OCUNCIL BLUFFS

TELEPHONE MEN IN SESSION

New Independent Company Arranges to Connect with Outside Independents.

VISITORS TAKE STOCK IN LOCAL CONCERN

Fourteen Outside Companies Operating Seventeen Thousand Telephones Represented in the Meeting.

Fourteen independent telephone companies now operating in southwestern Iowa were represented yesterday at the meeting held in this city at the invitation of the officers of the Council Bluffs Independent Telephone company.

The meeting was for the purpose of making arrangements for connection between the outside companies and the local company and to discuss the matter of financing the local company. The outside companies are enthusiastic over the prospects of getting connection with Council Bluffs and the representatives present subscribed for $40,000 stock in the Council Bluffs company. In consideration of their subscribing for this amount of stock the outside companies are to be represented on the board of directors of the Council Bluffs company by two members to be selected later.

The fourteen companies represented at the meeting contracted to connect with the Council Bluffs company at the earliest date possible. All of these companies will extend their lines to within twenty miles of Council Bluffs and the local company will build out to meet them. It was agreed that all the independent systems connecting with the Council Bluffs company shall replace their iron lines with full copper wires.

Thomas Bullock of the South Omaha and Plattsmouth independent systems was present and arrangements were made whereby the Council Bluffs company will connect with the South Omaha system. The connection will be made by an overhead cable across the Missouri river at a point opposite South Omaha and just west of Manawa.

The independent companies represented at the meeting were: Woodbine Telephone company, Harlan & Avoca Telephone company, Independent Mutual of Shenandoah, Cass County Independent of Atlantic, New Monona of Onawa, Crawford County of Denison, Tabor City Telephone company, Shelby County, Interstate Telephone company of Modale, Hawkeye of Des Moines, Oakland Telephone company, Carson Telephone company, Montgomery County of Red Oak and the Corning Telephone company.

Thirty-five representatives of these companies were present and in the middle of the day were entertained at luncheon at the Grand hotel by the members of the local company. Mayor Macrae and Congressman Walter I. Smith made short addresses at the luncheon. The meeting was held in the new offices of the local company in the Merriam block. F. J. Day, president of the Council Bluffs company, presided. The companies at the meeting, it was stated, represented 17,000 'phones.

WOODBURY COMPANY IN TROUBLE

Creditors of William G. Woodbury File Petition in Bankruptcy.

Within three days of the filing of articles of incorporation of the Woodbury company creditors commenced bankruptcy proceedings yesterday against William G. Woodbury, senior member of the firm. The petitioning creditors are Perry M. Kenworthy of Chicago, with a claim of $600, The New York Plumbing company of this city, with a claim of $52, and Peter Jensen, cigar manufacturer of this city, with a claim of $35.50. Archibald Whitelaw was appointed receiver and qualified by filing a bond in the sum of $10,000.

When Receiver Whitelaw demanded possession of the stock he was refused on the grounds that it was now the property of the Woodbury company, and no longer belonged personally to Mr. Woodbury. Application was then made by the petitioning creditors that Mr. Woodbury be cited to appear and undergo examination as to his property. Referee in Bankruptcy W. S. Mayne set Monday morning for the examination.

The Woodbury company was incorporated last Thursday with an authorized capital of $50,000, the incorporators being William G. Woodbury, H. C. Woodbury and John Pearce, all of this city.

George Stillman, attorney for Mr. Woodbury, admitted yesterday that the firm was in financial difficulties, and that there would have to be a liquidation. The indebtedness of the firm, Mr. Stillman said, was $54,000. Of this $28,000 represented mercantile accounts, $21,000 due the First National bank of Council Bluffs and $5,000 due Charles R. Hannan. Regarding the recent incorporation of the company Mr. Stillman said that of the 500 shares of stock of the par value of $100 each, 494 has been issued to Mr. Woodbury and the remaining six had been paid for in cash. To protect his creditors Mr. Stillman said Mr. Woodbury had turned over his 494 shares of stock to J. H. Penny, representative of Carson, Pirie Scott company of Chicago, and T. G. Turner, cashier of the First National bank of this city, as trustees, to be held by them for the benefit of all creditors pending a settlement or liquidation. The stock and fixtures, Mr. Stillman stated, would invoice $69,000.

The stock, providing it could be disposed of without serious legal entanglements, Mr. Stillman said, ought to pay out in full and leave a surplus.

The firm was originally Woodbury & Culver, and started in business on South Main street. It moved into its present quarters on Pearl street when the John Beno company moved into its new building on Broadway. Mr. Woodbury about a year ago bought out Mr. Culver and a few months later enlarged the business into a department store.

Allen Brothers and M. E. Smith & Co. of Omaha, and Carson, Pirie, Scott company of Chicago are said to be among the heaviest creditors.

MANAGER HELD FOR CONTEMPT

Rival 'Phone Concerns in Fight Over "Injunction" to Compel.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Iowa Telephone company is engaged in a warm war with the Sioux City Independent line, which uses the automatic 'phone. This company has not yet installed its instruments and has been using the 'phone of the Iowa company in its office. Recently the Iowa company removed the telephone from the Independent company's office without notifying the company of its intention. The Independent company got out an injunction, requiring the Iowa company to restore the telephone. This they did not do and today E. A. Clark, manager of the Iowa company, was held in $5,000 bonds in contempt of court. A warm fight ensued in court over the meaning of an injunction. The attorney for the Iowa company maintained that an injunction could not be secured to cause a thing to be done, but to restrain a party from doing an act.

Mondamin School Exercises.

MONDAMIN, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—The graduating exercises of the Mondamin public schools will be held on the evening of Friday, June 2, and the following will be graduated: Bertha Arbaugh, Lee Lewis and Rex MacFarlae. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the Christian church on the evening of Sunday, May 28.

FAVORS BANK COMMISSION

Auditor Carrol Says Examiners Have Too Much Work at Present.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, May 20.—(Special.)—State Auditor B. F. Carroll has taken a position in favor of a bank commission to look after the banking business of the state. In an address before the bankers of group 14 he argued that a commission organized along the lines of a railway commission should be organized. He took the position that the national bank examiners and the state bank examiners have each too much work to do to do it well and thoroughly and he believed the best way to guard the interests of the people against bank failures was in a bank commission. Auditor Carroll advised the bankers to present a bill along the lines of his suggestion to the next general assembly.

In the federal court this afternoon Judge Reed directed a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of the State Bank of Goffs, Kan., against the Bankers' Mutual Casualty Company of this state for $3,216, the full amount of its burglary insurance policy, with interest. The bank's safe was blown open and robbed.

Charles Crossby, a workman in the Valley Junction shops of the Rock Island railway, today had his arm torn from the socket in the machinery of a drill press.

John Reynolds of the Boone Electric railway has been in the city for two days in consultation with J. S. Polk of the interurban line and it is given out that the interurban to Perry and Woodward will be extended this fall to Boone.

The Chicago & Northwestern has filed its report with the executive council showing the net earnings in Iowa for last year to have been $2,902,185.27, or $1,848.23 per mile. The gross earnings were $11,545,870.15 and the operating expenses $8,643,684.88. The company has 1,570.25 miles of track in the state.

Mrs. A. O. Reynolds of this city, president of the Seventh District Nonpartisan Woman's Christian Temperance union, today issued the call for the annual convention, to be held at Indianola May 23.

The Wells-Fargo Express company today made arrangements in Des Moines to secure 500 men to take the places of the strikers in Chicago. Fifty men left tonight for Chicago for that purpose. A representative of the express company was in the city today and made the arrangements with the House of Employment, a labor bureau.

There is a move on foot among the associations of Corn Belt Meat Producers, State Grain Dealers and State Manufacturers to have the full testimony of Governor Cummins before the senate committee printed and circulated through the state as a campaign document to educate the people on the rate question.

Hon. R. H. Spence of Mt. Ayr has announced that he will not be a candidate for the position of United States attorney for the southern district of Iowa. He held a conference with M. L. Temple of Osceola recently and it is given out that he will support Temple for the place. Mr. Spence is chairman of the republican state central committee.

A strong petition from citizens of Creston for a company of the national guard has been presented to the adjutant general. It is given out that there is likely soon to be a vacancy in the Fifth-fifth regiment and that Creston, in that event, will likely get the company. There is a possibility that the companies at both Osceola and Winterset may be disbanded. Prof. William Bell of Creston is talked of for captain. About forty have signified their desire to join the company and it is believed that the full required fifty can be easily secured.

Forms State Marshal Club.

SIDNEY, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—A. C. Rankin, the "moulder orator," who has been holding temperance meetings in Sidney during the week, closed last night. The meetings were well attended and much interest was shown. Three hundred and twenty-six signed the total abstinence pledge and donned the little blue button. A state club of eighty-four members was organized, with the following officers: President, C. W. Mitchell; vice president, Rev. E. Hill; secretary, G. W. Moore; treasurer, Dr. T. G. Stephens. Mr. Rankin will hold meetings at Shenandoah, Riverton and Hamburg.

Nebraskan Arrested at Ute.

ONAWA, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—Sheriff Ed Rawlings arrested Jacob McRoberts at Ute yesterday, where he was working for the Iowa Telephone company. He is charged by the county judge of Burt county, Nebraska, with the crime of abandoning his wife at Tekamah. McRoberts was lodged in the Monona county jail pending the arrival of a requisition from Des Moines.

Divorce Leads to Suicide.

SHENANDOAH, May 20.—(Special.)—W. H. Nolan, aged 42, a sewing machine dealer, placed a revolver at his breast and pulled the trigger. Then he placed the muzzle to his brain and again discharged the revolver, dying instantly. His divorced wife, who heard the shot and ran to the doorway, was in time to see the agonized man fire the fatal ball into his brain. She collapsed and is in a serious condition.

Serious Charge Against Iowa Man.

CLINTON, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—W. J. Galloway of this city, aged 50 years, is an inmate of the Lee county jail, charged with bigamy and perjury. Galloway's arrest took place in Fort Madison, where he married a 16-year-old girl to escape prosecution for seduction. Galloway, who has a wife and seven children in Clinton, represented himself to be a single man from Indiana.

Western Iowa Lutherans Meet.

DUNLAP, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—The semi-annual convention of the Western Iowa Evangelical Lutheran synod has just closed its session at Dunlap. The program rendered during two days was as follows: "On Predestination," "On the Miracles of the Bible," "Care for Invalid Ministers." The next convention will be at Avoca.

Catches Seven-Pound Bass.

ONAWA, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—The biggest bass caught in Blue lake for many years was caught today by Attorney J. A. Pritchard of Onawa. It tipped the beam at seven pounds one ounce. It was a little over two feet in length.

Menlo Man Kills Himself.

MENLO, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—At Casey yesterday C. C. Joint committed suicide by deliberately firing a pistol ball into his brain, from the effects of which he died in a few minutes.

Mangled Body Found on Tracks.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., May 19.—(Special.)—The mangled body of Charles Fishbaugh has been found on the Union Pacific tracks near here and the authorities believe Fishbaugh was murdered by his tramp companions and his body placed on the rails to cover up the crime. The dead man was seen at Point of Rocks a few days ago in company with some tramps, and it is known that he had considerable money at the time.

HANDICAP ON PAVING LIFTED

Decision by State Supreme Court Welcomed by City Officials.

WILL PERMIT QUICK ACTION ON PAVING

Instead of Waiting Thirty Days After Petitions Designating Material Are Filed the City Can Now Go Ahead with Work.

The city does not have to wait thirty days after the filing of petitions designating material for paving before letting the contract and going ahead with the actual work. This point, much to the satisfaction of city officials and many property owners, has been definitely fixed by the state supreme court in a decision just handed down in what is known as the Eddy case, which was brought in the district court to invalidate paving taxes. The district court found against the city, but these rulings are completely upset by the supreme court, important points adjudicated in favor of the city and the taxes involved declared valid and binding.

The decision means the expediting of a great amount of paving in Omaha this summer and will make it possible for a dozen or more streets to be paved during July instead of August, providing that the property owners are prompt in signing, acknowledging and filing petitions designating material, after bids are received and duly advertised.

Month's Delay Obviated.

It will not now be necessary for this city to hold back a full month before awarding the contracts and giving the contractor orders to proceed. If the petition comes in one day after the proper advertising and is a perfect petition the contracts can be signed up immediately and as much time saved.

City Attorney Breen said: "The decision settles that if a majority petition, properly signed, designating material, is filed in less than thirty days the council can have the contract and bond executed and order the contractor to begin work without waiting for the full time to expire."

The case was handled and pressed to its successful conclusion by Assistant City Attorney Herdman, who says that, besides putting a better tinge on paving operations for 1904, the decision will save dispute in a large amount of special taxes, including those for the new paving on North Sixteenth street, which have been threatened with litigation inspired by disgruntled and unsuccessful contractors, on the very pretext that is now wiped out and done away with.

WAYS OF YOUNG AMERICAS

Little Gamin Wipes Dirt on His Face to Keep Clothes Clean.

They were two of the world's happy people and the sun was shining for them all day long. The older lad was bare-headed and dressed for rough and tumble play; the younger, about a foot and a half high, was rigged out in a clean overall suit with a saucer cap to match. He had all the appearance of Young America, that even a devil-wagon couldn't frighten. He was pitcher in the ball game, but instead of wiping his grimy paws on his clothes he wiped them on his face.

"What yeh smearin' yer face fer?" asked the older lad.

"Cause ma sed not t' get these clothes dirty, that's why," retorted the embryo slab artist as he squared away to toss in a hot one. Then as he settled back into position he piped, "Look out now, Tom; I'm gain' to soak you in the eyeball." And if Tom hadn't dodged he would have stopped the ball with his head. But he only smiled and threw it back and the game went on, the sun-browned little face getting dirtier with every ball pitched.

BONDS MAY NOW BE ISSUED

South Omaha Able to Proceed with City Hall Securities Under Sears' Decision.

Judge Sears has rendered a decision which will have the practical effect of allowing the mayor and council of South Omaha to go ahead with their plan to issue bonds for the building of a new city hall and the acquiring of land for park purposes.

The court denies the injunction prayed for by Magdalena Pivonka to prevent the issuance and sale of the bonds voted at a special election held April 3. The bonds voted and which will now be issued and sold will be in the amount of $70,000 for a city hall and $40,000 for park purposes.

This is the second attempt of South Omaha within a year to sell bonds for the purposes specified. At the general election the bonds were voted, but in an injunction proceeding Judge Sears found there were irregularities which nullified the election and the vote. At that time he granted an injunction; hence the special election this spring.

DONAHUE GOES TO MEETING

Chief of Police Will Attend Officers' Convention at the National Capital.

Chief of Police Donahue left Friday for Washington, D. C., to attend the national meeting of the Chief of Police association, which convenes there May 23, 24 and 25. During his absence from the city the duties of his office are being looked after by Captain Mostyn. The chief probably will be gone for ten days.

The meeting of the association was to have been held at San Francisco, but owing to the removal of Chief Whitman of that place and other changes in the police department of the California city, it was thought best to change the meeting place.

Creighton to Meet South Dakota.

VERMILLION, S. D., May 20.—The debating team of Creighton university, Omaha, will meet a similar team from the United States university in this city next Thursday evening, May 25. The question for discussion is: "Resolved, That the History of Trade Unionism in the United States During the Last Twenty Years Shows a General Tendency Detrimental to the Best Interests of this Country." The university team is made up of the same members who defeated Brookings last week with the exception of Richard Lyons, who gives way to W. D. Shouse. The locals also have the same side of the question, the negative.

Former Postmaster Goes to Prison.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 20.—(Special.)—W. S. Ulrich, former postmaster at Ranchester, Wyo., and who has been employed on the street cars of Pueblo, Colo., for some time, this evening pleaded guilty in the United States court to raising a receipt from $101.57 to $171.57, and was sentenced by Judge Riner to serve one year and one day in the state penitentiary.

Machinery for Asphalt Plant.

The building, machinery and appliances of the municipal asphalt plant have arrived from Indianapolis and will be assembled and the plant made ready for use as soon as possible. Assistant City Engineer Craig thinks this will require about fifteen days. The foundations are already in place at Twelfth and Nicholas streets. Bids for a small steam roller, tools and supplies in the shape of materials will be opened by the city council May 29.

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD

THREE POWERFUL WORDS

Just say three little words to our bookkeeper and your home will be furnished complete in the twinkle of an eye. Three little words are all that is needed to give you a cosily, prettily, completely equipped home for you and your wife and the little ones. "I WANT CREDIT."

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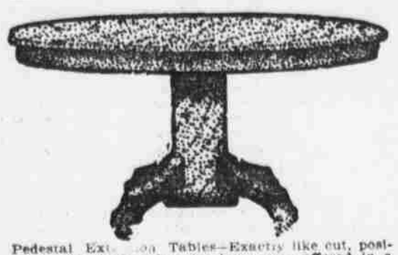

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Carpets, Rugs and Draperies

All Wool Ingrain Carpets, heavy weight regular 75c grade, special	59c
Brussels Rugs, 9x12, 1905 patterns, in choice colors, sell regularly for $23.50, special	15.75
Japanese Matting, cool and pleasant for summer use, 20c grade, special	19c
Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long, 60 inches wide, pretty patterns, $2.50 values, special	1.69
Ruffled Muslin Curtains for bedrooms, $1.00 values, special, per pair	59c
Hammocks—We carry a large line, on sale, upwards from	79c
Silver Plated Cream and Sugar Sets, guaranteed quadruple plate, the bowls are gold burnished, the design is neat; on sale Monday, for the set	39c

PRINCESS DRESSERS—(Similar to cut)—Golden finish, size of base is 38 inches, and a full swell design, the mirror is French bevel plate, the size is 18x30. The price we ask for this popular and up-to-date dresser is one-third less than the regular market value; special..... 11.50

$1.00 CASH—$2.00 PER MONTH.

Go-Carts

Like cut, rubber tired and tipped wheels, adjustable reclining back and foot, automatic brake, satin parasol and all the latest Heywood & Wakefield improvements; special— 12.50

Folding Go-Carts as low as..... 1.90

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THE PEOPLES FURNITURE AND CARPET CO.

Refrigerators

Sole agents for the renowned Gurney line. Have seven wall of mineral wool filling, adjustable sliding shelves, take-out ice chambers and many other valuable features not found in other refrigerators. For this week we offer a $10.00 refrigerator at..... 6.50

ARMY NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Fort Riley.

FORT RILEY, Kan., May 20.—(Special.)—Captain M. S. Murray, commissary, director of the training school for bakers and cooks, is conducting some interesting experiments with the scheme of baking beans and cooking stews and other food preparations by placing the condiments in crocks, heating them to the boiling point and then packing them in hay or ground cork, where the heat, retained by the packing, completes the cooking process. If the results of his experiments are satisfactory he will recommend to the commissary general that the process be adopted in the service at large. Captain Murray has already progressed far enough with his experiments to become convinced of the practicability of the process, having himself succeeded in perfectly cooking many dishes. He is continuing the experiments to determine the exact amount of time required to properly cook each different article of the army ration. He is also convinced that the plan could be readily adapted to household use, where the saving of fuel alone would amply justify its adoption.

Proposals for furnishing hay, coal, oats and bran, to supply this post during the next fiscal year, were opened by the quartermaster on Monday. The Wiggins Coal company of Indian Territory, submitted the lowest bid on coal. The bid of Ed Whitehair of Omaha was the lowest for 5,000 tons of hay and bedding, that of Thomas Dixon of Junction City for oats and on the 2,000,000 pounds of bran needed the lowest bid was made by Thomas Hogan of Junction City. Private W. Waters, a teamster employed in the quartermaster's department, while assisting a workman in felling a tree on the reservation Monday, slipped and fell, and to save himself caught hold of the tree just at the time and in the place where the workman's ax fell. The first two fingers of his left hand were severed. He was taken to the post hospital, where the wound was dressed.

First Lieutenant Charles C. Billingslea, medical department, has been granted leave of absence for two months, and, accompanied by Mrs. Billingslea and child, has gone to Westminster, Md., for a visit.

George Carson, late of Garrison Crossing, Kan., has been appointed station agent of the Union Pacific railroad here, and assumed the duties of the position Tuesday. Harry Gemeny, who has been acting agent for several weeks, left yesterday for Shawnee, Okl., where he has accepted a position in the local freight office of the Sante Fe railroad.

The Columbia Opera company appeared at the post theater Tuesday night in the comic opera, "Said Pasha." An audience of about 600 enjoyed the entertainment.

The troops of this command were paid Wednesday by Captain John M. Sigworth, paymaster.

Captains J. C. W. Brooks, William J. Snow, George W. Gatchell and W. S. McNair returned Wednesday evening from Rock Island arsenal, where they have been for about ten days witnessing the exemplification of the operation of the new field artillery armament.

George Farringhy, steward of the post exchange, is exhibiting a fine picture presented to him by Captain F. S. Armstrong, Ninth cavalry. It is a camp scene in the Blue mountains, photographed with a small camera and enlarged by Captain Armstrong by means of a device of his own invention.

Alonzo A. Gist, for the past six years a civilian clerk in the office of the post quartermaster, has tendered his resignation from the service, having accepted a more lucrative position as operator and night ticket agent for the Santa Fe railroad at Guthrie, Okl., where he went last week for a visit with friends.

Charles Ruffell, clerk in the office of the superintendent of transportation, has been transferred to the quartermaster's office, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Gist.

Road marches of about twenty-five miles each were made last week by the Sixth, Nineteenth and Twenty-fifth batteries of field artillery.

Colonel E. S. Godfrey, Ninth cavalry, commandant, has been elected commander of the Kansas commandery, Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Major John M. Banister, medical department, post surgeon, is recovering from a severe attack of sickness with which he was suddenly taken on Wednesday of last week.

Dr. Julius Miller of Snyder, Okl., who was here last week taking the examination for appointment to the medical corps of the army, was severely injured in the tornado at Snyder. Mrs. Miller was fatally injured, and their home and all their personal belongings were destroyed.

Pending the arrival of a chaplain with the Thirteenth cavalry squadron, chapel services are held at 10 a. m. Sunday under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian association by I. H. Masters, general secretary. The Sunday evening services of the association are being held at the gymnasium as usual.

Of the appropriation made by congress for the support of the United States service schools, $2,500 has been allotted to the school of application for cavalry and field artillery at Fort Riley, to be expended during the next fiscal year in the purchase of text books, books of reference, scientific and professional papers, instruments and materials, and for other necessary expenses of the school.

It has been found necessary to increase the facilities for blacksmithing at this post and the constructing quartermaster has been authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of a new shop 55x25 feet, to be built of stone.

While their barracks are undergoing repairs the Nineteenth battery, field artillery, is encamped on the old camp site at the foot of the artillery support. The mess hall and kitchen of the building are still being used by the battery.

Since the visit to this post of the chief of staff and his party last week new interest has been aroused here over the proposition to abolish the present organization of the field artillery and reorganize that arm of the service on the regimental plan, with the probable result of a material increase in this garrison. In the event of such action being taken by congress at its next session it is believed to be certain that an entire regiment of field artillery will be stationed at each of the posts of Fort Riley, Fort Sill and Fort Robinson, as it is well known that these reservations are the only ones in the country well fitted for the training of field artillery. The Fort Riley reservation, containing 20,000 acres of hills, valleys and level plains, forest and streams, is probably the most suitable of them all for this purpose, and it is expected that in the event of the proposed reorganization taking place this garrison will be increased by four batteries, five being now here, and nine being the number proposed for a regiment.

Captain W. C. Short, Thirteenth cavalry, instructor in equitation, will leave soon for a trip through Missouri in search for thirty unbroken horses which he will be authorized to purchase and ship to this post. The horses will be broken and trained under Captain Short's direction by the student officers forming the class in equitation, thus furnishing the students practical training in the principles taught. Such horses can be purchased much cheaper than trained horses, and when thoroughly broken the horses, much enhanced in value, will be turned over to the troops of cavalry for use.

Private Edward H. Marcus, Troop A Eleventh cavalry, was detailed Wednesday on extra duty as carpenter in the quartermaster's department.

The appointment of Herbert W. Morgan as a corporal in the Sixth battery, field artillery, was revoked on Tuesday for the good of the service.

Corporals Daniel Smith, Troop B, and Semon Negreto, band, Ninth cavalry, have been promoted to be sergeants.

Leave of absence for three days has been granted Second Lieutenant A. F. Casad, artillery corps.

Five unassigned recruits of the Ninth cavalry reported for duty here this week. Clarence H. Hart, John E. Moore and Albert M. Mitchell were assigned to Troop C and Rufus Oliver and James H. Billings to Troop A.

Private Charles E. Hammock, band, Ninth cavalry, has been made a corporal.

The Eleventh cavalry squadron, having completed its target practice, broke camp at the national rifle range today and returned to the cavalry subpost for duty. The first squadron of the Ninth cavalry was immediately sent out to go into camp at the same place, where the members will engage in target practice and drill.

State Secretary Andrew Baird of the Young Men's Christian association visited the post Thursday, inspecting the work of the local organization.

Fort Des Moines.

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—The officers and ladies of the post enjoyed a dance at the post hall last Saturday evening.

Captain Hardeman left on Sunday for Chicago with his daughter, Ruth, who will attend school in that city. The captain returned here on Monday evening.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Wirt of St. John's Lutheran church, Des Moines, preached an eloquent sermon at the post last Sunday evening. He was accompanied by the choir of his church, which rendered several excellent selections.

Colonel Thomas left on Monday evening for Chicago to resume the inspection and purchase of horses for the government.

Twenty recruits for the Eleventh horse arrived on Monday morning from New York, these bring the two squadrons stationed here nearly up to the authorized strength of sixty-five men each to a troop.

Forage Master Bennett was a visitor in St. Paul from Saturday to Monday of this week.

Lieutenant Cox has given up his rooms in Clayton hall and is "baching" with Lieutenant Davis in quarters No. 6.

Bishop James Davis of the Catholic diocese of Davenport accompanied by the Rev. Father Renehan of Keokuk were the guests of Chaplain Waring on Tuesday. Troop "G," under command of Captain Tompkins, entertained the visitors with a drill and exhibitions of rough and fancy riding.

The usual Wednesday evening entertainment, under the direction of our chaplain, was patronized by the largest audience yet. It consisted of sleight-of-hand tricks and singing by men of the garrison, accompanied by the volunteer string orchestra, which now numbers eleven pieces.

The noncommissioned staff and band have been distributed among the troops of the garrison for instruction in carbine firing in compliance with recent orders from the War department.

Lieutenant Davis has been relieved from duty as ordnance and signal officer and Captain Jones detailed in his stead.

Two fine horses arrived at the post yesterday, having been purchased by Colonel Thomas for his private use.

On Thursday morning the physicians and their wives, attending the state meeting of medical men in Des Moines, visited the post in a body as the guests of Major and Mrs. Deshon.

The Rev. W. H. Slingerland of Des Moines will preach at the post on the coming Sunday evening.

Fort Meade.

FORT MEADE, S. D., May 20.—(Special.)—Friday evening, May 12, Captain and Mrs. Cole entertained at dinner in honor of Miss Taylor. The other guests were Miss Sands, the Misses Hunter, Lieutenants Jones, Griffith, Strong and Carter.

The regular weekly officers' hop was held in the post hall on Friday evening and a most enjoyable time was spent by all.

Friday morning, May 12, Colonel William Stanton arrived from Fort Robinson, Neb., where he has been serving on a court martial. Mrs. Taylor of Pittsburg also arrived on Friday morning and was a guest of Captain and Mrs. Sands until Sunday, when she and her daughter returned to Pittsburg.

Saturday afternoon, May 13, Mrs. Helberg gave a tea in honor of Miss Taylor.

Saturday afternoon a rather one-sided game of base ball was played, when A troop defeated B troop with a score of 26 to 7.

Sunday morning, May 14, C and D troops played a very interesting game of ball and C was successful in winning, with a score of 12 to 2.

Sunday afternoon G troop and H troop played and the score was 8 to 5 in favor of H troop.

Captain and Mrs. Lott returned to the post on Sunday evening from Fort Robinson, Neb., where Captain Lott has been on court martial duty.

The Ladies Afternoon Card club met on Tuesday, May 16, with Mrs. Freeland. The prizes were won by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Hunter.

E troop succeeded in defeating F troop at base ball on Wednesday afternoon, with a score of 13 to 10.

On Thursday, May 18, Mrs. Cole gave a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Stryker, who is visiting her son, Lieutenant G. L. Stryker. The other guests were Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Sands and Mrs. Biddle.

Fort Crook.

FORT CROOK, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)—Chaplain H. P. Silver, Thirtieth infantry, returned to the post on May 18 from four days' leave of absence at Minneapolis. At the banquet of the Minnesota Church club, held in Minneapolis on May 15, Chaplain Silver delivered an interesting and stirring lecture on "The American Problem in the Far East." On May 16 the chaplain delivered a stereopticon lecture on the Philippines, China and Japan, and at Gethsemane parish house on May 17 he delivered a lecture on the same subjects, together with stereopticon views of the various countries lectured on.

First Lieutenant James P. Drouillard, Thirtieth infantry, has been granted a ten days' leave of absence and left the post this date for his home in Nashville, Tenn., where his mother is dangerously ill. During the absence of Lieutenant Drouillard from the post Second Lieutenant Townsend Whelen, Thirtieth infantry, will take command of Company D.

A special train, hired for the occasion, took nearly all the officers and women to Omaha for the purpose of attending General Wint's reception, which was held at the Paxton hotel on the 17th inst. The Thirtieth Infantry orchestra accompanied the officers and furnished the music during the reception.

A competitive inspection between Companies B and K, Thirtieth infantry, will be held on Saturday, May 27.

The departure of the First battalion, Thirtieth infantry, for the target range at Fort Des Moines, Ia., which was to take place on Monday, the 22d inst., is indefinitely postponed, information having been received that owing to the recent heavy rains there is no probability of the target range being ready before July 1.

First Lieutenant Lindsey P. Rucker, battalion adjutant, Thirtieth infantry, has been confined to his quarters since May 16, suffering from a severe cold.

The following promotions have been made in the companies of the Thirtieth infantry during the past week: Private John Lipinsky, band, to be corporal; Corporal Clarence H. Coutu, promoted; Private Edward E. Zimmer, Company I, to be corporal, vice McGhee, reduced.

General Wint, commanding the Department of the Missouri, accompanied by First Lieutenant C. C. Allen, Thirtieth infantry, aide-de-camp, arrived at the post at 9:30 a. m. on Monday, May 15, for the purpose of making his annual inspection. On the general's arrival he was met by Colonel Pratt, Thirtieth infantry, post commander, and his staff. The band and First battalion, Thirtieth infantry, under the command of Major G. R. Cecil, battalion commander, marched to the railroad station and acted as escort of honor to the commanding general. A salute of eleven guns was fired by the guard under the direction of Second Lieutenant Homer E. Lewis, Thirtieth infantry, the post ordnance officer. The general made a minute inspection of the command in the forenoon and in the afternoon inspected the quartermaster's storehouses, commissary department, ordnance and signal corps departments, bakery and the new swimming pool. At 3:30 p. m. the general met the officers of the garrison at the home of Colonel and Mrs. Pratt. The general and his aide left on the 4:27 train for Omaha.

FOUR BILLS ARE RETURNED

Indictments Brought by Grand Jury that is Investigating Beef Trust Case.

Only two or three witnesses were examined before the federal grand jury Saturday morning in the Beef trust matter. They were commission salesmen from South Omaha. Most of the time of the jury was occupied in the examination into one or two postoffice cases, one of them being for the misappropriation of a money order that fell into the hands of a party other than to whom it was lawfully addressed.

The grand jury returned four more indictments, three for violations of the postal laws and a second indictment against Morris Bass for using the mails for purposes to defraud.

Bass is the party who solicited consignments of goods to fictitious addresses here in Omaha last fall and then disposed of the goods. He was finally traced to Cincinnati, where he was arrested and bound over to the grand jury for the Nebraska federal district court.

The other three indictments are against parties who are not yet under arrest or bond and hence their names are suppressed for obvious reasons.

The grand jury adjourned at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon until Monday morning, when the Beef trust investigations will be resumed. In the meanwhile transcripts of the testimony already taken have been sent to Chicago for the information of United States District Attorney Morrison there.

CUSTOMER GETS THE MONEY

Stranger Beats Cuming Street Grocer Out of Twelve Dollars in Cash.

Myers Brothers, who conduct a grocery store and meat market at 2211 Cuming street, are lamenting the loss of $12, which got away from them as the result of misplaced confidence. A well dressed stranger entered their store at 1:45 p. m. Friday and ordered a bill of goods, representing himself as the purchasing agent for the Missouri Pacific dining car system. The bill which the stranger ordered consisted of meats and various kinds of other dining car necessities, the man telling the proprietor that he would return shortly and settle for the bill. However, before he had left the store he told the clerk that he was short of money and displayed a checkbook with several check stubs left. He said he needed the $12 to do some other purchasing and would get it and return immediately and settle the bill. The accommodating grocers gave the man the money which he asked for, and that is the last that has been seen of the alleged dining car purchasing agent. The proprietors of the store have notified the police and have given a good description of the man, and it is hoped he will be found before he succeeds in landing another victim.