOR NORTHWESTERN

Colonel R. W. Stewart of Pierre, S. D., Will Succeed G. J. Crawford.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The announcement, made on this date, is regarded as the best of authority, to the effect that Colonel R. W. Stewart of Pierre has been decided upon for appointment to the position of attorney for the Northwestern for South Dakota.

RECTOR WYLLIE RESIGNS

STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Rev. William Wyllie, who has been so long the faithful, conscientious and well beloved priest in charge of St. Thomas' Episcopal church of Sturgis, has resigned, his resignation to take effect February 28, 1905.

KILLED WHILE RABBIT HUNTING

CUMBERLAND, Wyo., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—J. Reeves, a 40-year-old rabbit hunter, was accidentally killed Friday by the dropping of his gun, which was fired, the full charge entering Reeves' abdomen.

FOREFATHERS' DAY CELEBRATED

HUTTON, S. D., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Congressionalists, with between 400 and 500 people, celebrated Forefathers' day by giving a genuine old-fashioned New England



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FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

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