COUNCIL BLUFFS.

DOYLE-BURNS CASE UP AGAIN

Argument Made on Motion to Transfer it to the Equity Docket.

TRIAL IS SET FOR MARCH TERM OF COURT

Number of Attorneys in Case Unable to Be Present at the Time Originally Set for Hearing in January.

Another round in the long drawn out mining suit of James Doyle against James F. Burns, president of the Portland Gold Mining company of Colorado, was fought in the district court here yesterday, when the motion of the defense to transfer the case from the law to the equity docket was argued befort Judge Thornell. The motion of the plaintiff to strike the defendant's cross petition recently filed was also argued.

Doyle was represented in court by John N. Baldwin, George S. Wright and A. B. Askwith, while Congressman Smith, Hon. C. S. Thomas, former governor of Colorado, and Dillon Ross of this city appeared for Burns.

On behalf of the defendant, it was argued by his counsel that the suit was one which should be properly tried in equity, as the issues could not be determined until there had been an accounting between the parties to the alleged partnership in the mining properties, which eventually were absorbed by the Portland company.

In resisting the motion to transfer, Mr. Baldwin laid particular stress upon the fact that when in the original history of the suit the judgment secured by Doyle by default, it was set aside on the distinct understanding that Burns would file an answer and the case would go to trial. He contended that it was now unfair on the part of the defendant and his counsel to adopt dilatory tactics. Judge Thornell took the matter under advisement and allowed counsel time in which to file written briefs.

At a conference last evening between the attorneys on both sides it was definitely agreed that the suit should be tried on March 7 before Judge Thornell. It had been assigned for the first jury case at the January term, but the defense asked for a postponement, as both Senator Patterson of Colorado and Congressman Smith of this city could not be present, as they would be in Washington. No matter what the decision of the court may be on the motion to transfer the suit to the equity docket, the case will be tried at that date. If the motion is sustained the case will be tried to the court alone and if refused, it will be tried again before a jury.

Rooms at the Grand hotel were reserved last night by his counsel for Mr. Doyle and twenty witnesses, for March 7.

Chimney to Be Dynamited.

Dynamite will have to be used to raze the tall chimney of the Fuller & Johnson-Shugart company's warehouse which was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night. All efforts to dislodge the chimney, even with a switch engine attached to the cables, failed. It is feared, however, that the chimney might eventually collapse if jarred by a passing locomotive, so an attempt to loosen the bond by using dynamite will be made sometime Tuesday.

Manager Wells of the Fuller & Johnson-Shugart company stated last evening that the negotiations for temporary quarters were still pending but would probably be settled Monday.

The awarding of prizes at Leffert's was by far the leading attraction in Council Bluffs last night. It was conducted by a committee consisting of Prof. W. N. Clifford, L. R. Metzger and Henry C. Atkins. The following were the lucky numbers: First prize, 6,880, diamond ring; second prize, 284, solid gold watch; third prize, 4105, cut glass dish; fourth prize, 88,051, solid silver teaspoons. Great interest was shown in the awarding of the prizes. Hundreds of people, with their coupons, filled the store and sidewalk and street in front. None of those present held any of the lucky numbers. Those holding the lucky numbers will get the prizes upon presentation of the coupons.

Real Estate Transfers.

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

Christian Petersen and wife to J. H. McMullen, part s½ sw¼ 25-76-44, w d	$2,600
Treasurer to J. P. Greenshields, lot 4, block 24, Bayliss & Palmer's add, t d	7
Elmer F. Cocklin and wife to Painter Knox, lot 5, block 2, Babbitt Place, w d	800
Louisa Feuerhaken to W. A. Murphy, lot 6, block 17, Bayliss & Palmer's add, w d	100
Four transfers, aggregating	$3,506

Milkmen Are Fined.

George Scherer, a local dairyman, was found guilty yesterday in the superior court of putting formaldehyde in the milk sold by him. Judge Scott fined him $25 and costs and fixed his appeal bond at $25.

In Justice Ouren's court Mrs. Sophia Leonard was adjudged guilty of a similar offense and fined a like amount and costs. W. E. Smith of Des Moines, assistant state dairy commissioner, appeared for the prosecution in both cases.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following:

Name and Residence.	Age.
George E. Mitchell, Coin, Ia	28
Nettie Cadwell, Coin, Ia	24
Luther Brown, Denver, Colo	31
Clara Diehl, Bennett, Neb	29
Henry Hike, Flanagan, Ill	22
Alma Hemmingsen, Council Bluffs	18

MINOR MENTION.

Davis sells drugs.

Leffert's glasses fit.

Stockert sells carpets.

Duncan sells the best school shoes.

Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl street.

Duncan does the best repairing, 23 Main.

Western Ia. college winter term Monday.

Low prices on water color calendars for gifts. Alexander's, 333 B'way.

Cabinet photos, $1.25 dozen. The $4 kind now only $2.25 dozen. Williams.

Elegant selection of New Year's pictures and frames. Berwick, 211 So. Main.

Cigars for Christmas presents at Morgan & Dickey's drug store, 142 Broadway.

Morgan & Klein, upholsterers and mattress makers, moved to 19 S. Main. Tel. 548.

Watch night services were held last night at the Broadway and Fifth Avenue Methodist churches.

Iowa lodge, Modern Brotherhood of America, will install its newly elected officers Thursday evening.

Masquerade ball by Court of Honor at W. O. W. hall, Wednesday evening, January 4. Tickets, 50c; extra ladies, 15c.

Members of Tigredia temple, Rathbone Sisters, are requested to meet Thursday afternoon in St. Alban's hall, for drill.

Luther Brown of Denver, Colo., and Clara Diehl of Bennett, Neb., were married in this city yesterday by Justice Ouren.

The University club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. M. M. Akers, 421 North Seventh street.

Fancy mirrors, single and triplicate, at Morgan & Dickey's drug store, 142 B'way.

Several good solicitors and crew managers wanted, permanent position, good income. Apply Bee office, 10 Pearl street, Council Bluffs.

Missouri oak dry cordwood, $6 a cord; cobs, $1.75 per load; shell bark hickory, $7 per cord, delivered. William Welch, 16 North Main. Telephone 128.

A. P. Frye of Rockford township, this county, has begun suit for divorce from Nellie Frye, to whom he was married in Oklahoma territory. He charges his wife with deserting him for another man.

As New Year's day falls on Sunday this year, the holiday will be generally observed in this city Monday. The members of the Retail Grocers' and Butchers' association will close their places of business at noon Monday.

The funeral of William Saar will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from Lunkley's undertaking rooms and interment will be in the Plumer Settlement cemetery. Rev. W. S. Barnes of the First Presbyterian church will conduct the services.

Jefferson Hunt, 1325 Avenue H, car repairer in the employ of the Northwestern railroad, was adjudged insane yesterday by the board of commissioners and ordered committed to the state asylum at Clarinda. Hunt has a wife and three children.

Sheriff Fuster of Boone county was in the city last night enroute home from Clarinda with seven insane patients who are being transferred from the state asylum to the Boone county hospital. The patients were placed over night in St. Bernard's hospital.

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia King, wife of E. H. King, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence, 319 Sixth avenue, and burial will be in Walnut Hill cemetery. Rev. James of the First Congregational church will conduct the services.

C. M. Bacon, a young farmer of Carson, Ia., was arrested yesterday morning in this city at the request of the Carson authorities. Bacon is charged with betraying a young woman, daughter of a neighboring farmer, under promise of marriage. He succeeded in giving bonds and was released.

A special meeting of the Woman's Christian association will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. C. W. McDonald, 506 South Seventh street. At this meeting a proposition of great importance will be submitted to the association, and consequently every member is requested to be present.

The condition of Mrs. J. M. Byers, the woman who was shot through the face Friday morning, was reported at the Women's Christian Association hospital last night to be favorable with every indication for her recovery. There were no new developments in the case yesterday and nothing has transpired to change the opinion of the authorities that the woman inflicted the wound herself while temporarily deranged.

County Auditor-elect Cheyne yesterday announced officially that Frank W. Read, at present in the office of his father, F. L. Read, clerk of the district court, and John M. Pusey, at present in the auditor's office, would be his deputies. H. V. Battey, the newly elected clerk of the district court, has yet one deputy to announce. Freeman Reed, the present clerk, will remain in the office with Mr. Battey to assist the latter in "getting onto the ropes," after which he will engage in some other business, having several propositions under consideration.

Mrs. Charlotte Hollenbeck, for twenty years a resident of this city, died yesterday at her home, 830 Avenue E, aged 83 years. Four sons, John Hollenbeck of Barrier Springs, Mich.; Frank Hollenbeck of Des Moines and J. E. and J. G. Hollenbeck of this city, and four daughters, Mrs. S. W. Reynolds, Mrs. A. W. Barrett, Mrs. C. M. King, all of this city, and Mrs. G. R. Watson of Healesburg, Cal., survive her. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence, following which the remains will be taken to Narka, Kan., for burial.

GREAT NORTHERN'S BIG PLANS

Million to Be Spent in Terminals and Improvements in Sioux City.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The Great Northern railway today made formal announcement of its plans for building in Sioux City. The road will spend $1,000,000 in Sioux City in the near future if plans announced today are carried out. The Journal says:

"The Great Northern proposes to erect a double-track steel elevated structure from the combination bridge over the Missouri river down Third street to Division street, a distance of 7,950 feet; lay a union industry track on the surface of Third street; construct a fine passenger station at Fourth and Howard streets and restore its machine shops in Division street. All this is preliminary to the early construction of links of railroad in Nebraska to connect the Great Northern and Burlington systems."

The Great Northern has already purchased $250,000 worth of terminal property in Sioux City.

John L. Snapp of Seattle has been in the city in the interests of the project of the Great Northern.

New Line is Defective.

CLINTON, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Burlington Railway company has run a freight train over the new cutoff between Thomson and Fenton and found the track in such bad condition that the company has refused to accept it and the construction company will have to do a large amount of work before the track will be fit for service. The track crosses three peat beds and under the heavy weight of the freight cars the track sagged to such an extent that couplings were torn loose and the ends of some of the cars were damaged. When constructing the line the company had a large amount of trouble in these peat beds, but thought it had overcome all obstacles. The railway company had moved its office from East Clinton to Fenton and intended to use the new line, which is ten miles long and saves the company a long, steep grade the coming winter. However the telegraph office has been moved back to East Clinton and no further effort will be made to use the new line until it has been placed in first-class condition, perhaps next spring.

Many Business Changes.

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At the close of the year a number of business changes are taking place in Harrison county. W. F. Vandecar of Mondamin has sold the only meat market at that place to D. M. Remington. M. H. Hammer, at Modale, has sold his livery stable to James N. McManimie, who now owns both livery and feed stables at Modale. Hammer retires on account of poor health. A new photograph gallery has been opened at Modale by V. N. Swinnerton, who owned a general store that failed a few weeks ago. Charles W. Squires has purchased the Cottage hotel, located at Magnolia. An eight-page religious paper called the Methodist Messenger has been established at Dunlap in the interest of the local Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. A. A. Thompson is the editor.

Farmhand Charged with Murder.

SILVER CITY, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Alvin Harmon was arrested and taken to Glenwood today by Sheriff Morgan, charged with the murder of John Hampton. Hampton has been living at the J. Rice farm at Wall street and Harmon lived with Fred Hunsinger. It is supposed the two men had a quarrel and that Harmon pulled a gun and shot his antagonist. No details of the affair have been learned. Harmon will be given an examination at Glenwood in a day or two, when it is expected that the events leading up to the shooting will be made known.

To Pay for Ditch.

LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors at the Logan courthouse yesterday the Crane outlet drainage ditch was under consideration and it was decided to adopt the certificate plan of paying assessments. Those benefited will pay one-tenth of their assessment each year for ten years.

RAILROAD MEN ASK MORE PAY

Unions of All Classes of Trainmen on Forty-Seven Western Systems Formulating Demands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors will meet here next Tuesday to formulate demands for increased wages and shorter hours on all roads running west from Chicago. The schedule adopted will furnish the basis for demands on all roads to the Rocky mountains, including Texas and the southwest, but not west of St. Paul to the Puget sound. In all forty-seven railroad systems will be affected by the decision reached at the meeting. Two years ago a similar meeting resulted in an increase of about 10 per cent in wages for the men involved.

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business Rather Light Last Week in Nearly All Lines.

SLIGHT REDUCTION IN RUBBER GOODS

Sugar Market Advances Five Cents and Coffee Very Firm, but Other Lines Quoted About Same as Week Ago.

Taking inventory was the principal order of busines with Omaha jobbers and manufacturers last week and the same was true with the majority of retailers out through the country. Very few traveling men were on the road and as a result the volume of business transacted by jobbers was rather small, the same as is always the case between Christmas and New Years. Retailers, of course, had a quiet time as compared with the previous week, but at the same time the severe cold weather the early part of the week forced people who were obliged to be out of doors to buy considerable heavy stuff. The latter part of the week heavyweight goods did not move so freely, but trade on general lines was better. Taking the week as a whole both jobbers and retailers find that for the time of year the demand was all that could be expected.

Traveling men who are in the city have favorable reports regarding conditions existing in their respective territories. They say that while some complaints are heard of the slow movement of heavyweight goods that nearly every merchant had a better holiday trade than ever before experienced. In other words, the lack of demand for strictly cold weather goods has been more than made up for by the brisk demand for other lines. Merchants are also very hopeful for the future and consequently when traveling men start out this week they expect to do a nice business on futures, besides picking up a good many immediate orders. A great effort is to be made to break the excellent showing made a year ago in the way of advance business.

There have been comparatively few market changes during the week under review and in fact only one of importance was reported. Reference is made to change in rubber prices for the coming year.

Woolen Goods to Be Higher.

The upward tendency of the wool market during the last several months will in all probability be felt to quite an extent when people come to buy their next fall woolens. In speaking of the condition of the market a local jobber said that it looks now very much as though woolen and worsted goods next fall will be considerably higher than for the last several years. The reason for this will be readily understood when it is known that the 1904 clip of wool was sold at about 14 cents per pound. The 1905 clip is now being contracted at prices ranging from 20 cents to 25 cents per pound. As a result of this condition certain grades of worsted yarns have already advanced considerably and are hard to find. It is stated on reliable authority that the Boston market is almost bare of this grade of stock. The lines most affected are wool and worsted yarn used in the manufacture of dress fabrics, as the better qualities alone can be used in this character of merchandise.

In regard to woolen blankets, underwear and other staple lines of that character it is difficult to tell at this time just what the course of the market will be. A considerable quantity of those lines are being made from lower priced wool and consequently the advances on that class of goods will probably not be as rapid.

The cotton goods market has not shown much change since last report. Prices on most lines seem to be on a good, firm basis, with prospects favorable for a good, healthy, active market for some time to come.

So far as the local trade situation is concerned in dry goods there is not much to be said. Traveling men were off the road and consequently business was confined mostly to a few mail orders for lines that retailers needed at once. After merchants get through invoicing, though, a fairly good sorting up business is expected and traveling men are confident of doing a nice future business.

Slight Reduction in Rubber Goods.

Omaha rubber goods jobbers received word the latter part of last week from the so-called Rubber trust to the effect that beginning January 2 there will be a slight reduction in most styles of boots and a few styles of lumberman overs. At the same time it is announced that on April 1 there will be an advance of 5 per cent. Not only that, but the prices which become effective January 2 are subject to change at any time without notice. It will be remembered that last year prices were marked up two different times without any notice being given, jobbers simply receiving a telegram to advance their prices on that day. If the same should happen this year it would cause no surprise, particularly if the price of raw rubber should continue to advance.

Just what action the independent manufacturers will take is not known, but word will probably be received on Monday.

Besides a slight reduction in the list price of the above mentioned lines, there is also a little difference in terms. Jobbers can now bill out goods shipped after January 2, dated April 1, thirty days, which makes the bill due May 1. In other words, merchants can buy either heavy or lightweight goods this week and have four months in which to pay for them. Had it not been for this change they would only have had the usual thirty days. Another change is that detailed orders for fall and winter goods taken now for goods to be shipped after April 1 can be dated November 1, thirty days.

Among the more important styles on which reductions in list prices have been made are the following: Men's short all duck boots, men's short duck vamp boots, men's gum boots, men's duck perfection one-buckle, men's duck Hurons, buckle or lace, men's gum perfection one-buckle, men's gum Huron, buckle or lace, and boys' duck perfection.

In regard to the condition of trade locally, jobbers say that the storm last week brought in quite a few orders for heavy goods and the mud toward the end of the week helped some on lightweight stuff.

The reduction in prices it is thought will help materially in securing advance orders at an early date. Many retailers thought last spring that the much talked of advances would not materialize and as a result a good proportion of them lost money by it. That will naturally make them want to get in this year at the bottom prices.

Leather goods were rather quiet last week the same as usual at this time of the year. Jobbers, however, look for quite a few sizing up orders during the next few weeks and are also counting on landing a good many advance orders.

Hardware Active and Steady.

There was a good demand for hardware last week which makes the total amount of business transacted by Omaha jobbers during the month far ahead of any previous December. The demand was general for all seasonable and staple lines. Most of the houses closed on Saturday and will also be closed tomorrow for the purpose of taking inventory.

The market is in practically the same position it was a week ago. Prices are firm at the advances quoted, but no further changes have taken place. It will cause no surprise, however, to see higher prices on several lines shortly after the first of the year, and in fact jobbers have been conducting their business with that idea in view.

Groceries Not Very Active.

Wholesale grocers did not do a very rushing business last week, but that was to be expected. Merchants were busy cleaning up the remnants of their Christmas stocks and the majority of consumers were in much the same position. That being the case, there was comparatively little business in sight, especially as traveling men were not on the road.

The only change of importance in the market is an advance of 5 cents on sugar in New Orleans, which causes a corresponding advance at this point. The New York market has advanced 10 cents, but as this market is based on the New Orleans quotations, the advance amounts to only 5 cents.

The coffee market is still very firm with receipts of Brazil coffee very light. The option market has advanced about ¼ cent and higher prices on spot stocks is looked for after the first of the year.

Other lines of staple groceries are selling in just about the same notches they were a week ago.

MAN HOLDS WIFE ON TRACK

Both Are Killed by Passing Train on the Illinois Central Railroad.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Carbondale, Ill., says that A. R. Hemphill and wife were killed four miles north of this city by a fast passenger train on the Illinois Central railroad. Hemphill had been drinking heavily and had started for this city. Mrs. Hemphill endeavored to induce him to return, when he threw her to the track and held her there while the train passed over them.

Hemphill was 39 years old and his wife 38. They had been living in the vicinity but ten days.

ECHOES OF THE ANTE ROOM

Royal Achates.

The Christmas tree entertainment given by this order at its hall last Monday evening was a big success, in spite of the bad weather. The hall was crowded with an enthusiastic audience, and each number of the program was greeted with applause. Nearly every number of the program was recalled. The orchestral music was especially good, when considering the youth of the performers. The vocal solos by A. C. Stewart, particularly that of the "Holy City," while a series of beautifully colored pictures were being displayed illustrative of the sentiment of the song, was greatly appreciated. Judge W. W. Slabaugh gave the address of the evening. A Christmas greeting was then provided for the little ones, many valuable presents being distributed. Abundant candy and fruits were also provided for the little folk and all.

By a combined effort of the different Achates lodges of the city a chicken pie supper will be served at an early date at Achates hall. The date of the affair will be announced later.

The semi-annual installation of officers of Omaha lodge No. 1 will occur next Tuesday evening at Achates hall. An interesting program has been arranged, including the serving of refreshments.

At the last regular meeting of this lodge Dr. R. W. Connell was chosen captain of the degree staff.

The ceremony of installation of the officers of Royal Oak lodge No. 200 will take place Wednesday evening. Supreme President I. G. Baright and Supreme Secretary E. L. Grennell will be the installing officers.

Arrangements have been completed for an entertainment, including refreshments, by Success lodge No. 33 at its hall in South Omaha next Thursday evening. A feature of the evening will be the installation of the new officers, at which the supreme president and supreme secretary of the order will officiate.

Modern Woodmen of America.

Camp No. 120 will give its Christmas entertainment Monday evening, January 2, at Germania hall on Harney street. The entertainment was postponed from last Tuesday evening because of the stormy weather. A fine program will be given, including music, recitations and refreshments.

Camp No. 120 will install officers for the ensuing year at its meeting Wednesday evening, January 3.

Royal Arcanum.

Union Pacific council, No. 1069, gave a largely attended card and dancing party at Metropolitan hall Thursday evening to its members and women friends.

Union Veterans' Union.

There will be a joint installation of officers of Vicksburg regiment, No. 1, and Shiloh regiment, No. 2, together with Garfield circle, No. 11, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Redmen's hall, Continental block, Friday evening, January 6, beginning at 8 p. m. sharp. All members of these organizations are invited to attend. Following the installation ceremonies a special program consisting of speeches, music and recitations will be indulged in, after which an old-time banquet will be served by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Woodmen of the World.

The various camps of the city are figuring on a notable event next Tuesday evening, when there will be a joint installation of the officers of all Woodmen of the World camps of the city, who will be inducted into office with impressive ceremonies by Sovereign Commander Joseph Cullen Root. An elaborate program has been prepared. The ceremonies will take place in Alpha camp, No. 1, hall. It is expected that there will be about 150 officers installed altogether.

Royal Neighbors of America.

Myrtle camp, No. 922, has elected the following officers for the coming year: Oracle, Mrs. F. W. Boukal; vice oracle, Mrs. J. Slama; recorder, Mrs. F. Soukop; receiver, Mrs. F. Pesek; marshal, Mrs. A. Kabka; chancellor, Mrs. K. Velechovsky; inner sentinel, Mrs. M. Pechota; outer sentinel, Mrs. A. Vanicka; board of managers, M. Kroupka.

Modern Maccabees.

Boynton tent, No. 1291, received a number of applications at its last review on Wednesday evening for membership. A large attendance of members was also present, all of whom enjoyed the excellent program given. These special entertainments will be regular features at every meeting and the review for next Wednesday evening at Arcanum hall is promised to be very interesting.

Knights of the Maccabees.

Omaha tent, No. 75, held its usual largely attended meeting last Thursday evening. Four new applicants were elected to membership. Drs. Hutchinson and Rix were recommended to the supreme tent as medical examiners for the Omaha tent. A number of visitors were present and made short addresses.

Tribe of Ben Hur.

Omaha court, No. 110 held its regular meeting Tuesday evening last, with a big attendance present. Four applicants were elected to membership. The newly elected officers will be formally installed at the next meeting and the week following an open meeting will be held. A large class is to be initiated at the next meeting.

Knights of Pythias.

Company 12, uniform rank, has adopted the new bylaws that have been under contemplation for some time. The new laws provide for fines for non-attendance at drills and it is thought will have the effect of stimulating a more prompt attendance.

The new form of receipt and order for the semi-annual password combined has so many objectionable features that the supreme keeper of records and seal will soon have another form printed. Until this new form is received the Omaha lodges will use the old form of receipt, and the new form for the word.

HILL RETIRES FROM POLITICS

Former New York Senator Says He Will Practice Law—Forty Years in Democratic Councils.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The retirement of former Senator David B. Hill from active politics, after forty years' uninterrupted participation in democratic counsels in this state, will take effect tomorrow, according to the authorized statement made through the Associated Press August 29 last, upon the occasion of Mr. Hill's 61st birthday.

Senator Hill this afternoon reiterated the statement, when he said to the Associated Press correspondent:

The announcement of August 29 fully covered the matter and was final. There is nothing in that announcement to be retracted and there is nothing that need be added to it.

Mr. Hill will practice law.

Transfer Men Dance.

The employes of the Omaha Merchants Express and Transfer company gave their fifteenth annual ball last night at Washington hall. There were about seventy-five couples present and everybody reports having had a most enjoyable time. Refreshments were served in the rooms just off the main auditorium.

OMAHA SUBURBS

Benson.

Robert Smiley went to Blair to spend Christmas at the home of his sister.

Rev. and Mrs. Leidy are entertaining relatives from Illinois during the holidays.

George F. Smith of Moline, Ill., left last Tuesday afternoon after a short visit here.

Burt Pryor of Albright spent last Monday in this place visiting with his brother, Mr. Pryor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arville Pryor were the guests of their brother, Mr. Burt Pryor, in Albright.

Miss Bee Hoffman entertained her friend, Miss Jacobs of Oakland, during the teachers' meeting.

Mr. Snowden and family spent a few days in Hilton, Ia., at the home of Mrs. Snowden's parents.

The teachers of this place attended the association meeting held in Omaha during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have returned home from Lincoln, where they went to spend Christmas.

Wilber McDill left for Colorado last Thursday, after spending a few days at the home of his uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wulff returned home last Wednesday from Kennard, where they spent Christmas.

Services will be held today at the Methodist Episcopal church at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Leidy.

Ellesmere Morgan left last Tuesday to fill his position in Howells, Neb., after a short visit at his home.

William Selling entertained his brother, Herman Selling, and family of Fairfax, S. D., during the holidays.

Miss Rose Masters of Pierce, Neb., arrived in Benson and is now the guest of her many friends here.

Martin Jorgensen left last Friday morning for Meadow Grove, Ia., where he will fill a position as operator.

Mr. Browne of California arrived in Benson last Monday and is a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Kellog.

Mr. and Mrs. John Speedie returned last Wednesday from Gretna, where they spent several days with relatives.

Ferd. Larsen of West Main street died Wednesday at the county hospital, where he was taken two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Grove and family and Miss Anna Bellis will spend New Year's day with relatives in South Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker left for Kennard last Wednesday, where they will spend a week at the home of Mr. Parker's parents.

Mrs. A. C. Thomas entertained last Saturday evening at her home on Keystone ranch in honor of her daughter, Miss Alta.

Miss Alice McDill and Clara McDill, who spent the holidays at the home of their uncle, J. A. Morgan, left for their homes last week.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Dr. McCoy next Wednesday afternoon. A 10-cent lunch will be served from 3 to 5.

Mrs. Tom Hawkins and daughter, Pearl, and father, Mr. Butler, spent Christmas at the home of the latter's sister in Missouri Valley, Ia., returning home Wednesday.

Myrtle Pryor was pleasantly surprised by a number of her schoolmates last Saturday afternoon. The time was spent in various games, and refreshments were served.

The entertainment given by the primary school children on Christmas eve was well attended. The program was an operetta, after which a big treat of candy was given the children.

The Benson Boys' club held a meeting and elected new officers for the year, as follows: Carl Liljensolpe, president; Waard Walsh, vice president; Walter Snell, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hills arrived from St. Louis last Sunday morning and are guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. W. H. Lindell. Mr. and Mrs. Hills were married at St. Louis a short time ago.

Anna Larsen was tendered a pleasant surprise party at her home Thursday of last week in honor of her birthday anniversary. Friends and relatives both of Omaha and Benson were present. A fine luncheon was served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stiger and daughter, Merle Evelyn, and Lily and Ada Stiger, returned home last week from their holiday visit in Plattsmouth. They were accompanied home by Mrs. George and Miss Lettie Smith, who left for their homes the last of the week.

Florence.

Mrs. W. L. Ross is visiting friends at Walnut, Ia., for a few days.

Orley Wilson is visiting relatives at Franklin during the holidays.

W. A. Wilson has been sick for several days, being unable to leave the house.

Mrs. Frank Taylor of Herman is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Leach.

James Stout of Fremont spent a couple of days this week the guest of Jasper Smith.

John Jordan of Verdigre spent a couple of days here this week the guest of James Barrett.

Neils Petersen spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives at Laurel, returning home Monday night.

Mrs. W. A. King and children of Tekamah visited James Brenenman and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen De Land is spending the Christmas days with her son, Thomas H. De Land, at Perry, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cole and children went to Blair Saturday morning for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

M. R. Kindred, who has been at Meadow Grove for the last three weeks, visiting his son Homer, returned home Monday.

W. S. Johnson and W. A. Reed of Omaha were visitors at Jonathan lodge No. 225, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pulte and children were visitors at Omaha Wednesday night, visiting Mrs. Pulte's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnoldi.

Miss Bertie Wilson and Miss Anna Potter were in attendance at the school teachers' meeting at Omaha a couple of days this week.

Elsie Reams left Saturday for Riverton to visit her parents. She expects to return next Saturday, to be ready for school when it opens.

The Talbot Ice company commenced cutting ice Wednesday and continued until Friday afternoon, when it melted so that cutting was abandoned.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Turner, who have been here a few days visiting Mr. Turner's parents, returned to their home at Emerson, Neb., Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodiet, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Suttie Sunday for a Christmas dinner.

Henry Wilson returned from Bonesteel, S. D., where he has been the last three weeks looking up a location, and will probably go there as soon as spring opens up.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. J. P. Brown Thursday afternoon. They met at the home of Mrs. T. E. Price, sr., a week from next Thursday.

Miss Grace and Julia Smith will leave Tuesday for Jersey City, N. J., where they will make their home. Their brother, Rev. Philip Smith, recently accepted a call in a Philadelphia church and has been there since December 1.

Marshal D. Thompson and Miss Blanche E. Tucker were married Wednesday evening at 7:30 at St. Mark's church, Father Potter of Omaha officiating. Mr. Thompson has been in business here for several years. Miss Tucker is the daughter of Hon. F. S. Tucker.

The Florence Gun club held a Christmas shoot Monday morning. Several shooters from the north part of Omaha were present, among them Harry Lane, George W. Craig, Fisher, Morrison, Forbes, Morse and others. Some excellent scores were made considering the gale that was blowing.

The Presbyterian church gave a Christmas tree to its Sunday school children Monday night at the church. The Swedish Lutherans had their tree Monday afternoon. St. Phillips' church Monday afternoon and St. Mark's Tuesday night. There was a good attendance of the little Sunday school folks at each.

West Ambler.

Rev. and Mrs. Henderson were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Trimble in North Omaha on Monday.

The Johnson families of East Ambler have been entertaining friends from Calhoun during the holidays.

Miss Ada Gantz and Mrs. Bell left on Thursday morning for a fortnight's visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker of St. Joseph arrived Friday morning to spend New Year's with the former's sister, Mrs. Shandy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gantz gave a Christmas dinner for their children and grandchildren to the number of eighteen.

Mrs. Jessie Morton of Long Pine arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Faverty.

The Christmas cantata which was to have been given at the Southwest church on Tuesday evening was postponed until Friday night on account of the storm.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Shandy on Thursday and finished a quilt and tied a comfort. A chicken dinner was served by the hostess. Proceeds, $2. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Gantz on January 12.

Prof. John Henderson arrived from Denver to eat Christmas dinner with his parents here. He returned to Denver Wednesday. His nephew, Laurence Hoffman, also arrived from Norfolk Friday to spend the holiday week with relatives, returning to his home Friday.

About 100 friends and children met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael in East Ambler on Wednesday evening to enjoy a Christmas tree and entertainment. Great credit is given for the successful program to Miss Ellis, who was untiring in making all so entertaining and in having the children so well trained.

Dundee.

The Round Dozen club will meet on Wednesday with Mrs. Noah Perry.

The Card club will meet again on January 12 with Miss Bessie Palmer.

The Dundee Dancing club gave a dance on Thursday evening at the hall.

Mrs. E. L. Barr and children of Chadron, Neb., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Barr.

A number of people from Omaha engaged the Dundee hall and held a dance there on Friday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Caldwell and daughter, Margaret, of Kansas City are the guests of Mrs. William Pendell.

The Dundee Presbyterian church held a sociable on Friday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph J. Lampe.

Miss Edith Anderson has been at home for the holidays from St. Paul, Neb., where she is principal of the high school.

Henry Maxwell and his sister, Miss Murilla Maxwell of Fremont, were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hamilton.

Mr. R. C. Peters has been confined to his home for a couple of weeks by a slight indisposition from which he is recovering.

Norton Ware of Nebraska City, on his return to Chicago, where he is in business, was the guest on Tuesday of Dr. and Mrs. Van Gieson.

The Dundee Card club met on Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. William Pendell. Prizes were won by Mrs. Barr and Mr. Benson.

Mr. Joshua Allen Haughey and Miss Margaret Hooton were married on Wednesday at Aurora, Neb. They will be at home after January 15 at 4823 Capitol avenue.

Some of the Dundee young people were guests on Saturday evening at the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Merriam and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, for their daughters at Chambers' academy.

The Dundee Woman's club held its annual New Year's reception on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of the Misses Barr and Marshell and Messrs. Hathaway and Bartlett, and toasts were given while refreshments were being served.

NO HEREDITARY DISEASES

Such Statement is Made in Address to Scientists at Philadelphia Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—The annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science came to an end with today's session. This convention has been the most successful in the history of the association, both in attendance and variety and number of important topics discussed. At today's session a paper of much important to the medical profession was read by Dr. P. A. Maignen of this city on the desirability of founding an institution for the study of blood poison. Dr. Maignen said that nearly all diseases could be traced to poison in the blood. He also made the claim that disease is not hereditary. He said, in part:

From a careful study I have become convinced that it is of paramount importance to the public health that an institute be founded in this country for the special study of blood poison, particularly as regards the first step of infection. We know practically nothing of the immediate phenomena which appear at the beginning of the disease. There are eighteen known ways of infection, which constitute a very large program for study.

Some of the diseases included in this list are said to be hereditary, such as cancer, tuberculosis and gout. The presumption now is that heredity has nothing to do with them, and that the word hereditary is used like that of temperament or constitution or predisposition.

DRUGGISTS ARE ENJOINED

Court Holds Retail and Wholesale Associations Are a Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Judge Healy of the circuit court of Cook county today granted a temporary injunction, returnable the third Monday in January, to Isaac Platt, a retail druggist of Chicago, against the National Retail Druggists' association and the Association of Wholesale Druggists. Mr. Platt prayed for the injunction on the ground that the defendants had refused to sell him drugs, because he had put in operation a scale of prices below that maintained by the defendants. Judge Healy granted the injunction on the ground that the defendants were operating as a conspiracy in restriction of trade.

THIRTEEN TRAINS ROBBED

Cincinnati Paper Compiles a List of the Holdups of the Year—Three Persons Killed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—During the year 1904 there were thirteen trains held up in the United States and four stage robberies in which three persons were killed, two wounded and one robber was killed. These figures were compiled by the Express Gazette, which has kept records of such events during the last fifteen years, the total holdups for that time being 354, in which 103 people were killed and 112 wounded.

CONTEST OPENS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Legislators and Candidates Are on Ground at Pierre.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—A number of the members and those looking for places came in on the train and about all from the northern part of the state will be in by evening.

J. H. Carroll is here looking after his candidacy for the speakership and J. L. Brown will be in this evening. H. C. Dunham and J. M. Miles, candidates for chief clerk of the house, are on the ground, as are several applicants for minor positions.

At present the indications are all for Brown for speaker, with either R. V. Carr of Lawrence or H. C. Dunham of Kingsbury for chief clerk. About half the Black Hills delegation is on hand looking after the interests of Carr.

For secretary of the senate L. M. Simons of Davidson is looked upon as the most likely candidate at present.

S. H. Elrod, the fifth governor of South Dakota, and the other state officers-elect will be sworn in in the hall of the house of representatives on Tuesday, January 3, following the organization of the legislative bodies. The message of the governor will deal largely with matters of revenue for the state. The inaugural ball and reception will follow at the Lock hotel, Tuesday evening, and many prominent residents of the state will be present. The arrangements for this function are more complete than ever before and it promises to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind ever arranged in the state. Following past custom, the oath of office of the new state officers will be administered by the presiding judge of the supreme court, Hon. D. Corson, after which the message of the governor will be read to the two houses in joint session. The legislative bodies will meet in the two houses January 3 at noon and will immediately organize to meet in joint session to hear the governor's message. The principal measures which will be considered at the session are those of revenue and the providing of a suitable state building.

SPORTS OF A DAY.

NEW SHOT PUTTING RECORD

Ralph P. Rose of Michigan University Scores 38 Feet 2 3-4 Metres.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—At the athletic games in Madison Square Garden tonight under the auspices of the Pastime Athletic club, Ralph P. Rose, the Californian, who represents Michigan university and the Chicago Athletic association, aroused the enthusiasm of over 6,000 spectators by putting the twenty-four pound shot 38 feet 2¾ inches and establishing a new record. Richard Sheldon of the New York Athletic club was second in this event, with a put of 36 feet 7 inches. The best previous figures for this event were 33 feet 11⅛ inches, made by George Gray of the New York Athletic club in 1890.

Much was expected of James D. Lightbody of the University of Chicago and the Chicago Athletic association, who won the three championships in track events during last season at the St. Louis exposition athletic sports. He was entered in the 1,000-yard run for the Amateur Athletic union championship, but finished third. Charles Bacon of the Greater New York Irish Athletic association and Paul H. Pilgrim of the New York Athletic club finished first and second respectively in the fairly good time of 2 minutes 22 seconds. There were seven starters in this race.

Charles J. Seitz of Georgetown university won the 60-yard handicap dash with an allowance of seven feet and afterward won the Amateur Athletic union championship at 60 yards by a narrow margin, equaling the world's record of 6⅖ seconds. Lightbody was set a big task in the two-mile handicap run, in which there was a field of fifty-three starters. He was placed on scratch and asked to concede very liberal handicaps to all his opponents, but was unable to do so, the prize going to J. P. Sullivan, a local man, who had a start of 100 yards. Summaries:

1,000-yard run, Amateur Athletic union championship: Charles Bacon, jr., Decatur, N. Y., Irish Athletic association, won; Paul S. Pilgrim, New York Athletic club second; James D. Lightbody, Chicago Athletic association, third; Henry Christoffers, St. George Athletic club, fourth. Time: 2:22.

Throwing 56-pound weight for height, Amateur Athletic union championship: John S. Burke, Pastime Athletic club, New York, with 14 feet 9 inches, won; William Prendergast, Xavier Athletic association, New York, second; A. J. Sheridan, Greater New York Irish Athletic association, third. Burke made the height in his first three throws; Prendergast in four and Sheridan in five.

Sixty-yard dash, Amateur Athletic union championship: Charles J. H. Seitz, Georgetown university, won; William R. Knakall, Columbia university, second; Frank Rickert, New York Athletic club, third; P. J. Callahan, New York Athletic club, fourth. Time: 6⅖ seconds.

Putting 24-pound shot: Ralph W. Rose, Chicago Athletic association, won, distance, 38 feet 2¾ inches; R. Sheldon, New York Athletic club, second, 36 feet 7 inches; J. E. Feurbach, New York Athletic club, third, 33 feet 5 inches.

Standing of League Bowlers.

	Games.	Pins.	Average.
190 CLASS.			
1. Fritscher	39	7,741	198 19-39
2. Zarp	36	7,076	196 20-36
3. Potter	36	7,024	195 4-36
4. Zimmerman	39	7,583	194 17-39
5. Sprague	39	7,561	193 34-39
6. Chandler	33	6,343	192 7-33
7. Gjerde	39	7,461	191 12-39
8. Huntington	36	6,880	191 4-36
9. Berger	39	7,437	190 23-39
10. Cochran	35	6,664	190 14-35
180 CLASS.			
11. Jones	36	6,833	189 29-36
12. Clay	39	7,400	189 29-39
13. Emery	36	6,800	188 32-36
14. Denman	33	6,230	188 26-33
15. Rees	39	7,311	187 18-39
16. Griffiths	39	7,292	186 38-39
17. Francisco	33	6,165	186 27-33
18. Hartley	39	7,274	186 20-39
19. Hengsle	39	7,260	186 6-39
20. Conrad	36	6,684	185 24-36
21. Tonneman	36	6,671	185 11-36
22. Tracy	30	5,586	185 6-30
23. Gilchrist	12	2,220	185
24. Banks	39	7,213	184 37-39
25. Neale	33	6,084	184 12-33
26. Hull	36	6,615	183 27-36
27. Smead	21	3,860	183 17-21
28. Hodges	39	7,156	183 22-39
29. Encell	39	7,142	183 5-39
30. Anderson	15	2,747	183 2-15
31. Greenleaf	39	7,124	182 26-39
32. Chumlea	6	1,094	182 2-6
33. L. J. Schneider	30	5,443	181 13-30
34. Williams	12	2,173	181 1-12
Hughes	36	6,519	181 3-36
35. Gideon	9	1,628	180 8-9
36. Nelson	36	6,493	180 13-36
37. Forscutt	33	5,948	180 8-33
170 CLASS.			
38. Adams	33	5,927	179 20-33
39. Brunke	36	6,437	178 29-36
40. Johnson	27	4,825	178 19-27
41. French	39	6,967	178 25-39
42. Stearns	9	1,603	178 1-9
43. Hunter	24	4,252	177 4-24
44. Elliot	36	6,373	177 1-36
45. Stiles	27	4,762	176 10-27
46. Furay	21	3,702	176 6-21
47. Stapenhorst	39	6,868	176 4-39
48. Beulow	3	725	175
49. Weber	27	4,721	174 23-27
50. Sheldon	9	1,573	174 7-9
51. Collins	15	2,620	174 10-15
52. Wigman	27	4,672	173 1-27
53. Molyneaux	21	3,622	172 10-21
54. McKelvey	30	5,172	172 12-30
55. Sutton	27	4,615	170 25-27
56. Yates	30	5,114	170 14-30
57. Marble	24	4,083	170 3-24
160 CLASS.			
58. Bonnell	9	1,523	169 2-9
59. Zitsman	33	5,544	168
60. Dietrich	3	492	167 1-3
61. Brink	9	1,501	166 7-9
62. F. W. Schneider	15	2,500	166 10-15
63. Baker	21	3,488	166 2-21
64. Landon	33	5,425	164 13-33
65. Heft	21	3,390	161 9-21
66. Lehman	10	1,600	160
THE REST.			
67. Krug	6	937	156 1-6
68. Lawler	9	1,344	149 3-9
69. Smyte	6	807	134 3-6

Doane After a Game.

The wires are already being laid for a foot ball game in Omaha next Thanksgiving day between the Creighton and Doane teams. While the Doane end of the line is not ready to announce the matter as settled, yet the members of the Doane College Athletic association feel reasonably confident that present negotiations will not prove futile. They believe that the two teams next in rank to the university ought to close the season with a game in Omaha and they also express the opinion that such a game would be appreciated and supported by the foot ball population of both Crete and Omaha. Both teams showed up well during the season just past, and it is safe to say that the proposed game here next Thanksgiving day would bring out a large attendance and would be an event of more than local interest in the foot ball world.

The Creighton foot ball men are now considering the proposal made to them by Doane, and it is generally hoped the preliminaries may soon be arranged and the game be jotted down on the foot ball calendar of 1905.

Corrigan Buys Hawthorne Track.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Edward Corrigan has secured the Hawthorne racetrack. The deal was closed tonight when Richard Fitzgerald, who for a long time has been the chief stockholder in the track, sold out his interest to Corrigan. The change of ownership, it is said, means that the Western Jockey club will have a fight on its hands if some action is not taken at its regular monthly meeting January 3 to revise the racing dates for 1905 picked out for the different tracks throughout the west and south.

Pennsylvania Wins Chess Contest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Pennsylvania won the triangular college chess league tournament, which was concluded here today, with a score of five games won to three lost, as against four and one-half won to three and one-half lost, scored by Cornell, the previous holder of the championship and the Rice trophy. Brown finished last, with a total of two and one-half points won.

Lyons Wins at Basket Ball.

LYONS, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Lyons basket ball team defeated the Danish college team of Blair here last night by the score of 66 to 9. The features of the game were the fast team work and accuracy in throwing baskets of the Lyons team. The Blair team seemed unable to break up the short pass which was used most of the time and very effectively against the long pass, used by them.

LABOR UNION ASKS INJUNCTION

Rubber Workers Want an Order to Prevent Officers from Using Funds for Personal Use.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Diversion of labor unions funds to the personal use of officers of the Rubber Workers' union of Chicago is charged in a bill for injunction filed in the supreme court today. The plaintiffs, William R. Rock and C. E. Tietjor, members of the labor organization, assert they are upheld by four-fifths of the membership.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 31.—BUTTER—Firm, at 28c. Sales for the week, 447,675 pounds. Holiday Monday.