STUBBS TO PLEAD GUILTY

Report Former askier of Light Company Will Admit Embezzlement.

EFFORT OF FRIENDS TO RAISE MONEY FAILS

Case Winds Up Criminal Docket for the Term, Continuances Having Reen Granted to Others on Trial Calendar.

David Stubbs, indicted on the charge of embezziement of over \$1.80 from the Citi- against the wall with such force as to zens' Gas & Electric company by which he cause a fracture of the skull at the base pected to enter a plea of guilty in district lying in a pool of blood from a deep gash court today. His case is the only one left in thes calp. He was taken to the railway on the criminal docket for this term and physician's office, where everything possitorney Hess is to the effect that Stubbs never regained consciousness since the achas decided to plead guilty, Judge Green tiris case. It was reported last evening that County Attorney Hess had in his car having been wedged under the entire possession a written confession from Stubbs, but this could not be confirmed. Efforts by friends of Stubbs to raise the amount of his defalcation failed.

The case against Art and Bert D. son, indicted on the charge of holding up and robbling Tony Whitmore, was liminissed esterday on motion of County Actorney Hess, who decided that the evidence against the two defendants was insufficient to convict. Following the hold-up Whitmore stated to a number of people that owing to the darkness he would be unable to identify the men who robbed him, but a few days later the Dalsons were arrested charged with holding up and robbing Engineer Mikesell. When searched at the city jail one of the robbers was lound to be wearing Whitmore's watch. The possession of the watch, however, County Attorney Hess held, was not sufficient evi- J. C. Cutler; secretary, Mrs. J. Cutler;

The case against A. Kaplan, charged with embezzlement of nearly \$2,000 from the Groneweg & Schoenigen wholesafe grocery Clyde Miller, charged with appropriating east of Des Moines. to his own use part of the proceeds of a Fourth of July celebration at Ascot. Ia., and S. P. Mathiason, charged with passing a number of forged checks in this city. The retrial of Leon Lozier and Ed. Moore, charged with conspiracy in connection with the fake foot races at Webb City, Mo., goes over owing to the defendants having filed a petition for a rehearing before the supreme court.

William Saltzman, who was indicted on yesterday and was fined \$10 and costs, which he paid.

H. C. Bell, against whom the two indictments were returned for the theft of rallroad tickets from the depot office of the Rock Island Railroad company, falled to put in an appearance when his case was called in district court yesterday. This was not information that the young man was likely to slip his bail. His bond of \$800, furnished by Banker Butterfield of Hamburg, Ia., was declared forfeited. It is understood that Butterfield's bank was indemnified by the young man's mother.

menter Gorge I. Wilki son of the action of the mayor and city council on a certain matter. It was stated last evening that Wilkinson would likely rake an appeal to the supreme court in the event of not securing a new trial.

The case of County Treasurer Consigny against H. B. Knowles, guardian of Lamont Orr. a tax ferret suit, was finally submitted to the court and taken under advisement by Judge Green.

LITTLE CHILD TERRIBLY BURNED Small Brother Starts to Warm Its Feet

with a Match. The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, 2025 Avenue C, was terribly and possibly fatally burned Monday afternoon. The child with her 4-year-old brother were alone in the house for a short time while the mother went across the street to visit a neighbor. The little girl complained of her feet being cold and her small brother applied a match to them to warm them. The child's clothing caught fire and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. The child's sereams called the mother hastily back, but little one was terribly burned almost wer the entire body before the mother succeeded in tearing off the burning clothing. Mrs. Lavis' hands were badly burned. The child was taken to the General hospital, but was yesterday taken home by the parents The outcome of the child's injuries cannot be ascertained for a few days.

lova Selects Debaters.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 19.-(Special Tele gram.)-The annual debate between the Irving and Zetegathian literary societies to determine the team which will meet Minneseta in February was won by Zetegathian on the negative. The question under discussion involved the adoption of a policy on the part of the United States of establishing a fiscal protectorate over such South American republics as fall to meet which a large number of members and viscous were present. Refreshments were was composed of Will Riley, Burlington; Waiter Meyers, Westbranch; C. Barwood, Clarion. The Zetegathlan team was composed of R. Cleveland, Cedar Falls; W. Brinton, lowa City; Ray Files, lowa City.

lee Gorge Raises River.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 19.-(Special Telegram.)-Water in the Des Moines river mised eighteen inches last night and is still rising, due to an ice gorge formed near the town of Kalo which extends to this city. A week ago people living at Kalo noticed cakes of ice floating in the river forming a small gorge. As mild weather continued i fiore cakes and debris came down stream intil the gorge now covers a distance of five or six niles. As long as the weather continues mild the gorge will continue to in crease in length and the stage of water in height. No damage has been done so far by

CHICAGO, Dec. 19,-F. E. Scoville, said to se a wealthy stockman living near Cariste, la., was found dead today in a room of the Teutonic hotel at 137 Canal street. The room was filled with gas which had escaped from an open jet. It is believed that death was due to an accident.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 19 .- (Special.) -- The annual meeting of the Southeastern Iowa 'eachers' association will be held at Otmwa on April 5. The date was set by he executive committee, constating of S. atevenson of this city, P. A. McMillen

yet. Among the men who have already consented to appear are F. X. Schoonmaker, formerly Associated Press correspondent in China: Senator Cullom of Illinois and Rev. William R. Quayle of Chicago.

CONDUCTOR IS FATALLY INJURED

Harry Atkinson of Northwestern In Collisiono at Amess. AMES, Ia., Dec. 18.-(Special.)-Harry

Atkinson, a conductor on the Northwestera branch from Des Moines to Jewell Junction, and whose home is in Des Moines, was fatally injured in a wreck here yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Atkinson's train was backing into the yards when a coal car, which was being switched onto a side track, collided. Atthe caboose, and when the collision occurred his head was undobtedly bumped cident, and if he should recover it will yesterday ordered the petit jury held for be a surprise to the attending physician. The two cars are a total wreck, the coal length of the caboose. The brakeman saw what was going to happen, jumped from the back end of the caboose and gave the switch engine crew a signal to stop, but found that he was on the opposite side from which they were working.

Election in Eastern Star.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 19 .- (Special.)-The Valley Chapter No. 25, Order of the Eastern Star, has elected the following officers: W. M., Mrs. R. C. Hills; A. M. Mrs. J. W. Myers; W. P., George W. Burbank; secretary, Mrs. Emma H. Russell; treasurer, Mrs. A. Edgecomb.

Eastern Star Elects. MODALE, In., Dec. 19.-(Special.)-The Order of the Eastern Star has elected the following officers: W. M., Mrs. J. Townsend; A. M., Mrs. W. A. Smith; W. P. treasurer, Mrs. Rowen.

Iowa Bank Robbed. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.-The safe of company, was continued on application of the state bank of Udeil in Appanoose county the defendant until the next term. Con- was blown open last evening by robbers tinuances were also granted in the cases of and \$600 taken. Udeil is sixty miles south-

> AFTER GANG OF HORSETHIEVES Vigilance Committee of Fairfax, S. D.,

Secures Cronfession from Two Halfbreeds at End of Rope.

BONESTEEL, S. D., Dec. 19.-Last night Deputy Sheriff Wood of Dixon arrested Sam Crazy Bull and Will Jones, two half breed Indians, at Dixon about fifty miles the charge of receiving part of the lead northwest of Bonesteel in the Bull Creek bars stolen from the Illinois Central freight country, charged with horse stealing. While cars in this city, entered a plca of guilty taking his prisoners to Fairfax, the county seat of the county, he was overtaken by a party of masked men who took the prisoners from the officer and by threat of lynching induced them to make a confession, which is sald to involve some prominent people in that part of the country. The two men were then returned to the officer and are now in jail at Fairfax. The unlooked for as the county attorney had settlers are now in hopes that they will soon break up a desperate gang of horse thieves which have terrorized the settlers for a long time.

Criminal Court at Sturgis. STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 19 .- (Special Telerram.)—The Meade county circuit court was program. Neola, who is also publisher and editor of in session here yesterday and today. Judge the Neola Gazette, was yesterday awarded McGee of Pennington county presided. in the district court \$40 damages against Jerry Crowley was tried and convicted twice Fred Foss, mayor of that town, in his suit of grand larceny, first by Judge Rice, secfor \$5,000 for alleged assault. The jury was ond by Judge McGee and granted new trial out only about twenty minutes. The as- by latter. Sam Booth, a soldier charged with sault, it was claimed, resulted from Foss obtaining money under false pretenses, was taking exception to a criticism by Wilkin- convicted and sentenced to ten months in the state penitentiary. Court adjourned this afternoon till January 26, when the gambling cases will come up.

Yankton Man Injured.

YANKTON, Dec. 19.-(Special.)-A most serious accident has befallen John T. Coxhead of this city, a maker of church furniture. He caught his sleeve in a handsaw, which penetrated at once into the bone of the left forearm, fearfully lacerating the nerve centers and muscles. It is feared paralysis of the arm from the cut to the hand may result.

Leather Purses-Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

Greeks Form Society. At a meeting of the Greek letter societ men at the Commercial club rooms Tuesday night about fifty were present to form a social organization. The announcement made that this was to be a dancing club is wrong, according to some of the members present, as the organization is formed to promote a better acquaintance among the college men of the city. While desired

to promote a better acquaintance among the college men of the city. While dancing may be indulged in by the club, there will be banquets and smokers besides.

The officers elected for the first year were E. C. Page, president; H. S. Byrne, vice president; J. W. Battin, treasurer, and A V. Shotwell, secretary.

The next meeting of the club will be in the nature of a smoker, to be held in the banquet room over O'Brien's cafe.

Signet Rings-Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

Insurence Agent Arrested.

On complaint of Van B. Lady, Claudio S. De Pass was arrested Tuesday morning by Deputy Sheriff Cunningham, who took the prisoner to the city jail. De Pass was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. He will have a hearing in police court Wednesday morning it is a placed. rt Wednesday morning. It is alleged Pass secured 500 from Mr. Lady through alse representations made regarding ain business secured for the New Life Insurance company.

Carpenters' Inion Smoker. which a large number of members and vis-itors were present. Refreshments were served and a fine musical program was en-joyed by the gathering. T. W. McCullough was the speaker of the evening. He dis-cussed the economical phase of the labor

"Spud" Farrish Growing Weaker. Word comes from Virginia that "Spud" Farrish is gradually growing weaker and that the end in all probability is not far off. Gorham Leather Goods-Edbolm, jeweler,

economical phase of the labo

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

John J. Cameron of Herman is at the Ar W. H. Grassmeyer of Kearney is a guest At the Paxton: G. B. Tyler and Claus

Frahm of Hastings. Charles E. Williamson is in Chicago atending the stock show. W. A. Birdsail, Chadron, is a prominent stockman at the Arcade.

Ed A. Ayres, James lizer, Fairbury; J. M. Aldrup, Meirs, S. D., are at the Arcade William H. Penn of Dcs Moines, superin-tendent of the rallway mail service, is a the Arcade

At the Rer Grand: T. P. Harrison, Lin-coln; Mrs. C. Abbott, Schuyler: T. M. Per-rey, Wood River. Henry Rabler, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rabler, slight W. E. Acher, Wahoo, lodged fast light at the Millard.

William Davidson, Gresham; R. B. Fields, fremont: Ino Launam, George Urban, fenry Bechoff, Palmyra; Hans Piler, A. J. and J. B. Reshit, Gretna, are at the Murray J. I. Lamb. Genoa; A. P. Cully. Loup City; N. E. Zehr. Chappell; W. R. Engle, Johnson: J. E. Martin, Chapman, J. F. Rog-ers, Ord; O. L. Wilson, Rushville, are Ne-braskans at the Merchants.

Finest Quality Brooches-Edholm, jeweler

P. E. Iler Wants Sewer Up Toward Sheeley Town Extended.

THREATENS TO BRING AN INJUNCTION Seven Cases Reported and Suspect

Proposition Does Not Seem Much Payor with Friends of the Sewer Project.

There seems to be some trouble ahead for the sewer proposition that was thought to have been amicably settled at the big mass kinson was standing on the platform of pears that P. E. Her, who is the owner of Cuming streets. A small boy saw the men considerable property up toward Sheeleytown, is anxious that the proposed sewer be extended northward, from its present was within call and chased the men for was formerly employed as cashier, is ex- of the brain. When picked up he was also necessitate some change in the boulevard in that vicinity. The Her proposition of them in jail. does not seen to strike the friends of the sewer with any very pronounced enthusiwhile information received by County At- ple is being done to save his life. He has asm, but Mr. Her is insistent and threatens mitted at the next meeting of the committee of eighteen.

Ford and Maher Deny Charge. Mike Ford and James P. Maher were ar afternoon on the joint triple charge of felonious assault, robbery and shooting with intent to wound one Leo Roemer, a saloon-Q streets. The accused pleaded not guilty his long meat, sor." and their cases were continued to 2 p. m.

Interest Money is Now Duc. E. I. Howe, city treasurer, has notified the city council that interest moneys amounting to \$5,921.60 on bonds, etc., is now due and payable at the fiscal agency in New York City.

Loss from Collision T. G. Rice, an oil merchant, is short about \$200 because of a collision with Dr. Schindell's automobile last Friday. The approach of the automobile frightened his team and in the windup the wagon was badly wrecked and one of his horses sustained a broken leg, which necessitated its being shot. Mr. Rice does not blame the automobilist for the accident.

Promotion for Duff. John A. Duff, connected with the tele phone company here for a yeaf and a half, has been promoted to the position of wire chief of the same company at Blair. Mr. Duff departed for Blair Tucsday with his cousehold effects and family, and will make his home there for the future.

City Refunding Bonds. each, for refunding the city indebtedness cent and will take up the old \$70,000 funding bonds, which carried 6 per cent. The bonds mature November 1, 1925.

Mrs. Towne Speaks.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 a special program will be rendered at the auditorium to which patrons and friends of the high school are cordially invited. The occasion is the presentation of a number of beautipictures by the Latin department to the school which have been purchased with the proceeds of the entertainment given by the department last spring. One of the special features of the program is an address by Mrs. Dr. Towne of Omaha, who speaker. It is hoped there will be a goodly attendance of patrons and friends at this

Magie City Gossip. A majority of the property owners of abutting property on both sides of F street from Twenty-sixth west to the Union Pa-cific tracks have petitioned the county to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Abbott have returned rom a visit with friends in Chicago.

Macic City Kings' Daughters will meet with Mrs. Taylor, Twenty-seventh and A streets, Thursday afternoon. Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Sisson were called to York, Neb., Tuesday by the death of their granddaughter. Frances Elizabeth

Sisson. The funeral will be held at Tork Wednesday morning from the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Sisson. Charles McGraw was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail Tuesday by Judge King on a charge of vagrancy.

Mrs. Dora Cunningham and Mrs. Irma Blessing were fined \$2 and costs each by Judge King for assault. The affair was the outgrowth of a neighborhood row.

Banner court No. 75, Tribe of Ben Hur, will hold the annual election of officers Wednesday night at Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall. Twenty-fourth and M streets. It is hoped that all members will

CONNELL CAUSES SMILES Attorney Tickles the Risibles of the

Court and Jurors in Trint.

"These juggernaut cars," "snawfoors" and other peculiar attachments and idiosyncrasies of automobiles came in for some biting sarcasm at the hands of Attorney W. J. Connell in Judge Redick's court Tuesday morning. The occasion was the suit of the Powell Automobile company against the street railway company for \$1,500 for damages alleged to have been done to a motor vehicle a couple of months

Picturing to the jury the scene of the accident, the attorney for the automobile company had described it as being at the junction of Thirtieth street and Redick avenue, and had said the tracks of the street railway company were elevated unduly. Mr. Connell said Redick avenue at that point did not come up to its name.

"It is not an avenue or street in the accepted sense of those terms," he said, but just a rabbit track, leading into what looks like a howling wilderness." Judge Redick was forced to smile when

Mr. Connell described the avenue bearing the family name and the jurors and spectators felt a few snickers chasing through their funny bones when Connell got to discussing the gasoline expresses and their

In the car at the time of the accident were C. E. Perkins, chairman of the board woman. None of the occupants was hurt.

WHAT CAN A POOR MAN DO? Hennings Finds Himself Up Against a Proposition Hard for Him to Solve.

"Oh, my goodness, what is a man to do?" This is the query City Treasurer Henings propounded to himself and to his visitors continually Tuesday morning in discussing the action of the school board Monday night in not accepting the bond of County Treasurer Fink, but in concluding to hold on to the city treasurer until

May 28. "Some of them want me to get out and some of them want me to stay, and now they say I have to keep on as treasurer of the school district. It is a strange position and I don't know what to do nor what

of Grinnell and A. W. Steward of Ottumwa. AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA extra cost to the district, Mr. Hennings fine program will not be issued for some who had a hold on the bear's tail. He has about concluded, however, to await de

velopments. HARD NIGHT FOR THIEVES

Landed in Jail in Each

There were no less than seven cases of Des Moines, were detected in taking some horse blankets from the grocery team bemeeting of last Thursday night. It ap- longing to C. P. Wesin, at Twentieth and making way with the blankets and warne i Mr. Wesin. Fortunately Officer Sheperd proposed terminus to F street, which may several blocks. He overtook them and with the aid of Officer Lesch safely landed all

The next was the case of John Kelly, who appropriated several links of sausage from the shop at Tenth and Capitol avenue to enjoin the construction of the sewer un. The man in charge, whose name was Felix, less his conditions are compiled with. He saw the lengths of bologna in the man's will have blue prints prepared to be sub- hands and set out in pursuit. Kelly took a course that brought him toward the jail. The lusty cries of Felix were heard by Turnkey Ring, who hurried out and encircled the unlucky Kelly. Kelly, as soon raigned before Police Judge King Tuesday as he saw that the case was hopeless, proceeded to encircle as much of the tempting bologna as he could before the bars claimed him. He said: "Ol didn't think a-tall, sor, ist, on Sunday night, at Twenty-fourth and that de gintlemon 'ud miss a strip or two ov

> Then came George Reame of Chicago who is wanted in Council Bluffs on a charge of stealing a bicycle and a monkey wrench. He brought the wheel to this side of the 'Muddy," where he offered to sell it for 50 cents. He is said to have confessed this theft. He had \$1.56 in his pockets when he was searched. There were 56 cents, varying from old black ones to the new ones with bright Indian heads. When questioned he said he always exchanged all the nickels and dimes he got for cents, "so as to have more money." The officers think it is the result of a raid on a Salvation Army col-

Phrona Smith was arrested for shoplifting in one of the large department stores. She was detected by one of the special officers. The last was the capture of Frank Hanley, who took a watch and \$2 from the peckets of Hans Peterson, a Norwegian boy. He met Peterson on the street and begged for a dime. Peterson gave him 5 cents for which Hanley pretended to be very grateful and patted him on the back, meanwhile taking the watch and the money. Peterson discovered his loss too quickly and Hanley was caught. At the seventy bonds, representing \$1.000 fall the watch was found in his trousers' leg where he had shoved it, hoping it would have been received at the city clerk's of- be overlooked. The police were glad to get fice for signature. The bonds are 4% per a clear case against Hanley for he is an old and elusive offender. It is believed in this case of larceny from the person that he will get a long sentence. Others of those arrested are suspected of much more serious crimes than those committed last

> REAL GOOD JOKE, THAT WAS Two Men Play Hold-Up for Fun and Both Are Given a Severe Benting.

An opera bouffe hold-up resulted seriously Monday evening at Thirtieth street and is an authority on art and a pleasing Ames avenue, one of the victims sustaining hold-ups were pummelled badly and some Wagnalls are the publishers. of the victims more or less bruised. The affair was generally reported as occurring at the saloon of W. J. Cusick, 4506 North nied Tuesday morning that it did.

to be real hold-up men, but who were

It was reported from several source thing. The report is several patrons of the Little, Brown & Company. Cusick saloon have been boasting recently of their bravery in the event of meeting hold-up men. To put the men on their metal Cusick is said to have taken two soldier patrons of his place into confidence Monday evening, the result being the soldiers disguised themselves as real ranked bandits, one entering the front door and the other the rear at the same time, which was about 9 o'clock.

Ten men instantly were lined up to the this point that Besen broke ranks and ran out of the rear door, stumbling in his haste and sustaining the injuries mentioned.

When it came to making the victims of the joke give up their valuables one of the soldiers was stricken with cold feet and unmasked himself. His companion then threw his revolver on the floor and a stampede followed.

The soldier holdup men were badly beaten up and had it not been for some of the cooler heads would have been more seriously dealt with, so the report was given

One of the soldiers is named Clinger, but the companion's name could not be learned. Clinger's eyes were blackened and his nose distigured.

The matter was not reported to the police except through an indirect source. The affair was the subject of general comment on Ames avenue Tuesday morn

BAUGHMAN HAS HIS TRIAL Man Charged with Robbing Minister Says Even Circumstantial Evidence is Insufficient.

Cleveland Baughman, arrested last week on suspicion of having been implicated in the robbery of Rev. G. P. Larsen at the Murray hotel, was tried in police court Tuesday morning. The defense was that even the circumstantial evidence offered of directors of the Chicago, Burlington & against Baughman was not convincing. Quincy, together with another man and a Judge Berka will pass on the case Wednes day morning.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The business meeting of the Visiting Nurses' association will be held Thursday at 4 o'clock in the Paxton hotel. Rev. Philip Davidson, who has received a call to the office of dean of the cathedra in Salina, Kan., has declined the call at the urgent request of the vestry and congregation of St. Matthias' church. The body of John May, who was found

dead in a bunk of the car accommodating the repair crew of the Union Pacific, was received by Coroner Brailey from Eikhorn yesterday evening. Mr. May had sons in this city who have arranged that he be buried here. F. E. Ensminger, formerly an electrician of this city, where he worked for the electric light company, died in Denver Sunday, He will be buried here today at 2 p. in from the Tenth Street Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Ensminger was a Modern Woodman and he will be buried under the honors of his fraternal order.

CURRENT LITERATURE.

'Frances and the Irrepressibles at Buent Vesta Farm," by Frances Crego Montgomery, author of "Christmas with Santa " shows a decided advancement of the author. Frances one of the lovable children of today, goes with her brother and sisters to a large and beautiful summer home or farm on Lake De Neven, six petit larceny last night, in all of which the miles from Fon du Lac. Wis. The farm suspect was caught. The first case devel- is the rendezvous of children from many oped about i p. m. W. C. Meihart, 938 North large cities, who come here to enjoy free-Seventeenth street: Fred Campbell, 104 dom and the hospitality of three very kind South Twenty-third, and William Pahey, and devoted elderly ladies. The book is full of the pranks and tricks of a happy band; one minute you laugh, the next wait to know the consequences. It thrills a grown person as much as a child, for it takes you from the swings, caves and lake, with the children as Indians, to the picnic, auto rides and home theatricals. The photograph lilustrations are many and beautiful, making the book one that any child would be pleased to own. The Saalfied Publishing ompany are the publishers.

> A volume which should appeal strongly to overs of Dickens, especially, is the holiday edition of "A Christmas Carol and the Cricket on the Hearth," from the press of the Baker & Taylor Company. Mr. George Alfred Williams has furnished the illustrations and decorations, which seem to illustrate the spirit of the text in a very comprehensive manner; nine of these are done in pen and ink while the frontispiece is in colors and represents Old Scrooge playing horse for little Tim on the return from church. The book is printed on heavy paper in clear type, which will make it a delight for the old lovers of Dickens as well as the younger admirers.

> "Sidney: Her Summer on the St. Law rence." Here Anna Chapin Ray, author of the "Teddie" books, introduces Sidney with an entirely new set of characters. Sidney Stayres is one of the true, earnest, and doing girls. Her openness of character, free and active thought is that which we all like to meet

> The story is laid in Canada, where Sidney and her cousins meet for the first time; she brings home life shared alike in anxiety and in happiness to the life of reticence and reservation. The little love story throughout is one full of animation and fortitude, such as one can easily draw out and realize as a truth. The illustrations are by Alice Barber Stephens. Little, Brown & Company are the publishers.

Probably most persons, even those ac quainted with the intricacles of English pronunciation, have been pronouncing just as it is spelled the name of Mrs. Humphry Ward's latest hero, John Fenwick, in "Fenwick's Career," now running in The Century. But the ears of the true Britisher would be greatly offended by such Philist dam-the artist's name should be pronounced as if there were no "w" in it-

In a holiday cover of yellow, decorated with cream roses, green leaves and some small outline heads representing characters from "Alice in Wonderland." the "Lewis Carroll Birthday Book" is one of the seasonable offerings. It is a small sized book containing on its introductory pages the representative flower for each month and the birth stopes. The selections for each day have been made from "Alice in Wonderland," by Christine Terhune Herrick. whose name is sufficient assurance for the merit of the selections. Each page has a marginal border of purple and the whole a broken leg while both of the would-be forms a seasonable gift book. Funk &

In her book entitled "Boys Who Became Famous Men," Harriet Pearl Skinner re-Thirtieth street, although Mr. Cusick de- lates in a most delightful style incidents of the childhood of eight celebrated men-Charles T. Besen of 2709 Douglas street, poets, artists and musicians-including derk at the store of K. P. Sellgren, 4502 Glotto, Bach, Byron, Gainsborough, Handel, North Thirtleth street, broke his left leg Coleridge, Canova and Chopin. The stories in two places while trying to make his are supposed to be founded on true inciescape from whom he believed at the time dents in the lives of each, which makes it of value biographically, but the stories are only perpetrating a practical joke of the told in such an interesting manner that they are enjoyable as fiction, and will be appreciated by the older people as well the that the mock hold-up could not have been younger. The book is illustrated by Sears much more dramatic had it been the real Gallagher and comes from the press of

Men and Women for December is resplendent in holiday garb, presenting a variety of material and a wealth of Illustration that can hardly fall to interest and instruct young and old. A family magazine distinctively, it aims to enlighten and elevate by contributions from eminent writers on current topics, descriptive articles, fiction, poetry, and on matters pertaining to home life. The Christmas numwall at the point of revolvers. It was at ber leaves little to be desired in quality, quantity and attractiveness. Women" Publishing company, Cincinnati.

Mr. William LeQuex, whose writings are perhaps the best examples of what may be termed the present-day historical novel, has just passed from the press a stirring story dealing with the political intrigues of Russia in her late attempts to obtain mastery among the European nations. "The Czar's Spy" deals with that side of Russia's nethods which have always been considered her strongest side, and which has obtained for her so unenviable a reputation in subterranean diplomacy. Russia's inhuman treatment of Finland and the cruelties of the governor whose assassination excited such a sensation last year, are vividly and realistically exposed. The book, which is of unusual interest, is published by the Smart Set Publishing company.

The story of Christmas is told in sixteen page plates in Donahoe's Maguzine. These beautiful reproductions of paintings of the nativity by famous artists form a valuable collection. The written features emphasize the holiday tone of the number. Captain Jack Crawford collaborates in a paper On descriptive of life in the Klondike, when the gold craze was at its height and pays deserved tribute to the noble work of the. Co late Father Judge, S. J., among the miners when famine and fever were rife. The edition is profusely illustrated and from cover to cover is worthy of the holiday season.

"Queen Zixi of Ix."-Suppose that fairles, to please a passing fancy, wove a cloak of wondrous beauty, whose magic power would grant each possessor one wish. Suppose that a little peasant lad, by the unexpected working of a dead law suddenly revived, became king of the great realm of Noland, his will absolute and supreme Suppose that his young sister was the firs possessor of the magic cloak, which, passed lightly from hand to hand-most persons ignorant of its powers-granted child and counselor alike one wish, wise or foolishtill the fairy garment was stolen. Suppose that a strange race, the Rolyrogues, suddealy descended upon Noland, and only h this extremity was the theft of the magic cloak discovered. All very improbable, of course; but can you not imagine the queer, ridiculous, perplexing developments possible in "Queen Zix! of Ix"? The success of tion and I don't know what to do nor what to say. What would you do?"

Treasurer Hennings expected to resign the first of the year, and as the school board will not release his bondsmen unless the bond company will agree to insert the name of Fink instead of Hennings without

honors of his fraternal order.

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win, is an industrial remance full of human interest. In it the writer has given an exciting and dramatic account of the which commands the readers' intense interest from beginning to end. The story termination and ever ready ingenuity of Paul Carbart, the young engineer, enable him to overcome the natural obstacles and the cunning of energies of the road and complete the construction on time. He is representative of many of those fearless. determined and ever-ready men who made the achievements of the strenuous days of our early western country possible. The book is thoroughly American both in its setting and in the pluck, perseverance and resourcefulness of the chief characters. While there is not a love story interwoven, there is a quiet humor throughout which adds much to the enjoyment of the story. It is a book which will be much enjoyed. The opening chapters of this story were run in the Saturday Evening Post under the title, "A Link in the Girdle." The Macmillan Company are the publishers.

"Jim Crow Tales," by Burton Stoner, is Proud Tail" and cleven others. The tales alive, contain a large fund of nature study inwhich add much to the interest of the book. The book is from the press of the Sanlfield Publishing company.

"Flower Babies," by Elizabeth May, is me of the very attractive holiday books for children. All the flowers of the garden and field are beautifully pictured in colors, each page being devoted to one particular variety. In addition to the flower pictures there to one or more bables for each page illustrating the little rhyme which assists flower. Published by the Saulfield Publish-

A new illustrated edition of "Under the Lilacs," one of the two remaining volumes Louiss M. Alcott's "Little Series," has just been issued by Little. Brown & Co. "I'nder the Lilaes" is the story of Ben Brown, who, with his performing dog. Sancho, van away from a circus and found a home with Bab and Betty in the old house "under the lilacs." The descriptions of child life are unusually good, the boys and girls are real flesh and blood children, and as in her other stories; Miss Alcott is genuinely natural, bright, wholesome and entertaining. Alice Barber Stephens, who stands in the front rank o artists, is particularly happy in pictorially presenting eight of the series of the book Miss Alcott's books are among those that never grow old nor out of fashion, and are always highly appreciated by the younge

"Baldwin's Fairy Reader" contains ten of Grimm and Andersen that for hundreds of on Blackwell's island, situated in the East and old, rewritten in simple form for first before 3 o'clock this morning and half an School Readings. The expressions are for assistance were sent to fire headquarters such as will be easily understood by the in this city, and several engine companies narrative is left unaltered. Those who fire fighting force on the island. Over 400 have tearned to read with some fluency in any standard first reader will have no diffi- At 3:15 o'clock additional apparatus was culty with this book. New words are put, sent to help fight the flames. in lists at the head of each section. The Published by the American Book company.

is a volume of illustrated nonsense verses of life among the innates was said to be which sparkles with humor that is guaran- past at 3:20 o'clock, when all arrangements teed to amuse but not to offend. An effort had been made to remove the male prisonhas been made in this weighty volume to ers in case of a further spread at supply in the externals a sugar coating to flames. the pill that lurks on every page, resulting in a startling effect. Published by Paul Elder & Co. "Wee Pieces for Wee Speakers," is a ollection of poems and recitations for little girls, little boys, for some older children,

and for Christmas, which have been compiled by Matilda Blair for home and school entertainment. It is a book which will assist greatly in the selection of appropriate recitations for little people and will be especially appreciated by the teachers. McLoughlin Brothers are the publishers.

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"The Road Builders," by Samuel Mer- Thrilling Resone of Men Imprisoned in Tunnel Under hast hiver.

building of a line of railroad across Texas. LABORERS SHUT IN FURIY HOURS

Cumps Finally Lower Water Slightly and Three Men Blak Their Lives in ley Water.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-Three daring swimmers today rescued the two Italian laborers who for more than forty hours had been imprisoned in the East river tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad by a caveln at the Long Island City end of the underwater bore. Surrounded by water which threatened to engulf them the moment the compressed air should fail to hold it in check the two entombed men had kept up constant communication with the surface by rapping on the pipes which brought them They were almost exhausted when the dilt. three men swam up to the platform on which they were huddled.

Shaft Method Too Slow Ever since the caveln which filled the one of the holiday books for children which | shore and of the bare, where the men were will especially appeal to the boys. "Jim working, with water, more than 100 laborers Crow" was captured by a farmer's son, who had worked desperately to sink a shaft to made a great pet of him, and "Jim Crow" the point where the imprisoned men were tells many delightful stories of some of his thought to be. Late today they reached former friends in the woods- Terrible the concrete top of the tunnel. Then the Claws the Snow Owl," "Slim Nose the Race work became so tedious and slow that It coon," "The Narrow Escape of Piny and seemed the men could not be reached while

in the meantime powerful pumps were formation which is told in a delightful working to overcome the inflow of water style. The book contains many illustrations from the river. At first they did not seem in black and white by Carl B. Williams, to gain, but finally there came a slight lowering of the level in the choked entrance to the tunnel. A rowboat was sent for, but it was impossible to use it.

Then it was that some one at the entrance suggested that the rescuers swim to the exhausted men, who had for so long been shut from the light of day and who had lived under the heavy pressure of compressed air for a length of time that made them helpless. Benjamin Lewis, himself an old tunnel worker; Charles Murdorn and in the remembrance of that particular Philip Ediondo at once volunteered. Without thought of their own personal safety these three men plunged into the loy water at the entrance and were soon lost to view in the darkness of the bore. Barely two feet separated the tunnel top from the surface of the floodwater. Then followed anxious moments for the watchers outside. The swimmers had been gone scentingly an age when at last a splashing of water brought news to auxious ears that the quest had ended. Lewis soon appeared in view with one of the entombed men on his back. Then a mighty cheer was sent up. Edlondo next appeared with the second laborer clinging to him desperately. Work in the rescue shaft stopped and all five men were tenderly cared for.

> FIRE ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND Lives of Many Women Prisoners En dangered, but All Are Removed Safely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-Fire broke out in the famous fairy stories adapted from the women's wing of the city workhouse years have given pleasure to both young river, off Seventy-ninth street, shortly year pupils, in this volume of the Eclectic hour later was still burning furiously. Calls youngest, but the main thread of each were sent over by ferry to augment the women are confined in the institution

The warden telephoned that he had reillustrations are numerous and attractive, moved the women prisoners to a place of safety.

Police reserves have been sent over from "A Child's Book of Abridged Wisdom"-A this city to assist the guards and "trustles" guide for young and old-by Childe Harold, in maintaining order. All danger of loss

Doubt About Annexation.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 18 .- To the Editor of The Bee: The writer sees in an editorial of The Bee today that you take it for granted that it is only a question of time when the metropolis on the south will be annexed to Omaha. If our city is filled with grafters, etc., I should think you would not be so anxious to annex this city. with grafters, etc., I should think you sees it, and therefore wants it, but it is the writer's opinion, like our townsman, O'Neal, this will never be done by the consent of J. G. BLESSING. South Omaha.

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