GUARANTEE BOND IS FILED

Treasurer Mortensen Has Plenty of Offer to Give Personal Bond.

CASH IN THE TREASURY IS AT A LOW EBB

Receipts and Expenditures for Year Almost Balance, but Expenditures Are Slightly in the Lead—Confer on Boundary.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Mortensen does not intend to give a personal bond and neither does he expect to resign his office. He has until next Thursday to attend to the matter, and things are already shaping themselves so that no Omaha bank need embarrass itself because of the state treasurer. Just what Mr. Mortensen will do he has not yet decided, believing there is plenty of time. This morning he received his guaranty bond for $1,000,000, and it is not improbable that he will tender this to the governor and that notwithstanding the supreme court opinion, it will be accepted and approved.

The bond episode has demonstrated that Nebraska is full of moneyed men who are willing to go on the bond of Mr. Mortensen and that without a guaranty bond behind them. Since this morning he has received many telegrams from all parts of the state offering to go his bond. All of these the state treasurer has refused with thanks. Those bankers, however, who have sent in messages to the effect that they desire to go on the bond will not be forgotten by the treasurer when the bond is finally fixed up, and neither will he hold resentment against the Omaha bankers, but it is safe to predict that the smaller banks out in the state will get a larger share of the state money and the deposits in the Omaha banks will be correspondingly cut down.

Cash in the Treasury.

The money in the various state funds as shown by the report of Treasurer Mortensen for the month of December, is at the lowest ebb, when compared with the reports for several months back. In all funds there is on hand only $174,530.32. This is due to the enormous amount of money that has been paid out this month, including the money in the temporary school fund which was apportioned to the various school districts of the state. There was expended during the month $581,069.04, and there was on hand at the beginning of the month $336,853.62. During the fiscal year the receipts and expenditures run along neck and neck, with the expenditures just a little ahead of the receipts. There was paid into the treasury during the year $3,875,273.40, and there was paid out $3,894,176.88. Following is the money in the various funds and the banks in which the money is deposited:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand:	
General fund	$ 12,730.71
Permanent school	11,815.69
Temporary school	85,301.71
Temporary university	1,247.67
University cash	22,040.64
Hospital for Insane	4,684.92
Normal interest	3,676.01
Normal library	1,495.71
State library	3,512.01
Penitentiary labor	2,346.15
Agricultural and Mech. Arts	13,502.31
Agricultural Experiment station	2,018.19
Penitentiary land	4,185.00
Tax	5,673.90
Total	$174,530.32

BANK BALANCES.

City National Lincoln	$ 5,057.66
Columbia National, Lincoln	5,522.15
Farmers and Merchants, Lincoln	4,567.83
First National, Lincoln	4,855.77
Nat. Bank of Commerce, Lincoln	3,891.72
Commercial National, Omaha	7,320.77
First National, Omaha	3,859.56
J. L. Brandeis & Sons, Omaha	2,016.05
Merchants National, Omaha	6,214.67
Nebraska National, Omaha	6,033.93
Omaha National	11,771.20
Union National, Omaha	6,884.89
U. S. National, Omaha	7,383.10
Alliance National	3,357.92
Battle Creek Valley	2,680.20
Bank of Battle Mills	1,500.00
Broken Bow State	2,500.00
Custer National, Broken Bow	3,165.09
State Bank of Curtis	2,500.00
Dannebrog State	1,546.37
Commercial State, Grand Island	2,522.55
Grand Island Banking Co.	3,561.95
Union State, Harvard	2,677.41
First National, Hastings	3,221.85
German National, Hastings	3,323.86
First National, Holdrege	2,505.00
First National, Loomis	2,500.00
Citizens, McCook	1,250.13
Newport State	1,500.00
Norfolk National	3,250.38
First National, Ord	5,974.00
Ord State	2,000.00
Bank of Orleans	2,000.00
Pierce County, Pierce	2,500.00
Citizens National, St. Paul	2,522.13
First State, St. Paul	3,058.00
Farmers and Merchants, Stromsburg	2,167.00
Bank of Syracuse	2,530.92
First National, Valentine	2,529.42
Valentin State	2,500.30
Saunders County National, Wahoo	2,268.47
First National, Wayne	2,681.33
West Point National	5,000.00
Wolbach State	1,500.00
City National, York	2,618.95
First National, York	2,877.57
Total	$170,065.20

Conferring on Boundary.

Attorney General Prout has gone to Kansas City to confer with the Missouri officials regarding the boundary line between the two states as fixed by the United States supreme court. The decision was to the effect that the line should be in the middle of the old channel of the river and that monuments should be erected to mark the line. Unless the state officials of the two states can agree a commission will be appointed by the court at the expense of the states to fix the line. It is to save this expense that General Prout will urge an agreement.

Bingham Takes Appeal.

William W. Bingham, who wants to occupy the office of clerk of the district court of Douglas county, now held by Frank A. Broadwell, has filed through his attorneys in the supreme court his brief in support of his appeal from the decision of the lower court. The brief covers 177 pages.

The new calendar of the supreme court, containing all cases pending December 14, 1904, was issued today. The calendar contains an even 500 cases.

Culver Changes Practice.

The custom of adjutants general to draw money in bulk from the treasury for the support of the national guard and the alleged practice of some former adjutants general of collecting premiums on the warrants thus issued, has not been followed by Adjutant General Culver. In his biennial report, filed with the governor this afternoon, on this subject he says:

No money has been drawn in bulk for the support of the national guard, excepting that portion for armory rent, which was drawn at the close of each quarter and paid out at the commencement of the succeeding quarter to the companies entitled to the same, and this practice was abandoned at your suggestion after June 30, 1904. No money has been drawn in advance, as formerly, for the payment of encampment expenses. The money was borrowed on my personal credit from the local banks at York and David City for the encampments, and afterwards paid by warrant drawn on properly executed vouchers, with receipted bills and payrolls attached.

The report shows that the cost of subsistence at the York encampment was 23¼ cents per capita, and that at the David City encampment was 19⅝ cents. By close economy sufficient funds were saved to pay the expenses of an officers' school, the first session ever held in this state.

General Culver shows in his report that during the present administration there has been collected from outstanding claims, accountable officials, and from lost and improperly disposed stores, the sum of $2,608.69, turned over by the United States treasury, and $688.16, turned over to the state treasury; $559.09 has been collected from the general government to reimburse the state for expenses incurred in the Spanish war and additional claims are now pending before the department.

The report covers in detail the history of the guard and the workings of the office of the adjutant general during the last two years and makes a strong plea for better armories for the various companies, and that the state contribute more liberally toward the payment of rent of the armories. In discussing the workings of the Board of Survey, the report shows that through its findings the state has been relieved by the war department of a sum aggregating $10,768.38.

What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

The idea was good, but the remedy was crude and unpalatable, and a large quantity had to be taken to get any effect.

Nowadays we get all the beneficial effects of sulphur in a palatable, concentrated form, so that a single grain is far more effective than a tablespoonful of the crude sulphur.

In recent years, research and experiment have proven that the best sulphur for medicinal use is that obtained from Calcium (Calcium Sulphide) and sold in drug stores under the name of Stuart's Calcium Wafers. They are small chocolate coated pellets and contain the active medicinal principle of sulphur in a highly concentrated, effective form.

Few people are aware of the value of this form of sulphur in restoring and maintaining body vigor and health: sulphur acts directly on the liver, and excretory organs and purifies and enriches the blood by the prompt elimination of waste material.

Our grandmothers knew this when they dosed us with sulphur and molasses every spring and fall, but the crudity and impurity of ordinary flowers of sulphur were often worse than the disease, and cannot compare with the modern concentrated preparation of sulphur of which Stuart's Calcium Wafers is undoubtedly the best and most widely used.

They are the natural antidote for liver and kidney troubles and cure constipation and purify the blood in a way that often surprises patient and physician alike.

Dr. R. M. Wilkins while experimenting with sulphur remedies soon found that the sulphur from Calcium was superior to any other form. He says: "For liver, kidney and blood troubles, especially when resulting from constipation or malaria, I have been surprised at the results obtained from Stuart's Calcium Wafers. In patients suffering from boils and pimples and even deep-seated carbuncles, I have repeatedly seen them dry up and disappear in four or five days, leaving the skin clear and smooth. Although Stuart's Calcium Wafers is a proprietary article, and sold by druggists, and for that reason tabooed by many physicians, yet I know of nothing so safe and reliable for constipation, liver and kidney troubles and especially in all forms of skin diseases as this remedy."

At any rate people who are tired of pills, catharics and so-called blood "purifiers," will find Stuart's Calcium Wafers, a far safer, more palatable and effective preparation.

HEROIC DEATH OF ONE WOMAN

Fatally Burned, Mrs. Reuss Puts Out Fire in Home and Saves Children.

NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Cleaning clothing for the approaching holiday and its celebrations, using gasoline for the purpose, Mrs. Joseph Reuss was burned to death in a terribly tragic manner at her home near Elgin, Neb.

Using an open pan of gasoline a short distance from a heated cook stove, the woman was suddenly covered with flaming fluid as the result of an explosion. Attempting desperately to quench the blaze that enveloped her body, eating her clothing and leaping into her face and hair, she used up almost all of her strength. Quilts and blankets which she seized in an effort to stop the fire were burned.

Finally despairing in her attempt to put out the flames she ran out of the house, succeeded in reaching the water tank at the barn and dived into the icy liquid. With a hissing the water put a stop to the fire, but her clothing had been so nearly destroyed that the frail particles remaining dropped off into the tank, leaving the suffering woman nude. Still courageous, however, she ran back to the house to put out the fire and save her children. When she had done this she dropped exhausted into a chair, where her husband, some hours later, found her moaning and charred. For a night and a day she lived in horrible agony, finally succumbing. She was formerly Miss Gertrude Eichman of Carroll, Ia.

M'GREEVY HOLDS A RECEPTION

O'Neill Banker Finds Many Friends Willing to Sympathize.

O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Bernard McGreevy had, perhaps, more callers to see him at the county jail today than anyone else in the town. He says everyone appears to be friendly and that several have expressed their good wishes toward him. McGreevy at one time lived on a homestead northwest of town and many of his old neighbors called to see him today.

No move has been made yet looking toward bail, but several offers of bail have been tendered. The date of the preliminary hearing has been fixed by the county judge to take place on January 13.

It is rumored that Judge Hamer of Kearney will assist in the defense of McGreevy, but nothing definite could be learned on that point. At all events, Judge Hamer was here, and is reported to have had a conference with McGreevy's O'Neill attorney.

The first legal fight is likely to occur over the possession of the $679.20 which the sheriff brought back from Arizona.

West Point is Prospering.

WEST POINT, Neb. Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The year just closed has witnessed a phenomenal growth in the size and prosperity of West Point. More new buildings have been erected than in any one year during its history. Over twenty fine new residences hae been erected in the city, at an average cost of $2,000 each, all of them strictly modern in style and appointments. A large area of what was formerly unsightly vacant fields has been transformed into a beautiful residence district, sewer connections being made and electric light, telephone and water facilities being installed. Only one small business building is vacant in the city, all the rtst being occupied by merchants doing a thriving business. Money, especially among the farmers, never was so plentiful and general prosperity reigns throughout Cuming county.

Lodges Elect Officers.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Evergreen camp No. 70, Woodmen of the World, have elected the following named officers for the ensuing year: C. C., W. B. Rishel; A. L., E. H. Cunningham; banker, A. Clark; clerk, G. F. Rhode; escort, J. R. Kelley; physician, Dr. E. W. Cook; watchman, W. P. Speck. Delegates to Omaha convention A. Clark and Ed Donat.

WEST POINT, Neb. Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At an annual election of officers of Daughters of Rebekah, Auxiliary of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the following were chosen: Noble grand, Mrs. J. H. Kunta; vice grand, Mrs. C. Carsten; secretary, Miss Ella Paul; treasurer, Mrs. Peter Poellett; second trustee, Miss Anna Nelson.

A. L. BUTTON IS DISCHARGED

President of Button Land Company Not Guilty of Offense.

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At a preliminary hearing held in the county court Thursday A. L. Button of Plainview, Neb., charged with selling land without a title, was discharged. Mr. Button is president of the Button Land company, which has a branch office in Seward.

Farmers Plan an Institute.

WEST POINT, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A farmers' institute will be held in this city on January 9, for which the following papers are announced: "Selection ad Care of Seed Corn," Prof. Ashburn; "Poultry on the Farm," Miss Mary L. Smith; "Corn Cultivation," Prof. Ashburn; "Farm and Home," Miss Mary L. Smith; "Home Making," Prof. Ashburn. A local committee has been organized to further the interests of the institute. It is hoped it may become an annual event.

The "Pure Seed Special" of the Northwestern line is billed to arrive in West Point January 2 at 12:05 p. m. Much interest is being manifested in this movement by the farmers and a large crowd of interested persons will be present.

Blair Firemen Dance.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-seventh annual ball of the Blair volunteer fire department, given at the opera house tonight, was the largest in attendance and financial receipts ever given by that organization. Dimick's orchestra of Omaha furnished the music and the large crowd enjoyed itself dancing the old year out and the new year in. The total receipts will be about $250, which the fire boys will spend in the improvement of their rooms and uniforms and care for their sick.

Architects Submit Plans.

SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The County Board of Supervisors has been in session for almost a week trying to select an architect for the new Seward county court house and jail. A dozen architects have appeared before the board and shown their plans, but the board in all probability will defer the selection until the session in January.

News of Nebraska.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—Farmers report that the recent snowfall has been beneficial to the winter wheat crop in this locality.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—County Judge H. D. Travis united in marriage E. W. Moreland and Miss Rebecca Baldwin, both of Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—The members of the Epworth league and their friends enjoyed a social time at the home of C. E. Wescott last evening.

HASTINGS, Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. P. A. Black and Mrs. Lucinda J. Cupps were called to Lincoln Friday by a dispatch announcing the death of their mother, Mrs. Ruth Webster, at that place.

STELLA, Dec. 31.—Mr. McPherson, who has been employed this summer on the farm of Al Wixen, fell from a load of hay yesterday, fracturing his arm and bruising himself considerably.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—Members of the local lodge of Eagles and their families had a Christmas tree appropriately decorated in their hall. The occasion was in the form of a Christmas family reunion.

FREMONT, Dec. 31.—The ice men have already commenced harvesting the season's crop, but if the warm weather lasts many days more will have to stop. The ice is about six inches thick and of fair quality.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—Hiram, the 10-year-old son of Alexander Hunter, was taken to the State Institute for Feeble Minded. Recently a younger brother and sister were given to the Nebraska Children's Home society.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—Chicken thieves have been active in the vicinity of Barneston the last few weeks and the other evening Tony Pribyl had seventy nice fowls stolen from his farm. So far the officers have been unable to locate the guilty parties.

HASTINGS, Dec. 31.—Postmaster Jacob Fisher gave a Christmas dinner to all the employes of the postoffice Monday evening at the Bostwick hotel. Mr. Fisher presided at the board, where many toasts were happily responded to. Covers were laid for twenty.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31. — The fortnightly club gave a banquet yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. S. Bradley in honor of Mrs. W. D. Cox of Robinson, Ill., who is visiting in the city and who intends to leave the coming week for Portland, Ore., to make her future home.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—The Crabtree Forensic club held its regular meeting last night. The subject debated was, "Resolved, That the Present System of High License in Beatrice Should Be Abolished." Great interest was taken in the debate. Harry Schmutte was elected to membership.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—It is reported here that Dave Mahoney, agent of the Union Pacific road at South Omaha, will succeed F. N. Prophet as commercial agent of the road at this point. Mr. Prophet resigned some time ago to devote his entire attention to the Queen City Creamery company, as secretary.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—W. W. Bosworth, for many years manager of the Bosworth Produce company of this city, left yesterday with his family for Fairmont, where they will make their future home and where Mr. Bosworth has accepted the position of manager of the butter and egg house at that place.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—A cow belonging to George Young, a farmer living near Barneston, gave birth to triplets the other evening. The calves were well formed and of uniform size, but they only lived a short time after being born. The cow is 7 years old and so far has given birth to seven head of calves.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—Plattsmouth Masons celebrated St. John's day by a banquet and social entertainment for the members of the lodge and their families. The ladies' auxiliary of the Presbyterian church provided a bountiful feast. Frank E. White of Omaha, secretary of the grand lodge, made the principal address.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—The program of the Woman's club meeting yesterday was in the history department, Mrs. E. C. Drake leader. The subject discussed was "Marie Antoinette and the French Revolution." The program was of unusual interest and was interspersed with a number of choice vocal and instrumental selections.

PLATTSMOUTH, Dec. 31.—A warrant has been issued by County Judge Travis upon the complaint of William Brown, charging Edgar Marks and Joseph Cook with having sold intoxicating liquors without a license in the village of Murray. The defendants furnished bonds of $100 each and the case was set for hearing January 8.

WEST POINT, Dec. 31.—The Congregational church held its annual election of officers Wednesday evening, with the following result: Miss Lena Bromer, clerk; Myrtle Knight, organist; Mrs. H. S. Summers, assistant organist; S. S. Drake, chorister; Mrs. W. A. Black, deaconess; S. S. Drake and John Hoar, deacons.

BEATRICE, Dec. 31.—Yesterday Franklin Joslyn filed suit in the district court for a divorce from his wife, Lottie M. Joslyn, alleging desertion. Mr. and Mrs. Joslyn have been residents of Wymore for some time and have been divorced and remarried, and now the plaintiff asks the court to untie the nuptial knot for the second time.

NORFOLK, Dec. 31.—A good, long name is the New Year gift presented to the little daughter of F. F. Miller of this city, deputy grand master workman in the Ancient Order United Workmen for Nebraska. The name is Bernice Violet Beatrice Caroline Adeline Hazel Mercedes Miller. On ordinary days she will be called just Violet.

WEST POINT, Dec. 31.—Grant L. Perkins, an unmarried man, aged 30 years, was brought down from Wisner yesterday and lodged in jail, a charge of insanity being brought against him. His mania seems to be a religious one. He was pronounced insane by the Board of Commissioners and was taken to the hospital at Lincoln this morning by Sheriff Kloke.

HASTINGS, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the city council Monday evening the franchise of the Independent Telephone company was extended. According to the terms of the contract granted the company in July the company had six months in which to begin work, which made the limit December 28. Delays in getting started on the work led to the extension of the franchise.

FREMONT, Dec. 31.—Eno Nelson, a farmer living southeast of this city, met with a runaway accident on Broad street yesterday afternoon. He had a load of hides on his wagon and was backing up to Turner's hide house, when something broke about the wagon and the team started north on the run. At Second street they collided with an electric light pole, throwing Mr. Nelson onto the stone pavement and killing one of the horses. The team was a high-bred matched pair of farm horses and the one killed was valued at $300.

WEST POINT, Dec. 31.—Prof. A. J. Niles, assistant principal of the high school, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Education. The board reluctantly accepted it, to take effect at once. He has resigned to take a position in the mail service. This action has caused great regret on the part of all connected with the school, as Mr. Niles is exceedingly popular with both teachers and pupils.

STELLA, Dec. 31.—The new Overman hotel will open for guests January 1 with a dollar-a-plate dinner. The hotel, which has just been completed, is thoroughly modern, every room being heated from a furnace, and has a water system of its own. Sash Reynolds will have the management. The building has been erected by Postmaster Overman and is situated directly northeast of the opera house.

STELLA, Dec. 31.—While a party of young people were skating Thursday evening they became involved in a quarrel, which resulted in Jesse Brisby and Harry Brisby hitting Clyde Baldwin over the head with a skate, inflicting a severe flesh wound. The offending parties were brought before Squire Schrader yesterday afternoon and fined $5 apiece, which they failed to pay and were taken to Falls City.

WEST POINT, Dec. 31.—Judge Guy T. Graves has set the regular terms of the district court for the Eighth judicial district for 1905 as follows: Stanton county, January 23 and September 11; Cuming county, February 6 and September 25; Thurston county, February 20 and October 9; Dakota county, February 27 and October 23; Cedar county, March 13 and November 3; Dixon county, April 3 and December 3.

WEST POINT, Dec. 31.—John Wendt, an aged retired farmer living in this city, died from the effects of an accident sustained some weeks ago, yesterday morning. The deceased was a pioneer settler of this county, having homesteaded land here thirty-two years ago. He leaves an aged wife and eight grown children. The deceased was 72 years of age. Interment will be Sunday under the auspices of the German Evangelical church. He leaves a large estate.

RIPLEY MAKES STATEMENT

President of Santa Fe Says that Railroad Has Not Violated Law.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway made the following statement today.

So many and such distorted statements have been published as to the recent hearing before two members of the Interstate Commerce commission, wherein the Santa Fe is charged with granting secret rebates to the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, that it seems proper I should make a simple statement of the facts, so that the case may not be prejudiced by the public as it seems to have been by one member at least of the commission.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe has not in this case been guilty of violating the spirit and intent of the interstate commerce law. I do not think it has even been guilty of technical violation, though that is a matter for adjudication by legal minds.

There is no provision of the law which requires that divisions of through rates with other railroads shall be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission, nor is it customary so to do. There is no provision, nor has the commission ever claimed that the same be accepted as a proportion of a through rate from the Colorado coal fields to points on the El Paso & Southwestern road should be the same as our rate to the junction with that road, nor is there any reason, legal, commercial or ethical, why these rates should be the same. Indeed, the courts have held there may well be a difference. The arrangement which is under discussion was made with the El Paso & Southwestern Railway company for its own benefit and use and in no manner discriminated against any individual, firm or corporation in the coal business. Neither this company nor any of its officers are in any manner interested financially or otherwise in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company or its operations, or in any other coal company, and this statement includes Mr. Morton, who is not now an officer of the company, but was at the time this arrangement was made. We have broken no law and have nothing to apologize for.

SPECULATORS' MERRY TIME

Close of Year Observed by Stock Exchange and Board of Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The close of the year was celebrated with much enthusiasm on the Stock exchange. Long before the close of the market the galleries were crowded with gaily dressed women. Promptly at noon the celebration began, the program being opened with "America" by a military band. This was followed by other patriotic airs, while on the floor the members engaged in impromptu foot ball games and throwing of confetti.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A vaudeville performance was arranged for this afternoon at the Board of Trade to take the place of the customary throwing of bags of flour and grain to celebrate the closing of business for the year. A stage was fitted up in the "call room," and professional talent engaged for the occasion. All money cleared from the performance will be given to charity.

DEATH RECORD.

James H. Barrett.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—James H. Barrett, aged 48 years, a member of the state legislature from 1898 to 1901, died this morning from heart disease. He was a stone contractor and constructed the stone work on the Toy and Brown blocks, which were burned in the big fire last week. His brother, James Barrett, died at Anamosa a few months ago from the same disease.

Mrs. Sarah Deal.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Deal, wife of William Deal and daughter of Perry Cox, died at her home in Missouri Valley and was interred at the Rose Hill cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral occurred at the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Deal was 22 years old and was the mother of one child.

Carl Powers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Carl Powers, the 12-year-old son of Louis Powers, died here yesterday morning after a prolonged illness from a complication or diseases brought on by rheumatism. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home in West Beatrice.

Ted Petty.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Sheriff Ted Petty of this county died at the hospital here at 2:10 this afternoon of pneumonia. He was only sick a few days.

HYMENEAL.

Marries Deceased Wife's Sister.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Sigmund Schulif, aged 60 years, a Sioux City business man, and Miss Tillie Newbauer, aged 35 years, of New York City, were married here today. Miss Newbauer is a sister of Mr. Schulif's former wife, who died here a few months ago.

Lowry-Almas.

The wedding of Miss Winnie W. Lowry and Mr. Alcimus Almas took place last evening in the parlors of the Dodge Street Luncheon, of which the bride is proprietress. A few friends had been invited to watch the old year out and the wedding was a surprise to all. Rev. John E. Hummon officiated.

McConnell-Wheeler.

DUNLAP, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At the Congregational church parsonage yesterday afternoon Rev. Kent united in marriage Alexander McConnell of O'Neill, Neb., and Hattie Wheeler, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler of Dunlap.

Morgan-Hurges.

DUNLAP, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Harry Morgan and Myrtle May Hurges, daughter of J. J. Hurges of Dunlap, were married at the home of the bride's father, Rev. A. A. Thompson of the Methodist Episcopal church officiating.

STATE'S BIG PRINTING BILL

Almost Sixty Thousand Dollars Expended During the Past Year.

ACCOUNTANT PRAISES STATE OFFICIALS

Grand Jury Indicts Charles Thomas for Murder of Mabel Schofield—Crime Was Committed Six Years Ago.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The state of Iowa engages in the printing and binding business to a greater extent than is generally supposed and pays liberally for this work. According to the report of Charles C. Heer, accountant employed by the State Executive council for the purpose of checking up accounts in every department of state affairs, the state of Iowa during the year 1903 paid $59,415.66 for paper, printing, binding and engraving. The year was not a legislative year or the sum would have been much larger. For the first time the state accountant, in his annual report filed with the governor today, includes a tabulated statement of the printing account with every department. There was credited to the office of secretary of state, through whose office the miscellaneous printing of the state is all done, the sum of $12,252.09 for the year, and the next largest item is for the auditor of state, $9,056.96. Other items for the different departments run as follows:

Executive council	$ 4,275.83
Treasurer	1,478.07
Attorney general	2,018.48
Superintendent of public instruction	3,996.23
Railroad commissioners	2,336.25
Clerk of the supreme court	1,073.03
Board of Control	4,501.89
Geological survey	2,571.68
Horticultural society	2,075.52
Department of Agriculture	3,202.67
Labor commissioner	2,342.26
Weather and crop service	2,942.36
Governor	217.24
Adjutant general	661.95
Dairy commissioner	509.69
Pharmacy commission	865.78
Mine inspectors	331.07
Custodian	5.87
Fish commissioner	169.55
State Normal school	108.16
Historical department	541.80
Library	224.61
Historical society	47.33
State University	313.37
Academy of Science	491.07
Library commission	381.65
Dental examiners	42.51
Additional credits	10.80
Total	$59,415.66

The report of the state accountant goes further into details than ever before and a number of departments were examined this year that have never come under his attention before. Every state office and every board and commission was checked up completely. All accounts were found correct save for the few clerical errors inevitable. The accountant pays a high compliment to the manner in which the books of the various state offices are kept and to the painstaking fidelity to the letter of the law observed now in the state house. Many of the criticisms which he has made in other years are no longer needed.

Indicted on Old Charge.

The information leaked out today that the grand jury of this county today indicted Charles Thomas for a murder committed in this city nearly six years ago. This was the murder of Mable Schofield, a young girl whose body was found in the river. There was great mystery over the case, and for several years efforts were made to bring about the conviction of young Thomas. He was at one time given a preliminary hearing in justice court, but the judge refused to bind him over. Several grand juries investigated the case, but found no indictment. It is supposed new evidence has been found. The theory is that Thomas drugged the girl to accomplish her ruin and as she died he took the body to a bridge and threw it into the river. He was a hack driver and lived where she boarded. His present whereabouts are unknown.

Sixteen Saloons Closed.

Sixteen saloons of Des Moines closed tonight and will not reopen. They had been the property of B. F. Parker, who owned one-seventh of all the 108 saloons of the city. Lately his creditors have been having some trouble with him, but the closing down is said to be the result of a conviction that the city is too well supplied with drinking places.

Many Want Certificates.

At the session of the State Board of Educational Examiners this week a class of twenty-eight took the examination for teachers' certificates. This is a much larger class than was expected.

There was filed with the secretary of state today the articles of incorporation of the New Virginia Savings bank of Warren county, with a capital of $25,000, organized by Robert Davidson and others. Other corporations: United States Trust company, Davenport, $100,000; Muscatine and Louisa County Telephone company, Letts, $600; Frank LeBron Jewelry company, Keokuk, $10,000.

Death of Well Known Man.

Daniel Sheehan of Osage, Mitchell county, one of the best known men of northern Iowa, died last night at his home. His granddaughter, Miss Sheehan, of the Board of Control office, wired the fact of his death this morning. She had gone home to spend the holidays. Mr. Sheehan had long been prominent in politics and in the State Agricultural society and in horticulture and kindred lines.

BANK PRESIDENT INDICTED

Head of Defunct Institution in Oklahoma Charged with Violating Banking Laws.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Dec. 31.—C. E. Billingsley, president of the Capital National bank, which failed here last June with nearly $1,000,000 deposits, $244,000 of which belonged to the territory of Oklahoma, was indicted today on seven counts by the federal grand jury. Mr. Billingsley was arrested, gave bonds for $10,000 and was released. The indictments have not been made public, but in their final report the grand jury states that the failure of the bank was due to bad loans, and it is presumed that the indictments were based on this feature. The report further states that entries were made in the books of the bank with the intention of misleading the examiner as to the true condition of the institution. The grand jury found that Billingsley borrowed $35,000 on his own note from the bank to pay a 53 per cent assessment levied by the comptroller on his stock.

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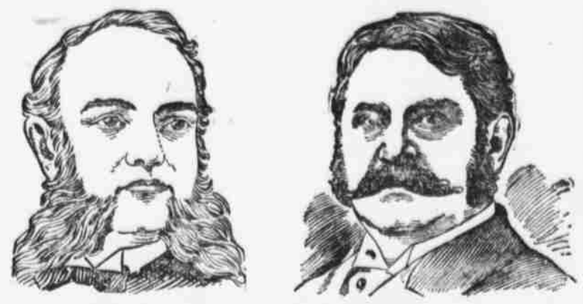

Stricture of the Urethra

whether chronic, acute or spasmodic, primarily induced as a result of neglected or improperly treated Gonorrhoea or other causes, obstructing the passage and impeding the flow of water, and in time closing the urethral canal entirely, producing a frightful tension of the nervous system, will soon involve in its destructive course the whole genito-urinary system.

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CHICAGO HOUSES DESTROYED

Half Million Dollars Worth of Property Consumed by Fire.

FIREMEN HAVE MANY NARROW ESCAPES

Falling Walls and Explosions Render Work of Fighting Flames Difficult and One Man is Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—A fire which destroyed $600,000 worth of property in West Van Buren street today, started on the second floor of the seven-story brick building occupied by the Cash Buyers' union. The building was entirely destroyed.

Spreading rapidly, the fire soon assumed large proportions. Fearing that the whole district was in danger, a second alarm was sent in, closely followed by a series of extra calls for additional men and apparatus. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building, occupied by the Zeno Manufacturing company, a four-story structure, the firemen were ordered to the roofs of adjacent buildings to fight the flames. Within a few minutes the flames had destroyed the interior of the structure and had spread to the Boston Rubber Paint company. Then the flames, cracking the brick walls of the building, spread to 160-2 West Van Buren street, causing heavy damage to the Peninsular Stove company, which firm occupied the seven floors.

So fierce did the blaze become, that burning sparks, carried by a high gale, were driven far over the district and buildings blocks away caught fire.

With a detonation that was heard for squares an explosion in the basement of the Cash Buyers' Union building tore up the streets and sidewalks, throwing firemen into the air and tearing live wires of the Van Buren street electric car line down. Fred Blocki, a fireman, was struck on the head by falling bricks and severely injured.

High Walls Collapse.

Crushing down through the frail walls of the structure adjoining, the towering walls of the Peninsular Stove company and those of the Cash Buyers' Union tottered and collapsed.

A series of small explosions followed the fall of the walls. A two-story frame dwelling at 166-8 West Van Buren street, occupied as a rooming house, was crushed like a shell by the falling walls. The inmates had been awakened earlier and escaped to the street, but were unable to save any of their clothing.

The stables occupied by Fortune Bros. Brewing company were destroyed. The horses were saved. There was a small panic on the Metropolitan Elevated railway when the motormen rushed their cars through the smoke. Passengers attempted to get out, but were held in check by the guards. When the explosion occurred, the windows in the residences across the street were shattered, and chimneys were thrown down. Firemen who were in the path of the falling walls escaped death by leaping into a hole that was being dug at the side of a frame building.

The fire is pronounced by Chief Campion to have made a more rapid headway than any in his experience since the great fire of 1871.

The principal losses are: 162-164 West Van Buren street, seven-story brick building, $75,000; Peninsular Stove company, $200,000; 158-160 Van Buren street, seven-story brick building, $75,000; Cash Buyers' First National Co-operative society, $100,000; 154-156 West Van Buren street, five-story brick building, $50,000; Rubber Paint company, $40,000; Zeno Manufacturing company, $20,000. Losses on other buildings in the vicinity range from $5,000 to $30,000.

NEBRASKA SHERIFFS' MEETING

Annual Convention at Kearney Will Recommend New Laws to the Legislature.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram)—The annual meeting of the N