

COUNCIL BLUFFS

MINOR MENTION

Davis sells drugs. Loeffert's glasses fit. Stockert sells carpets. Duncan sells the best school shoes.

WAGNER HOLDS HIS TONGUE

Janitor Charged With Robbing Employer Has Nothing to Say

BROTHER-IN-LAW IS SET AT LIBERTY Police Believe Campbell Had No Connection with Crime for Which Wagner is Now Held for Trial.

Bernard Wagner, charged with robbing the jewelry store of Herman H. Leffert, where he was employed as janitor, was arraigned in police court yesterday morning.

OUT OF HOUSE AND BUSINESS

Fire Destroys Jacob Rife's Grocery and Residence.

The grocery store of Jacob Rife at 123 Seventh avenue, and residence adjoining occupied by his family, were totally consumed by fire about 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

The family were asleep when the fire, which had made rapid headway, was discovered, and they only had time to escape with some of their clothing, but were unable to save any of the furniture or any of the contents of the store.

Sweeper Struck by Train.

One of the motor company's large covered sweepers was struck yesterday morning by an Illinois Central passenger train at the Avenue A and Eighteenth street crossing.

Real Estate Transfers.

- These transfers were reported to The Bee December 27 by the Title Guaranty & Trust company of Council Bluffs:

Marriage Licenses.

- Name and Residence. Age. P. B. Elgiey, Council Bluffs 21.

Farrell Changes Plea.

Ed Farrell, the young man charged with attempting to criminally assault Lulu Johnson, the 15-year-old daughter of Charles Johnson, a farmer living in Garner township a few miles east of the city, was arraigned yesterday morning in Justice Oren's court.

Smith in Jail.

The method adopted by W. R. Smith, a negro, to celebrate his Christmas dinner, landed him in jail yesterday morning Judge Scott sentenced him to twenty days on bread and water.

Plumbing and Heating.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)

A letter has been received by J. C. Sullivan of this city to the effect that the King-Lambert company has sent a bond to the city clerk for the improvement of the street at its next meeting, which will guarantee the changes in the pavement that has been criticized by property owners.

Successful Insurance Company.

OMAHA, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Among the insurance companies of Iowa there are many companies likely larger than the Farmers' Mutual of Monona county, but not many can show a better record for losses sustained in the last twelve years.

Mining Suit Commences.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Attachment was issued today from the district court against the Quaker Mining company of Aurora, Mo., for \$2500 on the claim of A. W. Heald, a banker, committed suicide today in an undertaking establishment.

Banker Commits Suicide.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—By a coffin, opened in the morning, it was found that a banker, committed suicide today in an undertaking establishment. Scattered on the floor in the banker's pocket was a note saying: "I am tired of being a cripple."

Special Reduction on Left Over Stock

We are making a special reduction on all the articles left over from H. F. Hahn & Co.'s sample Christmas sale of manufacturers' and wholesaler's samples, in order to close out what samples we have left.

All parties who make a cash purchase, or parties who made purchases of us between December 1 and December 31, will receive a coupon for every dollar paid in before December 31, which will entitle them 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.



AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

City Faces Heavy Damage Suits as Result of Contractor's Negligence.

STEAM ROLLER FRIGHTENS PASSING TEAMS Failure to Remove from Roadway Part of Apparatus Has Brought Trouble for Contractor Dan Hannon and the City.

The attention of Mayor Koutsky, members of the city council and the city attorney has been called to the number of damage suits now on file against the city on account of the paving of South Twenty-fourth street by Contractor Dan Hannon. These suits so far filed aggregate \$30,000.

In making over the contract with Hannon the city officials find that stipulation No. 8 permits the city to hold back any sums of money coming to the contractor to cover the damages the city might be called upon to pay.

Storm Prevents Business.

Business all over South Omaha was at a standstill yesterday on account of the storm. Only those who were actually compelled to be on the streets were out. The stores were deserted and the time was put in by the clerks taking inventories.

Magic City Gossip.

Chief Huff and wife of Lawton, Okla., are in the city visiting friends. No very serious cases of desaturation were reported to the police yesterday. Andrew Olsen, Eighteenth and Q streets, yesterday afternoon, was arrested for being intoxicated. Electricians are still at work, but they will finish before the end of the week.

THREE ARE DEAD OF TETANUS

Peculiar Accidents in Philadelphia Kill Two Men and a Young Woman.

Tetanus, which developed from accidental injuries received in each case under peculiar circumstances, caused the death of three persons, in whose cases the coroner was asked to investigate. John Warchat, a Pole, of 423 East 21st street, died in the Episcopal hospital from lockjaw that developed from a scratch on the nose; Elmer Fox of Haycock, Pa., died in the German hospital from lockjaw that developed from a gunshot wound, and Lizzie Buchanan of Moonstown, N. J., succumbed to the dread disease in the Pennsylvania hospital. The lockjaw followed an injury to the woman's tongue.

Water on a Big Scale

Industrial Companies Do a Business Running Up Into the Millions.

Thirty-three years ago a New York insurance man's attention was attracted one day by a rather derogatory reference in the Massachusetts insurance report to the work of an English company, which was insuring the lives of workmen and children on a large scale. Today that man is president of one of three similar companies which stand pledged to pay in the future more than \$2,000,000 to more than 10,000,000 of people, which are disbursing \$500,000 a week to the policy holders in sums averaging perhaps \$100; which have assets stored up of nearly \$100,000,000, most notable of all, which collect by hand \$200,000 in 10-cent pieces.

Chairman Masson Complains.

George W. Masson, chairman of the police board, was on a hunt yesterday for the agents of the city hall building. His object was to enter a protest against the heating apparatus, or rather, the manner the heating plant is handled. Yesterday was the coldest day of the year so far and there was not enough heat in the radiators in the city hall building and in the city jail to scorch the feet of a fly.

More Drink Wine Than Water

Large Consumer in the Wine Shops of New York German Quarter.

Wine drinking, a duty with some and a pleasure with others, is to many thousands of men and women in the German quarter hardly less than a science.

Donald McIntosh Dead.

Donald McIntosh, aged 73 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Mangan, 3507 J street, yesterday afternoon. The deceased had been ailing for some time and had failed rapidly since Saturday.

Injunction Case Postponed.

The hearing of the injunction case wherein Charles Cummings and Frank Pionka seek to prevent the city officials from issuing bonds for parks and a city hall building was to have come up in Judge Sears' court today.

Council Meets and Adjourns.

It was agreed yesterday afternoon between the mayor and members of the council yesterday afternoon that the meeting had been held last night would adjourn until Saturday night. Enough members were present to make the adjournment, which was agreeable to all, as at the time the agreement was made the council chairman had been in the city for some days. Saturday night a number of special ordinances will be acted upon and other matters taken up.

Library Opening Postponed.

This afternoon was the date set for the informal opening of the new public library. President Bruce McCulloch stated during the evening that the opening had been deferred until Monday afternoon. The doors will then be open to the public from 4 p. m. until 9 p. m. "We have decided to defer the opening until Monday," said Mr. McCulloch, "on account of the inclement weather. Those who desire to secure identification cards may call upon the librarian during the week and secure the same, but book cards will not be issued until after the opening on Monday." Books are being placed in the stacks, but this work will hardly be completed for a couple of days. Electricians are still at work, but they will finish before the end of the week.

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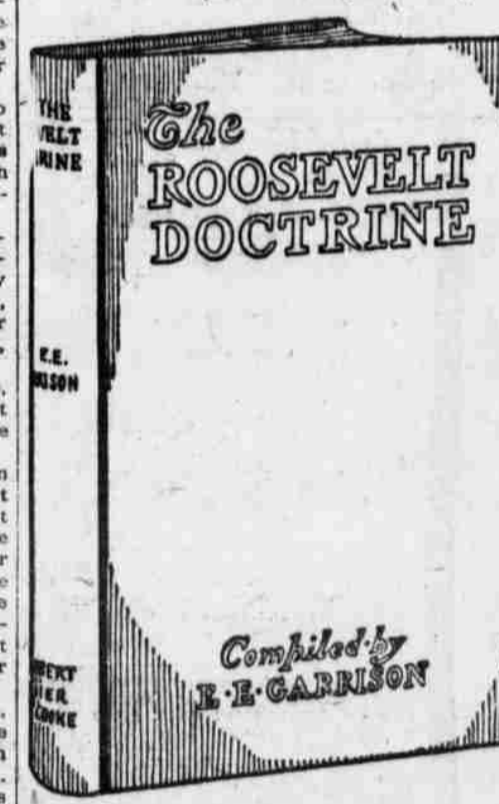
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